

# THE GUSD PRESENTS... THE GROOVE

**NEWS  
ALERT!**

**Central Valley High School Posts The Top Scores Of All County High Schools!  
First in English Language Arts/Writing and Second in Mathematics!**

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE OF THE GROOVE!

- Extra Photo Pages Included For Our Sites
- GUSD School and Director Reports
- Important Calendar Dates, Information and Quick Hits From GUSD!



**LAUREN KALSBECK**

Congrats to Lauren Kalsbeek (CV Class of 2021) For Being Named Widener University Swimmer of the Week!

**GUSD**  
LET'S CONNECT!

## QUICK HITS!

- THE GUSD IS PARTNERING WITH SIERRA PACIFIC TO ENHANCE CTE PROGRAMS AND EXPLORATORY CAREERS FOR ALL STUDENTS.
- GATEWAY WILL BE ADDING NEW SIGNAGE AND BRANDING AT OUR DISTRICT OFFICE VERY SOON!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

- Thanksgiving Break Is Next Week: 11/20-11/24
- The District Has Started The Process Of Migrating Information To Our New Website Platform Set To Be Released This Winter!
- Winter Sports Is Here So Get Connected And Involved!
- Be On The Lookout For Activities And Performances By Our Fantastic Classes, Clubs and Performing Arts Programs Over November and December As Our Amazing Students Represent!



# BUCKEYE SCHOOL

## **Halloween Parade**

Thank you to all our parents and staff for an amazing Halloween Parade. The students and staff alike enjoyed the opportunity to dress up and show off their spectacular costumes.

## **Book Fair**

Buckeye wrapped up its first Book Fair of the 2023-24 school year and it was a great success. Sales were made in excess of \$5200! Thank you everyone for your continued support.

## **Sports**

6th-8th Coed Flag Football and 7th-8th Girls' Basketball has officially launched their season. Games are typically held on Mondays and Wednesdays - come check them out.

## **National Stem Day**

Thank you to Miss Simons for providing some STEM activities for our middle schoolers, in honor of National Stem Day. Also, thank you to Judy Flores for her visit to our STEAM Classroom and allowing our students to share the great things they are doing in service to our school.

## **Schreder Planetarium**

Buckeye 2nd Graders will be attending a field trip to the Schreder Planetarium this month. Students and teachers alike are excited about seeing the immersive 3D effect on the dome.

## **End of Trimester**

The first trimester has ended and celebrations are to be had! Report cards will be coming home and awards will be given out. Please be on the lookout for the announcement of the winner of the attendance raffle. The basket to be awarded is on display in the front office.

## **Pie Social**

The kindergarten Pie Social will be held on November 17th at 1pm. Weather permitting, it will be held outside. If inclement weather, then we will move it indoors on campus.



**COACH DAVIS WITH ONE OF OUR BUCKEYE SCHOOL HOOP SQUADS!**



*Happy Halloween!*



# CENTRAL VALLEY

## HIGH SCHOOL

### **Sports**

Football made the playoffs with a 5-5 record. Tea Kaizen was 4th overall in the NAL as a sophomore running varsity and qualified for state in Sections. John Borrego qualified for masters swimming competition in the 100 yard breaststroke category. All athletes worked extremely hard this fall to make it to these next levels.

### **Spanish**

Spanish 1 and 2 students learned about the culture and background of Day of the Dead through food and art projects. Students were able to create items which allowed them to experience the cultural significance of this day.

### **Special Recognitions**

Four teachers were recognized by our ASB class for Teacher of the Month for October: 9th- Don Wade (Art), 10th- Patrick Hall (Weight Training), 11th- Paul Bigelow (US History), 12th- Brittany Mann (Math).

Sixteen students were recognized for the first quarter for being 'EXEMPLARY.' They were recognized by a luncheon hosted by Mr. Henderson and our Food Services' class. We appreciate them for being great people all the way around.

### **Expansion of Partnership with Shasta College**

CVHS is excited to announce that Shasta College has partnered with us to add a math class to our other 11 college classes that we offer to our students on the CVHS campus. Students will be able to enroll for the 24-25 school year.

### **Robotics Competition**

Our teams traveled to a Chico Tournament with two teams. The team competed for multiple awards in alliance and skills.

### **FFA**

We had a few visits from some special guests for our students. Lambs and goats came to campus to encourage our students to take an animal to the fair. Students will be receiving the animals in the next few months and will be hard at work at the farm.



**2023 CV GRADS AND LADY FALCON HOOPERS, RAMLA CLARKE-SCHOLFIED AND KENNEDY LAIN, ARE REPRESENTING AT UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII HILO AND UC MERCED!**





# GRAND OAKS

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### **Harvest Festival**

The Parent Club hosted the Annual Harvest Festival on October 27th. Many families were able to attend and had a great time. It is their biggest fundraiser of the year.

### **Halloween**

Most students came to school dressed in their Halloween costumes. We had a parade when school started. Many parents came to watch.

### **Veterans Day Music Performance**

Our music teacher, Andi Beadle, organized our annual Veterans Day Music Performance. Local Veterans were invited. Our fourth and fifth graders sang several patriotic songs and did an amazing job.

### **Veterans Day Parade**

Saturday, November 4th Grand Oaks decorated a float for the Shasta Lake Veteran's Day Parade. The float was decorated in Red, White and Blue. Many students rode on the float as they waved to the crowd. Parents and staff walked behind handing out flags and candy. Mugs were also handed out to Veterans in the crowd in appreciation of their service.

### **Jog-A-Thon**

The fourth and fifth graders will be having a jog-a-thon in November to raise money for supplies and field trips. Students will be asking family members and friends to sponsor them.

### **End of First Trimester**

November was the last day of the first trimester. Teachers will be working to prepare report cards to send home to each family. We will hold our first awards ceremony on November 17th to celebrate academic growth, citizenship and good attendance.



# GRAND OAKS ELEMENTARY "GOES" BIG ON VETERANS DAY!





# MOUNTAIN LAKES

# SCHOOL

## **Halloween Dance**

The Halloween dance that was held on October 26th was a huge success! The students did a great job with planning and decorating while all the students that attended had a great time! Thank you leadership class, you all rock!

## **CDS Reward Trip**

We held our first reward trip of the year on October 19th. The students went to Exodus Ranch and volunteered, learned about all the different livestock and enjoyed riding horses. In addition, all the students enjoyed a special lunch and then finished the day with bowling. We all look forward to the next trip coming up in a couple more weeks

## **Session 2 Ended**

Session 2 is now complete and we have our next awards assembly coming up soon. We enjoy recognizing all the students that worked hard and chose to come to school every day. We are very proud of all of our students as they work toward their goal of high school graduation.

## **GEO**

We have welcomed our new GEO teacher, Keith Kalinowski. Keith is coming to us from southern california and is "coming home". Keith grew up in the north state and was looking forward to the day when he was able to return. We are fortunate to have Keith as part of the GEO team!





# SHASTA LAKE SCHOOL

We had an amazing Costume Parade on Halloween and were able to accommodate parent visitors for this spooky event! Thank you, parents, for making time to see your students proudly showing off their costumes.

Our Parent Club will present its annual Pie Social on Thursday, November 16 at 5:30 in the cafeteria. Bring a pie to share and enjoy in a basket raffle for a fundraiser. Raffle tickets will be available at the event.

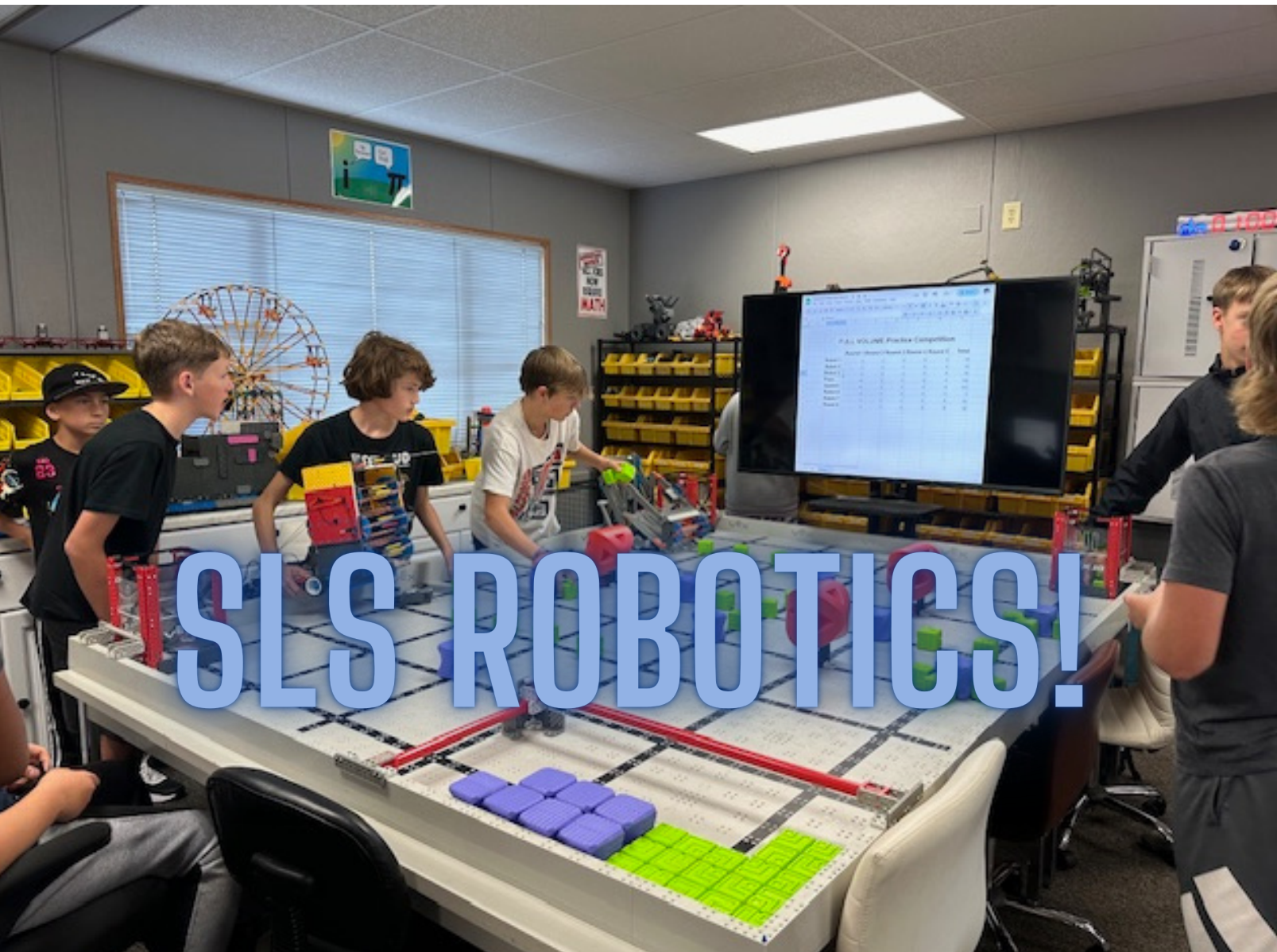
We will be holding our 1st-Trimester Awards Assembly on Friday, November 17 in the gym. K/1st grades will be at 8:34, 4th/5th grade at 9:15, 2nd/3rd grade at 9:45 and 6th-8th grade will be at 12:55. This will be a great event to see all of our top students receiving recognition for all their hard work.

New school shirts are available for purchase for \$15.00 and hoodies for \$30. Come to the office to purchase our new gear!

We have a new SLS Teacher that has been added to our site. Welcome, Jill McKinnon! She is our new SDC teacher for TK-2nd grade.

Girls basketball has been in full swing since November 1st and will continue through mid-December. We have 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teams representing our school.

Good luck and go RAMS!



# SLS ROBOTICS!



Mrs. Parsons and Mr. Hunt Love Their School Spirit Weeks!



RED RIBBON WEEK!

# TECHNOLOGY

In October, our Technology Department began weekly staff training called technical “Deep Dives.” These weekly meetings review more advanced topics and investigate why and how things work throughout our technology infrastructure. This initiative aims to fortify our team’s expertise and ensure seamless support for educators and students. In this program, our staff will undergo comprehensive cross-training in intricate technology topics, ensuring that when a colleague is absent due to illness or vacation, their wealth of knowledge and skill sets remain accessible, providing uninterrupted support for the District. This proactive approach not only enhances the overall resilience of our department but also underscores our unwavering commitment to empowering our educators and students with the best technological solutions and customer service possible.



# BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

We have hired Leona Stainbrook to fill our open Payroll position. Please continue to contact payroll through the [payrollservices@gwusd.org](mailto:payrollservices@gwusd.org) email.

Three times a year, schools update the budgets and evaluate fiscal stability. November is our first update of the 2023/24 fiscal year since the budget was adopted in June. We are looking at each site, department and position within the District, and estimating what we will need to finish the school year. We are also projecting what is necessary for the next two years and starting discussions about what the fiscal health of the District looks like in those out years. We evaluate if we can function at our current level – What does our enrollment look like? What do retirements look like? How have the birth rates been to anticipate incoming kinders? How does the economy look? Each of these factors (and more) have a direct impact on Gateway Unified School District and help our leadership in planning efforts. If you ever have a question about the Business side of Gateway, please do not hesitate to contact us, we would be happy to answer any questions ([broberts@gwusd.org](mailto:broberts@gwusd.org)).

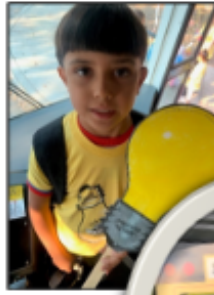
# HUMAN RESOURCES

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Anna Murch on her well-deserved promotion from the front desk receptionist position! This week, she's been diligently transitioning into her new office, so you'll still have no trouble reaching her. In addition, we're thrilled to announce that we successfully completed and certified our CBEDS data within the set deadline. A big thank you to all our dedicated office managers and transportation department for promptly supplying the necessary information, enabling us to compile the reports effectively. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

# TRANSPORTATION

On October 26th, several drivers chauffeured the S.A.I.L.S program to the Sundial Bridge. Launched in 2000, Lights On Afterschool is the only nationwide event celebrating the afterschool program bringing media awareness across the country. Transportation would like to THANK ALL the staff who made it possible to coordinate and meet our goal to bring awareness to this important cause! It was the first time the Sundial was lit yellow.

The celebrations of October 31st were expressed amongst all of the staff and students on the school bus!



YOU CAN'T  
SCARE ME  
  
I DRIVE A  
SCHOOL BUS



# INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

On behalf of our entire office, I'd like to welcome Asia Coleman as our new Application Systems Technician. Her role is instrumental to what we do in Instructional Services as well as the rest of the departments. We're excited to have her on our team!

We've been working hard to build our college and career offerings. This month a team presented to the Shasta College Math Department and received approval to offer Math 73 Industrial Math as a facilitated option next year! This course fulfills the math requirement for numerous Shasta College Industry Certificates including AS Diesel Technology, AS Welding Technology, and Equipment Operations & Maintenance Certificate to name a few. We can't wait for our students to be able to get a head start on their career aspirations.

We also met with Sierra Pacific Industries to plan the different ways we can partner with them. In addition to networking our CTE pathways with them, we have several exciting career exploration opportunities on the horizon.

# STUDENT SERVICES

We are actively preparing for the upcoming Expanded Learning Opportunity Program (ELOP) Winter Camp, which will be offered January 2-5 at BSA, SLS and GOES. These camps are open to all Tk-8 students. We have planned a variety of daily activities which include jiu-jitsu, football camp, winter snow activities and much more!!!

ELOP Camps will also be offered on the following dates: February 20-23, April 1-5, and during summer school June 10-23.

# MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

As we roll into the fall and winter months, our site maintenance and custodial are actively preparing for winter and the rainy season. With volleyball concluded and basketball getting underway, the various sites work hard to maintain the court surfaces. The LED lighting upgrade to the football field/track area at CVHS will be getting underway shortly now that the football season has concluded. This will be a very nice addition to the track and field complex area.

Within Food Services, the district continues to provide at no cost to our students breakfast and lunch. These healthy and nutritious meals are prepared daily and we are proud to also be providing fresh salad bars every day at every site for lunch. Check out some salad bar pics. Locally grown fresh fruit is also available. This time of year some of the sweetest mandarins around will be arriving! The food service staff works tirelessly to provide these healthy and nutritious meals. Take a quick look at how the "wrap" came out on our new truck. Great exposure for our district as it travels to the sites daily.





## THE GUSD REVEALS THEIR NEW FOOD TRUCK DESIGN!



Delicious Salad Bars For All GUSD Students!

