

THE GUSD PRESENTS... THE GROOVE

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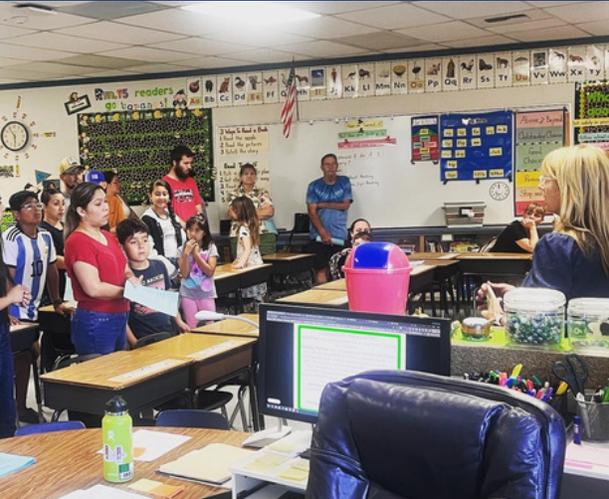


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LET'S CONNECT!

QUICK HITS!

GUSD is now on social media! Find us now on Facebook at *GUSD Gateway Unified School District* and on Instagram @officialgusd.

Gateway will release our new website format for increased communication and a user friendly experience. Stay tuned!



WHAT'S HAPPENING!

- SLS - Creepy Crawly Concert Thursday, October 19 · 5:30 - 6:30pm
- Parent/Teacher Conferences from October 9th to October 13th
- Dinner Theatre at CV Beginning October 19th
- Steve Henson, longtime GUSD Administrator is retiring October 2nd. Thank you, Steve, for your service to the GUSD!



BUCKEYE SCHOOL

Welcome Back!

Buckeye welcomed back returning and new staff with some great Professional Learning opportunities, but we also made time for some fun. Over the summer BSA was able to add to its talent pool by hiring three teachers and an additional seven para-professionals, welcome aboard! Pictured on the last page of *The Groove* is the entire Buckeye Staff displaying their artistry in the way of a Buckeye Bobcat – this lesson was led by our very own, Mrs. Carpenter.

Back-to-School Night

Buckeye held its Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 7th, 2023. This event kicked off in the Gym at 5:30 with information tables set up to include Indian Ed, Parent Club, Community Connect and others. We met our goal of beating last year's attendance numbers with over 200 families joining us. This is always a great opportunity to meet your student's teacher and sign up for the Parent/Teacher conference.

THANK YOU Redding Subaru

Redding Subaru, our local Subaru retailer, selected our school for this year's Subaru Loves Learning partnership. Our school received a credit through their nonprofit partner, AdoptAClassroom.org so our teachers can purchase the classroom supplies our students need to learn and thrive. We're so proud to be one of over 650 schools nationwide selected by local Subaru retailers. Through Subaru Loves Learning, they have put supplies in the hands of more than 470,000 students across the country. We look forward to deepening our partnership with Redding Subaru in the weeks and years to come. THANK YOU!

Check Us Out

Buckeye Bobcats are proud to share some of the great things happening on campus through our Facebook Page at [BSA/Bobcats](#). Our Facebook page contains postings such as events, activities and informational pieces i.e. breakfast and lunch menus. While you are checking us out, pop on over to our District Facebook page at [Official GUSD](#) and/or Instagram at [officialgusd](#) OR [Gateway Unified School District](#).

Putting Arts back in School of the Arts

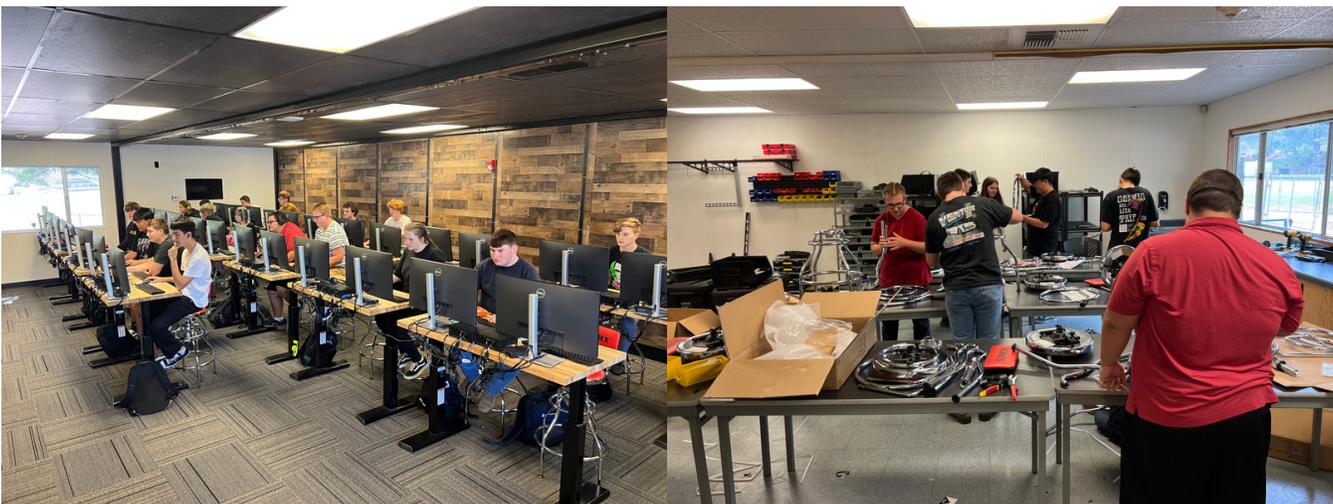
We are excited to welcome Mrs. Yvette Brown to BSA, as our new Art teacher. Along with her passion for Art, Mrs. Brown brings her experience and knowledge as a professional photographer to Buckeye. We look forward to sharing some amazing artwork from our budding young artists.



CENTRAL VALLEY

HIGH SCHOOL

New CTE courses are taking off! Manufacturing and Advanced Robotics. (Taught by Mr. Gilbert) brings STEM to life with a hands-on teaching approach. CV will now be offering six CTE pathways on campus in addition to existing pathways through ROP. CAD is a new program teaching students design and innovation. CAD students will design projects that manufacturing students will then create. CV is continuing with 10 college courses in partnership with Shasta College. Ag Floral has made its way back to CV teaching students floral design and small business skills. We are excited to have Financial Literacy for our juniors and seniors. This class allows students to tackle and understand finances in the real world. Fall sports are in full force showcasing our student athletes: football, volleyball, cheerleading, cross-country, swimming, girls' golf and girls' tennis. CVHS has seven foreign exchange students for the 23-24 school year, sharing their cultures and perspectives to our corner of the world.





GRAND OAKS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

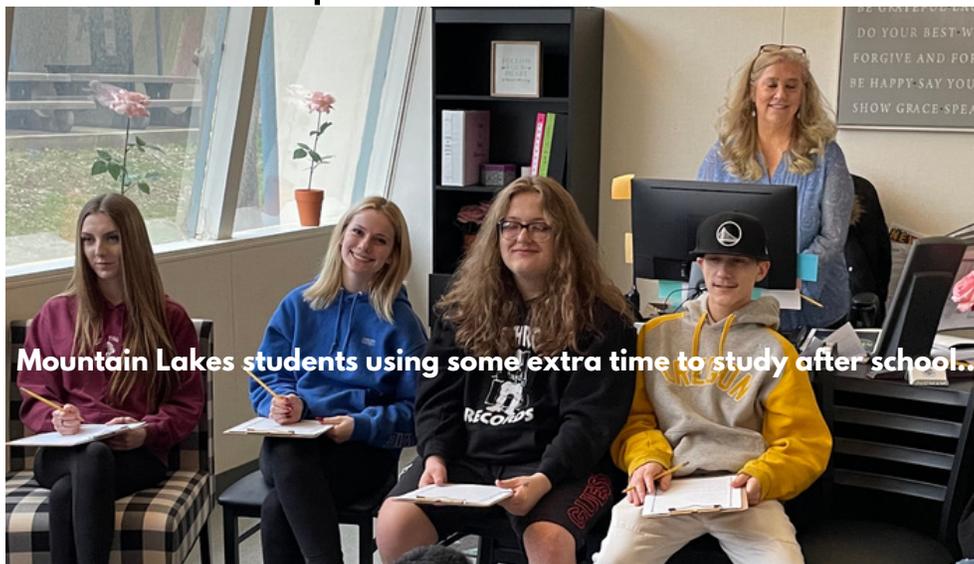
Grand Oaks has had a fantastic start to the new school year. In September, Cross Country is starting for kindergarten thru fifth graders. It is such a great opportunity for our younger students to participate in a school sport. Grand Oaks will be hosting a K-3 meet on Friday, October 6th. Our *Back to School Night* took place on September 7th. The Parent Club provided hot dogs for students and their families. The Kona Ice Truck served our GOES community and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Parent Club. Thank you to our volunteers and community supporters!





MOUNTAIN LAKES SCHOOL

Welcome back to school! We wish all our students and families a wonderful year! Our Back-to-School Night is coming up on September 14th 5:30–6:30 PM. Come on out and enjoy a BBQ hotdog and meet all of the staff. We look forward to seeing you there. Also, we have been finishing up our beginning of the year MAP testing and have already started planning our first dance of the year. More information about the dance will be coming out soon. Finally, the Site Council is getting started in the next few weeks. If you are interested in serving on the site council, please let us know. We always want involved parents and community members to be a part of the team.



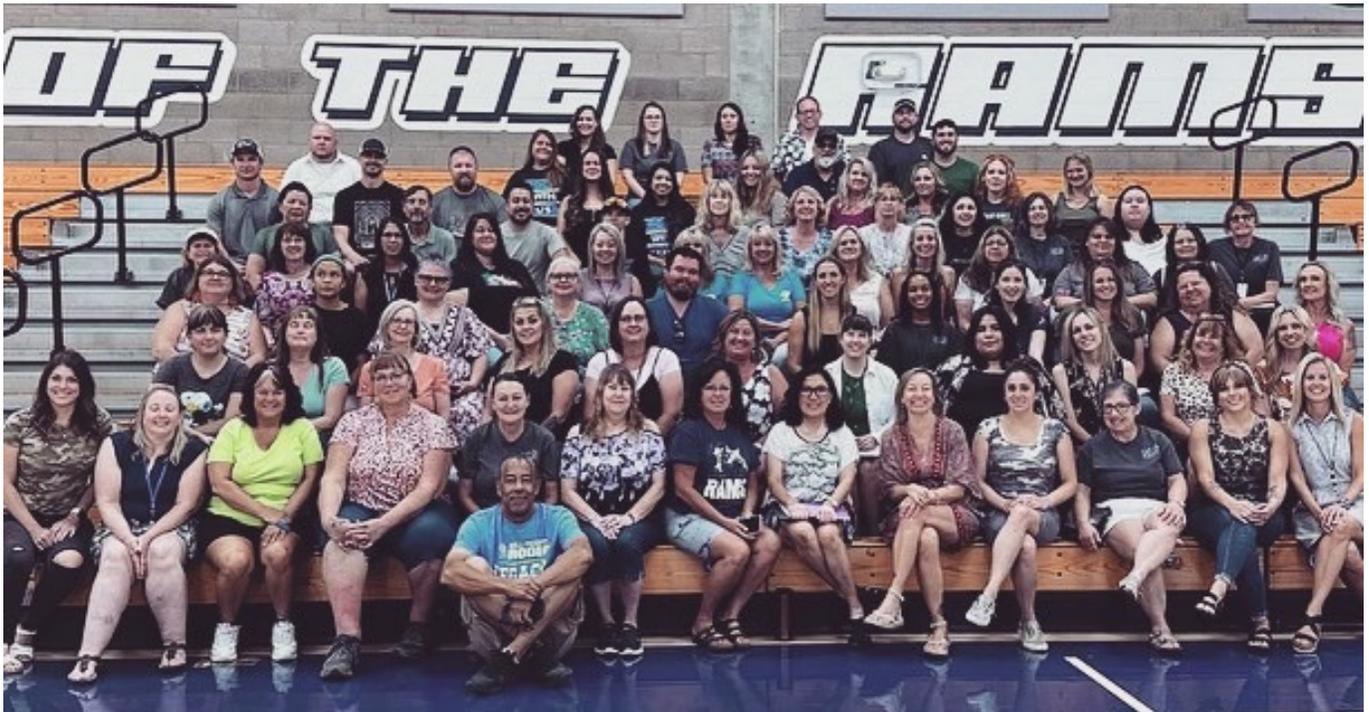
Mountain Lakes students using some extra time to study after school.



SHASTA LAKE SCHOOL

SLS is off to a great start with one month underway! Back to School night was a success with Parent Club providing hot dogs before parents visited classes.

NWEA Fall Testing is completed for students in the areas of Reading, Math, and Science. Sports are in full swing with Soccer, Cross Country, and Volleyball all practicing and preparing for their games. The leadership students have been actively planning for the Welcome Back Dance for 6th-8th Grade Students on Thursday, 9/14/23.



TECHNOLOGY

Despite Gateway USD not being a large school district, its cybersecurity threats are similar to those of larger districts. The recent uptick in criminal activity holding data hostage and increased state sponsored nefarious activity has caused the technology department to focus more on security over the past few years than ever before.

Some of the most prominent steps taken recently by the technology department are:

- We implemented Falcon Complete by CrowdStrike in August. This service will actively monitor in real time and remediate any malware/virus issues. We also have their MDR service, a 24/7 monitoring by live agents that respond to any virus/malware detection on our computers/servers.
- Additionally, in August, SCOE replaced our firewall with the latest “next-gen” firewall from Palo Alto. This appliance identifies and monitors network traffic to or from our network and takes other security measures.
- Last school year, we implemented Google multifactor authentication on many services and products, such as Aeries. Our Google services also actively scan to prevent external sharing of PII (personally identifiable information).
- We instituted cloud-based backups of District data to ensure that we could be up and running reasonably quickly in a worst-case scenario. These backups have the latest “immutable backups” that prevent even someone with IT admin credentials from deleting them for a specified period.
- We enhanced our Google email services to reject unauthenticated email services, thus reducing spam from questionable email sources and preventing spoofing attempts.
- Content filtering of all student and staff Internet traffic by an advanced appliance, as well as GoGuardian filtering of student Chromebooks.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

When you think of school and what that means to you and your students, I bet you never think of it in terms of a business. That is why we are here. We are here to quietly and efficiently run the “Business” of the school. Let me introduce your Business team. (L to R) Aleisha - Payroll, Lamara - Accountant, Colette - Business Service Technician, Beth - Director of Business Services, Gwen - Accounts Payable and Melinie - Payroll Clerk. We are a “Super Staff” ready and willing to serve.



HUMAN RESOURCES

The HR Department has had an action-packed start to the school year! We are aggressively recruiting and hiring as quickly as we can. Districtwide, there are currently 28 vacant classified positions which include 1 bus driver and 1 school office manager. There are currently 13 vacant certificated positions which include 3 vacant speech pathologist positions and 5 special education teaching positions. The good news here is that we have 3 new teachers actively working through the hiring process!

Last week, the HR Department relocated the Personnel Records Room to another building. It was a lot of hard work! We are very thankful to CJ Gray, David Israel, Jarrod Lorentzen and Joseph Knighten for moving all of the fireproof file cabinets. We couldn't have done it without them! A special shout out to Kevin Bova for helping move boxes and boxes of files!

Districtwide, the staff is working to complete their Keenan training videos. The District is required to have 100% completion by September 15th. We are currently just over 75%. Let's go Gateway! We can do this!

STUDENT SERVICES

With the development of the Students Services Department, I am finding it extremely rewarding to focus plans and unify services to support our students. Our nurses have settled into their various roles on each of our school sites and are supporting the daily needs. They have also been focused on a variety of screenings and general health protocols for our students. The department will continue to work with everyone on the development and implementation of positive attendance strategies. Collaborative work has been underway to address positive behavior support for our students.

Under the Student Services Department, the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) has released a Request for Proposals. These proposals are for services to be provided during the school break camp sessions. We are looking forward to providing some exciting experiences for our students in the coming year.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The new school year is in full swing and we are actively coordinating with multiple departments, school sites and other entities to adjust to the needs of our returning and new students. Staffing for our classrooms continues to be a priority as we are currently short in both certificated and classified staff. We continue to partner with online speech providers, SCOE programs and service providers and neighboring districts to meet the needs of our students while accessing the supports that SELPA has been able to offer.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

One of the great things about being a unified district is the opportunity to support one another across sites. Staff has voiced a need to be able to work with teachers, and this month Instructional services is excited to support this! In the month of September, teachers across the district will be able to collaborate and really delve into math instruction.

Gateway has numerous teachers participating in "The Science of Reading", a research based approach to improving reading instruction. Times are schedule to break down curriculum and begin the process of K-12 alignment.

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

In Maintenance and Operations, the District just completed a long awaited revamp of all "BARD" HVAC units, District wide (@114 units). This will aid in the utility savings but more importantly, those classrooms with the new units will have improved air quality.

The CVHS football field was "re-turfed" with a fresh lay down of sod for the 2023 season and beyond. The CVHS track was also recently re-done with a new base and surface applied. These two projects having been completed provide a great field play area and surface for our high school athletes and students. The next project in line for this area is the revamping of the stadium lighting. Soon the District will be replacing the existing lights with modern LED field/track lighting with bond monies.

District wide, the yearly "Deferred Maintenance" work took place at all sites over the summer, setting them up for student and staff return.

Within Food Services, the District continues to offer breakfast and lunch to all students "free of charge" as we roll into our second year of CEP feeding. (Community Eligibility Provision) Healthy, nutritious meals are provided daily with locally grown fresh fruit and a fresh salad bar daily at lunch.



Meet the Buckeye 8th Grade Volleyball Team!



Board Member, Dale Wallace and Charlene Gray at Buckeye Back To School Night!



Buckeye Staff displaying their Bobcats!



Superintendent, Kyle Turner, playing quarterback before school at Shasta Lake School.