



NO SCHOOL - November 11, 2021 - (Veterans Day Observed)

Dear GOMS Staff and Families,

Next week we will be hosting the Breaking Down the Walls program at GOMS. Breaking Down the Walls is utilized by schools all throughout the nation to help students create meaningful connections and positive relationships with their peers. We have continued to partner with Learning or Living as we have found this program to be one of the most effective ways to build a campus culture that is positive and welcoming.

The 2.5 hour **Breaking Down the Walls** workshop will guide students through the process of learning to work together, creating a place of respect, and having the opportunity to share their story. The program designers believe "it's hard to hate someone whose story you know." The workshop is a combination of large group, small group, and 1:1 peer time. You can learn more about the company and program by visiting their website [HERE](#).

On Monday, November 8th, and Tuesday, November 9th we will be hosting our day-long Breaking Down the Walls workshops in which 240 different students will be invited to participate each day. Many GOMS students have received invitations from their academy teachers to take part in this optional workshop. This is a completely voluntary workshop for students who would like to create positive and meaningful connections with their peers. We are excited to host the event this year and are looking forward to helping our students increase their campus connections.

Linked below is a promotional video for the Breaking Down the Walls program as well as a link to the Learning for Living website:

[Breaking Down the Walls Promotional Video](#)

[Learning for Living Website](#)

Sincerely,
Mrs. Honegger and Mr. Holmes

Day of Awesomeness

The Day of Awesomeness was a blast! Human foosball, racing, obstacle course and the DJ booth were just some of the fun activities. It's amazing how many great dancers we have, including Ms. Honnegger!



Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser, together we raised \$22,716.50! This will go towards broadcast equipment, clubs and technology!

A big shout out to Cameron Holyoak from Mr. Thayer's class for raising \$1015!

Step It Up was impressed with our well mannered, respectful Falcons! GO FALCONS! And a special

thanks to our parent volunteers who came out yesterday to help with the Day of Awesomeness, we could not have done it without you!



READ THIS: if you are checking your student out during the school day - Remember to give your student a note to take to our attendance window before school starts so we can record their name on our daily attendance list. Your student will then show their teacher your note to be excused from class and meet you down in the office when you come to pick them up. You will need to sign them out on our checkout log when you arrive. **NOTE: If you did not send a note with your student, DO NOT CALL AHEAD; just arrive 5 to 10 minutes before you need your student and we will send for them when you walk through the door.** Thank you.

Our telephone system has changed to route your call to the appropriate staff member.



When you call 916-315-9009 please listen carefully to the NEW options.

For the Health office Dial 4110

For the Attendance office Dial 4105

For the Counseling and Registrar's Office Dial 4102

For the Assistant Principal's office Dial 4103

For the Principal's office Dial 4114

Visit our Staff Directory on our website for a list of telephone extensions and email addresses:

[Granite Oaks Middle School Staff Directory](#)

Wrestling Coaches Needed

Coach Weaver is looking for some help this wrestling season. The GOMS wrestling team practices Tue-Fri from 3:30-5:00pm with Saturday tournaments as well. Experience is not required.

Please contact jweaver@rocklinusd.org if you are interested.

California Junior Scholarship Federation

Attention Parents



Membership notification was emailed to your child on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. Please check with them to see if they qualified. If so, there will be a brief informational meeting next week at the beginning of 8th grade lunch. At this meeting we will discuss their responsibilities to CJSF and also talk about a holiday service project. I will also pass out their CJSF membership cards. Because of the size of the group, I will hold this meeting on TWO different dates. Your child needs to plan on attending ONE meeting. Attendance is required. If your child knows they will be unable to attend either meeting, please have them email me *beforehand* to let me know. The meeting dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday, November 9 @ 8th grade lunch (room C8)
Wednesday, November 10 @ 8th grade lunch (room C8)

Please direct any questions to me at cwillson@rocklinusd.org



Yearbook News - Updates

Granite Oaks Yearbook needs your help!

In the past few months, did your student take a trip? Take up a new hobby? Volunteer? If so, we need you! In this crazy year, it is more important than ever that Granite Oaks families share photos of their students and their stories. Sharing photos has never been easier - simply email the photos to Ms. Willson at the email address below . Your help is greatly appreciated! Here is a list of some photos we're hoping to get:

- Summer vacation photos
- First Day of School
- All Fall sports - Cross Country, Flag Football, Volleyball
- Families on the front -lines: pictures of first responders with their GOMS kids

Send your photos to: cwillson@rocklinusd.org

Yearbooks are now on sale!

Please click on the link below to purchase your 2021-22 yearbook!

[ORDER YOUR 2020-21 YEARBOOK HERE](#)

Did you buy a yearbook last year?

If you did, but were unable to pick it up, please email Mrs. Willson to arrange for pick up.

cwillson@rocklinusd.org or 916.315.9009 ext 4028

Dear Granite Oaks Parents and Families:

We are excited to invite your students to our first ever, *in person* Scholastic Book Fair, hosted by our library staff. This event is an opportunity for your student to build their home library and further their love of reading. Scholastic Book Fair purchases will benefit our school library, by helping us raise funds to purchase new library books.

The Scholastic Book Fair will run November 29th - December 3rd, and will take place in the Granite Oaks Library during regular library hours. We would love to have parents shop at our book fair, too. If you would like to visit our library during school hours, please check in at the front office for a visitor pass. If you want to stop by after school, you will not need a pass. We will be practicing social distancing and everyone will need to wear a mask.

Interested in volunteering to help during the book fair? Please contact Terry Hughes at thughes@rocklinusd.org
The book fair hours will be Monday, 8:15 am to 3:00 pm and Tuesday through Friday, 8:15 am to 4:00 pm

For more information, please check out our Granite Oaks Virtual Library slide by visiting this link:
[GOMS Virtual Library Slide](#) Click the links within the slide for more information about our upcoming book fair.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Stokes
Granite Oaks Library Aides



Supporting Your Student: Self-Regulation & Coping Skills

Join the Rocklin Unified School District Social Work Specialists live via Zoom for a workshop on how to use healthy coping skills to support your student's self-regulation

Managing emotions takes practice, and starts with adults leading the way.

Join us via Zoom:

<https://wellnesstogether.info/Workshop>



Tuesday, November 16th
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

FREE event for
RUSD Families & Students



Workshop: **Secondary Schools**

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Workshop: **Primary Schools**

Supporting Your Students:
Grief & Loss

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Supporting Your Student: Grief & Loss

Join the Rocklin Unified School District Social Work Specialists live via Zoom for a workshop on how to support your student through the difficulties associated with Grief & Loss.

Grief and loss may include the loss of a loved one or adjusting to the ever-changing expectations of daily life. Grief is a natural process; there is no "right" way to grieve. Grief varies between cultures, people, and situations. Everyone experiences and feels grief differently. Join us to learn more about grief, loss, and coping skills.

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