



Golden Nugget

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A Note From the Vice-Principal



If you've been watching the news, you are probably at least a little concerned about our economy. The stock market has dropped dramatically, unemployment is rising, and the housing market is in disarray. You may have been saving money in your 401k, being frugal and cautious in your expenditures and still find yourself wondering if you will ever be able to retire. Many people are wondering if there is any safe haven for their life savings.

Taking a long view, we know that the stock market goes up and down and bad news today will someday be replaced with good news. However it does bring up the issue of what can I acquire that will hold its value? As an educator I would suggest knowledge and understanding. Most of our students are oblivious to the fluctuations occurring and trust that their parents will work it out. Their job, for now, is to learn.

Our goal is to create a learning environment and help students learn skills and information that will be of use to them throughout their life. Learning to read and write are skills that are priceless and their value will never go down. Learning math and science may open up doors

that will lead to life long careers. We hope they will also acquire skills that will help them stay healthy, financially secure and socially aware.

Learning is a shared activity. Our teachers will provide guidance, textbooks and instruction. Our students need to come with a willingness to put in the time and make the effort needed to learn. Learning is hard work and just learning to persevere is a skill of its own. We also are counting on you parents to be involved. Check up on your student. Make sure that they spend the 4 hours + per day working on school work. Don't let the TV or computer or whatever, interfere. This is the time of their life when school is free and the demands of life should be relatively low. We all know that at some point our life gets so busy that getting time and money to further our education becomes very difficult. So carpe diem (Seize the Day) and make the most of this opportunity to prepare for the future. The value of a good education only goes up.



Jim Gallno
Vice-Principal

Gold Rush has decided to cancel our fall fundraiser, the murder mystery dinner. We will be having a "Gold Rush Idol" show. The Gold Rush Idol show will be in the spring and will involve our students, as well as our staff. . . So start practicing now for the show!



Field Trips

Where: **Chabot Space & Science Center**
When: Wednesday, December 17, 2008
Time: TBA
Who: Grades 7-12
Cost: \$20.00

Where: **The Tech Museum**
When: Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Time: TBA
Who: TBA
Cost: TBA

Where: **Dodge Ridge Ski Resort**
When: Friday, February 6th, 2009
Who: Grades 6-12
Time: TBA
Cost: TBA



Dodge Ridge Ski Field Trip

Gold Rush Charter School will be taking a group ski trip to Dodge Ridge on Friday, February 6th, 2009. We will need to have a group of 10 or more students to receive a group discount. Youth package (age 6-12) is \$30 per student, and Teen package (age 13-19) is \$36 per student. The package price includes lift ticket, all new rental equipment and lessons. Each student will also receive a FREE \$8 lunch voucher. This field trip will be limited to grades 6-12. More details regarding this field trip will be in the December newsletter.

- Please turn in your permission form with your payment before Thursday, January 22, 2009.**

Field Trip Permission Form

Student Name _____

Grade _____ Age _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Phone Number _____

Location & date of field trip attending _____

() Yes, I have included my payment with this permission form.

Students of the Month



ELEMENTARY: Kylie Berger (5th Grade)
Nominated by Charis Caughey (Teacher)

Kylie is a student that keeps trying and never gives up. Her hard work has paid off! She is doing excellent academically, and as always, is a friend to everyone. Kylie makes me laugh and is just fun to have around.

HIGH SCHOOL: Ben Chavez (12th Grade)
Nominated by Kayley Rhett (Teacher)

The High School student of the month is Ben Chavez. Ben has not always immersed himself in school. He has had some difficulties, as many people do, and school has not always come first. However, in the time he has been in my class he has thrown himself headlong into his work. He always shows up to class with all his homework, if not some extra. He is always energetic and smiling. He brings a cheerful attitude to the classroom that is infectious. These are the reasons I nominate him for High School student of the month.



Congratulations to our two winners!



Laura Allen and Sam Pearce turned in "Are You Ready?" worksheets and were selected as winners in a drawing for movie tickets. Winners may pick up your movie tickets at the reception desk.

Notes from the GRCS Journalism Class

Baby pictures from all SENIOR students are wanted for the Yearbook. Cute captions to go along with the pictures would be appreciated. Please give the pictures to senior Jacinda Ferguson or drop them in the box outside Mr. Blake's office. All pics will be returned. . .Ads in the yearbook are the best buy in town. They only cost \$10 and will be the exact size of your business card. See Mr. Blake, Sam Pearce, or the front desk to pay your \$10 and drop off your business card. . .IF YOU PURCHASE YOUR YEARBOOK NOW, THE COST IS ONLY \$20! See Mr. Blake in Excelsior for further information.

Due to the prolific amount of entries in our literary and art journal, Gold Bars, there will now be two editions this year—one in the Fall/Winter and one in the Spring. Kudos to all our student and faculty writers and artists—your works are an inspiration to all of us. Here is a sample of one of the works included:

Poems of Place:

"The Big, Yellow House on the Corner"

The big, yellow house on the corner,
Full of memories, falling leaves,
Radio flyer full of acorns—
Its fate: swallowed by the murky lake.
Raked pine leaves, jumping, laughing,
Picking apples from the tree,
Making slushies out of snow and soda
Stairs distraught from constant sleeping bag sliding,
Walk-in closet, so big and mysterious,
Climbing on counters, sneaking cookies,
Books and blankets making the best of wonderlands.
Adventurous trails found and to be found.
Climbing on the roof and jumping off bravely,
Getting lost and finding myself,
A part of me. . .
The big, yellow house on the corner.

—Janelle Travis (grade 12)



Work Experience

WORK EXPERIENCE ORIENTATION will meet on
November 14th, 8:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

WORK EXPERIENCE CLASS will meet on
November 14th, 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**If you have a job, remember, you MUST have a work permit.
Also, if you are a junior or a senior and want 5 credits
towards graduation, join the class and get credits
for working!**

See Mrs. Hobbs for details.

Thank You!

Thanks to Bev Sousa (Austin's mom) and Class 5 Fitness for donating more rope for swings and jumping!

Thanks to Reba Fuller (again) (Sheldon Bradford's grandmother) for a generous donation of a cash card to Wal - Mart for our October supplies.

Thank you to Meg Leeds (Savanna Poythress's mom) for her kind donation of gardening tools and live plants.



ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS



WORKSHEET

USE THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN HIEROGLYPHS PICTURED ON THE RIGHT TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

1. DRAW YOUR NAME.

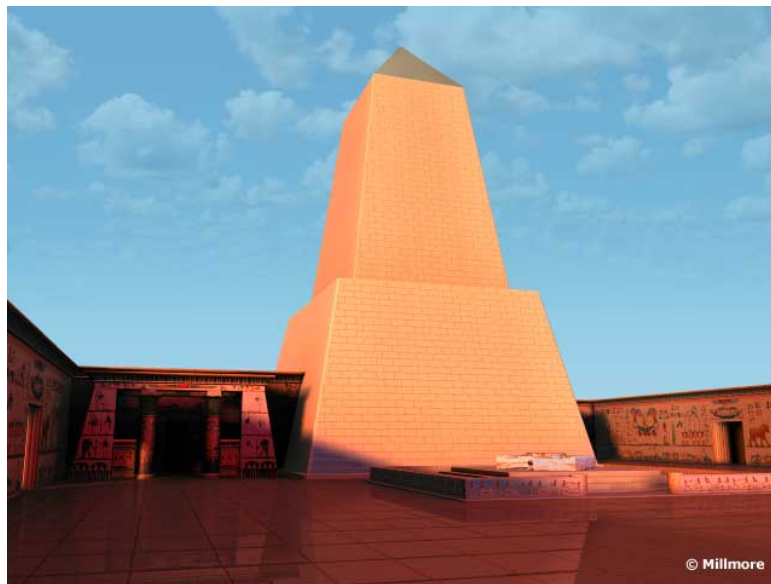
2. DRAW THE WORDS "GOLD RUSH"

3. DRAW THE WORD "BONANZA"

A	B	C	D	E		
H	I	J	K			
N	O	P	Q	R		
U	V	W				

VISIT MARK MILLMORE'S WEBSITE: WWW.DISCOVERINGEGYPT.COM TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. IDENTIFY THE BUILDING PICTURED BELOW.
2. WHERE IS THE TEMPLE OF ISIS LOCATED?
3. WHICH EGYPTIAN TEMPLE CONTAINS HEADED-COLUMNS?
4. WHICH EGYPTIAN TEMPLE WAS COMPLETED BY KING TUT AND CONTAINS A SHRINE TO ALEXANDER THE GREAT?



GOOD LUCK!



Take a tour of the Gold Rush Charter School Website!

www.goldrushcs.com



Stay up to date with Gold Rush Charter School by visiting our recently redesigned website.

Do you want to know more about our staff?

From our homepage, select “Contact Us” then click “Staff Directory”. You will find a short biography on our instructors as well as their contact information.

Need information on field trips?

From our homepage, click “Field Trips” to get information about the destination, dates, times and cost of all upcoming trips.

Want to know about homework assignments and grades?

We are in the process of integrating the software, MyGradeBook, into our website. This is a great program that has many wonderful features.

- It will show all of your child's homework, test, and quiz grades;
- It will show what assignments your child has and when it is due;
- It will show your child's attendance for each class;
- It will have messages from teachers and administration regarding the classes;
- Your child can take on-line quizzes for any instructor implementing this feature;
- It is a great place to keep in communication.

We hope you will take advantage of the many features our website has to offer and check back often as we are frequently updating. If you have any questions about the website, contact Lisa Hobbs at lhobbs@goldrushcs.com.



Rules of Life

Submitted by Lane Willey

1. Life is not fair—get used to it.
2. The world won't care about your self-esteem.
The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.
3. If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss.
4. Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity.
Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: they called it opportunity.
5. If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them
6. Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were.
7. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.
8. Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off.
9. Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.
10. Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

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Questions/requests can be
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**A Personalized
Learning Plan**

Gold Rush S.O.N.G
(Student Outcomes Needs & Goals)

Students will be:

- *Life-long learners*
- *Numerate and Literate*
- *Critical and Creative thinkers*
- *Responsible, productive & collaborative*

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9	No School	No School	Veterans' Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	Vision Recheck	20	21	22
23	24	25	No School	26	Happy Thanksgiving	No School	28
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