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Principal's Corner

As I write this column, I am reflecting back on the many wonderful events and happenings that have occurred this year. Many of them would not have occurred without the hard work, dedication, and commitment of the Golden Empire staff in ensuring the school runs efficiently, is serving our students, and that students receive a rigorous and fun education. I believe we were successful on all fronts. Thank you to all for making this happen!

It is June, so there must be a lot of excitement building at Golden Empire. We are looking forward to our Awards Assemblies on June 7. Students will be honored for academic achievement, attendance, and citizenship. Please come and help celebrate and acknowledge our students' achievements! We are proud of them!

All students who did not receive citations during the last trimester will participate in the "No Citation Assembly" on June 6. Students who have not received any citations for **the entire year** will be invited to attend our annual "No Citation Barbecue" on June 11 during lunch recess. This is a very special event where we want to recognize and reward students for excellent behavior.

I want to extend a big thank you to all for volunteering and participating in the many jobs, events, and happenings that occur each year at Golden Empire. I especially want to extend my gratitude to those parents serving on the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), the School Site Council (SSC), and the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). These committees take extra time and effort, but are the key committees and organization that makes Golden Empire successful. Additional thanks go to parents who volunteer in classrooms, in the office, and drive on field trips. You all make it possible for us to offer special opportunities to our students.

Thank you, families, for making Golden Empire one of the top 10 schools in the district! We look forward to seeing you this August for our Welcome Back Ice Cream Social. All of us at Golden Empire wish you a happy & safe summer!

~ Dr. Eister, Principal



Wrapping Up the Year Reminders

Just a few reminders for the end of the school year:

- All library and textbooks must be returned to school. Students not returning these books will miss the end of year Play Days.
- The last day of school, June 14, is a minimum day. Primary students are dismissed at 12:10 pm and Intermediate students are dismissed 12:19 pm. Kindergarten students are dismissed at 11:35am.
- Have a wonderful and safe summer! The school office will again open on Tuesday, August 7, 2018.

A Note from the Cafeteria Manager

Ms. Stefanie Gunnels, our Cafeteria Manager, reminds you that if there is a balance on your child's meal account, it must be cleared before the end of the school year. Accounts that are not settled will result in academic records being held and balances being forwarded to next year's accounts. Thank you!

Awards Assemblies

Our awards Assemblies will take place on Thursday, June 7 in our school's Multi-Purpose Room. Everyone is welcome to attend to see many of our students receive awards and celebrate their successes. Please see the times below for each assembly:

8:15am - 3rd & 4th Grades

9:15am - 5th & 6th Grades

10:15am - 1st & 2nd Grades



Bon Voyage

Have you heard? We are very sad to see some of our wonderful staff members leave our staff as they are retiring: Mrs. Robin Bailes, Mr. Norm Frankenberger, and Mrs. Marilyn Perry. Mrs. Bailes has been a teacher for 34 years, 7 of which were here at Golden Empire. Mr. Frankenberger, our school's computer teacher, has been a teacher for 21 years, 17 of which were here at Golden Empire. Mrs. Perry, our school librarian, has been at our school for 20 years, creating a thriving and well-stocked library. While we are so happy for these three wonderful educators, it is very bitter-sweet, as their contributions to Golden Empire—the students, families, community and school, itself—have been enormous!

Golden Empire's GATE Cluster Program Continues



We have great news for Gifted and Talented (GATE) identified students who will be in grades 2-6 during the 2018-2019 school year. Golden Empire will

continue its GATE program based on the GATE Cluster Model. GATE students will be placed in a class along with other high achieving students and taught by a teacher who has been trained in GATE teaching strategies. The students will be taught using a GATE reading and language curriculum, but all other subjects will be the same. We are proud of this rigorous program!

Golden Empire Teacher Honored at TAG Event!

T.A.G. She's IT! Mrs. Amy Smith, one of our first grade teachers, was recognized May 31 at the Memorial Auditorium at a red carpet Teacher Appreciation Gala honoring Inspiring Teachers in



the Sacramento City Unified School District. Students were able to nominate teachers that go above and beyond to inspire greatness and a love for learning.

Here is an excerpt from Mrs. Smith's nomination letter:

"When we arrived here last August, being a foreigner, my son, Tommy, knew nothing but one letter: A. Now he can speak, read and even use English thanks to his teacher, Mrs. Smith. She has patience, excellent teaching skills and a wonderful personality. She is the best teacher and will be in my heart forever."

The event provided our students and community with a way to recognize and celebrate the contributions of inspiring teachers while serving as a foundation fundraiser. The event was a fun-filled evening of food, entertainment and teacher recognition. While Mrs. Smith and other teachers across the district were honored and recognized, additional proceeds from the event will benefit the Sacramento Unified Education Foundation in their efforts to supplement the educational resource needs of our students and teachers.

Teacher Requests for the 2018–2019 School Year

Each year classrooms are developed by equally balancing different categories of students such as gender, ethnicity, behavior, academics, and students with special needs. This year all teacher requests must be turned in to the office during Teacher Request Week, June 4–8. Requests are considered but all factors must be weighed when developing new classes. Requests are not guaranteed. Forms are available in the school office.

Take Your Parents to LUNCH DAY

We invite our Golden Empire parents to come to lunch with their children on the first Friday of each month. Parents are encouraged to have lunch with their child by either bringing a healthy lunch from home or purchasing one from our cafeteria (\$3.50)! Bring a blanket and/or chairs to sit in the quad area and enjoy lunch with their child.

You are welcome to bring younger children who are not enrolled at Golden Empire to have lunch, but parents and younger siblings cannot attend the lunchtime recess due to liability reasons.

Our next Parent Lunchtime will be Friday, June 1. Parents, please remember to sign-in the office first. We look forward to seeing you there!

Lunch times are as follows:

5th & 6th Grades - 11:30am-12:10pm

4th Grade - 11:45am-12:25pm

1st Grade - 11:55-12:45pm

2nd & 3rd Grades - 12:05-12:55pm





We had a successful new event last month with our Painted Rock Project! This event was one of my favorites this year. It was so much fun to see all of the students be creative and leave their mark on our amazing school campus. Please stop by to take a look at all of the fantastic artwork!

Thank you for joining us at McTeacher's Night last month. You helped to raise \$475.00! It was great to see all of our families and teachers come out to share a meal and support our school. We have had a great fundraising year. Thank you for making this year a success! The PTO will be able to fund field trips, assemblies, band, and so much more.

Have you considered volunteering for the PTO? Are you are good with numbers? Maybe you have thought about volunteering somehow, but just not sure what it takes? We have several positions open for the 2018-19 school year, including Treasurer and Vice President. Please join us for our final meeting of the school year on Monday, June 18th @ 9:30am in the library to hear all about it and make a difference with us! Can't make the meeting? No problem! Just email me to let me know you are interested!

Robin Wilson, PTO President
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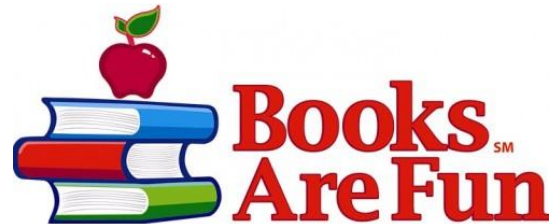


All students entering grades 7-12 this fall must show proof of receiving their TDAP (tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis) booster before they can attend school in September. This applies to every current student, new student and transfer student. Please bring proof of this booster to school to be reviewed and recorded. Visit www.shotsforschool.org for more information.

Mark Your Calendars— School Starts Thursday August 30, 2018!



Mark your calendars: The first day of school next fall is Thursday, August 30. Moving the first day back a few days gives teachers and students a jump-start on the fall and a chance to squeeze in more classroom learning. A Win-Win! You can download the 2018-19 School Calendar by visiting www.scusd.edu.



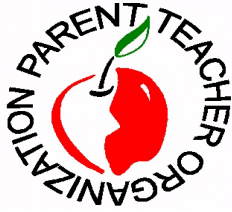
Sad news – all library books need to be returned to the library by June 4th. Please help your student remember, find and return all library books by this date. This will insure that all the books can be returned to the shelves and inventoried. If a book has been lost or damaged, it can be paid for at the library.

During the summer I hope you will take advantage of our great County Libraries. There are fun summer reading programs to keep your student interested and engaged in reading. Reading is the most important skill your student can learn and will improve them in every aspect of their lives. Encourage reading for pleasure and interest.

It has been a joy to have your students with me in the library for this year. I will be ending my days at Golden Empire this month. I have enjoyed 20 years of students and staff and I have many happy memories to take with me. I hope I have instilled the love of reading in many of your students. It is truly a joy to have been associated with such good people. Again, thanks for the memories. Mrs. Perry ☺

Thank You Committee Members!

Thank you to the following individuals who have served on the Golden Empire PTO, Site Council, and English Learner Advisory Council. You all help to make Golden Empire an Exemplary school and better the academic opportunities for our students and staff. We appreciate you and your continuous efforts!



PTO Board Members

Robin Wilson – President
Janessa Stewart – Secretary
Jeanette Dubesa – Treasurer
Alison Milobar – Movie Night and Media Chair
Mary Brittain – Pancake Breakfast Chair
Amanda Barnum – Yearbook Editor
Jenn Wilson – Handmade Holiday Night Chair
Sarah Remis – Jog-A-Thon & BoxTops Chair
Dale Lovin – Book Fair Coordinator
Heather Sunahara – Teacher Representative

Keri Creeger – Spirit Wear and Dance Chair
Tina Warnick – Dance Chair and Parent Rep.
Shelley Schaer – Newsletter Chair and Parent Rep.
Crisan Baker – Parent Representative
Heather Williams – Parent Representative
Angel Sanchez – Parent Representative
Crystal Diaz-Upton – Parent Representative
Margo Stadel – Teacher Representative
Jody Bone – Teacher Representative

School Site Council Members

Laura Powell – Chairperson
Brandon Barnum
Alan Cox
Todd DaCastello
Jeanette Dubesa
Kim Engstrom
Jami Ferguson
Marilyn Perry

English Learner Advisory Council Members

Vitalina Tufi – Chairperson
Maria Avetisov
Leticia Aguila
Janine Johnson
Salvador Lopez
Rocio Mercado
Isabel Razo-Belman
Maria Salinas
Amy Smith



It's Not Thrilling...Unless We're Grilling! **Remember to Bring in Items for the** **No Citation BBQ!**

The Golden Empire School Site Council is hosting the annual "No Citation Barbecue" on Monday, June 11. This barbecue is in honor of each student who did not receive a behavior citation for the entire year! This is a huge accomplishment, so we want these students to enjoy a fabulous barbecue and picnic.

We need your help securing donations so we can make this event happen. We are asking for BBQ donations by grade level. Any quantities are appreciated!

Kindergarten, 1st Grade, & 2nd Grade – \$2.00 or more for desserts

3rd Grade & 4th Grade – Capri Sun or other juice pouches

5th Grade & 6th Grade – Case or 6-pack of bottled water

For those families that choose to donate additional funds, we are always thankful. These funds will be used to purchase additional BBQ supplies. Just send in the funds in an envelope with your child's name to your teacher or the office. Thank you all for your generosity!





- To Mr. Gardner, Mr. Mitchell and the 15 volunteers who worked at the Garden Day on Saturday, May 19. The school garden looks amazing thanks to their efforts!
- To our PTO for sponsoring a Teacher Recognition Luncheon for our fabulous teachers! Very thoughtful!
- To all of the families who attended our Movie Night. It was wonderful having such a great turnout!
- To all of our families for supporting our students by attending the Leadership Showcase. It was wonderful seeing you all there!
- To all of our families who have donated funds and the required grade-level items to make the No Citation BBQ a huge success!
- To Maria Avetisov and Isabel Razo-Belman for translating our fliers.
- To Jas Singh and Crisan Baker for their help with the Perfect Attendance Ice Cream Social.
- To all of our classroom helpers. We couldn't do our work without your support!
- We thank the GE PTO for creating and facilitating the school painted rock project! Have you seen the students' painted rocks? The rocks are so fun and creative—and individualistic! They are placed in our planter areas and add so much fun to our school!
- Many thanks to Mark and Mary Brittain for donations to the school rock project.
- Many thanks to Area 3 Board Member Christina Pritchett for donating supplies for the painting our of "Leaders Light the Way" cargo shed project. We are so appreciative.



To Be a Yard Supervisor at Golden Empire!

Interested in helping our students during recess times? Do you want to help keep our students safe? If so, a yard supervisor position may be for you. We are accepting applications for this paid position for the 2018-2019 school year. Please stop in the school office to inquire.

Save the Date!



Mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 28, 2018 for the Meet Your Teacher Ice Cream Social. As we come together to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of the 2018-2019 school you will have a chance to catch up with old friends, meet new friends, and most importantly meet your new teacher all while eating a tasty treat.

June Calendar of Events

| Day | Date | Time | Event / Activity | Location |
|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Friday | 6/1 | | Decades Spirit Day | |
| Friday | 6/1 | Lunch Time | Take Your Parent to Lunch Day 5 th & 6 th : 11:30-12:10pm 4 th : 11:45-12:25pm 1 st : 11:55-12:45pm 2 nd & 3 rd : 12:05-12:55pm | Quad |
| Mon-Fri | 6/4-6/8 | | Teacher Request Week | Office |
| Tuesday | 6/5 | 6:00pm | 6 th Grade Parent Planning Meeting | Library |
| Thursday | 6/7 | 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 | 6/8 | | Hawaiian Spirit Day | |
| Friday | 6/8 | 8:15am | 6 th Grade vs. Staff Softball Game | Ferreter Field |
| Monday | 6/11 | 8:15-11:00am | Intermediate Play Day | Black Top |
| Monday | 6/11 | Lunchtime | No Citation BBQ | In Front of School |
| Tuesday | 6/12 | 8:15-11:00am | Primary Play Day | Black Top |
| Tuesday | 6/12 | | Kinder Splash Day | Kinder Yard |
| Tuesday | 6/12 | 6:00pm | 6 th Grade Parent Cupcake Decorating | MPR |
| Wednesday | 6/13 | 8:30am | 6 th Grade Promotion Ceremony | Quad |
| Thursday | 6/14 | | <u>Last Day of School</u> Minimum Day Dismissal – Kind. 11:35am 1 st -3 rd 12:10pm and 4 th -6 th 12:19pm | Classroom |



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8/28/2018 – Meet Your Teacher
Ice Cream Social @ 6:00pm

8/30/18 – First Day of 2018-2019
School Year @ 8:00am