

Granite Oaks Middle School

Rocklin Unified School District

"A National Blue Ribbon and California Distinguished School"

2600 Wyckford Boulevard, Rocklin, CA 95765

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

July 2021

We are excited about the upcoming year and the opportunities your student will have to grow academically, socially, and individually. Prior to the year starting, make sure your Aeries Parent Portal is up-to-date with the correct address, contacts, medical information, etc. If you have not set up a Parent Portal Account, you must do so before the school year begins. [PLEASE CLICK THIS LINK](#) if you haven't created and confirmed your parent portal account. **NOTE: Class Schedules will not be available to view until all information in the Aeries Parent Portal has been confirmed.**

Granite Oaks will be looking to have students bring their own device each day to school in order to actively participate in the learning process. The use of technology enables staff to connect, engage, and challenge students with different learning modalities to meet their individual needs.

We are hoping that students will have access to their own devices such as Chromebooks that they can bring to school on a daily basis. We know and understand that it is not possible for all students to have access to their own device and have developed a program to hand out devices to students. Please help Granite Oaks plan ahead by taking this [survey](#).

Also, we want to draw attention to the Emergency Connectivity Fund. This program is not income-driven. If you have had connectivity issues from home or may need a device for your student, we encourage all families to apply for this program. The ECF program will cover the cost of a device of the district's choice up to \$400, the hardware cost for a hotspot up to \$250, and the monthly service fee for the hotspot. The application window closes on August 13, 2021. For eligibility verification and more information, you can go to our [district website](#) or call our Technology Department at 916-672-3600.

The ECF program is available to all families to apply to, but it does not give students immediate access to a device/Chromebook. It may be some time before all applications are processed, devices/Chromebooks are purchased, and then delivered to families. Any family who applies to this program is welcome to check out a GOMS Chromebook until their devices/Chromebooks are delivered through the ECF application process. Dates for checking out Chromebooks will be included in our next GOMS Friday Eblast.

Chromebook Hand-out Dates

Aug 4	12:30 to 3:00 pm	GOMS Library
Aug 9	8:00 am to 1:00 pm	GOMS Library
Aug 10	8:00 am to 1:00 pm	GOMS Library

Enclosed is important information that both you and your student should review before school begins. If you have any questions, the office will be open starting August 2nd from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to assist you.

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In addition to reviewing the enclosed, you will want to mark a few important dates on your calendar:

- **August 4th, Math Assessment Testing (1:00 p.m. in GOMS Computer Lab):**
For newly registered students to the Rocklin Unified School District who are interested in qualifying for Accelerated Math 7 or Integrated 1. This test is only for NEW RUSD students who wish to qualify for Accelerated Math 7 or Integrated 1. New RUSD students who do not wish to qualify for Accelerated Math 7 do not have to take this test. Any new student wishing to take this test must sign up. [\(Please use this link to sign up for the math assessment\).](#)
- **August 4th, is “Welcome Everybody” (WEB) Orientation Day (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.):**
ALL INCOMING 7th graders and any newly registered 8th grade students will meet in the gym, located to the right of the bus loop. After WEB Orientation, students may give their families a tour of the campus from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- **August 6th, Academy Placement/Class Schedules:**
STUDENT HOMEROOM LISTS WILL NO LONGER BE POSTED AT THE SCHOOL. Parents and students can now access their student’s homeroom and class list on the RUSD Aeries Parent and Student Portals starting Friday, August 6th after 5:00 p.m. Students will report to their homeroom teacher at the start of school on August 11th at 8:30 a.m. to receive a hard copy of their class schedule. Staff will be available to direct students and answer questions on the first day of school. **AGAIN: Class Schedules will not be available to view until all information in the Aeries Parent Portal has been confirmed.**
- **August 11th, First Day of School/Class Schedule Distribution:**
On the first day of school, students will receive their class schedules during homeroom. Students are suggested to bring a backpack, educational device such as a chromebook, pencil/pen, and paper on the first day of school *(any additional suggested supplies list will be given to them by their teacher).*

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to seeing your student this fall.

Sincerely,

Jay Holmes, Principal

WEB Day- 2021

AUGUST 4TH

All Incoming Students New to Granite Oaks

This includes ALL INCOMING 7th graders and newly registered 8th graders

On **Wednesday August 4, 2021**, Granite Oaks will be holding an orientation program for all students new to our campus. The orientation program, **WEB** (for Welcome Everybody) is a fun day designed to provide a student-centered introduction to our school. **This event lasts from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.**

All incoming 7th grade students, and newly registered 8th grade students, will report to their WEB leaders at 9:00 a.m. in the GOMS gym. WEB leaders are current eighth grade students who conduct a series of fun, team-building activities and help sooth the jitters that accompany the move to a new school. WEB leaders also conduct a campus tour, answer questions, and provide a friendly face to assist new students transitioning to Granite Oaks. Refreshments will also be provided.

WEB Day is an excellent way for your student to get acquainted with a new school and learn about all of the great programs and activities that await them.

After WEB day ends, students may give their families a tour of campus from 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. SNOWIE KING will be here from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We look forward to getting to know your students as they get to know us!



Meet the Granite Oaks Parent Falcon Club on WEB Day!

Stop by our table before or after the GOMS WEB Day and meet the Granite Oaks Parent Falcon Club (PFC)! The Granite Oaks PFC supports students by building strong working relationships among parents, teachers, and the school. The PFC is committed to working closely with Mr. Holmes and the administrative staff to jointly decide which programs will most benefit our students. There are many levels of commitment so stop by and learn how you can get involved!

In addition, you can sign up to be a PFC member! No donation is required to join but for a donation of \$100, we offer free VIP parking for major school events and a personalized Falcon sticker for your student. We are also offering, for a limited time, a discount on a 2 year PFC membership for \$175 instead of \$200! This entitles you to free VIP parking for 2 years and two personalized stickers in addition to the \$25 savings. This offer expires at 10 p.m. on Monday, August 16th.

Thinking about our offer? Sign up on WEB Day to get free VIP parking for Back to School! VIP parking is conveniently located on campus. No more parking blocks away and having to walk in the heat. And you can show up when Back to School starts rather than arriving early to find a parking spot.

You may also fill out your membership form online at: <https://www.gomspfc.org/membership/join-now>

And pay using these methods:

Venmo: @GOMSPFC

PayPal or credit card: graniteoaksPFC@yahoo.com

(<https://www.gomspfc.org/membership/make-a-donation-now>)

Check: "GOMS PFC", drop your membership form and check at the front office



**SNOWIE KING WILL BE ON CAMPUS! SUPPORT
YOUR SCHOOL AND ENJOY A REFRESHING SHAVED
ICE!**

PLEASE HAVE EXACT CHANGE OR CREDIT CARDS.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE
New to Rocklin Unified School District

MATH ASSESSMENT TESTING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: GOMS COMPUTER LAB

Any student who registered over the summer and is new to Rocklin Unified that would like to be eligible to take Accelerated Math 7 or Integrated 1 will need to take the Math Assessment Test.

Should you have questions regarding math placement for your student, please contact Student Services at:

(916) 315 – 9009 ext. 4102

WEB DAY

WELCOME EVERYBODY!!!

DATE: AUGUST 4, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Start Time 8:30 a.m.

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The following information should answer any immediate questions concerning the start of school.

Classes begin Wednesday, August 11, 2021

School/Office/Library Hours:

Every **Monday** School starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at **1:56** p.m.

Tuesday through Friday school starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at **3:10** p.m.

Office hours are Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The library is open Monday – Friday from 8:05 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

[2021-2022 Bell Schedule Link](#)

Students should not arrive on campus before 8:05 a.m. Students should plan to be off campus by 3:30 p.m. unless participating in a supervised activity or studying in the library. Granite Oaks does not have supervision to permit students on campus beyond designated times.

Student Suggested Supplies:

We suggest that students have a backpack, pencil, pen and paper on the first day of school. Teachers will give a suggested list of supplies on the first day of school.

Closed Campus Policy:

For the safety of students, Granite Oaks maintains a closed campus policy. Once a student arrives for the school day, they are not permitted to leave campus until the close of school at 3:10 p.m., unless checked out by a parent or guardian or person listed on Aeries Parent Portal Contact (*must be 18 years of age or older*).

Attendance/Absences:

To report your student absent, please call the Attendance Office, at 315-9009, Ext. 4105 (or #1 on the option menu). Students must have absences cleared by a parent/guardian. Parents will receive an attendance letter for excessive absences if their student exceeds 10 excused absences or 3 unexcused absences for the school year. If your student is going to be out of school for 3 or more consecutive days, then they will need to request an Independent Study Contract through the Attendance Office, which must be notified at least one week prior to the departure date. Granite Oaks website contains important information regarding the importance of school attendance.

Student Check Out/Check In:

If your student needs to leave school during the school day (*i.e.: appointment*) they need to bring a signed note from their parent/guardian before school to the attendance office. They will be issued a slip to be released from class. Students can only be signed out by a parent, guardian, or person listed in the Aeries Parent Portal Account and is at least 18 years of age. This policy ensures an uninterrupted learning environment and allows students to be waiting for you in the front office to be signed out

When checking your student into school, your student must go to the attendance window located around the corner from the main office to fill out a slip before going into class.

Messages and Deliveries to Students:

Parents are encouraged to let students assume responsibility for remembering lunches, school items, homework and P.E. uniforms. However, you may leave items on the counter for your student to pick-up. The office may send a message to your student to pick up an item if an office aide is available. The **office does not guarantee** that your student will get the message or the item. Students may not order food (pizza, etc.) to be delivered to the office for lunch.

Student Illnesses/Health Office:

If a student has an emergency or is ill, they must notify an adult on campus and report to the health office. Granite Oaks staff will assist your student and allow them to use the office phone as needed.

Medications:

Any student, who needs medication administered during school hours, must have a written medication authorization release signed by both the parent and doctor (Ed. Code 49423). This applies to all medications; ***over-the-counter and prescription medications*** either on file in the Health Office and or carried by the student (i.e., asthma inhalers and auto-injection Epi Pens).

[RUSD Medication Release Forms](#)

Mandated State Immunization Requirements:

All students entering 7th grade and newly registered students must meet all state immunization requirements, including proof of 7th grade TDAP requirements, or have a temporary or permanent Medical Exemption completed by a doctor. A Personal Beliefs Exemption filed in grade span Pre K through 6th grade is not valid for 7th grade entry.

Reference: [RUSD website for Immunization Requirements](#)

Reference: [California's School Immunization Website](#)

Lunches:

Free lunches will be provided to all students this school year.

Physical Education/Uniforms: (Subject to change due to COVID requirements)

A uniform may be purchased from the P.E. teachers during the first week of school. We recommend that students purchase the school P.E. uniform; however, students may wear a black pair of shorts and a gray T-shirt with no pockets or logos during class. The school P.E. uniform includes shorts and shirt for \$25.00 a set or \$13.00 each for the individual T-shirt or shorts. **Make checks payable to Granite Oaks Middle School.** For safety, sturdy laced athletic shoes are required. No slip on, backless or raised sole shoes will be allowed during P.E. class. The school will furnish P.E. lockers and locks for students.

Driving Caution during Drop Off and Pick Up:

Please do not stop in the middle of the traffic lane or in the middle of the parking lot to let your student out. Please pull to the curb or into a parking spot. **Also, please do not park in the bus loop. This area needs to be kept clear for buses. Student drop off is not permitted behind the E Wing Building.**

Bicycles/Skateboards/Scooters:

Bicycles/skateboards/scooters may be ridden to and from school with the understanding that they be maintained and operated in a safe manner. Helmets are required by law. Students should walk bikes on sidewalks and use the crosswalk when crossing the streets near the school. Bikes/skateboards may not be ridden on school grounds, parking areas or in corridors. Bicycles must be parked in the bike racks and

are to be locked. The school cannot be responsible for damaged or stolen bicycles. SKATEBOARDS, IN-LINE SKATES, AND/OR SCOOTERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE RIDDEN ON CAMPUS AND MUST BE CHECKED IN WITH THE HOMEROOM TEACHER.

Yearbook:

A yearbook may be purchased online at www.jostensyearbooks.com beginning in August. Look for yearbook information to come home through your student's homeroom teacher or through our email communications.

Transportation:

Applications for bus passes **will be available on the district website the last week of July**. For fastest service, bus passes may be purchased by mail, **submit your application with a check payable to the RUSD**. Please send an application and check to 2225 Corp Yard Road, Rocklin, CA, 95677. Beginning in August, they may also be purchased at the Transportation Office located at the above address. Passes should be purchased by the start of school to guarantee service. **A copy of the tentative bus schedule will be available on the district website by July 1st** and in the school office for reference in August. This schedule will list approximate times for pickups. Students should be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled time to avoid missing the bus. Students planning to get on or off the bus anywhere other than their designated bus stop must have a signed note from their parent or guardian **and given to the bus driver upon boarding the bus**. Please call our District Transportation Department at 624-9106 for any questions you have.

Electives:

Every effort is made to place students in electives based on preference and space; therefore, elective changes are not permitted. Elective teachers will provide students with any additional information related to course materials and requirements. More information will be given to students during the first week of classes. ***Note: Elective courses are subject to change; placement in preferred elective courses is not guaranteed.***

School Pictures:

Each student will have their school picture taken on August 24th. Picture packets will be available on a pre-pay basis.

Student Activities:

Events are planned throughout the year to provide positive social opportunities for students. Our website will include a calendar of events as well as a listing of clubs. A weekly eblast will be emailed to each family on Friday's with the latest news and information.

Sports Tryouts:

Tryouts for girl's volleyball and flag football will be announced soon after school starts. There are no tryouts required for cross-country. Please check our website under the athletics tab for sports information.

Back-to-School Night:

Back-to-School Night is Wednesday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m. During Back-to-School Night, teachers will explain student expectations and school curriculum. Please mark your calendars (*this is a parent only event*).

Insurance:

The Rocklin Unified School District does not carry medical or dental insurance for your child should they suffer from a school related injury. The district will provide information on a low cost medical/dental insurance program. Students will be given more information to take home the first week of school.

Notice of Rights and Responsibilities of Parents:

The Parent Rights and Responsibility document may be accessed on the school website. If you do not have access to this information electronically, a written copy is available in Student Services at Granite Oaks Middle School.

Parent Falcon Club:

The Parent Falcon Club (PFC) is a parent volunteer group whose sole purpose is to support the needs of Granite Oaks, its students, teachers, and academic programs. Their philosophy is “many hands make light work” and they invite everyone to help out in a small way. If you are interested in donating your time and/or helping financially, please email graniteoakspfc@gmail.com, or submit the form in this newsletter.

Our PFC has a custom mobile app for our school and it’s full of useful information. By installing our app, you will get important announcements and friendly reminders about what’s happening at our school. To download, search for our school or use these links to download our app today.

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