



WESTERN SIERRA CHARTER SCHOOLS

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NEWSLETTER

March 2020



MARK YOUR CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

Feb. 28 • LCAP Meeting 1 -
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

MARCH

Mar. 10 • WSCS Board Meeting -
2:30 p.m.

Mar. 20 • LCAP Meeting 2 -
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Mar. 24 • Talent Show

MAY

May 1 • S.T.E.A.M. Fair

HELPFUL TIPS



Student **engagement** can mean the level of attention, curiosity, interest, optimism, and passion that students show when they are learning or being taught. **Engagement is energized learning.**

If you seek to use an Engaged Homeschooling approach, some of your most important tasks as a homeschooling parent are

- to allow engagement to develop
- to stimulate engagement
- to recognize engagement
- to capitalize on engagement
- to be an example of engagement
- to enjoy engagement

Behaviors in engaged kids:

- Practicing without prodding
- Working on things at the edges of their abilities
- Researching
- Requesting additional opportunities
- Wanting to learn from mentors, teachers, and coaches with greater expertise
- Focusing
- Creating original material (art, music, technology, dance, construction, engineering projects, etc.)
- Learning outside of designated “student” environments and situations — on the athletic field, in an apprenticeship, doing fieldwork, playing music, in paid employment, as an entrepreneur, doing family chores or work, as a volunteer, through play

From ‘Engaged Homeschooler,’ by Jeanne Faulconer

ATTENDANCE
FORMS





ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

CROSS COUNTRY



Calling all Students 8th to 12th grade! It is time to start planning for the 2020/2021 Cross Country Team!! Come join the only sport that is offered at Glacier High School and earn your Varsity Letter through your athletic ability.

Come talk to Mrs. Alvarez! GO GRYPHONS



Talent Show
March 24, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Yosemite High School Theater

Talent Show

Whether you are a budding new talent or a seasoned performer, it is your time to shine!

Yosemite High School Theater - March 24, 2020 at 5:30

- Open to all K-12 students. Each act is limited to 2 minutes each

Deadline to sign up is: Friday, March 6, 2020

Please contact Joyce Vind if you have any questions at 642-1422, ext 109



SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING + ARTS • MATHEMATICS

S.T.E.A.M. Fair 2020

May 1, 2020

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

NEW DATE and TIME!

S.T.E.A.M. Fair 2020

May 1, 2020 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All grades K-12 are invited to participate!

Informational Packets are available on the sign up board

Any questions contact Joyce Vind 642-1422 ext 109

If our campus needs to be on a 2 hour delay schedule and it is your student's onsite class day, we now have a 2 Hour Delay Schedule that has been posted on the MHS and GHS website under Oakhurst Schedules. Most classes will be held, but instead of 1.5 hour classes, they will be 1 hour long. *Please refer to these schedules.* When a delay occurs, we will send out a Parent Square message!

PUBLIC NOTICE

WSCS BOARD MEETING

March 10th, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. • Oakhurst Campus

The agenda will be posted by the front door; also available @ wscsfamily.org



MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL NEWS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

- Mar. 2 • Read Across America
- Mar. 3 • Peach Blossom Practice
- Mar. 12 or 13 • Peach Blossom Festival
- Mar. 24 • Talent Show
- Mar. 31 • Kindergarten Celebration at Children's Museum of the Sierra

APRIL

- April 16 • Field Trip to Theatre for Young Audiences: *The Bremen Town Musicians* at FSU
- April 24 • Las Mariposa Civil War Education Day

MAY

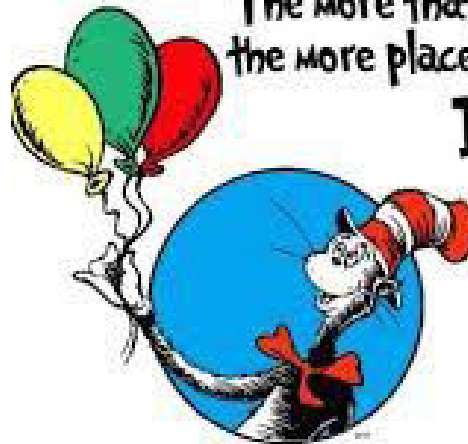
- May 1 • S.T.E.A.M. FAIR
- May 28 • MHS 8th grade Promotion Ceremony

JUNE

- June 2 • Island Waterpark

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.



Dr. Seuss

READ ACROSS AMERICA 2020

To commemorate the life of Theodor Seuss Geisel, Mountain Home School is excited to host author & illustrator, Steve Riley for a presentation on Monday, March 2nd. **Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



Calling all students! We need help gathering read aloud videos of children's books. If your child is willing to participate, click on the link or scan the QR code and head over to Flipgrid. Log in to Flipgrid with Google and use your child's school account.

Then, follow the instructions on Flipgrid to create the video. We will have Chromebooks available at the Read Across America event after Steve Riley's presentation for students to view/listen to stories. Thanks in advance for your participation!

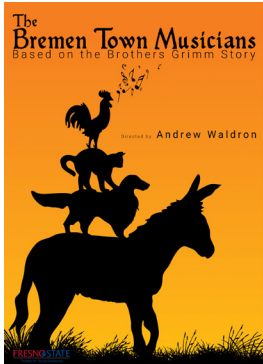


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Peach Blossom

Peach Blossom Participants - we will be holding a practice on Tuesday, March 3rd @ 2:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to practice in front of their peers and teachers. We will also be handing out information about our meeting spot and times for the Peach Blossom Festival day. Questions? See Mrs. Davis or Mrs. Vind



The Bremen Town Musicians Field Trip
April 16th, 2020
11:30 a.m.

Field Trip to Theatre for Young Audiences performance of The Bremen Town Musicians at Fresno State. April 16th @ 11:30a.m. Students \$3 Adults \$5

About the play: This is a wonderful adaptation of the Brothers Grimm story, The Bremen Town Musicians. A donkey, cat, dog, and rooster are kicked out of their home by a crotchety old woman and work together to form a band and tangle with an unwitting group of burglars along the way. With a delightful mix of comedy, singing, live music, and puppetry, Fresno State students will creatively and collaboratively share the classic story with young people across the Central Valley. This performance is geared toward a K-5 audience. Sign up with Denise or Cheryl at the front desk. Seating is limited. Questions? See Mrs. Davis.



Civil War Days
April 24, 2020
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sign up by April 3



Island Waterpark
June 2, 2020

Join us on June 2nd for an end of the year field trip to Island Waterpark! You will be required to pay when you sign up. The cost is \$13/person (age 2 and under are free). Payment is due by May 22nd. We must enter the waterpark altogether as a school at 9:00 am so please plan your day accordingly. If you have any questions, contact Renee Johnson, rjohnson@wscsfamily.org or 642-1422 x111.



GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

- Mar. 7 • Lewis Creek Trail Hike - This is the last one so check out the details & join us!
- Mar. 10 • Last day to buy tickets for the Enchanted Forest Prom - \$55
- Mar. 14 • 6:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. Enchanted Forest Prom! GHS proms are open to ALL high school students & Guest Passes are available on the school website
- Mar. 24 • Talent Show

APRIL

- April 2 • 6 p.m. Leadership Project Presentation Night - All Leadership students & families
- April 24 • San Fran Field Trip to Academy of Arts & Sciences

MAY

- May 1 • S.T.E.A.M. FAIR
- May 29 • Graduation ceremony @ 4pm

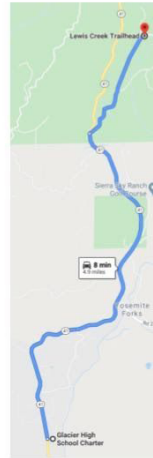
GHS Charity Miles Hike AT LEWIS CREEK TRAIL

Join us at the Lewis Creek Trail near Oakhurst on March 7th

This is the last Hike!



We will meet at the Lewis Creek trailhead on highway 41 at 10:00 am.
We will start the hike from the trailhead at 10:00 am. There is parking at the trailhead. This is an easy, 3 mile round trip to Red Rock Falls.



You are encouraged to download and sign up for the Charity Miles app to record your miles for this hike. However, whether you sign up or not, join us for the hike.

Charity Miles is an app that allows you to earn money through sponsors, which will then go to a charity of your choosing.

If you are raising money for a charity, you will be able to earn community service hours from the hike. Mrs. Friesen will sign off on Community Service hours once your participation has been verified.

Date: Saturday, March 7th
Time: 10:00 am - hike
Where: Lewis Creek Trail - hike

All GHS students, friends, and family are welcome.

Please RSVP by emailing aiden.higuera@gmail.com for the hike.



I am raising money for:



This is part of my Leadership Project for the GHS Leadership class.

Buy a ticket to prom for just \$55! ***See details below***

You're invited to

The Enchanted Forest

Saturday, March 14th 2020 From 6-10

Yosemite Lakes Park Clubhouse
30250 Yosemite Springs Parkway

Glacier High School 2020 Prom

Buy your tickets beginning February 3! \$45 per ticket until Friday, February 14. \$50 per ticket February 15-28. \$55 thereafter. Choose your entrée when you purchase your ticket: *Chicken with Mango Salsa, Flat Iron Steak with Herb Butter, or Vegetarian.*

All GHS dress code and behavior guidelines apply to prom. Guest pass forms are available on the GHS website and are due by March 6. Attire for the evening is semi-formal meaning ties and slacks for the men and dresses for the ladies. *If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Friesen or Mrs. Vaccaro and costumes must have prior approval.*



POETRY OUT LOUD

GLACIER TAKES TOP HONORS AT MADERA COUNTY POETRY OUT LOUD COMPETITION

Four sophomores from Glacier High School Charter took first through fourth place honors at the Madera County Poetry Out Loud competition on February 12 at the Circle Gallery in Madera. The Madera County Arts Council partners with the CA Arts Council to sponsor this national recitation competition that gives high school students the opportunity to learn about, memorize, and recite poems from an anthology of over 1,000 poems. Over 4 million students have been involved with Poetry Out Loud since the program began in 2005.

Glacier’s participants displayed tenacity as they continued to practice their poems since the school competition in early December as well as a willingness to push themselves to try new things to make their recitations even better. When the judge’s scores were tallied, it was obvious that all of their efforts yielded tremendous results: Lilly Llanos came in first, followed very closely by Jackson Roeder , who was followed closely by Olivia Hagen , who was followed closely by Cameron Richards who tied with Abril Chavez of Madera South High School for fourth place. Llanos couldn’t have been more surprised by her first-place finish in her very first year participating in Poetry Out Loud! All of the hearty congratulations from the other Glacier students, her family, teachers, and the Madera Arts Council staff helped the reality to sink in though. Llanos now moves on to the California Poetry Out Loud competition in Sacramento on March 15 and 16.

The eight participants in the County competition were from four Madera County schools: Glacier High School Charter, Liberty High School, Madera South High School, and Voyager Secondary School. Kaylene Friesen is the Lead Teacher for Poetry Out Loud at Glacier and she was assisted this year by GHS teacher, Stacey Broussard. David Opfergelt of the Madera Arts Council is the Program Coordinator and Kirk Cruz stepped in to coach

participants who moved on from their school competitions to the county competition as did Glacier parent, Julie Riley.

We wish you all the best in Sacramento, Lilly...we’re rooting for you!



Pictured: Olivia Hagen, Jackson Roeder, Cameron Richards, Stacey Broussard, and Kaylene Friesen Photo cred: Emma Hagen



Pictured: Jackson Roeder, Cameron Richards, Olivia Hagen, Lilly Llanos, Kaylene Friesen Photo cred: Stacie Roeder



Pictured: Jackson Roeder, Lilly Llanos, Olivia Hagen Photo cred: Stacie Roeder



STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

Battle Of Hampton Roads: Iron Vs Iron

By Kyle Stevens

Most ships in the 1860s were made of wood, but the Union's USS Monitor and the Confederate's CSS Virginia were very special. They were Ironclads, a boat covered in iron. The Virginia was made on June 11, 1861 and on February 17, 1862 it was ready. The US Navy then hired a Swedish inventor named John Ericsson to build the Monitor. He started on January 30, 1862.

The Virginia was the first to arrive. By the end of the second day, large Union warships were sunk by it. On March 9, the Monitor arrived. Both sides watched in awe as two ironclads engaged for the first time in history. The duel lasted 3 hours, but ended in a draw. The Battle Of Hampton Roads is one of my most FAVORITE naval battles of the Civil War.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Academic Decathlon

Great Job Students! We are proud of all of you. AcaDec topic & study material will be sent to us sometime in April to get ready for the 2020-21 School Year.



Field Trip to the Academy of Arts & Science

SAVE THE DATE !!!

Attention Art & Biology Students! (all students invited) Field Trip to the Academy of Arts & Sciences on Friday, April 24th. More info to come.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

with
Greg Hill

Important dates/deadlines:

Local Community College Applications

Time is ticking....Seniors interested in attending one of our local community colleges should apply with priority registration through the "Registration To Go Program": SCCC (Fresno City, Oakhurst Center, Madera Center, Clovis Community, Reedley College)

Local Community College "Registration To Go" Steps

1. Application: Do ASAP
2. Online Orientation: December
3. Counseling / Advising with Student Educational Plan: March
4. Registration for classes: April if above steps are completed

FAFSA AND MONEY MATTERS

All seniors planning on attending any college or a career technical school:

FAFSA application opens October 1st. www.fafsa.ed.gov

SENIORS: COMMUNITY AWARDS APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE

Go to <http://www.glacier-highcharter.org>, then [resources/college/career/community awards](#) to access the list, application, and steps. There is also hard copies of everything as well available. See Mr. Hill for more details. I encourage all seniors to apply. *Deadline for most awards is March 24, 2020.* See cover sheets for exact due dates.

JUNIORS: SAT REGISTRATION

It's time for juniors to register for the SAT Test if interested in attending a 4-year university directly after high school. It is a required admissions test. Collegeboard recommends Juniors take it in the Spring and Seniors take it in the Fall. Go to collegeboard.com to register.



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