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THE GUS D PRESENTS... GROOVE

WELCOME BACK

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*Learning Walk
at Grand Oaks!*



GUSD COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

STAY CONNECTED!



- **PARENT SQUARE**



ParentSquare

Parent Square delivers all school information to families through a simple application. We highly recommend you download this to stay up to the minute. Download or visit www.parentsquare.com/signin

- **AERIES**



AERIES allows you to stay current with your student's academic progress to help ensure success. This is incredibly important for parents to stay involved with academics and attendance throughout the school year. Download Aeries Mobile App and find AERIES at <http://gateway.asp.aeries.net>

- **THE WEB (NEW WEBSITE)**



We encourage you to review our new website at www.gatewayusd.org to explore all of our schools and find everything you need to navigate between them. You can also find our monthly publication, "The Groove," here, along with past issues.

- **FACEBOOK**



Facebook celebrates GUSD achievements and will provide essential dates and information about upcoming events. Give as a follow @GUSD Gateway Unified School District.

- **INSTAGRAM**



Instagram is another form of social media that posts announcements, events, and celebrations related to the GUSD. Follow us @officialgusd.

Tips Parents Can Use to Help Their Student Succeed

READ

READING IS THE FOUNDATION FOR ALL LEARNING. READ TO YOUR YOUNG CHILD, ENCOURAGE YOUR OLDER CHILD TO READ TO YOU, OR SPEND TIME TOGETHER AS A FAMILY READING. ALL THIS HELPS YOUR CHILD DEVELOP STRONG READING HABITS AND SKILLS FROM THE BEGINNING AND REINFORCES THESE HABITS AND SKILLS AS YOUR CHILD GROWS. READING IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS YOU CAN MAKE TO YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION.

PRACTICE WRITING AT HOME

LETTERS, JOURNAL ENTRIES, E-MAIL MESSAGES, AND GROCERY LISTS ARE ALL WRITING OPPORTUNITIES. SHOW THAT WRITING IS AN EFFECTIVE FORM OF COMMUNICATION AND THAT YOU WRITE FOR A VARIETY OF PURPOSES.

MAKE MATH PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE

COOKING, GARDENING, PAYING BILLS, AND EVEN SHOPPING ARE ALL GOOD WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND AND USE MATHEMATICS SKILLS. SHOW THAT THERE MAY BE MANY WAYS TO GET TO THE RIGHT ANSWER AND ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO EXPLAIN HIS OR HER METHOD.

ASK YOUR CHILD TO EXPLAIN HIS OR HER THINKING

ASK LOTS OF "WHY" QUESTIONS. CHILDREN SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN THEIR REASONING, HOW THEY CAME UP WITH THE RIGHT ANSWER, AND WHY THEY CHOSE ONE ANSWER OVER ANOTHER.

EXPECT THAT HOMEWORK WILL BE DONE

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR CHILD'S HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS AND REGULARLY LOOK AT HIS OR HER COMPLETED WORK. SOME TEACHERS NOW GIVE PARENTS A NUMBER TO CALL FOR A RECORDED MESSAGE OF THAT DAY'S HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS; OTHERS PUT THE INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET. IF YOUR SCHOOL DOESN'T OFFER THESE FEATURES, TALK TO THE TEACHER ABOUT HOW YOU CAN GET THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION. EVEN IF THERE AREN'T SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS, FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN STAY INFORMED ABOUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS WORKING ON SO THAT YOU CAN HELP AT HOME.

USE THE COMMUNITY AS A CLASSROOM

FEED YOUR CHILD'S CURIOSITY ABOUT THE WORLD 365 DAYS A YEAR. USE THE LIBRARY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF YOUR TOWN. A VISIT TO A FARMER'S MARKET CAN HELP YOUR CHILD PICTURE OUR STATE'S RICH AGRICULTURAL TRADITION. TAKE YOUR YOUNG CHILD TO ZOOS AND PARKS AND YOUR OLDER CHILD TO MUSEUMS AND WORKPLACES TO SHOW HOW LEARNING CONNECTS TO THE REAL WORLD.

ENCOURAGE GROUP STUDY

OPEN YOUR HOME TO YOUR CHILD'S FRIENDS FOR INFORMAL STUDY SESSIONS. PROMOTE OUTSIDE FORMAL STUDY GROUPS THROUGH CHURCH OR SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS OR OTHER GROUPS. STUDY GROUPS WILL BE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT AS YOUR CHILD BECOMES OLDER AND MORE INDEPENDENT. THE STUDY HABITS YOUR CHILD LEARNS NOW WILL CARRY OVER INTO COLLEGE AND BEYOND.

HELP OTHER PARENTS UNDERSTAND ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS.

USE YOUR SCHOOL AND EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTERS, ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS, BOOSTER CLUBS, A PTA OR PTO MEETING, OR JUST A CASUAL CONVERSATION TO HELP OTHER PARENTS UNDERSTAND WHAT ACADEMIC STANDARDS MEAN FOR THEM, THEIR CHILDREN, AND THEIR SCHOOL AND HOW THEY CAN HELP THEIR CHILDREN LEARN AT HOME.

SPEND TIME AT SCHOOL. EVENTS

THE BEST WAY TO KNOW WHAT GOES ON IN YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL IS TO SPEND TIME THERE. IF YOU'RE A WORKING PARENT, THIS ISN'T EASY, AND YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DO IT VERY OFTEN. BUT "ONCE IN AWHILE" IS BETTER THAN "NEVER."

A Message From Superintendent Kyle Turner

Dear Gateway Unified School District Families, Staff and Community,

As we embark on another exciting school year, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to each of you. Our five campuses are buzzing with energy and enthusiasm, and we are thrilled to have our students back with us.

We believe that the best way to support our students' learning is through strong partnerships with families. Your involvement makes a world of difference, and we want to encourage you to engage with us throughout the year. Whether it's attending school events, volunteering, or simply checking in with your child's teachers, your participation enriches our community and empowers our students.

To keep you informed and engaged, we will be sending out monthly updates filled with tips and resources on how you can support your child's learning journey. We're committed to working collaboratively with you, ensuring that together we can help our students thrive academically and socially.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Gateway family. Here's to a fantastic year ahead, filled with growth, learning, and shared success!

Sincerely,

**Kyle Turner
Superintendent
Gateway Unified School District**



BUCKEYE SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK!

Buckeye welcomed several new staff members at the beginning of the year including Principal Rob Helmbold, Kindergarten teacher Jennifer Fisher, 5-8 teacher Julie Kinder, 7-8 Math teacher Andrea Barnett, and Paraprofessionals Brianna Travis and Courtney Russo. We also want to welcome all our new TK, K, and 1st-8th grade students joining us this year!



THANK YOU SUBARU

Redding Subaru once again supported Buckeye through their Subaru Loves Learning Project. Several classrooms were selected to receive classroom supplies through their partner AdoptAClassroom.org. Thank you!



SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL AND CROSS COUNTRY HAVE STARTED! Go Bobcats!



BOBCAT COFFEE AND CONNECT

Come join us from 7:30 to 8:30 in room 3 for coffee and pastries. Meet Mr. Helmbold, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Kuykendall our community Connect liaison, Grab a coffee and go or stay and talk. We just would like a chance to meet you and share some of our school and community resources.



JOIN OUR FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM PAGES

Buckeye has new pages on both Facebook and Instagram where you can find information about all the things going on. Please use the QR codes to sign in and join our pages.

FEEL THE FALCON PRIDE!



CENTRAL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Sports

Football is working hard in pre-season with a win for varsity for our '24 HOCO 36-0 against Oroville.

Volleyball has all three levels this year: freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity. NAL league will be starting this next week.

Cross-country is off to a great start. CVHS hosted the Bill Springhorn Classic at Shasta College with 31 teams.

Girls' golf, girls' tennis, and swimming are just getting underway.

Varsity volleyball and varsity football will be having an exhibition volleyball game Friday October 4 from 5:00-6:00 pm.

Clubs/Extracurricular

CVHS had its first CLUB Rush, Wednesday, September 18 to promote all clubs on campus.

Link Crew did a great job with our freshmen and getting them acclimated to the site.

ASB had a running start to the school year planning various events: senior sunrise, spirit days, rally, student sections, and dance.

FFA is packed this year with 60 members.

Academics

Fall NWEA is completed with ELA, math, and science.

Junior and senior students are enjoying their off-campus privileges with their earned 3.0 from the conclusion of the 2024 school year.

Shout-Outs

Parents, thank you for so many of you attending our Back to School Night.

FEEL THE FALCON PRIDE!



CENTRAL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL





GRAND OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Back to School Night Success!

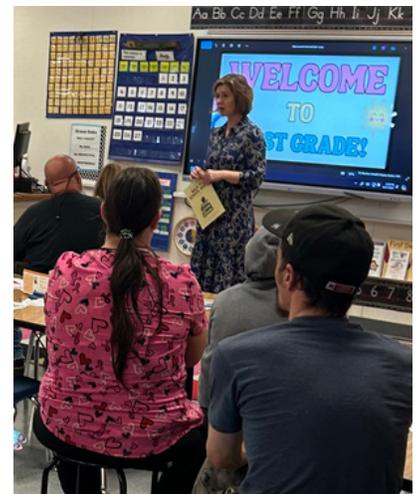
Our Back to School Night was a great success! It was wonderful to see so many families in attendance. Transportation services were on hand with two buses and an information table, providing important details about our school bus system. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made the evening so informative and enjoyable!

Cross Country Team K-5

Our Cross Country team is off to an exciting start for students in kindergarten through 5th grade! They recently competed in their first meet at Kids Kingdom, and we couldn't be more proud of their hard work and dedication. Go team!

Parents Club

The Parents Club is already hard at work, planning a number of fantastic events for the school year. They are always looking for more parents to join in or lend a hand at upcoming events !





MOUNTAIN LAKES GATEWAY EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS/COMMUNITY DAY

BACK TO SCHOOL

Principal's Corner:

AS THE NEW PRINCIPAL OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION, I'D LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE MYSELF. MY NAME IS CHRIS FORT. I RECENTLY CAME TO YOU FROM THE ANDERSON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHERE I SERVED AS THE DIRECTOR OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION. I HAVE MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH STUDENTS THAT HAVE MANY BARRIERS TO THEIR EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS. I INTEND TO CONTINUE THAT WORK HERE IN THE GATEWAY DISTRICT, AND SO FAR AM VERY HAPPY WITH THE SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS OF GREATER NEEDS. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES. AS WE MOVE FORWARD HERE AT THE TOYON SITE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO GROW OUR CTE OPTIONS, IMPROVE THE NUMBER OF GRADUATION PATHWAYS FOR OUR STRUGGLING STUDENTS, AND ULTIMATELY PRODUCE A GREATER NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL ADULTS IN AND AROUND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

Student Success:

WE HAVE MANY NEW FACES ON OUR CAMPUS. MANY OF THE STUDENTS ARE EMBRACING THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE HERE ON THE TOYON SITE.



CDS Gardening



Mr. Corum's Fly Tying



Mr. Fornal's Art Class



SHASTA LAKE SCHOOL

We are excited to share all the wonderful things happening at our school this year. From academic achievements to special events, our students and staff have been working hard to create a positive and engaging environment for learning.

Below, you'll find a list of upcoming events and important dates to keep on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you at these events as we celebrate our students and their accomplishments!

- 9/20 School Pictures
- 9/23 6-8 Volleyball & Soccer @ Anderson, 4:00
- 9/25 6-8 Volleyball & Soccer @ Evergreen, 4:00
- 9/26 4-8 X Country @ Anderson River Park, 3:30
- 9/27 K-3 X Country @ Anderson River Park, 3:30
- 9/30 6-8 Volleyball & Soccer @ SLS, 4:00
- 10/2 6-8 Volleyball & Soccer @ Berrendos, 4:00
- 10/3 4-8 X Country @ Nu Pon Open Space, 3:30
- 10/4 K-3 X Country @ Caldwell Park, 3:30
- 10/10 4/8 X Country @ Kids Kingdom, 3:30
- 10/11 K-3 X Country @ Kids Kingdom, 3:30
- 10/14-10/18 Parent Teacher Conference Week (minimum days)



SHASTA LAKE SCHOOL



Technology Department

Welcome Back to School!

As we kick off the new school year, it's important to remember a few key things, especially regarding technology and cybersecurity.

Cybersecurity Reminders

- **Stay Alert:** Be cautious of suspicious emails or links. Always verify the sender before clicking on any attachments or links. If there is any doubt, use a second means of communication, such as a text or phone call.
- **Update Passwords:** Ensure your passwords are strong and unique. Avoid using the same password across multiple accounts.
- **Secure Devices:** Lock your computers when stepping away, even for short periods.

Important Technology Guidelines

- **Submit a Support Request for Tech Assistance:** If you need any help with your technology or equipment, please remember to submit a support request to the IT department. We're here to assist!
- **Do Not Move Technology Equipment:** Please avoid moving technology equipment, such as computers or phones, from room to room. Moving equipment can disrupt our inventory system and the e911 services, which rely on accurate location data.

New Initiatives

- **Student Account Automation:** We are excited to introduce a new student account automation process! This will improve efficiency and save valuable time for our staff, allowing us to focus more on providing support where it matters most.
- **ParentSquare:** To further improve communication between the District, schools, and families, we have implemented a new tool called ParentSquare. This platform will streamline communications, making it easier for families to stay informed about important updates and school news.

Let's work together to keep our District's technology secure and running smoothly while embracing these new tools to enhance the learning environment!

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

Welcome back to an exciting 2024-25! The Business Department has tried to do our part to help make this a smooth re-entry for our families and staff. We have had a focus this Summer on working toward closing the 2023-24 school year, audits and the opening 2024-25.

We look forward to serving our students, staff and community this year! If you have any questions about the business side of GUSD, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be happy to answer any and all of your questions. Beth Roberts - broberts@gatewayusd.org



TRANSPORTATION



Transportation has kept the school bus in motion since the wheels have hit the pavement!

Routes continue to be revised to be the most efficient and appropriate to meet both needs of the students & staff!

Transportation would like to thank community & personnel for communicating effectively with these transitions. The volume of students who use transportation services, continues to be in heavy demand!

Back to School Night was a success!

Transportation looks forward to more on-site involvement.

Thank each and every Professional Student Transporter who has made the beginning of this school year possible for student services!



Transportation Schedules:

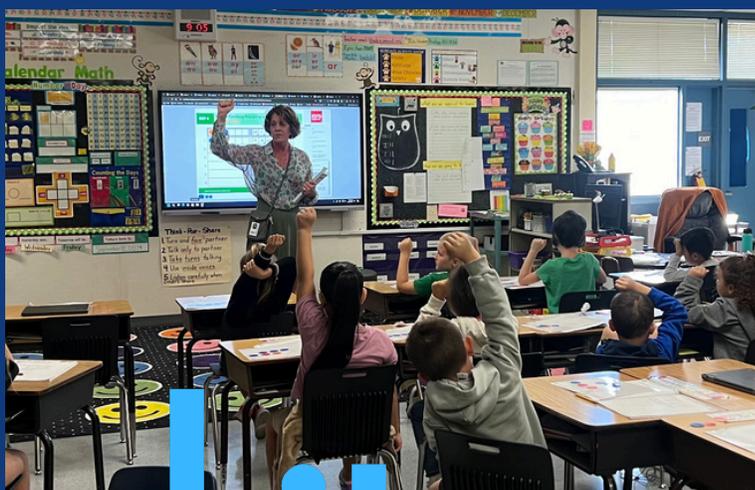
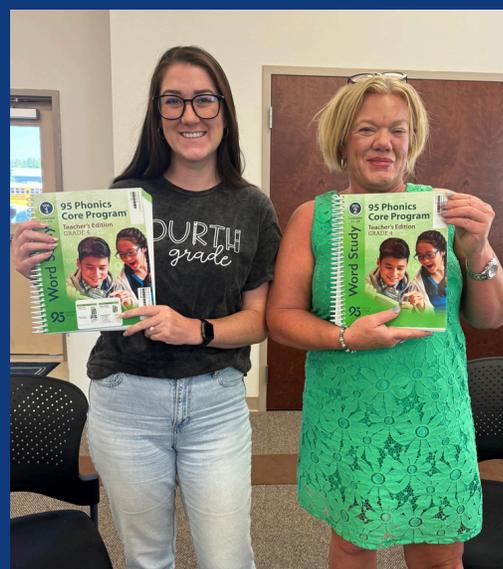
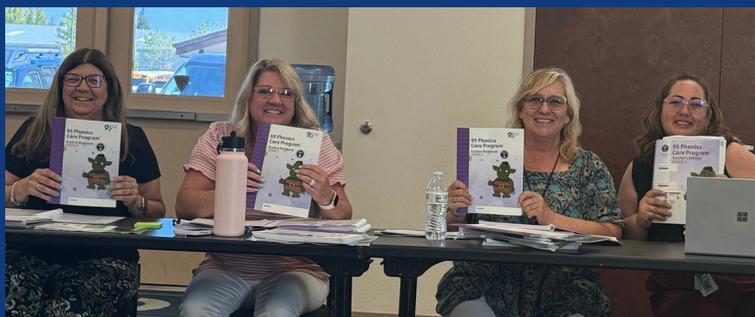


- **Fueling Pumps Coming soon!**
- **School Bus Driver Certification Course in Session!**
- **New Drivers Coming Soon!**
- **Inservice Driver Course Trainings:**
Foothill Fire Protection & California Highway Patrol
- **Annual Evacuation Drills in October!**



INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

As part of our GUSD focus on literacy, K-5 teachers received training on the evidence-based, “95% Group” support program which equips teachers with a comprehensive toolkit to unlock the power of literacy for every child. We’re excited to watch our students grow! Talk to your student’s teacher about how you can support each week’s lesson at home as well.



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Literacy





TOGETHER WE THRIVE

Join Us For

COMMUNITY NIGHT

Enjoy soup and
freshly baked bread
from the CVHS
Culinary Arts program
as you move around
the room to topics of
your interest!



Wednesday,
October 2nd, 2024



Drop in between 5-6 pm



Community Center
4499 Main St.,
Shasta Lake, CA

Information on
programs:
Career Tech
Title I
Literacy

We need voices from our
community to help shape
how we implement our
Strategic Plan moving
forward. What are we doing
well? Where can we grow?

To RSVP Scan:

For More
Information
530.245.7900





Student Services

Extended Learning Camps are available during the school year for students enrolled in Gateway School District, Kindergarten through eighth grade. Camps are an excellent opportunity for kids of all ages to explore their passions, foster their creativity, learn new skills and make new friends. Gateway holds five camps throughout the year. Registration begins three weeks before camp.

ELOP Camps 2024-25

Kindergarten

Early Back August 5, 6, 7 2024 3days

Winter Camp December 30, 31, Jan. 2, 3 4days

Presidents' Week February 18, 19, 20, 21 4days

Spring Camp April 14, 15, 16, 17 4days

Summer Camp June 9 - 30, 2025 (no 19th) 15 days



MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

THIS SUMMER, THE CUSTODIAL CREWS AND MAINTENANCE STAFF AT ALL THE DISTRICT SITES, WORKED DILIGENTLY TO CLEAN AND GET ALL THE AREAS FRESHENED UP. THE CAMPUSES LOOK GREAT ALL THE LARGE AND SMALL GYM COURTS WERE RECONDITIONED TO HAVE THAT FRESH, SHINY SHEEN THAT AIDS IN GREAT COURT PLAY.

THE DISTRICT MAINTENANCE STAFF WAS ABLE TO WORK ON MANY SITES COMPLETING SMALL PROJECTS AND SOME LARGER PROJECTS

OUR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PROGRAM WAS UNDER FULL EFFECT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR WITH SITES RECEIVING SOME PAINTING, NEW FLOORING IN SPECIFIC ROOMS, ASPHALT RECONDITIONING AND ROOFING SEALANTS.

THIS IS THE SECOND SEASON FOR CVHS FOOTBALL ON THE NEW GRASS AND THE FIELD HAS NEVER LOOKED BETTER. THE TEAM WAS ALSO ABLE TO PLAY THEIR FIRST GAMES UNDER THE NEW LED LIGHTING. WHAT A DIFFERENCE.

FOOD SERVICES

FOODS WITH HEALTY OPTIONS AND LOCALLY GROWN FRUIT WITH THOSE DAILY SALAD BARS DISTRICT WIDE.

THE DISTRICT IS CONTINING TO OPERATE UNDER THE CEP; COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION THAT ALLOWS ALL STUDENTS TO EAT A BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AT NO COST.

LAST YEAR WE SAW A SMALL INCREASE IN OUR MEAL PARTICIPATION AT ALL SITES.

THE DISTRICT SEVERD A TOTAL OF @ 120,511 BREAKFASTS AND 274,742 LUNCHES. 395,253 TOTAL MEALS THAT IS AN AVERAGE OF 700 BREAKFASTS A DAY AND 1530 LUNCHES DAILY



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LET'S CONNECT!

