



Golden Nugget

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A Note From the Principal

Here, as promised is your mid-summer Golden Nugget Newsletter. I hope you have been enjoying the wonderful, summer weather we have this July. It is time, however, to begin thinking and planning for next school year. In about a month there will be orientation meetings. Please, see inside for the specific schedule.

I would like to share some of an article entitled, "What research says about student engagement".

"It is important to remember that young people are not just adults-in-training; their lives as they experience them now are as valuable and meaningful as those of the adults they will become. How they feel about school and their own achievement is, for most young people, central to their daily lives – whether they feel good about themselves and cared for at school; whether they are frustrated, anxious, bored, or depressed; whether they feel vibrant and excited by what they are learning; and, for the matter, whether they are learning at all. (Willms, 2009).

A longitudinal study conducted by Isabelle Archambault et al (2008) has found a significant correlation between student engagement and reliably predicted school dropout rates. The study confirmed the impor-

tance of cognitive and behavioral student engagement and concluded that participation and active learning are critical determinants to student investment education.

Other researchers have also reported positive correlations between active student learning and student achievement and have concluded that student engagement is frequently the key determinant."

This all means that it is vitally important for each of us to help ensure the engagement of each student in the learning process. As a parent, you can help by keeping your student's instructor informed about your child's interests and also by involving yourself in the courses your child is studying. Ask questions, show an interest, ask your child to explain a topic to you, help do extra research on the subject being studied. Promote life-long learning, which will create a more interesting life for your whole family. Remember, there is learning all around us, not just inside of a classroom. Let's partake of the wonder!

Kathleen Hansen,
Principal

Why not advertise in the Golden Nugget?

We mail out the Nugget to nearly 300 families, just like yours. When you advertise in the Golden Nugget, you aren't just helping yourself, you are helping the school.

Rates

Full Page	\$25
Half Page	\$15
Quarter Page	\$10

Orientation

Country School Students

Meet at the Country School Campus

Wednesday, August 18

Grades 4-5 9 - 10AM
Grades 6-8 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Thursday, August 19

Grade 1 9 - 10AM
Kindergarten 10:30AM - 12:00PM
Grades 2-3 1 - 2PM

High School Students

Meet at the Main School Campus: Excelsior Building

Wednesday, August 18

Seniors: 9 AM - 10:30AM

Thursday, August 19

*Freshmen: 9AM - 10:00AM
Sophomores: 10:30AM - 11:30AM
Juniors: 1PM - 2:00PM

Mrs. Caughey's Students

Meet at Education Option Classroom

Home School Students:

Thursday, August 12th
10:00AM

Education Option Students:

Sunday, August 15th
4:00-6:00PM

These orientation meetings are for student and parent. School pictures will be taken at orientation. You will receive information and sign documents as well as schedule your first meeting with your assigned instructor for a date between August 23 and September 3. Students will receive a startup packet of work to do during the first two weeks of school, before classes begin.

*Freshman will have an all day orientation at Silver Spur Campground on August 25. Lunch and swimming will be included. More detail will be provided at the orientation on August 19th.



2010 /2011 Parent/Student Calendar

First/Last Day of School * 1 st Semester Ends	Holidays & Breaks	Health Screenings	CASHEE Testing	STAR Testing	Graduation
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08/12-20 Teacher Training & Prep ~ 08/18-20 Student Orientation

Period	School Month	M	T	W	Th	F	General Information
Period 1 19 days	Aug/ Sept	23	24	25	26	27	08/23 First Day of School Vision Screenings 09/02 at the C.S. @ 8:30 AM 09/06 Labor Day 9/07 Classes begin Vision Screenings 09/02 at the C.S. @ 8:30 AM
		30	31	1	2	3	
		6	7	8	9	10	
		13	14	15	16	17	
Period 2 20 days	Sept/ Oct	20	21	22	23	24	CASHEE Testing TBA Hearing Screenings 09/28 at the C.S. @ 11:30 AM
		27	28	29	30	1	
		4	5	6	7	8	
		11	12	13	14	15	
Period 3 19 days	Nov	18	19	20	21	22	Hearing Screenings Re-Test 10/20 at the C.S. @ 1:00 PM Progress Reports Turn Clocks Back Nov 7 th !!! 11/11 Veteran's Day
		25	26	27	28	29	
		1	2	3	4	5	
		8	9	10	11	12	
Period 4 15 days	Nov/ Dec	15	16	17	18	19	11/22-26 Thanksgiving Holidays Finals week & Progress Reports
		22	23	24	25	26	
		29	30	1	2	3	
		6	7	8	9	10	
Period 5 10 days	Dec Jan	13	14	15	16	17	12/20-12/31/10 Winter Recess 01/07/11 Semester Ends (18) wks ~ No Classes this wk
		20	21	22	23	24	
		27	28	29	30	31	
		3	4	5	6	7	
Period 6 19 days	Jan/ Feb	10	11	12	13	14	01/17/11 Martin Luther King Day
		17	18	19	20	21	
		24	25	26	27	28	
		31	1	2	3	4	
Period 7 18 days	March	7	8	9	10	11	Feb 7-21 Presidents' Day Holidays Scoliosis Test 02/25/11 at the C.S./time TBA Reading STAR Testing ~ 03/01 & 03/02/11
		14	15	16	17	18	
		21	22	23	24	25	
		28	1	2	3	4	
Period 8 15 days	March/ April	7	8	9	10	11	Turn Clocks ahead March 13 th !!! March 28 th - April 1st Spring Break
		14	15	16	17	18	
		21	22	23	24	25	
		28	29	30	31	1	
Period 9 20 days	April	4	5	6	7	8	STAR Testing ~ 04/11 thru 04/22/11
		11	12	13	14	15	
		18	19	20	21	22	
		25	26	27	28	29	
Period 10 20 days	May	2	3	4	5	6	Graduation Tentatively May 20 th , 2011 !!!! 05/27/10 Last Day of school
		9	10	11	12	13	
		16	17	18	19	20	
		23	24	25	26	27	
175 School Days		<i>Note:</i> Board Meetings 2 nd Thurs of every calendar month (subject to change)				Board Approved 06/10/10	

Gold Rush
Charter School

*Important Newsletter from
Gold Rush Charter School*

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Questions / requests can be
e-mailed to Danielle, news-
letter editor. Thank you.

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A Personalized
Learning Plan

Need Firewood?

Gold Rush will be selling bundles of firewood at the school this year. The cost will be similar to what you would pay at most local retailers. If you wish to get a volume discount, talk with Mr. Gallno extension 218.

August

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Mrs. Caughey Orientation	13	14
15 Mrs. Caughey Orientation	16	17	18 Orientation	19 Orientation	20	21
22	23 First Day of School	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				