

GOMS Eblast 12-2-22



December 2nd - Winter Dance - Gym (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

Dear GOMS Families,

Winter has officially taken over, as we just completed another highly successful (though chilly) week in the Nest. As we move forward, we continue to work with our families, students, and staff to ensure each of our kids have opportunities and pathways to success. One of the tools we use is data, and we have the annual California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) coming up December 12-16. You can read more about the survey [here](#). This is one of the many ways we learn about our students and their experiences, and better plan for now and the future.

Have a great weekend!

All the best,

Mr. Anaya and Mr. Holmes

Parent Information Night

The purpose of this message is to share with you an opportunity to attend a Parent Information Night jointly hosted by RUSD and the City of Rocklin to spread awareness about the fentanyl epidemic and how it impacts our youth, especially during holiday breaks.

Nearly two years ago, Zach Didier, a Whitney High School student, lost his life after being approached by a drug dealer that sold him counterfeit prescription pills through a social media platform. Zach's parents, Chris and Laura Didier, made it their mission to educate others about the risks of purchasing pills that may be counterfeit through social media and the alarming dangers of fentanyl poisoning.

The Didier Family and the Rocklin Unified School District are committed to working together to spread awareness of this danger with the goal of keeping all of our children safe and preventing another unfortunate incident occurring in our community. The Rocklin Unified School District and the City of Rocklin are partnering to host a 1 Pill Can Kill Placer Fentanyl Parent Information Night [[Flyer](#)] at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at Whitney High School's Performing Arts Center. Laura Didier will be joined by Laura Collanton, another parent impacted by fentanyl, the Mayor of Rocklin, the Rocklin Police Department, the Placer County District Attorney's Office, and members from Wellness Together, Granite Wellness Center, and RUSD to educate attendees of the increase in student drug use during this time of year, and the risks of purchasing drug paraphernalia on the Internet.

Please click here to RSVP:

1PillCanKillPlacerWHS.eventbrite.com

What: 1 Pill Can Kill Placer Fentanyl Parent Information Night

When: Thursday, December 15, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Whitney High School, Performing Arts Center, 701 Wildcat Blvd., Rocklin, CA 95677

**CONSENT FOR THE CALIFORNIA HEALTHY KIDS SURVEY
2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR-- SECONDARY**

Dear Rocklin Unified School District Parent or Guardian:

Your student is being asked to be a part of Rocklin USD's California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) sponsored by the California Department of Education. This important survey 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.*

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 and sleep habits; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; risk of depression and suicide; and perceived sexual orientation.

You may examine the questionnaire in your child's school office or at www.rocklinusd.org

The results from this survey are compiled into district- and county-level CHKS Reports. To view a copy of RUSD's or Placer County's report, go to <https://calschls.org/reports-data/search-lea-reports> and search for our district.

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 **December 1 - 16, 2022**. It will take about one class period to complete (about 50 minutes).

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 over 20 years of administration. In rare instances, questions may create discomfort. The school's counseling services will be available to answer any personal questions that may materialize.

For Further Information. The survey was developed by WestEd, a public, non-profit educational institution. If you have any questions about this survey, or about your rights, please contact Hannah Anderson, Director of Innovation, School Programs, and Accountability, at (916) 630-3306 or handerson@rocklinusd.org.

CHKS Withdrawal Form

If you do not want your child to participate in the California Healthy Kids Survey, please complete this form and return it to your child's school front office **by December 9, 2022**.

By returning this form, I ***do not give permission*** for my child to participate in the CHKS.

My child's name is (please print): _____ Grade: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Gift Card Drive for Families in Need

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 28th through December 14th, 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. We kindly ask that any donations be in a physical gift card form versus an E-gift card. We appreciate any help you can give to our GOMS families in need this Holiday Season.



The AMC 8 is coming to Granite Oaks!

What: American Mathematics Competition for middle school level students

When: Wednesday, January 18th from 2:45 - 3:45 PM

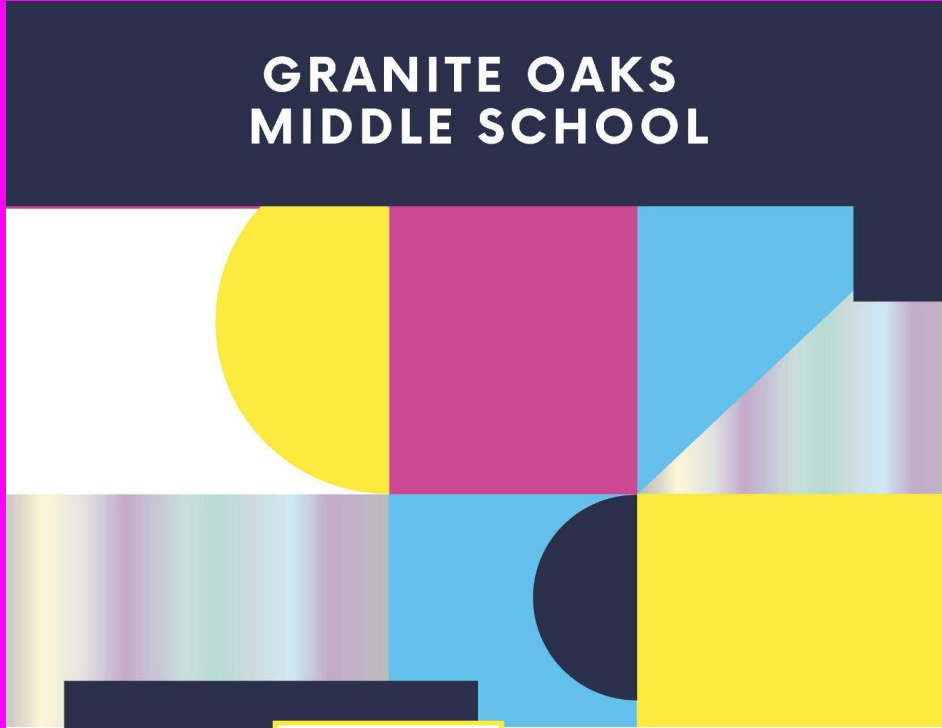
Where: Room E-10 (Mrs. Robeck's Room)

Why: The AMC 8 provides an opportunity for middle school students to develop analytical thinking and mathematics that can assist in future careers. Students apply classroom skills to unique problem-solving challenges.

We are the only school to offer this opportunity in Placer County! We are accepting sign-ups until Wednesday, November 16th. Use the [LINK](#) to sign up. If possible, we ask for a \$10 donation to cover the cost of your student participating in the contest. All students are welcome to sign up and help Granite Oaks compete on a national level in mathematics.


Sports News

Congratulations to the 8th grade boys basketball team on beating Spring View and Antelope Crossing this week. Granite Oaks is now the #1 seed going into the end of the season tournament this Wednesday. Congratulations and good luck next week!




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Hi GOMS families! We are so excited to introduce you to our corporate sponsors. We have partnered with some really great local businesses - ones that we think YOU should check out. I will be sharing each business over on Facebook - be sure to follow along, like their pages, tell them how happy/grateful you are that they LOVE our community and LOVE our school! We are so lucky to be surrounded by not just families, teachers, and admins that love our kids but it's the business community and sense of belonging that makes us a community!

I will be introducing you to our awesome partners on social media as well as periodically in the e-blast. We THANK them for supporting Granite Oaks Middle School.

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