Western Sierra Charter Schools

"Committed to family centered education"

Fresno Resource Center 2017 Newsletter



Attendance

Month 7 attendance is due Friday, March 24

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

- March 1: Sign-Up Deadline for 2nd Session Parent Writing Workshops (First workshop starts March 6th)
- March 10: Volunteer at Community Food Bank for MHS families K-8th
- March 10: Peach Blossom at Fresno State
- March 28: UC Merced Campus Tour for GHS Students
- March 27 or 28: PE testing for grades 5th, 7th, and 9th grade.
- March 31: Yearbook ordering deadline
- April 20: Field Trip The Discovery Center in Fresno, K-6
- April 22: Prom at Yosemite Lakes Park Clubhouse
- April 24: Testing begins
- May 3: Craft Day
- May 10: Orchard Park Day
- May 10-12: 8th Grade Catalina trip
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MHS and Glacier, K-12

Western Sierra Charter Schools

Yearbook Cover Contest

Congratulations to Kelly Ryan for winning our yearbook cover competition! Her winning design will be placed on the yearbook cover!

Thank you to all other participants! Other entries will be displayed as page dividers in the yearbook.

Fire Drill

A practice fire drill will took place on Tuesday, February 28th and another is scheduled for Monday, March 6th. Students, teachers, parents, and anyone else in the building will be practicing emergency evacuation procedures. Please refer to the email that was sent out regarding evacuation procedures or talk with your charter teacher if you have any questions.

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.

<u>Upper Body Strength</u>

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

OR

In The Office with Mrs Lord





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 News

Smarter Balanced Testing

All third through eighth graders will be participating in state testing. Students will need to plan on coming all three days for their assigned grade level from 9:00-12:30 (5th and 8th grade) and 9:00-12:00 (3rd, 4th, 6th, & 7th grade).

Week 1: April 24-April 28

Grade Level	Monday 4/24 9:00-12:30	Wednesday 4/26 9:00-12:30	Friday 4/28 9:00-12:30
8th Grade	Math Performance Task ELA CAT	ELA Performance Task Math CAT	Science Test Finish other tests
5th Grade	Math Performance Task ELA CAT	ELA Performance Task Math CAT	Science Test Finish other tests

Week 2: May 1- May 5

Grade Level	Monday 5/1 9:00-12:00	Wednesday 5/3 9:00-12:00	Friday 5/5 9:00-12:00
7th Grade	Math Performance Task ELA CAT	ELA Performance Task Math CAT	Finish tests
4th Grade	Math Performance Task ELA CAT	ELA Performance Task Math CAT	Finish tests

Week 3: May 8-May 12

Grade Level	Monday 5/8 9:00-12:00	Wednesday 5/10 9:00-12:00	Friday 5/12 9:00-12:00
6th Grade (11 stud)	Math Performance Task ELA CAT	ELA Performance Task Math CAT	Finish tests
3rd Grade (18 stud)	Math Performance Task ELA CAT	ELA Performance Task Math CAT	Finish tests

Take the practice test!

Use the link below to take a practice test for Reading & Math. Taking a practice test will give you some experience with the tools and layout of the test. Please contact your charter teacher if you have any questions about testing.

<u>Practice Test Link</u> - It is recommended that you print the scoring guide for your grade level test ahead of time to refer to.

Why is the testing important for our School?

We are a public charter school, so we are required to have at least 95% of our students test. We also want to make sure we continue getting our charter through the state, so it is essential we have student participation in testing. If you have any questions regarding your child testing, please feel free to contact Principal Eric Hagen.

Parent Writing Workshops Grades 2-6

By Mrs. Ganzenhuber and Mrs. Den Hartog

Come learn how to use the 4-square writing method, easy-to-use and flexible.



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 Free Books!
- 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!

Sign up with Marianne by Friday, March 3rd

MHS Charter Community Service Day!

<u>K-8th Students</u> (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.

Sign up with Marianne by Friday, March 3rd



The Discovery Center - Newly Renovated!

www.thediscoverycenter.net/

1937 N. Winery Ave. Fresno 9373

Thursday, April 20

Arrival Time: 9:45

Grades K-2 \$13 per child

10:00-11:00 Tour Museum

11:00-12:00 Hands-On Class – "Animal Mania"

12:00 Picnic and Explore the Grounds

Grades 3-6 \$15 per child (includes materials cost for volcano to make and take home)

10:00-11:00 Hands-On Class – "Rim of Fire"

11:00-12:00 Tour Museum

12:00 Picnic and Explore the Grounds

\$5 - Adults, Children Gr. 7 and Up and Preschool Ages 3 and Up Children Ages 0-2 - Free

Pay in advance with Marianne by Thursday, April 6

SAVE THE DAYS!

Mountain Home Curriculum Fair

Sign up with your charter teacher by April 7th to come review and select curriculum for the next school year. The curriculum fair in Fresno will take place from April 18-April 20.

K-8 Craft Day on May 3rd at 12:30

Come join us for a fun craft activity after testing! Bring a picnic lunch to eat at school after testing and make a craft to give to the seniors at Orchard Park. Even if you will not be joining us for the trip to the senior center, we'd love your help with this community service project! You are also welcome to make a craft to take home to your family!

K-8 Orchard Park Day on May 10th at 2:00

Meet up at Orchard Park on May 10th to visit senior citizens in our community. We will be sharing the crafts we created the week before with the residents and wishing all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Address: 675 W. Alluvial, Clovis, CA 93611

Mountain Home Enrichment Class Update

Schedule Update:

• The 2nd and 3rd Grade Writing & Technology Course will turn into science beginning on March 6th. NO NEED FOR ENROLLMENT ACTION, STUDENT WILL REMAIN IN SAME CLASS.

GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Spirit Day Gift Card Winners

\$5 Starbuck card winners: Jasmanny Castaneda, Leah Dooley, Victoria Ford (x2!), Jordan Isaak, Ethan Goldsmith, and Madison Netzley

\$5 Subway card winner-Jacob Suderman

Grand Prize \$15 Starbuck card: Gemma Fortunato

Seniors:

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.

Senior Pictures for Grad Slide show and yearbook are due March 10th to Mr. Hagen @ ehagen@wscsfamily.org

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
- Starting December 1st complete online orientation (you will need to complete step 1 first and get a student ID number)
 www.sccd.edu/orientation
- Take placement tests (see your Charter Teacher to determine if your grades, tests and or classes have exempted you from this step).
- Starting in February 2017, call 559-442-8225 to make appointment for Alternative Advising Days (must complete steps 1,2,and 3 first)
- 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.

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's Testing Week will be May 15- May 19
Detailed schedule will be available at a later date.

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/

Save the Date for the 2017 GHS Prom



- Saturday evening, April 22
- Yosemite Lakes Park Clubhouse— Coarsegold
- Ticket price TBA (approximately \$45~\$50 per person)

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 Playhouse Merced 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.

Leadership Projects

During the Spring 2017 semester, Glacier High Leadership Students are planning their Leadership Projects. See below to find out how to help 2 of these projects. Thank you!



We Are Hosting A Collection Drive!!!

Come join us as we collect needed items for our U.S. troops!!

Where: There will be a collection box at the school where you can drop off any items you may have.

When: Tuesday, February 14—Thursday, March 23

What: We will be accepting all of the items listed on the right and would also appreciate financial donations to help us send these packages to the organization which will send them to the troops.

Why: We truly appreciate all that the troops, and their families do for us and our country and we feel that we should give back in any way we can.

Thank you!

If you have any questions you can email us at: ghgivesback@gmail.com

Items we are accepting:

- Socks (preferably black, brown, green, and tan; not white)
- Lip Balm (extra seal)
- Roll-on Deodorant
- Individually Packaged
 Razors
- Pens and Pocket-sized Notebooks and Spiral Pads
- Shaving Cream (gel or cream based only)
- Dental Products

 (toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash; all travel sized)
- Mini-Battery
 Operated Fans



#amorforus #amorforus #amorforus #amorforus

What does love mean to you? How about health? Do you value the privilage of having access to the resources when you or someone in you family is sick or injured? What if you didn't have this access?

Help AMOR help others by spreading awareness of how this non-profit organization helps build healthy communities worldwide.

Post a picture on any social media account briefly explaining what it means to you to live in a healthy community and how love is what makes this possible with the hashtag





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

Western Sierra Charter Schools Staff Directory

Fresno Staff

 School Phone number:
 559-248-0471

 School Fax number:
 559-248-0482

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Extension</u>	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