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NEWSLETTER

January 2021



MARK YOUR CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY

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| Jan. 1 | • Day 1 of Semester 2 |
| Jan. 11 | • MHS Math & GHS
Zoom Classes Begin |
| Jan. 13 | • School Pictures 10-2pm |
| Jan. 14 | • School Pictures 10-2pm |
| Jan. 18 | • MLK Holiday - School
closed |
| Jan. 19 | • MHS Enrichment Classes
Begin |
| Jan. 22 | • LP 6 Attendance due |



PUBLIC NOTICE

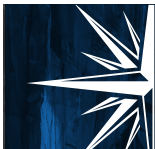
WSCS BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

This meeting will be by teleconference pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.
More information on Page 4

ATTENDANCE
FORMS





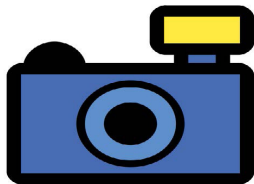
ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

School Pictures

January 13 - 14, 2021

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Mountain Home/Glacier High Campus



School Pictures

This is the final opportunity for school pictures!

When: Wednesday, January 13th and Thursday, January 14th

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Mountain Home/Glacier High campus

School pictures will be utilized for the
MHS and GHS yearbooks.

Picture packages will be available for purchase
(cash, check, or credit card)

- all families will be required to sign-in at the main building as per protocol/covid station
- line will be socially distanced - 6 ft. apart between families
- pictures will be taken outside (please follow signs upon arrival)
- students (3rd grade and above) and parents must wear masks in the line while waiting

If you have any questions please contact:
Mrs. Meeks at 559-642-1422 ext. 105 or
kmeeks@wscsfamily.org

2021 - Spelling Bee

*2021 - Spelling Bee Tentatively Scheduled for
March 3rd and 5th*

Mark your calendars for March 3rd and 5th for the MHS spelling bee. This may be in-person or by Zoom (depending on our county's guidelines). Wordlists are available at the MHS main office. Official digital sign-up form coming in the February Newsletter.



STEM Virtual Conference for Girls

February 22, 2021

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Zoom

Fresno County is hosting a virtual STEM Conference for girls. It will be held via Zoom on Monday, February 22nd from 2:30-4:00. Female professionals in various STEM fields will be presenting. This will be open to 7th and 8th grade girls. The cost of this event is \$10 each and there are limited spots (10 students max). The deadline for payment is Thursday, February 4th. Please pay Cheryl at the front desk. If you have any questions please contact: Mrs. Meeks at kmeeks@wscsfamily.org or 559-642-1422 ext. 105

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

A PICTURE
IS WORTH A
THOUSAND
WORDS

Pictures are needed for
the Mountain Home
School yearbook!
Please submit
pictures of your
children doing
projects, science
experiments, art

designs,
building stuff,
"attending" math class
or doing their work
from home! Please
include your student's
name with their
picture and email to

Mrs. Meeks:
kmeeks@wscsfamily.org
Please include the
student's name and
grade level.
If you have any
questions: email or call
642-1422 ext. 105

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CONGRATULATIONS! A FREE PASS!

TO FEDERAL PARKS, LANDS, AND WATERS

Hit the road! Go to www.everykidoutdoors.gov to learn about all of the places you can go.

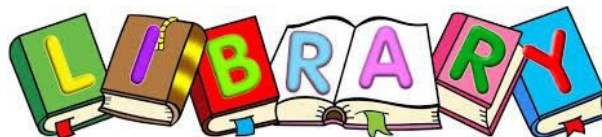
Get in free! Show your paper voucher to receive free access to National Parks.

We have student passes & activity pages already printed out if you'd like to pick-up!





HAPPENINGS IN OUR



Head over to the school web page and check out the “Librarian’s Corner”. You will find it on the drop down menu under “resources”. Our new Book Bag request form is there for you to request a selection of books carefully selected by our librarian for your student. I hope you all will go check it out.



New Book Review

Secrets in the Snow: A Novel of Intrigue and Romance
by Michaela MacColl

Jane Austen’s family is eager to secure her future by marrying her off. But Jane is much more interested in writing her novels and finds every suitor lacking in one way or another. That is, until the mysterious Mr. Lefroy arrives on the scene.

Much like the famous character Mr. Darcy, from one of the real-life Jane Austen’s famous novels, Mr. Lefroy initially seems arrogant and distasteful. But the more Jane gets to know him, the more she discovers his kind nature. Can it be that he’s the suitor for her? Before Jane can find out, her cousin is accused of aiding the French, England’s enemy, and Jane finds herself busy proving her family’s innocence, solving a murder, and facing a decision that might mean the sacrifice of her one true love.

Michaela MacColl has once again intertwined the facts of a beloved author’s real life with a suspenseful fictional tale that will not only have readers on the edge of their seats but also, like Jane, debating right versus wrong, family versus independence, and duty versus love



POEMS OF THE MONTH

January

The days are short,
The sun a spark
Hung thin between
The dark and dark.
Fat snowy footsteps
Track the floor,
And parkas pile up
Near the door.
The river is
A frozen place
Held still beneath
The trees' black lace.
The sky is low.
The wind is grey.
The radiator
Purrs all day.

By John Updike

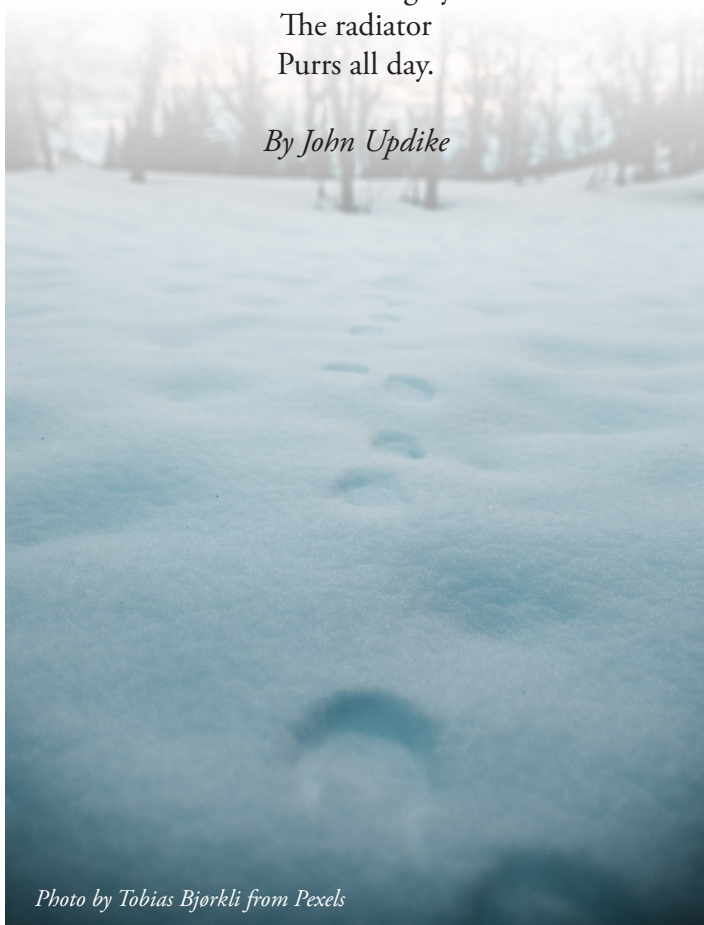


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Snowman

My little snowman has a mouth,
So he is always smiling south.
My little snowman has a nose;
I couldn't seem to give him toes,
I couldn't seem to make his ears.
He shed a lot of frozen tears
Before I gave him any eyes –
But they are big ones for his size.

By David McCord



Photo by Susanne Jutzeler from Pexels



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Showcase Your Artistic Expression

2 opportunities for K-12 Students

The 2021 California Streaming Digital Photography Contest is officially open.

Theme:
Humanity

Winners:
six students and two teachers will win a digital video camera. A Kindergarten student was a winner of this contest in the past, so all ages are invited to participate.

Submission Deadline:
March 5th

ARTSFEST 2021

The 7th Annual Madera County Art Contest is for any student in K-12.

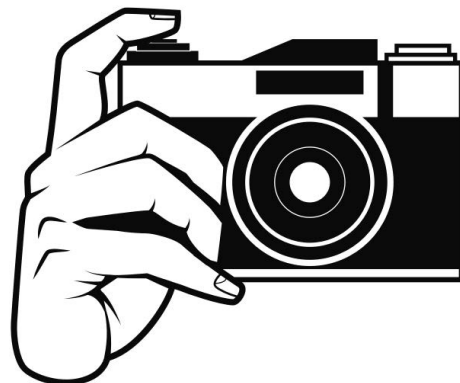
Categories include:
2-dimensional, 3-dimensional, and still photography.

Students will submit artwork to MHS & GHS coordinators, Mrs. Klang or Mrs. Neulinger no later than March 19th. MHS/GHS staff to be entered and submitted to Madera County Superintendent of Schools.

Event form & artwork due to us by Friday, March 5th!

Pick-up your entry information & art category info at the school!

Artwork will then be judged by trained artists with winners' pieces being displayed in a virtual art gallery event on May 1, 2021.





ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Academic Decathlon Academic Competition

The 39th Annual Academic Decathlon Academic Competition is Coming Up! This year's theme is The Cold War. Our Glacier High Team of 16 students are preparing for the events.

January 21 - The essay test

January 23 - Speech & Interviews

February 6 - 7 Multiple Choice tests + The Super Quiz!

All Testing Will Be Held Virtually with the Public Being Allowed to Watch the Super Quiz Online!!

GO TEAM.....WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!



Rotary Speech Contest January 20, 2021

***OUR LOCAL ROTARY CLUB IS SPONSORING A
SPEECH CONTEST THAT WILL TAKE PLACE ON
JANUARY 20, 2021***

REASONS FOR GHS STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE:

- Excellent practice for public speaking opportunities
- It will look great on Community Award applications
- You could win cash prizes that increase as speakers advance from the Club level on to Area and District levels

THIS YEAR'S TOPIC IS

"Together We Open Opportunities"

CONTACT MRS. FRIESEN BEFORE JANUARY 8 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED SO THAT SHE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH ALL OF THE DETAILS AND SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

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GLACIER STUDENTS

IT IS WITH A HEAVY HEART THAT WE ANNOUNCE THAT THE VIRTUAL HOLIDAY BASH HAD TO BE RESCHEDULED!

PLEASE SAVE YOUR SUPPLIES, GREAT IDEAS, AND ENTHUSIASM AND WATCH FOR A NEW DATE IN JANUARY TO BE ANNOUNCED.

THANK YOU FROM MRS. FRIESEN & GHS LEADERSHIP



GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

“Poetry lifts the veil from the hidden beauty of the world, and makes familiar objects be as if they were not familiar.”
— From Percy Bysshe Shelley’s essay “A Defense of Poetry”

Endeavor and Glacier high school students in Mrs. Friesen’s English 9 class journeyed through a variety of styles of poetry during the second quarter of this schoolyear and wrote several of their own poems. Each student chose one of their poems to revise for their Final Project and these poems have been gathered into an anthology that we are pleased to share with you. The anthology also showcases original artwork by ECS and GHS students created especially for this anthology.

CLICK HERE
to view the ECS GHS FALL 2020
ENG 9 POETRY ANTHOLOGY

Please enjoy this poem by GHS student, Sofia Dugan, as a preview of what you will find in the anthology:

Christmas Time

Sofia Dugan



When
The clock
Chimes at midnight
On thanksgiving
The very construction
of the air changes
It becomes lighter, thinner, easier
To breathe, and to live
Because now the prospect of a new
Season, feeling, beginning.
Christmas is among us
We become one with each other
and together we stay through the month
Of December, through Christmas.
The lights twinkle, the bells jingle, all is merry and bright
Together we give, together we receive as we all sing, the cold stings
our ears, and toes, and nose
Any other time we would go inside and hide
From the cold. But instead we stay together in the frigid air because it is
Christmas
And all
Is merry
And bright



CLICK HERE
to view the Math and 7th/8th
Enrichment Schedule

CLICK HERE
to view the schedule

Our TK-6th grade enrichment class schedule will offer In Person as well as Online options!

The schedule is currently being finalized. We will send you the schedule in early January!



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

with Greg Hill

SENIORS

Local Community College Applications:

Seniors interested in attending one of our local community colleges should apply with priority registration through the "Registration To Go" Program: SCCCD (Fresno City, Oakhurst Center, Madera Center, Clovis Community, Reedley College)

Local Community College "Registration To Go" steps

1. Application: Open now
2. Online Orientation: Do now
3. Counseling / Advising with Student Educational Plan: Feb/March
4. Registration for classes: April if above steps are completed

FAFSA AND MONEY MATTERS

All seniors planning on attending any college or a career technical school: FAFSA application is open.

CLICK HERE
to Apply to FAFSA

Look for college/trade school scholarships for wherever you apply. Both community colleges and universities have opened their scholarship application window.

Seniors: Local Community Awards informational meeting with Mr. Hill January 29th at 10 AM (Zoom Meeting link will be sent out via Parentsquare).

Seniors:

PGE SCHOLARSHIPS

More than 120 awards totaling nearly \$300,000 are being made available through PG&E's employee resource group (ERG) and engineering network group (ENG) scholarships. These scholarships are awarded annually to help offset the cost of higher education. ERG and ENG scholarship winners will receive awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$6,000 for exemplary scholastic achievement and community leadership. PG&E ERG and ENG scholarship information, including criteria and applications, is available on PG&E's website.

PSAT (Practice test for the SAT) - 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders: January 26th at 9AM. Sign up at front office \$17

ASVAB Test: 10th, 11th, 12 grades: February 2nd at 1pm. Sign up at front office (free). ASVAB stands for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, which is a multiple-choice test that helps you identify which Army jobs (Military Occupational Specialties) would be best for you. This test is an excellent resource even if you are not planning on enlisting in the military.

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