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Principal's Corner

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful break and had chance to enjoy the holidays. Now that 2020 is here this is an excellent time to "think positive" and do some planning for a happy and successful new year. Our staff and students have had time to relax since the busy weeks preceding the holidays and now it is time to "hit the books" again. Our teachers have exciting lessons and activities planned for the weeks ahead as they work to achieve classroom goals.

A new year always gives us the opportunity to reflect upon what we have done well and what we can do better. Have you been trying to figure out a new year's resolution? If the answer to the question is yes, I have a great suggestion for you. How about setting plans to help your children experience greater school success in 2020? Here are some ideas to be sure your child is successful at Golden Empire:

1. Monitor your students' school work. One way to do this is to have them check in with you after school and share how their day went. A good opening question to help them communicate about this is to ask, "What did you learn in school today?" If you get a vague answer, follow-up by asking them about specific subjects such as: math, reading, or science. Another important way to monitor their work is to have them share any corrected school papers they brought home and discuss them together. You can further monitor by checking on their homework. While parents should never do homework for their young people, it is sound practice to help them if they are struggling. Check it over for them once they are finished.

2. Make sure your leaders get to school. The more students are in school, the higher their achievement. Poor attendance causes students to get behind in their learning and catching up can be very difficult when they return. In fact, poor attendance is often the first step to students being unsuccessful at school.

3. Reward their efforts. Rewarding students for high grades is not as effective as rewarding them for their effort. Students are always trying and want to make you proud. Therefore, the best way to motivate further effort is to notice it, to praise it, and to reward it.

4. Talk up the idea of going to college—this should start at a very young age. As a staff we are always talking about where we went to school and how we benefitted from college. For students to be successful it takes more than a high school diploma. In the 21st century, almost all students need a college degree or advanced license to ensure a successful life. Having students set higher education as a target early in their lives will help them set ambitious goals for their academic progress as they proceed through school.

5. Finally, be involved! How important is parent involvement in their children's education? Study after study shows that it may be the top factor leading to student success. At Golden Empire, we offer many opportunities to be involved in your student's education. Please join us whenever you can.

Families, we appreciate your help in supporting our Golden Empire teachers by encouraging students to work hard and stay focused. This is what makes Golden Empire one of the top ten performing schools in the school district!

The staff and I wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Great New Year!

~ Dr. Irene Eister, Principal



Thank You for the Holiday Cheer!

The Golden Empire office staff would like to extend a huge THANK YOU for the good wishes and wonderful gifts we received this holiday season. We appreciate your kindness and wish all of you a very happy and healthy new year!

Sincerely, Dr. Eister, Alison, Liz and Joan

 **NOW is the time**
TO REGISTER FOR
Kindergarten



Kindergarten Registration for the 2020-21 school year begins January 14th. For the 1st two weeks, registration will be here at Golden Empire, from 7:30—3:30 pm. Beginning January 29th all kindergarten registration will be done centrally at the Enrollment Center at 5601 47th Avenue. (next to the Serna Center). Register early here at GE! As class sizes will be capped at 24 students per class, classes will fill up quickly! Bring your child’s shot records, birth certificate, proof of address (current SMUD, PG&E, or water bill), and parent/guardian ID. Children who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2020 are eligible for Kindergarten.



Graduating Class of 2033!

Update Your Email and Telephone Numbers to Receive Weekly Updates and Emergency Messages

Did you know that the school sends out a weekly email message with the week’s school events? If you are not receiving these emails, we do not have your current email address. Also, CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE 49408 states “For the protection of a pupil’s health and welfare, the governing board of a school district will require the parent or legal guardian of a pupil to keep current at the pupil’s school of attendance, emergency information including the home address and telephone number, and business address and telephone number of the parents or guardian, and the name, address and telephone number of a relative or friend who is authorized to care for the pupil in any emergency situation if the parent or legal guardian cannot be reached.”

Golden Empire requires parents/guardians to update students’ emergency cards when there is a change of email, telephone numbers or address. When the school sends out Infinite Campus messages or emergency alerts to all parents, the messages are sent to the phone numbers you provide us on the emergency card. Messages are undeliverable to “bad numbers” or email addresses.

IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE?





Happy New Year!
I hope you all had a wonderful winter break. First a very big thank you to Sequoia Swain, Janessa Stewart

and all of our amazing volunteers for another successful Hand Made Holiday Night last month. Our students had fun making unique gifts for their family and friends.

The PTO has some fun events coming up! The first event is our 3rd Annual VIP Dance on Friday January 24th. Let's ring in the New Year with dancing and making memories with our friends! Ticket order forms have gone home in your child's folder. Space is limited!

Our second event is on Saturday, 2/22, the PTO will host its Annual Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction. This is a fun event for the whole family. Ticket sales will take place the week before the event. We look forward to seeing you there.

Robin Wilson, PTO President
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Speaking of Communication...



Parents/Guardians: It is very important that you do not leave an important message that requires immediate attention on the office voicemail, as

we do not want your message to go without the proper attention. We are asking that you call back later and speak to someone in the office. Thank you for your cooperation!

How Do You Spell S-u-c-c-e-s-s?

4th Grader Sabrina Sarao Represents Golden Empire at the Central Valley Spelling Bee



Golden Empire's 2019 Spelling Bee, held on December 11, and was a great success! Many thanks to Mrs. Conklin, Mrs. Ridenour and Mrs. Randazzo for coordinating an excellent Bee! Our 2019-2020 Spelling Bee Champion is 4th grader, Sabrina Sarao!

Sabrina will now advance to the next spelling bee competition. Later this month, Sabrina will complete an online spelling and vocabulary test, sponsored by the Sacramento Bee, and administered to only the top spellers in Sacramento County. Of those students, only 50 of the best spellers will then be invited to the oral spelling bee in March at the Scottish Rite Center. We will keep our fingers crossed for Sabrina and wish her the best in representing the Golden Eagles! Congratulations on your achievement, Sabrina!

Show Your Golden Eagle Spirit and Pride!

Each Friday is Eagle Spirit and Pride Day. To show your Eagle Pride, simply wear your GE Spirit Wear or blue or yellow/gold 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!!



- To our PTO and all of the volunteers who helped coordinate and serve at the Handmade Holiday Craft Night back in

December. You made the event so special for our students!

- To the Mitchell Family for the \$50 donation to our school!

- To Jas Singh for updating our Excellent Eagle Effort board!

- To the Brice-Ward Family for their donation of a case of paper!

- To all of our classroom helpers. We couldn't do our work without your support!



Welcome Golden Empire's 2020 Basketball Team!

Golden Empire is a proud member of the Sacramento City Unified School District's Elementary Sports Basketball League, joining the Wolverines Division. Golden Empire's team will play 7 games in our division, then hope to make it to the Division Play Offs, as did our Football Team! After intense try-outs, 13 4th, 5th and 6th grade students were selected from more than 50 students to represent Golden Empire. Congratulations to the following team members:



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| John Bagci | Jaden Battle |
| Lateef Brown | Terrance Elbert |
| Kamryn Ferguson | Dasani Fitzgerald |
| Takiyah Haygood | Brodie LaMar |
| Tullea McDonald | Reginald Page |
| Korshawn Thomas | Blake Young |
| Zay'Vielle Younger-Jones | |

Mr. Carl Gayle, our Team's Coach and Mr. Derrick Turner, Assistant Coach, are experienced basketball coaches and a former professional basketball player and baseball player, respectively. The two coaches have the team

practicing, ready to take on the other elementary schools.

All are welcome to come out to watch and support the Golden Empire Team as we play other elementary schools in our league. All games will be played on Wednesdays beginning March 4. Go Golden Empire!



By Mr. Lovrin,
Golden Empire
Librarian

It is January and that means that it's time for Library Book Bingo. Students have the opportunity to earn prizes for reading new and interesting books in this activity. Getting students to read outside of their comfort zone can be challenging, and Library Book Bingo gives them a fun way to expand their reading selection. Students will earn a prize for their first bingo, and a fully filled out blackout card will earn them another prize, and an invitation to a party at the end of the school year. Please encourage all students to participate and expand their learning.

As a reminder, please make sure all students bring their library books back every week. This helps students keep track of where their books are so they don't get lost. Students are allowed to renew their books for extra time to read if they need it. Please remember that students are responsible for keeping track of their library book the moment it leaves the library, until they check it back in with me at my desk.

Nothing can take you farther than a book and your imagination. READ!

January, February, & March Calendar of Events

Day	Date	Time	Event / Activity	Location
Mon-Tues	1/13-14		Vision & Hearing Screening for Kindergarten, 2 nd , and 5 th	
Monday	1/13	2:30pm	January PTO Meeting	Library
Thursday	1/16	6:00pm	Sly Park Parent Meeting	MPR
Friday	1/17	10:30am	Principal McFall of Albert Einstein Middle School Visits the 6 th Grade	MPR
Friday	1/17	2:15-3:15pm	Garden Club for enrolled students	Library
Monday	1/20		No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
Friday	1/24	7:00-8:30pm	VIP Dance	MPR
Monday	1/27	6:00-7:15pm	Kindergarten APTT	MPR
Wednesday	1/29	6:30-8:00pm	Family Science Night	MPR
Friday	2/7	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 Kindergarten: After 12:00pm dismissal 2 nd & 3 rd : 12:05-12:55pm	Quad
Friday	2/7		Progress Notes Go Home	Classroom
Monday	2/10		No School – President Lincoln's Day	
Tuesday	2/11	6:00pm	February PTO meeting	Library
Monday	2/17		No School – President Washington's Day	
Friday	2/21	12:00pm	Academic Talent Search Testing for interested 4 th -6 th Grade Students	Library
Friday	2/21	2:15-3:15pm	Garden Club for enrolled students	Library
Saturday	2/22	7:30-10:30am	Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction	MPR
Tuesday	2/25	6:30-8:00PM	Family Art Night	MPR
Mon-Fri	3/2-3/6		Read Across America Week	
Friday	3/6	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 Kindergarten: After 12:00pm dismissal 2 nd & 3 rd : 12:05-12:55pm	Quad
Monday	3/9	2:30pm	March PTO Meeting	Library
Thursday	3/12	5:00-7:30pm	Spring Scholastic Book Fair	MPR
Friday	3/13		Last Day of 2 nd Trimester	
Friday	3/13		Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences	
Mon-Fri	3/16-3/20		Minimum Day Dismissal – Kind. 11:35am 1 st -3 rd 12:10pm and 4 th -6 th 12:19pm	Classrooms
Monday	3/16		First Day of 3 rd Trimester	
Tuesday	3/24	2:02pm	Kona Ice is Back!	Front of School
Friday	3/27	8:15am	3 rd & 4 th - Trimester Awards Assembly	
Friday	3/27	9:15am	5 th & 6 th - Trimester Awards Assembly	MPR
Friday	3/27	10:30am	1 st & 2 nd - Trimester Awards Assembly	
Friday	3/27	2:15-3:15pm	Garden Club for enrolled students	Library
Tuesday	3/31	8:30am	March Mathematics Madness	Classrooms

HAPPY ♥ NEW ♥ YEAR