

Gryphon Gazette



2 Big Kickoff Events:

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Double Issue

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<p>*8/15</p> <p><u>New Student / Parent Orientation</u></p>	<p>*8/28</p> <p><u>Back-2-School @ Bass Lake</u></p>
<p>New Glacier families will want to swing by our Oakhurst campus on August 15th for an orientation session starting at 10 AM. This program is designed to answer many of the questions and concerns that arise for first-timers at GHS. If you attend, we promise you'll leave with a much better grasp of how things operate and what resource tools are available to make your job that much easier. This orientation will save you time and trouble (figuring out things the hard way).</p>	<p>What: Bring your own Picnic/ BBQ @ Rec. Pt.</p> <p>When: 4-6:30 PM Weds. Aug. 28 (after class)</p> <p>Space reserved all day (show up early if you like...)</p> <p>Bring a propane stove if you BBQ, fire restrictions in place</p> <p>No agenda– except FUN!</p>

Special Dates of Interest:

- **Staff returns**
August 12-16th
- **School Starts**
August 19
- **Onsite Classes**
Start August 26
- **Labor Day Holiday**
September 2
- **Fall Break**
October 14-18

Seeing Double?

Michael Jones Photography will be set up to take school portraits all morning September 10 (a Tuesday) and September 18 (a Wednesday) in Oakhurst. Typically, Glacier students key on the Wednesday date since it coordinates with onsite class schedules.



(we've got two picture days, also...)

The optional ID card is worth picking up for local merchant discounts (it costs a nominal fee this year), but there is no commitment to purchase picture packages, which come in a variety of size and price ranges.

ATTENTION KINGSBURG

Island Photography will be in Kingsburg from 1:30-3:30pm on Wednesday, September 25th and Friday October 11.

Get It ON!

We're not just about independent study and homeschooling here at Glacier. Don't forget that there are a lot of other courses available to you in other arenas as well:

ONSITE:

These are classes much like you would find at a comprehensive high school, only smaller. In particular, these classes come in handy when you need the instructional support of a credentialed teacher— particularly if a parent doesn't feel qualified to teach a "weak" subject area. An additional benefit of onsite classes is that they generally follow a collegiate



model of meeting just a couple of times a week. This presumes a certain level of maturity and responsibility, and many students like this level of respect- and frequently respond well to it.

ONLINE:

Everybody knows that there are whole new worlds available on the internet. Each year, Glacier purchases online licenses with educational online programs like PLATO, ALEKS, and Rosetta Stone. Why not take advantage?

In addition, with nearly unlimited offerings in free curriculum on the internet, through examples like iTunes U, why not be a trailblazer and design a course around a subject area of your choice? Talk to your charter teacher about it.

Elective proposal forms are available under "other forms" at

glacierhighcharter.org

Writing Workshop Classes Expand to Four (Double!!!)

Writing Composition classes were such a success this past year that they have been doubled to meet popular demand.

Now each grade level has a dedicated class all to itself. This should allow for greater one-on-one attention across the board.

In addition, students taking both Writing and Oak Meadows English courses will find that their

writing assignments have been integrated in an improved common sequence and schedule.



Ms. Kaylene Friesen teaches Writing Composition, and may be contacted for more information regarding the Writing Composition classes.

Email her at: kfriesen@glacierhighcharter.org

Today's Trivia



Early Doublemint gum ads always featured an "attractive" pair of twins during the 50's through the 70's

First Things First

It's always tough to get back into the grind of school and leave that summer vacation behind. Homeschool might even be the hardest environment simply because it's harder to shift into a "school" mindset without changing your environment (like most kids are forced to do on the first day of school).

One thing that can help is to, at

an early stage, come in for your first PLP meeting, sign contracts, check out books, and establish your next appointment (relatively soon on the calendar), so that there is some sense of schedule and accountability. While some students are excited and can't wait for school, many simply

aren't. It is human nature to not do what we don't feel like doing, and school is no exception. If school startup is a struggle for you, let your charter teacher



know and we'll try to help ease your pain with strategies that might help.



Umpteenth Annual Monterey Trip

If it wasn't so popular, we wouldn't still be doing it...

Mr. Englund has been taking students to the Monterey Bay Aquarium for many years, and this particular field trip is always a hit.

For the trip to happen, however, GHS needs a minimum of 15-20 students going.

First preference goes to students enrolled in onsite Biology and Chemistry courses, but room will likely be available for others who are interested, preferably who are currently taking a science class.

Parents are also encouraged to attend and assist with carpooling as needed. There

are some legal hoops required of those serving as carpool drivers and/or chaperones.

Please contact Mr. Englund directly to indicate your interest in this trip.

Phone: (559) 642-1422 ext. 21

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Monterey Bay Aquarium
Thursday, September 19

He Looks Familiar...



Please welcome to the GHS staff Mr. Eric Hagen, who will be serving as the Oakhurst Assistant Principal, in addition to servicing a few students as a charter teacher.

Mr. Hagen will retain a limited charter teacher position at Mountain Home School, as well as handling the tech department of both sites. Eric will also be teaching Underwater Robotics for both GHS and MHSC sites. No one will be wearing more hats around here!

Eric is a local product, having grown up in Oakhurst and tracing roots back several generations. He formerly taught classroom style at Oakhurst Elementary at the 4th grade level and Junior High Science at Wasuma Elementary.

In his spare time, Eric spends time with family and church. He is an accomplished musician on keyboard and guitar, and is involved musically at Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church. He is also involved in swing dance, rock climbing, wakeboarding, and does DJ-ing on the side. Eric and wife Michelle homeschool their daughters Olivia and Emma through MHSC.

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