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Principal's Corner

As 2018 winds down many of us will take some time to reflect upon the year and look forward to the fresh opportunities a new year brings . . .

There is so much to be thankful for at Golden Empire. First, I am thankful for our parents and guardians who diligently check their child's homework; who are seated beside them as they complete their homework; and spend quality time with their child. All the volunteers who give countless hours to make Golden Empire a better place for students and staff—especially our consistent volunteers who work in the classrooms, tutor students, help teachers, copy materials and/or volunteer at our community events. Our PTO volunteers who work tirelessly to provide many of the “extras” that make school so memorable: assemblies, field trips, our soon-to-be band, engaging curriculum, and enrichment opportunities. The front office staff—Alison, Liz, and Joan—set the tone for our school. They are the first people visitors meet and they establish the positive, calm, and caring culture at Golden Empire. Plus, they have the nearly impossible task of keeping me in line! The support staff, from the custodial team (Ron and Gricelda), to the kitchen crew, and all our aides provide so much support to all us. Of course, our teachers...there are not enough words to express how much I appreciate what they do. They are the hardest working teachers around. Finally, nothing can compare to the absolute joy for learning that our children bring to school. I am reminded, just recently at a Leader of the Week celebration, about the special innocent wisdom our children possess and how much we can learn from them. Most students thank us for the recognition and celebration, innocent to the fact that we were thanking them for their acts of kindness and leadership. To them, kindness and leadership is just the right thing to do and it is done without the expectation of any recognition. I can honestly say that after interacting with our Golden Eagles I leave school with my bucket filled, even if it was empty when I came to work.

As the holiday season approaches, please give your child the gift of extra time. Put an I.O.U. for a special event or activity in his/her stocking. When students are asked to write about a memorable event in their lives, it is not a special gift they usually choose to write about, but a particular experience they have had with someone special.

As this holiday season is a time for gratitude and goodwill, I want to thank you, Golden Empire Families, for your hard work and dedication in helping to get our students to school safely and on time, in helping with homework, for encouraging them, being positive role models, and for your continued support. It all makes a difference to each and every child.

This year has been extraordinary, especially with the continued implementation of The Leader in Me program, and next year looks even brighter and full of new adventures.

Hopefully years from now, during the holiday season, you and your child will remember many wonderful times spent together. All of us at Golden Empire wish you and your family good cheer, good health and a prosperous new year! Here's to an extraordinary 2019!

~ Dr. Irene Eister, Principal



Minimum Day Schedule for Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

Continues through 12/7/18

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Dismissal Time</u>
Kindergarten	11:35am
Grades 1-3	12:10pm
Grades 4-6	12:19pm

Lunch will be served after dismissal. Please discuss with your child(ren) prior as to whether they should stay for lunch. This helps with pick-up.

Thank You!

- To our 30 parents, grandmas, grandpas, uncles, aunts and friends for volunteering for our 11th Annual Jog-A-Thon! We raised over \$21,000.00
- To Jas Singh, Alison Milobar, and Crisan Baker for their help serving pizza to our Red Ribbon Week winners! We had fun at the pizza party!
- To Jas Singh for updating our Excellent Eagle Effort board!
- To all of our classroom helpers. We couldn't do our work without your support!



Because of budget issues, you might want to consider any gift card to Target or a similar store, a case or reams of paper, or any office supply store. You will make a teacher smile!

Many of our families like to recognize our teachers and staff during the holiday time.



The Golden Empire students and staff do it again! Our families, students and community donated 1,103 cans or non-perishable food items for the 2018 **Kids Can** campaign. The classes who brought in the most items and are the winners of ice cream parties are:

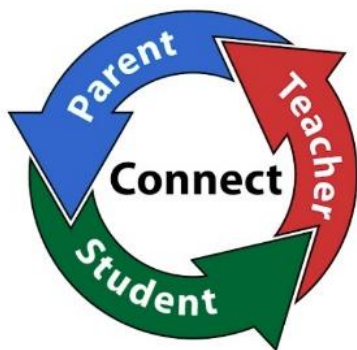
Kindergarten: Mrs. Randazzo
Primary: Mrs. Lawson
Intermediate: Mrs. Conklin

The KCRA 3 Kids Can Drive has been helping to feed hungry families in our community for more than 20 years. All canned and non-perishable foods items benefit the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services. While we did not meet our goal of collecting 2,000 items, all of our students are winners for participating in this community service of collecting items to help feed the less fortunate here in Sacramento. Thanks to Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. DaCastello, and our Student Leadership for organizing the event and collecting, sorting, and counting all of the items!

Use Our Convenient Drop-Off and Pick-Up Zones!

Don't forget that we have designated "drop-off" zones. Please drop off your students off in the **Drop-Off Zone** located at the east side of the campus, in front of the school playground. Our traffic greeter is there every morning to assist in opening car doors and ensuring students are safe. The **Pick-Up Zone** for use at dismissal time is at the very front of the school, near the Bus Zone. Just pull in so that the teachers on supervision duty can help load your student into your car. This area is NOT for parking; you must stay in your car to help keep traffic flowing smoothly. We appreciate your help!

It's Time for Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences!



Where has this year gone? As we wrap up 2018, we also wrap up the 1st trimester of school—with parent/teacher/student conferences beginning Thursday, November 29 and concluding on Friday, December 7. We will be on minimum day schedule during these 7 days of conferences. I want to thank all families for making this commitment to come to school, meet with the teacher and your child(ren) to learn more about his/her progress.

This is an important time for you to discuss your child's progress in school. Often, busy schedules limit the time that parents and teachers can share information, so making the most of opportunities, such as conferences,

becomes even more important. Below is some information that will help you in preparing for your parent-teacher-student conference. Parents do not need to sign in at the office during non-instruction time.

Preparing for the Conference:

- Talk with your child before the conference. Find out what they think are their best and worst subjects. Why? Ask your child if there is anything they would like you to talk about with their teacher.
- Make sure your child does not worry about the meeting. Help them understand that the meeting is designed to help them do better in school. And remember, they need to be at the conference, too!
- Write notes before you go to remind yourself of what you want to talk about.
- If possible, have all parents attend. Each parent usually has a different take on the child and allows for you to hear the information at the same time.
- Arrange for a babysitter for small children.
- Your student should attend the conference.

During the Conference:

- What are my child's strengths?
- What learning goals have you set with my child?
- Does my child seem happy at school?
- Are there any areas where my child needs help or extra motivation? How can I assist in those areas?
- How does my child react to trying new things?
- How does s/he react to making mistakes?
- How does my child interact with other children and adults? Are there behavior issues?
- Can my child work independently?
- Does my child complete work on time?
- What can I do to help?

Other Tips:

- Ask your most important questions first, just in case time is running short.
- Ask for clarification. Education has its own lingo; if you do not understand something, ask for an explanation.

Meeting with your child's teacher will build strong parent-teacher partnerships. We must work as partners to reach our common goal of helping your child receive the best education!



Join us for a fun night of gift-making, holiday treats and socializing! The kids will get an opportunity to make gifts for the holidays and enjoy a tasty treat; while the parents can socialize and relax in the library.

When: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 6:00-8:00pm

Where: Golden Empire Cafeteria

Cost: \$7.00 per student (order tickets by Friday 12/7)

Ticket includes the supplies and assistance to create up to four craft/gift projects, one snack and beverage, and gift wrap station for completed gifts. This event is for Golden Empire students (K-6). No at-the-door registration will be allowed.



GE Students Vote for Their New Student Leadership

Leaders Elect Their Leaders!



November 6, 2018—Election Day—was very special at Golden Empire. Intermediate students participated in their own Election Day activities, voting for Golden Empire's 2018-2019 Student Leadership Officers. The Election Day activities were coordinated and facilitated by our Student Council Coordinators, teachers Mr. DaCastello and Mrs. Johnson. Twenty-four (!) 4th—6th grade candidates campaigned the first week of November, explaining to their peers how they would use their elected positions to help provide leadership and serving as representatives for the student body

in presenting ideas to the principal and the PTO. On November 6, the candidates delivered excellent and compelling speeches during the Student Leadership Officer Assembly—speaking in front of 325 students and staff. These were some of the best speeches we have ever had during our Student Leadership Elections. Following the assembly, all intermediate students marked their paper ballots to elect Student Leadership comprised of 4 offices: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Congratulations to our 2018-2019 Student Leadership Officers:

President: Taaliyah Brown
Vice-President: Baylee Rivera
Secretary: Alexys Barnum
Treasurer: Alina Sanchez

Classroom Representatives

Layla Anderson	Ms. Macey
Leah Vang	Mrs. Conklin
Jaden Battle	Mrs. Conklin
Elena Contreras-Salinas	Mrs. Johnson
Alyssa Johnson	Mrs. Johnson
Maxton Creeger	Mrs. Kurihara
Dylan Fail	Mrs. Kurihara

Classroom Representatives Continued

Joe Bonilla	Mr. Bergeron
Gabby Vegafria	Mr. Bergeron
Eric Delgado	Mrs. Witteborg
Nevayah Bell	Mrs. Witteborg
Savannah Arroyo	Ms. Reynolds
Andy Truong	Ms. Reynolds
Chloe Lacy	Ms. Engstrom
Valeria Romo Porras	Ms. Engstrom
Mia Stone	Ms. Hogg-Wood
Angelina Gonzales	Ms. Hogg-Wood
Julian Calderon Guillen	Mr. DaCastello
Serrenity Joyner	Mr. DaCastello

School Arrival Time

A reminder students are not permitted on campus before 7:30am. We worry about our students arriving to school too early as there is no supervision for them on campus. At 7:30am, students go to the cafeteria for supervision and/or to eat breakfast. Consider the 4th R Program or other daycare options should you need to drop your child off at school prior to 7:30am. Please don't risk your child's safety or place the school in precarious situation.

EAGLE PRIDE

Each Friday is Eagle Spirit and Pride Day. To show your Eagle Pride, simply wear blue or yellow/gold or your Golden Empire shirt on Friday! If you would like to purchase Eagle Wear, order forms are available in the school office. In-stock items will be sent home with your child within 2 days; items needing to be ordered may take a few weeks for delivery. GO EAGLES!!

Congratulations!

Come to Our Awards Assembly

December 14th is our 1st Trimester Awards Ceremony. Teachers will honor students who have 100% attendance, excellent academics, improved academic growth, and good citizenship. I am always thrilled to give out these special awards—and Brag Tags—to many students! Everyone is welcome to attend to see some of our students receive awards and celebrate their successes. We are proud of our students and want to recognize them for all of their efforts and continued hard work.

The times are as follow:

8:15am: 3rd & 4th Grades
9:15am: 5th & 6th Grades
10:15am: 1st & 2nd Grades

Medications in School

The District and Golden Empire Staff recognize that students may have special medical needs. The Education Code (49407) outlines conditions for administering medications at school during the time the student is under the supervision of school personnel. Medication prescribed may be administered during the school day by designated school personnel. Medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, can only be given if there are written instructions from a health care provider and written permission from the parent/guardian. Upon request, a form will be provided to the parent for completion by the attending doctor and parent. Written instructions must be renewed at the start of each school year.

All prescription medications must:

- Be brought to school by the parent.
- Come in the original container with the prescription label attached.

Asthma

If your child requires use of an inhaler at school, whether it is used for emergencies or on a daily basis, it must be left in the office. This allows school personnel to monitor



and supervise all inhaler treatments and prevents the transporting of medication on the school bus or use in the classroom HOWEVER, if your doctor states that your child may keep the inhaler on his/her person, then we will accommodate this request. All inhalers require a medical authorization form.

EVERYday counts attendance matters

It is extremely important that students are at school on time every school day. Our curriculum is challenging, lessons are tightly spaced, and teaching moves very quickly. When students are absent, come to school late, or leave school early, the lessons they miss cannot be made up completely—their education, schoolwork, and test performance reflect the missed learning experience. (And our school funding is based on attendance!)

Please call our 24 hour attendance line at (916) 395-4580, option 1 to report your student's absence. You may also use our electronic absence form found on our website: goldenempire.scusd.edu. If s/he will be absent for more than a day call the school and have your child's teacher prepare a make-up packet. Please call by 12:00 pm and pick up no later than 3:30 from the school office. If your child will miss more than 1 week, inform us so we can prepare an individual study packet. Otherwise, you could be in jeopardy of your student being labeled as truant.

If you take your child to a medical appointment please be sure to get an office note to excuse his/her absence. You can also fax this note to us at (916) 228-5838.



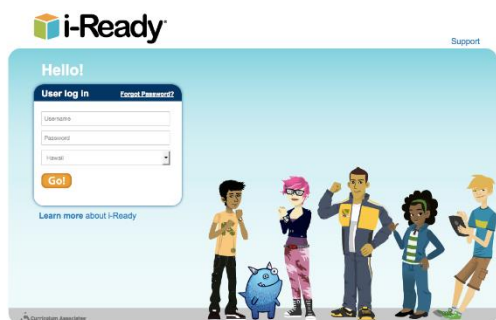
What Is i-Ready? i-Ready is an interactive online learning program designed to provide individualized instruction based on each child's unique needs.

i-Ready Diagnostic: i-Ready starts with a test that determines every student's academic skills in math and reading. This test is adaptive, which means that the level of difficulty will change as your child answers each question. Questions get a little harder each time a question is answered correctly, and a little easier when answered incorrectly. The goal is to figure out the math or reading level that is "just right" for your child, so your child should expect to see some questions that are too hard—and that's okay! It means the test is working correctly.

The results of the test will help your child's teachers identify exactly where your child needs to develop, as well as where his or her strengths are. Teachers can use this information to design individualized instruction that meets the unique needs of your child. And because the test is taken a few times throughout the school year, your child's teacher will be able to measure progress and growth over the course of the year.

i-Ready Instruction: i-Ready provides students digital instruction that meets them where they are—at their level. It allows them to work independently on their own personalized online instruction plan, in lessons that are assigned based on the results from the i-Ready Diagnostic test.

Students complete the lessons in the computer lab or in their classroom. The lessons include three parts, consisting of a tutorial, guided practice, and a graded activity. This exciting format and engaging content draws students in right away. Students get supportive, real-time feedback on their progress in each skill; they see motivating messages and earn credits after completing lessons, which builds their investment in learning.



Your Student Can Work on i-Ready at Home! Follow these steps:

1. Go to SCUSD.edu
2. Click on Parent/Student
3. Click on Online Tools
4. Click on Clever

There are 2 ways to sign in to i-Ready:

1. Log in with a Clever badge (Grades K-3 only): Click Clever, hold your badge up to the camera on your computer for this to work.
2. Log in with Google (for all students*): Use your student google account log-in (firstname-lastname@student.scusd.edu) and your password.

*All students in grades 4-6 need to use their Google log-in which they should all know by now.

Habits at Home

My student Alina Sanchez
exhibited Habit # 1 at home.

He/She took initiative today by cleaning her room and putting all her laundry away without being told to.

Angel Sanchez 2.14.18
parent or guardian date

Bringing the 7 Habits Home!

The Leader In Me at Golden Empire is our method to instill in our scholars, teachers, staff, and families the culture of personal and public leadership. The core of Leader In Me is the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People as outlined by Steven R. Covey. As the school year unfolds, the students will learn the language and meaning of the 7 Habits.

We encourage our families to complete a Habit at Home form, seen like this one, here. The forms can be found in the office or are also sent home periodically throughout the year. Parents complete the form indicating how their child(ren) demonstrated one (or more!) of the 7 Habits. Have your student return the form to school to receive a Golden Ticket and have their form displayed on our board in the main school hallway. It's rewarding and fun!

By hearing the same 7 Habit language at home and at school, we send the student leaders a strong message of what we believe is important and that we are all on the same team – the team that wants to help each student succeed. As the school and family connect in support of one another, our students will succeed beyond our wildest expectations! Thank you for teaming with us!

LeaderinMe®

FIND YOUR VOICE



This month the PTO is hosting the 4th Annual Hand-Made Holiday Night on Tuesday, 12/11/18. This will be a fun filled night for students in grades in K-6

to hand make gifts for family and friends. Tickets are only \$7.00 and can be purchased through 12/7. Tickets are limited and will sell out fast!

A very big thank you to Tina Warnick and Joan Orr for all of their hard work with the Jog-A-Thon this year! We raised over \$21,000 to support our school! And a big thank you to all of our volunteers that came out to cheer on our students!

Thank you to everyone that attended our Chipotle Dine Out Night! We raised \$442 to support our school!

The January BoxTops Challenge is coming soon! Keep clipping those BoxTops and be sure to check out the BoxTops App! Look for a notice about the January Challenge to go home in January.

Warmest wishes for a happy holiday season and a wonderful new year!

Robin Wilson, PTO President
goldenempirepto@gmail.com

Winter Grams for Sale!

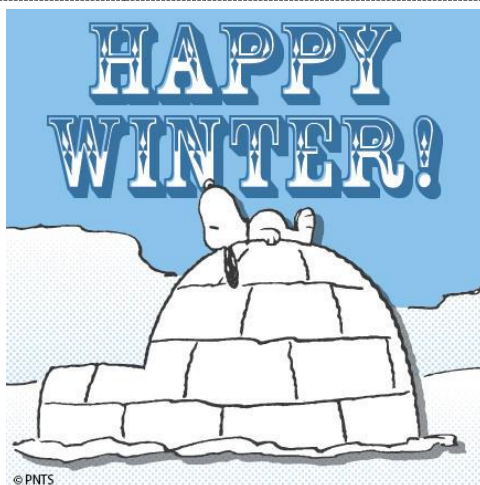
Student Leadership will be selling
Winter Grams for only \$1.00!

At lunch: 12/11, 12/12, 12/13, 12/18, & 12/19
At 2:02 Dismissal: 12/11, 12/12, 12/18 & 12/19



December and January Calendar of Events

Day	Date	Time	Event / Activity	Location
Monday	12/3		First Day of the 2 nd Trimester	
Mon-Fri	12/3-7		Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences Minimum Day Dismissal – Kinder @ 11:35am, 1 st -3 rd – 12:10pm, 4 th -6 th – 12:19pm	Classroom
Wednesday	12/5	3:45pm	Football Game Marshall vs. GE	Isador Cohen
Monday	12/10	12:50pm	Spelling Bee (Grades 4-6)	MPR
Monday	12/10	2:30pm	PTO Meeting	Library
Tues-Wed	12/11-12	Lunchtime After School	Winter Gram Sales	Blacktop In front of School
Tuesday	12/11	6:00-8:00pm	PTO Hand-Made Holiday Night	MPR
Thursday	12/13	Lunchtime	Winter Gram Sales	Blacktop
Friday	12/14	8:15am 9:15am 10:15am	3 rd & 4 th - Trimester Awards Assembly 5 th & 6 th - Trimester Awards Assembly 1 st & 2 nd - Trimester Awards Assembly	MPR
Friday	12/14	2:15-3:15pm	Garden Club for Enrolled Students	Library
Mon-Tues	12/17-18	All Day	Puberty Education Parent Review	Nurse's Office
Tues-Wed	12/18-19	Lunchtime After School	Winter Gram Sales	Blacktop In front of School
Wednesday	12/19		5 th Grade Puberty Education	Classroom
Thursday	12/20		6 th Grade Puberty Education	Classroom
Friday	12/21		Pajama Spirit Day	
Friday	12/21		Winter Grams Delivered	Classroom
Mon-Fri	12/24-1/4		Winter Break	
Monday	1/7/19	8:00am	School Resumes	
Friday	1/11	2:15-3:15pm	Garden Club for Enrolled Students	Library
Monday	1/14	2:30pm	PTO Meeting	Library
Tues-Tues	1/15-1/29		Kindergarten Registration for 2019- 2020 School Year	Office
Friday	1/18	7:00-8:30pm	PTO VIP Dance	MPR
Monday	1/21		No School – Martin Luther King Jr Day	
Tuesday	1/22	6:30-8:00pm	Family Science Night	MPR
Friday	1/25	12:50pm	Geography Bee (Grades 4-6)	MPR



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