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# THE GUS D PRESENTS... THE GROOVE

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## QUICK HITS!

Tea Kaizen (left) is the cross country course record holder after dominating at the "Stan Goodell-The Legend" in Grants Pass, Oregon. Congratulations!

**GUSD**  
LET'S CONNECT!

GUSD will begin transitioning to a new website over the next two months. Be on the lookout for a much improved layout and easy to navigate web pages!



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INFORMATION AND SEE THE  
AMAZING THINGS HAPPENING  
ON OUR CAMPUSES!

**Buckeye School**  
**Central Valley High School**  
**Grand Oaks Elementary School**  
**Mountain Lakes High School**  
**Shasta Lake School**



# BUCKEYE SCHOOL

## Jog-A-Thon

It has been an eventful October for the Buckeye Bobcats! Students, staff and parent volunteers joined in the BSA Jog-A-Thon. The students had a great time and quite a bit of exercise, THANK YOU to all our volunteer helpers.

## TK-1st Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

Our littles enjoyed the fall festivities at Nash Ranch Pumpkin Patch. TK-1st Grades went on a field trip in mid October. Thank you, parent chaperones!

## Shasta County Fire Prevention Officers Association

THANK YOU Shasta County Fire Prevention Officers Association. TK-2nd graders were able to meet Sparky, Smokey Bear and Captain Cal and learn about fire safety. Thank you for the Fire Safety Goody Bags.

## Sports Wrap-Up

Soccer, Volleyball and Cross Country have all wrapped up their seasons. Thank you to all our coaches and Athletic Director.

## Flag Football

BSA Parent Club is sponsoring our first ever Flag Football Team. It will be a co-ed team with students in 6th-8th grades participating. We will keep you posted on the stats.





# CENTRAL VALLEY

## HIGH SCHOOL

**First quarter just wrapped up at the high school on October 13. Our Key Club hosted their first Blood Drive of the year and collected 17 units of blood. New manufacturing equipment was delivered to the school with professional development coming in the next week for the instructors. Our AG department and FFA are busy making monthly floral arrangements. Contact Stacy Hardesty if you would like to subscribe monthly or for the entire school year. This weekend there will be Dinner Theater in Talon Hall. Check out social media for times and cost. All sports' teams are celebrating their seniors as the fall athletic season comes to a close. Our fall music concert will be October 25. ASB did a fantastic job with HOCO 2023 rally, events, and dance. Next up, the powder puff game on November 1 with junior versus senior girls. The football players take on the role of the coaches and the girls take the field showcasing their mad skills.**





# GRAND OAKS

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**October is a busy month for Grand Oaks. On October 5th/6th we held the K-3 Cross Country Finals at our site. There was a fantastic turn out to support the runners. During the second week of October, teachers held parent conferences to go over student progress and answer any parent questions. We also had our Scholastic Book Fair where parents are able to purchase books. Many classes are celebrating good attendance with a popcorn party. The parent club is planning several events this month including Red Ribbon week, and the Annual Harvest Festival.**





# MOUNTAIN LAKES GATEWAY EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS/COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOLS

Mountain Lakes has completed the first session and we celebrated by holding an awards assembly last week.

Now, Mountain Lakes is looking forward to the first dance of the year on the 26th preceded with a dress up spirit week. Community Day is holding our first reward trip next week taking all the level 4 and 5 students to Exodus Farms. Everyone is excited to volunteer and enjoy some horseback riding! Finally, GEO is continuing to build up their garden program and will be taking two field trips to Shasta College and Nash's Ranch. Lots happening for all three programs!

Student of session 1



Perfect Attendance  
Session 1





# SHASTA LAKE SCHOOL

**With just a month remaining until the conclusion of the first trimester, SLS has organized some thrilling events to enjoy as we approach the finish line. The week of October 16, we're conducting bus evacuation drills to ensure our students know how to ride the bus safely. On Thursday, October 19, at 5:30 p.m., our music program will be presenting its annual Creepy Crawly Concert, featuring our talented students. Mark your calendars for the 6th-8th-grade Halloween Dance on Thursday, October 26, at 5:30 p.m. And on Friday, October 26, we'll celebrate our Fall athletes during our Fall Rally.**



# TECHNOLOGY

The spare Chromebooks whose purchase was approved by the Board of Trustees last month have now arrived and are being prepared for student use.

We thank the BOE for their continued support. After the initial customary spike of support requests at the start of the school year, requests have stabilized, and technician response time has improved. The goal of the technology department is to provide outstanding customer service to our employees and students by removing whatever obstacles we can from the educational environment while maintaining the safety and security of our data and network infrastructure.



Our IT Director, Scott Sorrells, shows up to the District's cabinet meeting in 49er gear to give Superintendent Turner a hard time after his Cowboys suffered a big loss to the red and gold!

# **BUSINESS DEPARTMENT**

**October is a quiet month in the Business Department. We have successfully closed the books for 2022-23 and now look forward to making sure school sites have what they need financially to support our students to the best of our capacity.**

**We are also experiencing a loss in our little Business family as we say goodbye to Aleisha Card, our Payroll QUEEN! Aleisha is moving in a different direction in her career and will be learning the accounting end of a school district. We wish her well and remind her daily that we have her cell phone on speed dial. We also look forward to introducing you to our new payroll person in the November issue of the Groove.**

# HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources has been working toward filling all of our vacant positions. We have been posting positions, scheduling interviews and assisting new hires as they work through the mountain of new hire paperwork.

We are fortunate to have hired a Licensed Mental Health Professional for the District. Please welcome Wendy Moon, LMFT, as you see her on your campus. Wendy brings to Gateway over 13 years of experience working in the mental health field. Most recently, she was the Clinical Program Coordinator at Shasta County Children's Mental Health. Prior to that, she was a Mental Health Clinician at Victor Community Support Services and Shasta County Office of Education. Welcome aboard, Wendy! We are thrilled to have you join the Gateway family!

Additionally, we have hired several new classified staff at the various school sites:

**Buckeye School of the Arts: Wilson Chambers,  
Group Leader**

**Grand Oaks Elementary: Julie Saechao,  
Paraprofessional II (REACH)**

**Shasta Lake School: Andi Wilkins,  
Paraprofessional II and Mark Hutchinson,  
Paraprofessional III**

Please be looking for these folks on campus and offer them support and encouragement as they embark on their new journey with GUSD!

# INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

**Collaboration and Communication:** October kicked off with a productive district level PLC day! K-8 reconvened to dive into common assessment data to gauge how students are progressing, discuss curriculum, and share effective teaching practices. Teachers from CVHS and MLHS were able to come together to look at ways to support skills assessed in CAASPP and to discuss how to best help students reach mastery. Music, Art and PE grades 6-12 were able to meet in their respective departments to talk about how to vertically align their programs. In response to feedback from these long-awaited district PLCs, Instructional Services is following up on curriculum and support needs communicated across the district.

**Curriculum and Programs:** Instructional Services is continuing to meet with Shasta College as well as partnering with community leaders to investigate exciting new ways to expand our already awesome CTE offerings. As we continue to listen to the needs and concerns of our teachers, October will be the first of a nine week series that site leaders and instructional services will attend in order to dive into the most recent research regarding reading and how to best support teachers in refining our comprehensive reading program. We're looking forward to learning more about how we can best serve our students and support our teachers.

**Assessment:** Sites are reflecting on Fall NWEA data as well as the FIAB/IABs (small assessment tools) to support CAASPP skill progress, all of which can help us better gauge student growth as we move through the school year.



# STUDENT SERVICES

We have been actively planning for the various Expanded Learning Opportunities that will be offered during our **CAMP** weeks in the coming school year. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was posted and we will be presenting two contracts for services to the Board of Trustees in October. The contracts offer our students opportunities to experience a wide range of activities that will enrich, inspire and elevate their learning. **CAMPS** will be offered at SLS, BSA, and GOES during Winter Break, Presidents' Week, Spring Break and Summer Session.

Our SAILS Program will be celebrating national **LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL!** during the week of October 23rd - 27th. This event was created to celebrate after school programs and their important role in the lives of children, families and communities. Lights shine bright in our SAILS program and we are honored to participate in this event. Students and staff will host a special after school open house on October 25th from 4pm - 6pm at SLS, GOES and BSA to showcase the many projects and activities that our students engage in during extended learning. On October 26th during SAILS, students will travel to the Sundial Bridge to further celebrate Lights On! They will be wearing yellow and will walk the bridge, which will be illuminated yellow.



# TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is getting “Into the Groove” and is new and improved!

On September 19th phase one of the School Bus Drivers Training Program began and will complete on October 12th. Phase two will proceed upon the completion of the initial interview with the California Highway Patrol. Transportation would like to thank the advocates and CSEA for keynote speaking during the orientation. The staff received a Fire Extinguisher training that was provided by Zach with Foothill Fire Protection. The School Bus Drivers had a hands-on opportunity to extinguish a live fire. The department is aware that education is key and a successful bus ride lies in the hands of a safe professional driver.

It is with much ENTHUSIASM to share that school activity trips have already kicked off for the athletes within the Gateway Unified School District. Several of the drivers who have been assigned these activity trips have shared their positive reviews in chauffeuring the teams to their destinations safely. Keep up the great work teams. Gateway for the WIN! 😊

With the support of the Board, the Transportation premises continues to transform and evolve. All of the vans approved for removal have been removed! The shop personnel and the business department have made this goal possible in a short amount of time. Transportation will continue to strategize its priorities and look forward to maximizing the opportunities and training that will be provided on the premises.

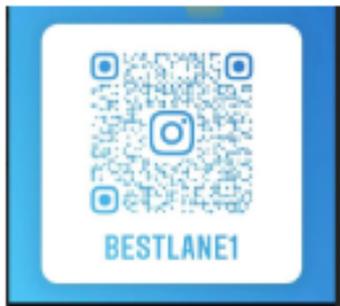
Keep an eye on the progress. Paint and alterations of vehicle arrangement will be coming soon!

Thank you to our Professional Student Transporters, Shop Technicians, Staffing at site levels, the community and students for all of your roles with the Transportation Department. Although our team is small, we are mighty. Every bus driver is at the school bus capacity school of 78 students! (Imagine that and some models up to 84 students;).

To ALL the school bus drivers servicing our district, the strengths and care you demonstrate do not go unnoticed.

**KEEP TRUCKIN'!**

# TRANSPORTATION CONTINUED



Follow us for detailed information!

# MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Maintenance and Operations received its long awaited “reel” mower for the football field in mid September after what seemed like an eternity of waiting. This piece of equipment was ordered almost two years ago. It replaces a mower that was 15 years old. The new mower is more ergonomically suited for the operator, has a wider cut and moves along faster. All great benefits in aiding to the upkeep of the newly laid turf on our field. We also received our new “sweeper” October 10th that replaces another piece of aged equipment. The sweeper clears the field of grass clippings.

Nutritional Services took possession of our long awaited replacement box delivery truck in late September. This vehicle is replacing one that was 24 years old and on its last legs. It has been on order for 10 months. The department was able to use KIT Grant funds for this entire purchase. Stay tuned for the pics after we have it “wrapped” to promote the District and our Food Service department.





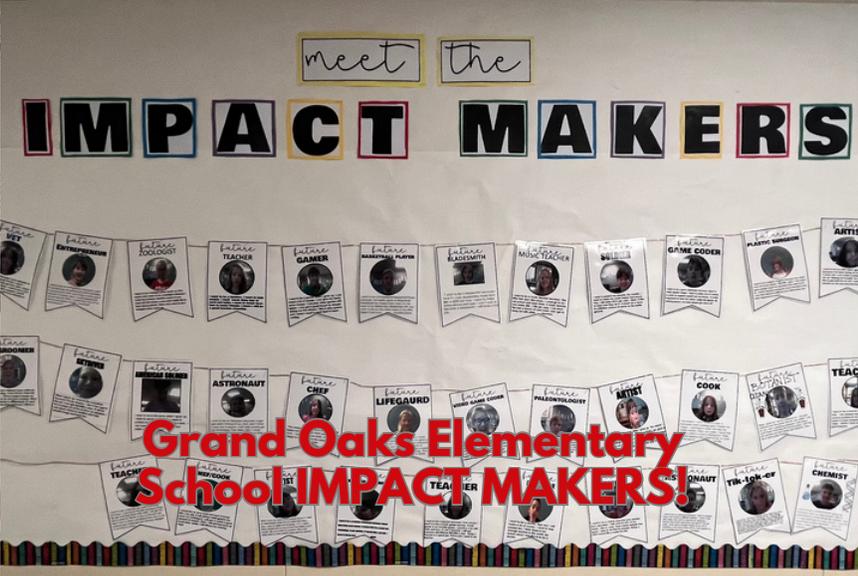
Introducing our new SRO at CVHS and SLS, Megan.



Celebrating CV Alumnus and Buckeye colleague, Austin Murch, who qualified for the Boston Marathon!



"Smokey The Bear" reinforcing fire safety with our students!



Grand Oaks Elementary School IMPACT MAKERS!



The Fifth Grade Amazing Teaching Squad at Grand Oaks poses for a quick photo!