

# Gryphon Gazette

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## Special Dates:

- Spring Break 3/29-4/5
  - 9th Gr PE Testing 4/15
  - L.A. Field Trip 4/25-26
  - CST Testing 5/7-9
  - Spring Formal 5/10
  - Grad Night 5/16-17
  - EdPerformance
- Benchmark Tests 5/13-17



## Sighting above Glacier Tower

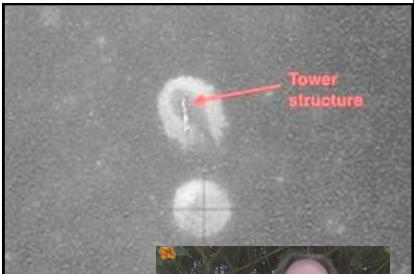
Last Thursday, an unidentified flying object was observed hovering over the Glacier water tower for approximately seven minutes, just after sunset.

Matthew Englund, science teacher at GHS, had been working late and was locking up when he heard a loud “whirring” sound overhead. Glancing up, he was shocked to see a disc shaped, spinning object “about the size of one of the teacup rides at Disneyland.” He claimed it was flashing “totally LED-like lights.” It should be noted that, with Mr. Englund’s background in science, he was skeptical at first.

However, when found in a distraught state, it is alleged that Englund was repeatedly mumbling, “phone home, phone home...”

Unfortunately, Mr. Englund was alone at the time, and his observations could not be verified by any other first-hand eye witnesses; however, satellite images from Thursday do seem to support his testimony, to some degree.

During its investigation, the Madera County Sheriff’s Department was unable to verify the sighting, but seemed to take great interest in the fact that Mr. Englund professes to be an amateur mycologist (mushroom scientist).



Reliable Witness?

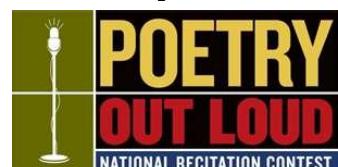
## Michelle Linn Competes in State Capitol

Representing Madera County, Michelle Linn recited three poems in Sacramento in the Poetry Out Loud state championships.

Sunday's recitals took place in the Sheraton Grand Ballroom, while Monday's portion of the event was held in the

Senate Chambers of the State Capitol. Glacier students and staff watched Michelle's latter performance via live streaming in the school's computer lab.

Link to the 2013 POL California Championship event program:



[http://www.cac.ca.gov/poetryoutloud/files/POL\\_Program\\_2013.pdf](http://www.cac.ca.gov/poetryoutloud/files/POL_Program_2013.pdf)

# WASC Visitation Completed



A panel of three visiting representatives spent time observing GHSC's program for three full days in mid-March (3/17-3/20), beginning with a welcoming reception on Sunday afternoon.

Their visit involved dialogue with students, parents, staff, administration, and board members, with much time spent "springboarding" off of Glacier's comprehensive "self-study" (conducted previous to their visit).

A lot of questions were asked, comments noted, and strengths and weaknesses outlined during the extensive WASC process.

The visiting team was made up of distinguished administrators and board members from districts in the East Bay and Hanford areas. Two men and one woman served on the observation team.

The "finding" results were publicly reviewed before the WASC team's departure on Wednesday. The

school was praised for its supportive environment and personalized approach to education. Suggested areas for further growth included improvements in data-driven instruction (along with Common Core), improved Math scores, more transparency in communication, and continuing support of developing student and parent leadership (boosters).

WASC accreditation will be determined later, informed by the recommendations of the visiting committee.

## Freshman P.E. Testing

Kingsburg 9th  
PE Testing:  
April 8 (Monday)  
9 am-3 pm  
By appointment

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade PE Testing**  
**Glacier High- Oakhurst Campus**  
**When:** Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 11:30am-3:30pm  
**Where:** Main Building, Secondary Classroom  
**Please wear comfortable clothing.**

**Before test day you need to:**

**Run/Walk 1 mile and record time (bring your time to PE Test Day).**  
**Measure your height & weight.**



## You've Got Mail!

Whether or not you know it, Glacier High has added personal mailboxes at the Oakhurst site this year. Our mailbox locations are halfway down the main building, opposite the computer lab.

It was felt that mailboxes would help improve communications between the

school and its constituents. Since some mailboxes are loaded with bulletins dating back to the start of school, perhaps not everyone got the word (we know who you are...)!



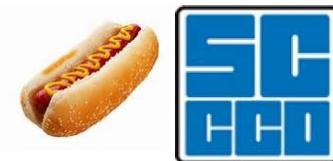
Cheryl Wilhite  
Secretary

# Oakhurst North Center College News

Two dates are important for GHSC students this April: the 24th (Wednesday) and the 30th (Tuesday).

Early registration for alternative education students (including GHSC) is from 8-12 on the 24th. Think of it as an express lane for enrollment in your local junior college. For the fastest service, an online application is available, other preliminary requirement details are also available online.

The 30th marks something a little different: the "Community Unity" event, which features free hotdogs, cold drinks, and popcorn, along with displays by local merchants, vendors, and service groups.



**"There is no harm  
in a man's cub."**

Rudyard Kipling

*The Jungle Book*

A group of 24 ASB students, family members, and guests trekked to the Fresno Chaffee Zoo on Friday, March 22nd for several mid-day hours. As could be expected, the reptile exhibit is always a big hit, as well as the giraffes and a lone tiger.

Never before have so many pink flamingoes been seen in one place- except perhaps some tacky teachers' yards.

The zoo trip may be turning into a



Ignore  
attention-  
seeking  
front-row  
freaks

regular, annual event, since it has happened several years in a row with good participation.

## Occupy Kingsburg

Kingsburg students have remained occupied with several activities related to current course offerings. Marcia Souza's Mosaic class is "maxxed out" with a dozen students creating their own indoor mosaic tile designs on plywood backers.

Other students are making an April 23rd visit to serve for a day in the Community Food Bank in south Fresno. Participants will later be at Viking Elementary School in Fresno (5/16) to help with a distribution of food to the needy.



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**Sierra Art Trails  
Informational Meeting**

Mountain Home School and Glacier High School are cooperatively looking into having our schools be a site on the 11th annual Sierra Art Trails during the first weekend of October.

If you are a serious and productive artist who would possibly be interested in applying for an Art Trails scholarship, we would like to invite you to an informational meeting on Thursday, April 18 at 1:00. A representative from the Sierra Art Trails will be here to explain the scholarship and answer questions.

As of this press time, the meeting date and time has not been confirmed. Please call or email Irina Buca if you are interested in attending or if you have questions regarding this event.

**state  
testing  
is  
very  
important  
to  
our  
school's  
funding  
and  
programs**

**CST Schedules for May 7, 8, 9**

**Tuesday, May 7th**

Morning session (8:30-noon)  
All 9-11 graders (English)

Afternoon (12:30-2:00)  
All 10th/11th graders  
(US History / Life Science)

**Wednesday, May 8th**

Morning session (8:30-noon)  
9-11th graders (Math, if reqd.- see  
your charter teacher)  
No afternoon testing

**Thursday, May 9th**

Morning sessions:  
World History (8:30-10:30)  
Science- (Earth/Biology/Chem)  
(10:30-12:30)

For best test results, visit:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/tg/sr/css05rtq.asp>

For a preview of what your tests might look like.

**3** What is the prime factorization of 45?

- A  $2^3 \times 5$
- B  $3^2 \times 5$
- C  $5^2 \times 3$
- D  $5^2 \times 9$