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PUBLIC NOTICE

WSCS BOARD MEETING

November 9 at 2:00 p.m.

This meeting will be by teleconference pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.

[click here](#)
for more information

ARTSFEST 2022

The 8th Annual Madera County Art Contest is for any student in K-12.

Categories include: 2-dimensional, 3-dimensional, and still photography.

Students will submit artwork to coordinator, principal Mrs. Klang no later than Friday, March 18th. Pick-up your entry information & art category info. at the school! Artwork will be judged by trained artists with winners' pieces being displayed in the student art gallery during the event on May 7, 2022 .



Congratulations to Mountain Home School Charter for its 25th year anniversary and its Superb Sustainability award from the APLUS+ Personalized Learning Network Association!



**FOR K-12 STUDENTS
SHOWCASE YOUR
ARTISTIC EXPRESSION**

➔ **Click here** for the contest guidelines **2022 California Streaming Digital Photography Contest**

Theme: Resilience

~the capacity to recover quickly and/or spring back into shape. Capture your interpretation of this year's theme. Each photo entry should be accompanied by a brief essay, a poem, or expanded caption. Writing should help connect the image to the theme of RESILIENCE.

Winners: 1st place winners (6 students & 2 teachers) will each receive a digital video camera. All participants will receive a certificate. A Kindergarten student was a winner of this contest in the past, so all ages are encouraged to participate.

Submission Deadline: Friday, March 4, 2022

IMPORTANT DATES:

NOVEMBER:

Nov 17: Leadership students to Reagan Library

Nov 11-12: School closed in honor of Veterans Day

Nov 22-26: School closed for Thanksgiving Week

DECEMBER:

12/3: MHS Oakhurst Community Christmas Tree Decorating: 1pm

12/6-12/9: MHS Kids' Gift Workshop Week

12/7: GHS Christmas Party in the evening

12/10: Last Onsite Classes for MHS Math & GHS Courses

PARENT TECHNOLOGY TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

If you need any technology help with Parent Square, Attendance, or accessing your School Pathways Parent Portal, our WSCS Tech Coordinator, Mr. Phil Blas, is hosting In Person parent training sessions.

You can attend any of the following 20 minute sessions on Tuesday, Nov 2nd:

9:00-9:20 10:10-10:20 11:00-11:20

1:00-1:20 OR 2:00-2:20

****Bring your laptop, tablet, or cell phone with you!**



HOME CONNECTION

Reflex Math is fun... and it works!

Reflex gets students Math Facts Fluent & ready for more complex math! Practice is delivered in a fun, game-based approach. Students begin at Crabby's Fact Fair and progress through a variety of exciting, fast-paced games that require answering math facts to succeed to quickly build math fact fluency. Students earn tokens for effort & progress. They can spend their "earnings" on clothes & accessories for their customizable AVATAR or to decorate their PROGRESS TREE. Talk with your Advising Teacher at your next meeting if you're interested in enrolling your student.



CALIFORNIA STATE PARK ADVENTURE PASS PROGRAM

4th graders from CA and their family (up to three adults and other kids) and friends (everyone in your car) can enjoy all sorts of adventures at 19 state parks during your whole fourth grade year—and the summer, too.

A parent/guardian creates a profile on **ReserveCalifornia.com**. All that's needed is their name, address, phone number and an email, and you'll be sent a free Pass via email on the same day.



SPELLING BEE 2022

Mountain Home School is pleased to host the 2022 Spelling Bee in the Winter/Spring Semester- Save the Date:

February 25th from 1-3pm. Word Lists are available in the main building.



The Madera County Superintendent of Schools is offering a brand new event this year to all students in grades 3-6 to promote reading! Battle of the Books is a fun and engaging competition where students read specific books and participate in exciting group competitions to test their knowledge. **Stop by the school to pick up the book list & register! The actual competition date is Saturday, March 5, 2022. Contact principal, Mindy Klang for questions.**

This is a team event.

3-4 grade and 5-6 grade students will compete on a team with up to 5 students on each team.

Students will read from a list of 20 books (students aren't expected to read all 20 books, but may divide and conquer!)

The competition timeframe is a 6-8 week window from when students should start reading to prepare for competition day.





★ STUDENT SPOTLIGHT ★

Kaiden Rocky, 12, smiles for a picture with medals he earned at the Junior Olympics Championships this year. The Coarsegold boy dreams of competing on the U.S. National Team, and if he stays on track, he could. Excerpt from an October 21 article in the Mariposa Gazette -

Kaiden recently notched six national swimming rankings. And he dreams of one day swimming in the Olympic Games.

The Coarsegold boy has a real chance. "He's gracious, but yet he has an inner drive to make him push harder, to be better," Kaiden's mother, Rae, said in a recent interview. The 12-year-old boy has swam with the Yosemite Marlins Swim Club for four years. His coach, Tammy Kudela, has seen him grow progressively faster.

As an 11-year-old, Kaiden ranked inside the nationwide top 10 in six events when results were announced a couple months ago. In two of those events – the 1,500-meter freestyle and the 800-meter freestyle – he ranked first in the country in his age class. Kaiden also ranked 10th in the 200-meter freestyle, sixth in events – the 1,500-meter freestyle and the 800-meter freestyle – he ranked first in the country in his age class. Kaiden also ranked 10th in the 200-meter freestyle, seventh in the 400-meter freestyle, sixth in the

200-meter backstroke and fifth in the 400-meter individual medley. His trophy case is filled with other honors. The boy won a Highpoint award at the Junior Olympics Championships earlier this year. Kaiden also received medals and a Highpoint award at the Indianapolis University Swim Meet when he was 10.

Kaiden's big, future goal is to swim for the U.S. National Team in the Olympics. He strives to consistently conquer his personal best times by keeping his body in top shape both in and outside of pools. He runs cross country. Does pull ups and other dry land exercises. Swims for about two hours five days a week and competes in meets twice a month on weekends. The boy's faith and making God proud is also important to him.

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU KAIDEN!!





FAMILIES OF GHS LEADERSHIP CLASS STUDENTS:

As previously announced, we will visit the Reagan Library and Museum in Simi Valley on Wednesday, November 17.

This is a mandatory event for Leadership students and one that is often mentioned as the highlight of the year by many students.

Students should arrive at the Oakhurst campus between 3:30-3:45 A.M. and we plan to be back at campus between 10:15-10:30 that evening.

We will be joined on this trip by Mrs. Vaccaro and the Endeavor High School Leadership class.

More details and very important paperwork is available in this ParentSquare post. **Click Here.**

<https://www.parentsquare.com/-feeds/9219820>

****Remember that the following documents must be turned in ASAP: LUNCH ORDER FORM and PERMISSION SLIP (front and back).**

ACADEMIC DECATHLON ART COMPETITION

This year's theme:

WATER: A MOST ESSENTIAL RESOURCE.

Student artwork will be used to create the Academic Decathlon program book cover, posters, & other printed materials for Madera County's Pentathlon & Decathlon events.

Glacier Students: You do not have to be in an art course to compete! It's open to any high school student. The recipient of the overall excellence award will also receive a scholarship check for \$100.00.

The rules and selection criteria are posted on the GHS bulletin board in the main building.

All entries must be submitted by Friday, November 19th

For additional questions, **please contact principal, Mrs. Klang.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Make a Difference That Matters

Remember to track all of your community service hours and if you don't already have a place where you keep track of it, **click HERE to get to the GHS Community Service Log on the GHS website.**

Here are some pictures of GHS students volunteering at the Helping Hands banquet and Oakhurst Fall Festival in October.



COLLEGE APPLICATION INFORMATION:

California State University & University of California applications open on October 1st! They are both due on November 30. Apply online.

CSU: www2.calstate.edu

UC: www.ucop.edu/pathways

Private University: Deadline varies

Local Community College Applications:

Seniors interested in attending one of our local community colleges should apply with priority registration through the "Registration To Go Program:

SCCCD (Fresno City, Oakhurst Center, Madera Center, Clovis Community, Reedley College)

Local Community College "Registration To Go" steps

1. Application: October
2. Online Orientation: November
3. Counseling / Advising with Student Education
4. Registration for classes: April if above steps are completed

FAFSA AND MONEY MATTERS

All seniors planning on attending any college or a vocational school the FAFSA application is open now.

www.fafsa.ed.gov



*The annual GHS Christmas Party
will be the evening of **Tuesday,**
December 7. Add this date to your
calendars and stay tuned for more
details.*

GRANT OPPORTUNITY THROUGH THE EECU STUDENT GRANT PROGRAM (Due 12/3/21)

EECU's Student Grant Programs provide grants to help members pay for school-related expenses. The programs are open to members who are pursuing a post-high school education at a community college, university/college, vocational/technical school, or advanced professional training in the U.S.

Link: EECU Member Grant Program

Link: EECU Employee Spouse & Dependent Grant Program

Camarena Health Scholarship Opportunity: (Due 2/1/22) Link: Scholarship Application

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program due 1/6/22

Honoring the legacy and character of our nation's 40th President, the GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program rewards college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with financial assistance to pursue higher education.

Each year, the Program selects numerous recipients to receive a \$10,000 scholarship renewable for up to an additional three years – up to \$40,000 total per recipient. Awards are for undergraduate study and may be used for education-related expenses, including tuition, fees, books, supplies, room, and board. In addition, Scholars are invited to participate in a special awards program and receive ongoing leadership-development support.

Click this link: GE-Reagan Scholarship



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