

Western Sierra Charter Schools

"Committed to family-centered education"

Mountain Home School Charter Glacier High School Charter ~ Oakhurst ~



Exciting changes have occurred & we can't wait for you to see! Making our classrooms permanent structures has been a long-time goal & it's finally happened! While work is still in progress, we will be ready to operate on the official first day of school. Please bear with us as we work to re-organize our student & parent resources.

**The first day of school begins
Thursday, August 17th!**

**We welcome back all of our returning
families and look forward to getting to
know our many new families!**

All Glacier & Mountain Home Teachers will return to work on Monday, August 14th to receive training on a new student assessment and digital curriculum program. Teachers will not be available to assist you on this particular day. If your charter teacher hasn't contacted you prior to the 14th you will receive a call by August 15th to schedule your first meeting.

WELCOME NEW STAFF!

Three new credentialed teachers join our staff this year. We've hired veteran teachers, **Gabby Franck** and **Julie Davis** for Mountain Home and a new Special Education Coordinator for Mountain Home & Glacier, **Machelle Arrington**. All three bring a wealth of experience, knowledge & love for student learning!

Please read on for Mountain Home
or Glacier High Specific Info.....

Mountain Home School

1. On-site class sign-ups begin: Monday, August 28th!
2. On-site classes begin Tuesday, September 12th
3. To view the 2017-18 on-site class schedule, click on one of these tabs denoting Semesters 1 and 2 [S1Tues](#) [S1Thur](#) [S2Tues](#) [S2Thur](#) To view a short description of each class, [Click here](#)
Feel welcome to also pick-up the schedule at MHS.

Glacier High School

To view the 2017-18 onsite course schedule, [click here](#). New this coming year: Teacher Amber Philips has been hired to teach American Sign Language!

SAVE THE DATE:

- Beginning year in-house assessments for 9th-11th graders will be administered from 10:00 am to 12:00 on Thursday, Aug. 17th & Friday, Aug. 18th - Please plan to attend one of these dates to complete a language arts & math assessment.

- Glacier's Back-to-School Event - Aug. 24th at 6:00pm
- 1st day of Onsite Courses: Aug. 28th
- ASB/Leadership Parent & Student meeting Aug. 30th at 2:00 in Module A. All students interested in this class are **REQUIRED** to attend this meeting **WITH A PARENT**.
Questions? Contact Mrs. Friesen ☐

For students interested in enrolling in Mrs. Friesen's Comp 2 course:

Comp 2 is Glacier's 5 credit advanced writing elective and is designed as a 2-year set but can be taken as a 1-year course. Unless a student has already been in Comp 2, they **must** qualify for the class by scoring high enough on a prompt provided by Mrs. Friesen. Contact Mrs. Friesen as soon as possible to set up an appointment for the Comp 2 Qualifier. kfriesen@wscsfamily.org

More information about the class. Comp 2 students are usually juniors and seniors and some sophomores may qualify. The class will explore brief pieces of literary and visual texts from throughout American history while learning to understand the rhetorical situation, analyze arguments, and use evidence in their own writing. Students produce close analysis essays and presentations using the techniques that they have learned while progressing in strategies and skills necessary for success in career and college settings. Students prepare for standardized testing (CAASPP) by working through portions of the practice version. Public speaking skills will also be taught and students will have multiple opportunities to give oral presentations in class as well as to collaborate on assignments. Contact Mrs. Friesen if you would like more information about the class or if you would like to schedule a time to complete the Comp 2 Qualifier.

Public Notice: WSCS Board Meeting is on Wednesday, September 6th at 2:00pm at our Oakhurst Campus. The agenda will be posted by the front door.