Western Sierra Charter Schools

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Fresno Resource Center 2017 Newsletter

Attendance

Month 7 attendance is due Friday, February 17

Mountain Home School attendance forms:
http://www.mountainhomecharter.org/attendance-forms.html

Glacier High School attendance forms:
http://www.glacierhighcharter.org/attendance-forms.html

Important Upcoming Dates

- February 10: Last Day to Pre-Order Yearbooks for $10
- February 17: Month 7 Attendance Due, K-12
- February 17: Field Trip to African American Historical and Cultural Museum
- February 20-24: President's Week (School Closed)
- February 28: Priority Registration Deadline for 2017-18
- March 1: Sign-Up Deadline for 2nd Session Parent Writing Workshops
- March 10: Volunteer at Community Food Bank for MHS families K-8th
- March 28: UC Merced Campus Tour for GHS Students
- March 27 or 28: PE testing for grades 5th, 7th, and 9th grade.
- April 20: Field Trip - The Discovery Center in Fresno, K-6

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MHS and Glacier, K-12

Did you know we have a school Facebook Page?

Follow us on Facebook to receive important updates and information.

Search for @MountainHomeSchool to find Mountain Home Charter on Facebook.

Search for @glacierteach to find Glacier High School on Facebook.

Attention 8th Grade Families

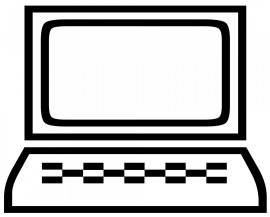
During your February PLP meetings, Eric Hagen (Principal) or Nancy Garcia (Assistant Principal), will be meeting briefly with you about what Glacier High School Charter has to offer and how to take advantage of Priority Registration. If you would like to meet separately or on a different day please email them directly. Otherwise come with your high school questions to your next Charter teacher meeting. Our Glacier Fresno site has a waitlist year round and to ensure your spot is reserved, registration packets need to be turned in by Priority Registration deadline.

Priority Fall Registration Deadline: February 28th

FEBRUARY 28th is priority registration deadline to enroll for the following:

- **MHS 8th Graders** that want to attend Glacier High School Charter (Fresno) for 2017-2018 School Year
- **MHS and GHS Siblings** that want to enroll for MHS or GHS 2017-18 School Year

Chromebook Checkout



In order to check-out a chromebook to use on site, students will need to sign a Chromebook out with Marianne. Elementary students will be required to have parents sign the Chromebooks in/out. High schoolers will need to sign Chromebooks in/out in order to use them at school. Staff needs to initial sign-in at time of return.

Field Trip to African American Historical & Cultural Museum of the San Joaquin Valley

RED TAIL EXHIBIT WORLD WAR II Tuskegee Airmen Mobile Show Case a mobile exhibit.

When: Friday February 17, 2017

Time: 1pm

Address: 1857 Fulton St Fresno Ca 93706

If you and your family will be attending, please get permission slip from Marianne Lord and sign up to this FREE event.

A little bit about the Exhibit: "The Mobile Showcase Exhibit" was created with the intent to provide mentorship for youth and knowledge of the Tuskegee Airmen's contributions as African Americans in World War II. This exhibit is both historical and provides an opportunity to appreciate art in form of replicas of the aircraft , statuettes of the pilots and equipment used by the airbase.

Our very own Art teacher, Michael McGough will be hosting this event and is one of the curators of this exhibit!

5th, 7th, and 9th, GRADE PHYSICAL EDUCATION TESTING

March 27th (11am-12pm) or March 28th (9am-10am)

Fresno

(testing should last approximately ½ hour)

Aerobic Capacity

One-Mile Run. The goal of this test is to run and/or walk a distance of one mile at the fastest pace possible **(please provide us with your student's one mile time when you come on the March 27th or 28th).**

Body Composition

BMI. Height and weight.

Abdominal Strength

Curl-up. This is the test option for abdominal strength. The objective of the curl-up (a modified sit-up), is to complete as many curl-ups as possible at a specific pace, up to a maximum of 75.

Trunk Extension

Trunk Lift. The goal of this test is to lift the upper body a maximum of 12 inches off the floor using the muscles of the back. Students hold this position long enough to allow for the measurement of the lift distance.

Upper Body Strength

Push-Ups. Students are asked to complete as many push-ups as possible at a specific pace.

Flexibility

Back Saver Sit and Reach. The goal of this task is to assess the flexibility of the lower back and posterior thigh. Using a special box designed for this test, students are asked to reach forward as far as possible and to the maximum distance of 12 inches. The actual reach distance is measured for both the right and left sides of the body.

Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Don't forget to bring your time for the mile run. Questions? Please contact your charter teacher.

Yearbooks

NEW!
Fresno Campus Yearbook

This year the
Fresno Resource Center
will have it's own yearbook
separate from Oakhurst

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!

Pre-order: by Feb 10 $10
Online or with Mrs Lord

Feb 11 - Mar 31 ..... $15
There is no guarantee that
there will by any yearbooks
available for sale after Mar 31

Order Online:

https://
link.entourageyearbooks.com/
YBStore/yearbookStoreMain.asp?
yearbook_id=261658product_id=1
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OR

In The Office with
Mrs Lord

$10

Fresno Resource Center

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!

$10
If Pre-ordered by Feb 10

It's a deal
It's a steal
Order Your Yearbook Now

Your Book - Your School

Click Here to order your yearbook online!

Mountain Home School (MHS)

Peach Blossom

Peach Blossom is a poetry interpretation festival for students that takes place at CSU Fresno. Mountain Home School Peach Blossom tryouts took place on January 24th. Selected participants will move on to present at Fresno State on March 9th or 10th. Thank you to all those that tried out!

Questions, please contact Mrs. Hirata at bhirata@wscsfamily.org

SAVE THE DAY!

Discovery Center Field Trip for K-6 students will be held Thursday, April 20.

Museum, outside grounds, and two, 1-hour interactive classes will be offered; K-2 "Animal Mania" and 3-6 "Rim of Fire. Younger children/babies are welcome to stay with families on the grounds and in the museum. Sign-ups and details in March.

Valentines Candy Grams

Send a Candy Gram to your friends, teachers, yourself or bring it home to family! Each candy gram is a treat bag with candy and your Valentines attached. Extra forms can be picked up at front desk.

Money that is raised will be donated to purchase toys for kids at Valley Children's Hospital.

***Cost $2**

***Turn in form and money in an envelope to front desk no later than Feb. 10, 2017**

*** Will deliver on Tues. Feb. 14, 2017**

***Forms available with Marianne.**

MHS Charter Community Service Day!

K-8th Students (Volunteers must be a minimum of 5 years old) are invited to participate and volunteer at the:

Fresno Community Food Bank

3403 E Central Ave Fresno CA 93725

Friday, March 10th

10:30am-12pm

- All students must be accompanied by their parents on this Volunteer day.

- All interested families sign up with Marianne and pick up Food Bank Waiver form. There is a 40 Volunteer limit, we will inform you when you sign up if the event is full.

- Please fill out waiver form for each participant and bring it with you to event.

This is a great way to help our Community. The Community Food Bank is dedicated to end hunger in the Central Valley. They provide food to more than 200 agencies in Fresno, Madera, Kings, Kern and Tulare Counties and serve over 280,000 people each month totaling over 38 million pounds of food served (in fiscal year 2015). Come help support this great organization.

For questions contact Marcia Souza or Nancy Garcia.

Deadline to sign up to attend is Friday, March 3rd

Parent Writing Workshops Grades 2-6

By Mrs. Ganzenhuber and Mrs. Den Hartog

Topic 1: Informational Writing- no more signups available for Topic 1

Mondays: January 23 (done), February 6, and February 27

Wednesdays: January 25 (done), February 8, and March 1

Topic 2: Opinion Writing - Sign up for 3 Mondays OR 3 Wednesdays

Mondays: March 6, March 20, and April 3

Wednesdays: March 8, March 22, and April 5

- **Parent Participants will earn Prizes!**
- **All sessions upstairs, 12:15 - 1:15, so just one hour long!**
- **Supervised FREE childcare for children all ages**
- **Refreshments for Parents!**
- **Opportunity to meet other Mountain Home School parents!**
- **Parent Participants will be able to display their child's writing work on one of our display walls!**
- **By attending, you are encouraging our school to organize more opportunities for parent workshops!**

Each Session Limited to 20

Sign-up Deadline: Wed, March 1 for Topic 2, See Marianne.

Mountain Home Enrichment Classes

Please see MHS Fresno Spring 2017 Enrichment Schedule on our website at http://www.mountainhomecharter.org/fresno-schedule.html or click here.

Schedule Update:

Unless you notify your charter teacher, all students will remain in the same Enrichment courses. There are a few changes so please read below.

- **The 2nd and 3rd Grade Writing & Technology Courses will be 5 weeks long then students will learn Science. NO NEED FOR ENROLLMENT ACTION, STUDENT WILL REMAIN IN SAME CLASS.**

- **There is a New 4th Grade Science Course added on MONDAYS only, CONTACT CHARTER TEACHER IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR 4TH GRADER ADDED TO THIS COURSE (Note, the time slot does conflict with 4th Grade Art, if you want your 4th grader to take both Science and Art, you may add your 4th Grader to the Wednesday Art roster- CONTACT YOUR CHARTER TEACHER to add to any of these 2 classes.**

- **7th/8th Spanish and 7th/8th ASL courses have been moved up in start time, both begin at 1:30pm and end at 3:00pm NO NEED FOR ENROLLMENT ACTION, STUDENT WILL REMAIN IN SAME CLASS. (Note: These classes are now 1 ½ hours long.)**

- **7th/8th grade science have been combined. Class will begin at 12:00 and end at 1:30.**

- **6th Grade Science is now 6th-8th Grade Technology, Fall 2016 6th Grade Science students automatically are enrolled in this course. To enroll any new 6th-8th grade student to this course, please CONTACT your Charter Teacher.**

GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Seniors:
Last day to confirm Grad Nite attendance is February 3rd, please email Nancy Garcia.
Grad Nite is May 18th @ Six Flags Magic Mountain

Seniors:
Cap/Gown form is due to Mrs. Garcia by March 2nd. Extra forms available at our website or by asking your Charter Teacher.

Seniors:
Cal Grant GPA verification will be submitted by Glacier High School on your behalf by February 10th.

Seniors:
FAFSA- Free Application for Financial Aid is now available for all graduating seniors. Please apply ASAP https://fafsa.ed.gov/

Seniors:
Thinking of attending State Community College? Follow steps below in order to be ready for Advising Days (March 3rd & 6th).

1. **Apply online at www.sccd.edu/apply**
2. **Starting December 1st complete online orientation (you will need to complete step 1 first and get a student ID number) www.sccd.edu/orientation**
3. **Take placement tests (see your Charter Teacher to determine if your grades, tests and or classes have exempted you from this step).**
4. **Starting in February 2017, call 559-442-8225 to make appointment for Alternative Advising Days (must complete steps 1,2,and 3 first)**
5. **Class Priority Registration Days are April 20,21,and 22 (Only for students that complete steps 1-4)**

Spring 2017 Schedule
http://www.glacierhighcharter.org/fresno-schedule.html or click here,
There have been a few time changes.

SAT
ALL students planning to take SAT, please ask your Charter Teacher about how to obtain a Fee Waiver. For more information on test dates visit https://www.collegeboard.org/

GHS Community Service Days!
All GHS students invited! (Leadership class students will attend as part of class)
Come help the Community Food Bank Warehouse and make a difference!
Glacier students are invited to participate to one or both days of service.

When: Friday February 3rd 12pm-2pm
and Friday March 10th 12pm-2pm

To participate please see Mrs. Garcia for Waiver and Permission Slip and be placed in field trip roster. You may get dropped off and picked up at Community Food Bank Warehouse (3403 E Central Ave Fresno Ca 93725).

ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING CLASSES!
Eating your lunch or snacks in class is NOT permitted in any high school class. If your only break is during the 15 minute scheduled break, we recommend you bring your own lunch or snack, as there will not be enough time to buy lunch.

ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING CLASSES!
If you need to add or drop any onsite classes please inform your Charter Teacher prior to Winter Break. Unless you inform your Charter Teacher it is assumed you are taking the same onsite courses.

Thinking of dropping a class?
What is the process?
You have 20 School days to drop a class without any mark on your transcript. That day is February 6th , after this date your transcript will receive a "W" mark.

Process for dropping a class:
1. Parent (not student) notifies Charter Teacher
2. Charter Teacher reviews student's courses and file to approve class being dropped.
3. Charter Teacher notifies parents and onsite class teacher of class being dropped or added.
4. New Master Agreement with class changes is issued and must be signed by parent and student on date change was effective. Remember attendance should match the approved changes/additions.

***Please note: A student cannot stop attending or completing coursework to drop a class. Parents must communicate with Charter Teacher of class changes.**

Glacier High School Spirit Days!

Spirit Day activities & costumes *must not* disrupt class times.

Spirit Days:

Jan. 31st- Pajama Day

Feb. 2nd- Crazy Hat/Sock/Hair Day

Feb. 7th- Cultural Heritage Day

Feb. 9th- Fandom Day

While on campus, dress modestly. Please wear attire free of offensive images/words, low-cut, low-neckline, or bare-midriff tops, "short-shorts", or excessively tight or "see-through" clothing.

We're excited to announce GHS Spirit Days! Every student who participates will receive 1 raffle ticket for each day they show school spirit. These tickets will go towards a drawing that takes place on February 9th. To get your ticket, check in with Marianne at the front desk ☺

For **Cultural Heritage Day**, you're invited to wear clothes that represent your heritage. This day is NOT meant to demean any heritage, so be respectful. For **Pajama Day**, dress warmly and appropriately! **Fandom Day** is for any students who wish to represent their favorite character from a TV show, movie, sports team, or book. Think cosplay! Keep in mind, though, that we are a K-12 campus. Avoid costumes involving blood, gore es, zombies, or anything celebrating death, evil, or darkness. We just want to have fun!

Playhouse Merced Theater
&
UC Merced Campus Tour

Who: Preference given to 11th graders and parents (Oakhurst and Fresno Glacier Students) Other grade levels may be included but only as "space allows"

When: Tuesday, March 28th

Specifics:

1. Meet at _____ to watch the live production "Peter and the Starcatcher" - arrive by 9:15 for the 9:30 show.

Cost: $5/student and $10/adult. This is a more adult version of Peter Pan.
http://www.playhousemerced.com
Address: 452 W. Main Street, Merced

2. We will then travel to the University of California Merced for lunch and a 1 hour tour. We will eat lunch in the Dining Commons of the university and our tour will begin at 1:00 p.m.
Cost: Individuals pay for their own lunch.
Address: 5200 North Lake Road, Merced

Questions? Please contact Oakhurst Principal, Mindy Klang, at 642-1422, Ext. 104 or email - mklang@wscsfamily.org

Payment due to Marianne by Tuesday, February 28th.

D.C.

This summer's trip to Washington, D.C. & New York is scheduled for June 10-14 and hosted by Worldstrides, the nation's oldest and largest provider of accredited educational travel. Credits earned may be applied towards a GHS transcript.

The trip will focus on interactive programs coordinated with Key Ding, war memorials (WW2, Vietnam, Korea), Mount Vernon, Ford's Theatre, Lincoln and FDR memorials, Arlington Natl. Cemetery, the Holocaust Museum, various Smithsonian Museums, and the National Geographic and space museums. Ellis Island and the World Trade Center is a stopping point.

A sample itinerary may be found at:
https://worldstrides.com/itineraries/washington-d-c-and-new-york-city/

To apply online, go to www.worldstrides.com/signup

Enter ID# 139186

A $99 nonrefundable deposit will be required, and total student cost for the trip will be $2695, to be fully paid by 3/27/17

Fundraising opportunities may exist, TBD.

Worldstrides customer service may be reached at (800)468-5899

Matthew Englund may be reached at (559)642-1422 X 116

San Francisco Field Trip

Feb 9-10

Approximately thirty five travelers are expected for an overnight trip to "the City."

(Don't ever call it "Frisco" in front of a local…)

Accommodations will be provided at the Point Montara Lighthouse Hostel, down the coast.

Attractions include the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA), De Young Museum of Fine Art, Cal Academy of Science, and the newly relocated Exploratorium. A tour of Cal State San Francisco is also a possibility. A deposit of $30 is required by Friday, December 9th, with a final installment of $30 due by Friday, January 20th. Accommodations are limited, and may fill up, although "tag-alongs" are still welcome to join, with the understanding that their arrangements will need to be made separately.

Drivers and chaperones are needed for this trip, and would need to complete paperwork protocol beforehand.

Contact Matthew Englund 642-1422 x 116 / menglund@wscsfamily.org

Western Sierra Charter Schools Staff Directory

Fresno Staff

School Phone number: 559-248-0471
School Fax number: 559-248-0482

Address:
777 Shaw Ave
Fresno, CA 93704

Name	Extension	Primary Assignment
Eric Hagen	203	Fresno Principal/Tech Admin
Nancy Garcia	202	Assistant Principal Fresno
Marianne Lord	200	WSCS Secretary
Margaret Den Hartog	207	Mountain Home Teacher
Stephanie Ganzenhuber	209	Mountain Home Teacher
Brook Hirata	204	Mountain Home Teacher
Christine Karr	210	Mountain Home Teacher
Grace Reeve	201	Mountain Home Teacher
Irina Buca	205	Glacier High Teacher
Mindy Dixon	206	Glacier High Teacher
Matthew Englund	(559) 642-1422 ext 116	Glacier High Biology Teacher
Marcia Souza	208	Glacier High Teacher
Michael Cox	(559) 642-1422 ext. 102	WSCS Director
Jody Jeffers	(559) 642-1422 ext. 117	Chief Business Officer
Cheryl Wilhite	(559) 642-1422 ext 100	Administrative Secretary
Laura Scott	(559) 642-1422 ext 120	Special Ed Administrator
Sarah Zimmer	(559) 642-1422 ext 123	Speech

Email addresses for all staff are: first initial and last name @wscsfamily.org (no spaces)

Support Staff

Adam Den Hartog - Custodial; Ms. Emily Dixon - Choir; Mrs. Gaviria - Spanish; Mrs. Lane - Art; Mr. McGough - Integrated Drawing; Mrs. Huey - Math 5th + 6th
Mrs. Yrulegui - Sign Language and Graphic Design; Amanda Patterson - Charter Teacher