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ARE YOU READY?

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All though we know we need to prepare for emergencies, many of us procrastinate. Because disasters are “Not normal,” our “Normalcy bias” leads us to dismiss the possibility of them occurring.

Our recent, worse-than-normal snowstorms, left many without power, water, heat, and transportation! As I write, another storm is on its way and the county is asking people to be prepared.

Students often procrastinate, thus turning non-emergencies into emergencies. *“I will prepare for the test tomorrow. I will start writing my research paper soon. I will make-up all of my homework at the end of the semester. I will graduate, but am short a few credits which I will make-up next year.”*

Soon our high school students will be in the real world - competing with their peers for jobs in a tough job market, or for grades in college.

Not to panic. Avoid failure by preparing now, in the calm before the storm!

Jim Gallno & Kate Hansen



THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



“One hundred percent green!”

CAHSEE (Exit Exam) March 8-9

ALL 10th graders MUST attend!

ELA—March 8

Math—March 9

Meet in Excelsior from 9 AM to Noon.

Any 11th or 12th graders who have not yet passed, also need to take the exam.

Country School News



Kindergarten Roundup

March 8, from 3 PM to 5 PM

Country School Kindergarten Classroom

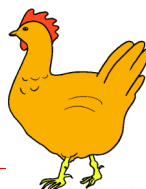
All parents of children who will be entering kindergarten next school year are invited to check out the kindergarten program at our Gold Rush Country School. The Tuolumne County age requirement is that the child turn five by November 1st, although parents and the teacher may determine the child is not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

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

Our animals have arrived! Nine chickens and three bunnies have been safely delivered to our new site. Harry Sunderland did an excellent job of installing netting on top of the fine fencing by Alderson Fencing. A hay barn is on its way. Next to be arriving are the pygmy goats and sheep. Thanks again to Sonora Area Foundation and the families who participated in the fundraiser.

We will have an open house on the third Thursday in May for viewing our animals, programs, and various completed projects. Also, we will be having a "Spring Fling" showcasing our students' in performing arts at a date to be announced. We commend our students for making us proud at the County Spelling Bee.

—Ms. Divine



Sonora Celtic Faire

25th Annual

On **Friday March 11th**, the Celtic Faire will open for **school field trips and families**, on the School and Family Day. 2009 was the first year they opened the event to the general public (not just schools), and boy was it a success! Over the years thousands of students from public, private, and home schools have come out to enjoy the faire. ***This day just keeps getting better!***

Family day is geared towards **elementary and middle school age** students, and public, private, and home schools, and **anyone else with young children** are welcome.



TECH MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

March 8, 2011 (SIGN-UP BY THURSDAY, MARCH 3)

Cost: No cost to students

This Field Trip is required for Integrated Science students.

Spend a day at the Tech Museum, in San Jose, experiencing a variety of hands-on exhibits which emphasize technology, innovation and the human spirit. Students will also visit and explore the award-winning exhibit BODY WORLDS Vital. This first-ever showing celebrates the potential of the human body and the body in motion. Featuring authentic human bodies, the exhibition shows the body in health, distress and disease. These detailed anatomical studies, compositions, and representations allow visitors a penetrating gaze at what lies beneath the skin. Students will also have an opportunity to experience the IMAX presentation Hubble at OMNI Max Theater.



"4 of Me"

All of Mrs. Benton's photography students took photos of themselves and merged the photos into one self-portrait. The photo above is a composite self-portrait by Matthew Colwell.

Science Fair Projects

All Science Fair Projects need to be turned in at their Gold Rush site (Country School, Don Pedro, Mono Village) by Wednesday, March 2nd.

They will be judged on Thursday, March 3rd, and a total of ten projects from all three sites will be sent on to the County for further competition.

Projects will be displayed in the John Muir Building at the County Fair Grounds and can be viewed on Wednesday, March 23rd from 6:30 to 7:00 PM.



Students of the Month



Autumn Bonilla (Augustine), a senior at Gold Rush, has been “proclaimed” by Ms. Cranston as student of the month. Autumn’s enthusiasm and dedication is quite remarkable. She has excellent attendance, a great attitude, and has innate dignity. We are all proud of her.

—Ms. Cranston

Jessica Davis, a junior, displays the qualities we at Gold Rush try to instill in all of our students, as expressed in the “S.O.N.G.” theme. She is numerate and literate. She is a critical and creative thinker who is responsible as well as productive. Jessica is one of our independent study students who is successful working on her own. She sets goals, then takes the steps necessary to reach those goals.

Way to be Jessica!

—Ms. Rhett



- IMPORTANT -

Dear Parent/Guardian:

For the 2011-2012 school year only, ALL students entering 7th through 12th grades will need proof of the whooping cough booster shot (Tdap) before starting school.

**** In order for your child to enter 7th—12th grades in August of 2011, your child must have received the Tdap shot on or after their 7th birthday.****

We are asking parents to provide proof of this immunization to your schools as soon as possible, but no later than April 29th. This date is critical so that schools can update student health records prior to the end of school. If, for some reason, your child is not a candidate for vaccination, medical waivers and personal belief exemptions *specific to Tdap* should also be provided to your school using the same timeline.

Please make an appointment with your child’s health care provider today to arrange for this immunization. We want your child’s first day of school in 2011 to go smoothly.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Silva, Jr., County Super. of Schools & S. Todd Stolp, MD Tuolumne County Public Health Officer

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A Personalized
Learning Plan

Important Newsletter from Gold Rush Charter School

March 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Reading STAR	2 Testing	3 Science Fair Project Judging	4	5
6	7	8 Tech Fieldtrip CAHSEE EXIT EXAM Kinder Roundup		10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

*******Spring Break*******

—STAR Testing April 11-22