



December 17th - Minimum Day Schedule - Dismissal at 1:00 pm
December 20th - January 3rd - NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

Dear GOMS Staff and Families,

The Rocklin Unified School District is committed to updating the current dress code. RUSD wants to include parents in this process, so you are asked to share your thoughts regarding the RUSD dress code [in this survey](#). Please take a moment to give us your thoughts regarding how we can update the RUSD dress code together.

Don't forget that you can have a free Chromebook for your student to use in their educational pursuits while in the Rocklin Unified School District. Click [here](#) for more information regarding ordering a free Chromebook for your student.

Finally, GOMS staff are sponsoring our annual giftcard drive to solely support GOMS families in need. Please look below for more information regarding how you can support families in distress in our community.

Have an amazing weekend with your family!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Honegger and Mr. Holmes



GOMS Annual Gift Card Drive **November 29th - December 10th**

During these extremely challenging times, we have found that there is a substantial increase in family/student need for many of our students here at Granite Oaks Middle School. As the Holiday Season approaches, we ask that you please remember our most needy students in your holiday plans. To this end, the GOMS staff would like to ask that you please consider setting aside part of your holiday budget to help make the Holiday Season a little brighter for these families.

From November 29th - December 10th, 2021, we will be holding a Gift Card Drive to help support our families in need. We will be collecting gift cards from local grocery stores, Target, Walmart, etc. to donate to our various families.

Throughout the school year, our staff has interviewed our families in need and will be matching donated gift cards to these families to fulfill their needs over the Holiday Season. We realize that not everyone can contribute to helping those in need and do not want to place any undue pressure on families to participate in our drive. Our goal is simply to give our GOMS families an avenue to help other families in need. All donations can either be turned into GOMS Student Services or to your student's Homeroom/Enrichment teacher. While we appreciate all gift card donations, we would prefer physical gift cards instead of digital gift cards for the ease of our families. We sincerely appreciate any help you can give to our GOMS families in need this Holiday Season.

Chromebook Giveaway!

RUSD has the opportunity to save hundreds of thousands of dollars by taking advantage of the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) program. To do so, we need as many families as possible to complete the ECF request form (see below). This form is easy to fill out and will help us to keep our GOMS BYOD program moving forward. RUSD has already awarded over 2,700 computers to students and our aim is to distribute 6,800. Any family who has checked out a Chromebook from RUSD is urged to fill out this form to receive a Chromebook for their student to keep for their educational needs.

Please see the links below for more information about the ECF program.

[FAQ - ECF](#)

[ECF Flyer for Parents](#)

[ECF Paper Application](#)

Yearbook News

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 2021-22 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

CONSENT FOR THE CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY
2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR
GRANITE OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

December 1, 2021

Dear Rocklin USD Parent or Guardian:

Your child is being asked to be a part of our school's California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) sponsored by the California Department of Education (CDE). This is a very important survey that will help promote better health and well-being among our youth, improve the school learning environment and combat problems such as drug abuse and violence. *Your child does not have to take the survey. If you do not want your child to complete the survey, you must notify your school.*

Survey Content. The survey gathers information on developmental supports provided to youth; school connectedness and barriers to learning; school safety; health-related concerns such as physical activity and nutritional habits; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; risk of depression and suicide; and protected class identifiers such as sexual orientation and gender identity.

You may examine the questionnaire in the school office or at the district's website: www.rocklinusd.org

The results from this survey are compiled into district- and county-level CHKS Reports. To view a copy of your district's report, go to <https://calschls.org/reports-data/search-lea-reports/> (Outside Source) and type the district name.

It is Voluntary. Students who, with your permission, agree to participate do not have to answer any questions they do not want to answer, and may stop taking the survey at any time.

It is Anonymous. No names are recorded or attached to the survey forms or data. The results will be made available for analysis only under strict confidentiality controls.

Administration. The survey will be administered during Enrichment periods from **December 7 – 14, 2021.**

Potential Risks. There are no known risks of physical harm to your child. Risks of psychological or social harm are very small. None have been reported in 22 years of survey administration. In rare instances, questions may create some discomfort; the school's counseling services will be available to answer any questions that may come up.

For Further Information. The survey was developed for the CDE by WestEd, a public, non-profit educational institution. If you have any questions about this survey, or about your rights, please contact:

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Director of Innovation, School Programs & Accountability
Rocklin Unified School District
916 630-3306/ handerson@rocklinusd.org

CHKS Withdrawal Form

If you do not want your child to participate, please complete this form and return it **to your child's school front office by December 6, 2021.**

By returning this form, I **do not give permission** for my child to be in the California Healthy Kids Survey.

My child's name is: _____ (Please Print) _____ Grade: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____