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A Note From the Principals

“Idle Hands are the Devil’s Workshop”

We have great students attending Gold Rush, but even great students can cause problems if unsupervised. Our staff does **not** have spare time to monitor students before or after school. But, we often have students who are dropped off early or stay after their classes are out and, you guessed it, they get into mischief.

Our *Parent and Student Handbook* asks parents to drop off students no more than fifteen minutes before class and to pick them up promptly after class. The majority of our families are following these rules, but there are a few students who are chronically early or late, some getting picked up more than two hours late! (There is a bus stop nearby, which might be a good option if you cannot pickup your student on time.)

When you fail to arrive on time, it can send a very negative message to your son or daughter. When asked about her ride, one student replied, “I have no idea when my Dad’s coming, he often forgets I exist.”

Students who habitually hang out before or after school, may be asked to go on independent study, and thus, not attend classes on campus.

Tardiness and absenteeism are another problem Gold Rush is working to solve. Tardy students disrupt their whole class. Sometimes students abuse their bathroom privileges by asking to go and then not returning to class. Each teacher has recently been given one hall pass, so that only one student at a time can leave their class.

Students who miss class, or parts of class, often have missing work and do poorly on tests and quizzes. We will be contacting parents when students are absent or tardy. If they are absent more than once per month, we will ask for a parent/student conference.

We would appreciate your help in meeting these challenges.

Jim Gallno and Kate Hansen



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Country School News



Kindergarten Roundup

March 8, from 3 PM to 5 PM

Country School Kindergarten Classroom

All parents of children who will be entering kindergarten next school year are invited to check out the kindergarten program at our Gold Rush Country School. The Tuolumne County age requirement is that the child turn five by November 1st, although parents and the teacher may determine the child is not ready and will need to wait until the following year.

If you have friends with a child that will enter kindergarten next year, invite them to our roundup!



Motor Skills with Mrs. June Yapp

Students in grades 2 thru 8 are participating in motor skills during 15 minute increments two days a week. The exercises use both sides of the body and brain at the same time. This develops better visual tracking in the students.

These exercises aid in improved reading skills and better self-esteem and confidence related to learning experiences.



Five 7/8th graders (Jada Roberts, Timothy Ribble, Samantha Snell, Vanessa Vaughn and Crunchy Armstrong) have been chosen by Ms. Divine to represent Gold Rush Country School at the Tuolumne County Office of Education Spelling Bee at Curtis Creek on Feb.9. Come support them as they spell their way to success!

— Ms. Divine



The 6th /7th social studies class have been studying ancient civilizations. We made clay tablet cuneiforms and are now studying Egypt and will make mummies! In science the sixth grade just finished fossils (we created fossils out of plaster of Paris) and are studying oceanography and osmosis. — Ms. Hildreth



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San Francisco Zoo Field Trip December 14, 2010

Sharon photographing the tortoise.

Mr. Wyick petting the porcupine.

Janelle and Jeff observing the tortoise.

Capybara

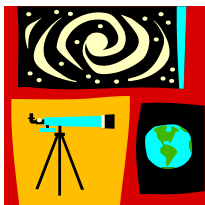
(As told by an anonymous student.)

“Mr. Wyrick’s Biology class left the school at 7 AM to arrive at the zoo by 10 AM. No one got lost!

We were given a thick syllabus to complete as we visited each exhibit. We observed giraffes, birds in and out of an aviary, gorillas, monkeys, capybaras, polar bears, tigers, penguins, and a rhino that had rubbed off his horn. I thought the capybaras were cute; kind of a cross between a teddy bear and a gopher.

During lunch we were able to visit areas we would otherwise not have time to see.

After lunch we watched a live presentation entitled, *Shifting the Balance*, that provided a close-up encounter with a tortoise, porcupine, hawk, and snake.”



Chabot Space and Science Center

Spend a day at the Chabot Space and Science Center in the Oakland hills learning about the stars and planets. Students will have the opportunity to explore a variety of hands-on exhibits that focus on astronomy and space science. In addition students will experience the Planetarium Show “Tales of the Maya Skies” and the IMAX production “SolarMax.”

February 3, 2011 (SIGN-UP BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1)

Cost: No cost to students

This Field Trip is required for all Earth Science students.

Students of the Month



Lora Palkki, daughter of Ken and Musie Palkki of Jamestown, is an eighth grade student at Gold Rush Charter School's Country School program. Lora is a willing and helpful student with a quiet demeanor, yet she is ready to share a laugh, over a silly joke, given the opportunity. Her teachers are appreciative that Lora always gives her best on her school assignments and does not cut corners. Lora is a great addition to the eighth grade class."

— Mrs. Kia Barrieau

Derek Jack, son of Bunny Jack of Columbia, is a Senior at Gold Rush. Derek is always polite, responsible, cheerful, cooperative, respectful and hard working. He is involved in extra-curricular activities and in part of our student government. We expect to hear good things about Derek in the future.

___ Mr. Gallno

Just a reminder about student photos. All students are to have their picture taken for their student I.D. cards, for the yearbook, and in case they are chosen as the student of the month!

Congratulations to Sam Pearce for setting the all-time record for obtaining ads for the yearbook! Sam collected over \$600 in ads, including two full-page ads from Kamps Propane and Black Oak Casino. Keep up the good work, Sam! You've set a record that will be hard to beat!

___ Mr. Blake

You can't blame gravity for falling in love. — *Albert Einstein*

To fall in love is awfully simple, but to fall out of love is simply awful. — *anonymous*

Love is a sweet dream and marriage is the alarm clock. — *Jewish proverb*

An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have; the older she gets the more interested he is in her. — *Agatha Christie*

People who throw kisses are hopelessly lazy. — *Bob Hope*



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A Personalized
Learning Plan

Important Newsletter from Gold Rush Charter School

FEBRUARY 2011

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