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Principal's Corner

Hello Golden Empire Families,

It is so hard to believe it is June already! And families, I know this year is not ending how any of us thought it would. While it has been wonderful welcoming so many of our students and staff back on campus, it will be nice for us all to come back to a campus where school looks “normal” again. I also know we will pull through this stronger as a Golden Empire Community. We are Golden Eagle strong and can get through this pandemic together. In the meantime, families, I want to thank you for all of your efforts in supporting your child through this unique time in education. You have shown great perseverance and flexibility. You have pivoted so many times, navigating the return to in-person learning and all of the new protocols we must follow here on campus to ensure everyone’s safety. The entire Golden Empire staff and I stand in awe of our parents and families, as you have had to be so understanding and accepting of all the changes that have occurred this school year. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

As I write this column, I reflect back on the many wonderful happenings that occurred this year, even during the pandemic. 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—even during distance and hybrid learning. Our teachers have had to pivot so much, changing from 100% distance learning to concurrent learning, and they have done a stellar job. I believe the Golden Empire staff were successful on all fronts. Thank you to all for making this happen!

I want to extend a big thank you to those parents who have still found a safe way to volunteer for our Golden Empire committees. 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.

As you all know, the Golden Empire staff miss seeing all of our students and families. We are looking forward to the day we can all see each other again—hopefully this fall. Thank you, families, for making Golden Empire one of the top schools in the district! All of us at Golden Empire wish you a healthy, safe, and happy summer!

~ Dr. Irene Eister, Principal



Have you heard? We are very sad to see some of our wonderful staff members leave our school. Mrs. Conklin, our 4th grade teacher, is retiring after 28 years of teaching, 8 of which were here at Golden Empire. Congratulations on giving so much to students and staff!! And both Mrs. Magoulias, our 4th grade teacher, and Ms. Schaan, our 6th grade teacher, are moving on to new teaching positions. While we are so happy for these three educators, it is bitter-sweet, as their contributions to Golden Empire—the students, families, community and school, itself—have been enormous. Please wish these amazing staff members a fond farewell and best wishes for their new endeavors. We will miss them all!



-To our PTO for honoring our fabulous teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week! Each teacher received a new staff shirt and plenty of wonderful goodies each day. One of the highlights for the teachers was receiving notes from parents and students recognizing their hard work and extending gratitude for all of their efforts, especially important while teaching during this pandemic. Very thoughtful and so appreciated by each of the teachers!

-To our certificated staff for recognizing our classified staff during Classified School Employee Appreciation Week! Each classified employee was recognized with a new staff shirt, along with a Starbucks treat and delicious home-baked cookies, complete with individualized comments about each staff member. Our school could not function without our classified staff – and we have the best in the district! Thank you, classified staff members!



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

-All student textbooks must be returned to school. In-person students should follow their teacher's directions as to when to return their books. Distance learning students will be able to return books on the following dates and times:

- Monday, June 7 @ 4-5pm
- Tuesday, June 8 @ 11am-12pm

-Please understand that lost textbooks will result in a fine and/or student transcripts will be held until the fines are paid. Textbooks have been checked out to each student; textbooks are the property of the school district and must be returned at the end of the school year.

-Students may keep their school issued Chromebooks over the summer.

-The last day of school is Thursday, June 17.

-Have a wonderful and safe summer! The school office will again open on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.



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 & Jog-A-Thon Chair

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Maria Avetisov

Janine Johnson

Michelle Macey

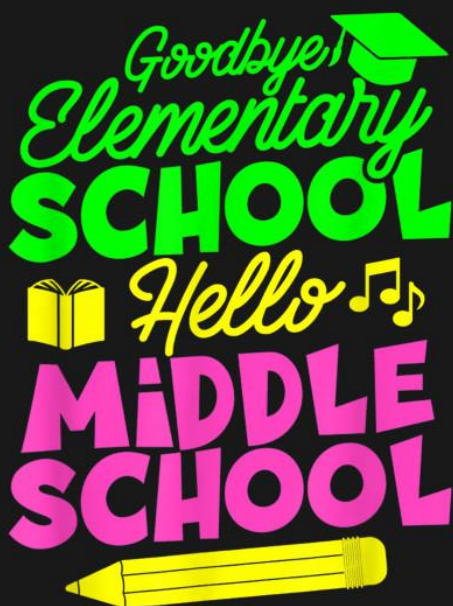
Isabel Razo de Belman

Maria Salinas

Guadalupe Sanchez

Amy Smith

Vitalina Tufi



**Best of luck to
all 99 of our
6th grade students
as they SOAR off
to 7th Grade!
You will be missed!**

Have you signed up for the Sacramento Public Library Summer Reading Program?

All reading is good reading. Dive into a good read and join us for our Summer Reading Challenge. Read anything you want and log your reading to earn a prize and complete activities to earn badges. Books, e-books, graphic novels, audiobooks – whatever your pleasure if you love it, keep on reading.

How it works:

1. Sign up at <https://saclibrary.beanstack.com/reader365>
2. Read what you love and log your reading at <https://saclibrary.beanstack.com/reader365>
3. Complete activities to earn badges.
4. Earn prizes for reading.

You can also download the Beanstack app on your mobile device to track your Summer Reading activity.



This school year was certainly a challenging one navigating Covid restrictions while still trying to provide support to our families and teachers. However, it has

been a year of perseverance and commitment. The PTO prides itself on providing quality and fun programs and fundraisers to support our amazing school. While we were limited in our efforts, we pushed through and persevered nonetheless. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic group of volunteers for their unwavering commitment during this crazy year. Thank you to Janessa Stewart, Alison Milobar, Kristi Malicsi, Mary Brittain, Alison Alexander, Dale Lovrin, Doreene Hess and Arlene Wilson-Grant. You all are rock stars! And a very big thank you to our GE families for supporting the PTO and Golden Empire this year! We cannot wait to come back bigger and stronger in the fall. Enjoy your summer and we shall see you soon!

Robin Wilson, PTO President
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Teacher Requests for the 2021-2022 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 submitted no later than June 5, 2021. Requests are considered but all factors must be

weighed when developing new classes. Requests are not guaranteed. Please use the following Google form.

<https://tinyurl.com/43upxb79>



All students entering grades 7-12 this fall must show proof of receiving their TDAP (tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis) booster and 2 Varicella shots (chickenpox vaccine) 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 Golden Empire to be reviewed and recorded before June 17, 2021. Visit www.shotsforschool.org for more information.



The GE Office will be open
June 21-25 – 8:00am-12:00pm

Closed – June 26-August 9

The office will reopen on
Tuesday, August 10 at 8:00am.