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NEWSLETTER

March 2021



MARK YOUR CALENDAR IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

- Mar. 4** • GHS Cross Country Woodward Park (Dinuba) Invitational
- Mar. 5** • CA Streaming Photo Contest Submission Deadline
• ARTSFEST Submission Deadline
• GHS Virtual Space Event - Open to all GHS students
- Mar. 6** • GHS Cross Country Clovis Invitational Classic
- Mar. 9** • WSCS Board Meeting
- Mar. 10** • 8th Grade Parent & Student Glacier High Info Meeting
- Mar. 12** • GHS Cross Country Roughrider Invitational



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PUBLIC NOTICE

WSCS BOARD MEETING

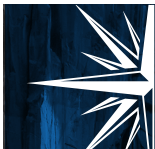
March 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

This meeting will be by teleconference pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.

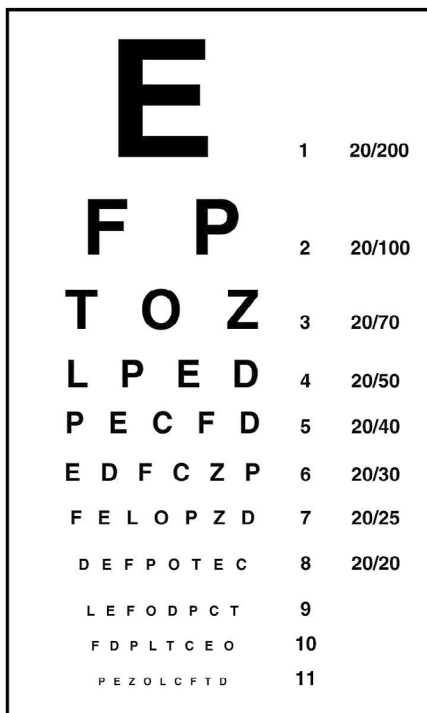
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for more information

ATTENDANCE
FORMS





ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Mountain Home Yearbook Pictures/ 8th Grade Baby Pictures

Every year we do an 8th grade baby pictures page, please send in those adorable baby pics! If you need them scanned, drop off the labeled picture in Mrs. Meeks' box and it will be returned to you. In addition, 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 and grade level with their picture.

Send to: kmeeks@wscsfamily.org

If you have any questions: email or call Mrs. Meeks at 642-1422 ext. 105

The deadline to submit pictures is March 1st.

VISION & HEARING SCREENINGS

Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Friday, March 6th, 2021

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Many students each year are required to have hearing and vision screenings completed at their school site. Mountain Home School will be holding the screenings on campus for any student in Tk/Kindergarten, 2nd, 5th, and 8th grades on the following date/time:

Wednesday, March 3rd (between 8:30am and 3:30pm)

Friday, March 6th (between 8:30am and 2:30pm)

It does not take very long to administer the screenings, and you will be helping us to fulfill our reporting requirements by coming in. Our school nurse will look forward to seeing you all.

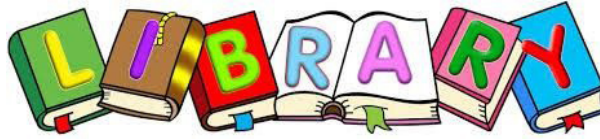
Glacier High Yearbook Pictures Wanted & also Senior Pictures

Please submit pictures of your students doing projects, science experiments, art designs, building stuff, attending a class, or doing their work from home! Seniors - we need some pictures of you! Baby, elementary & senior pics.

Please include your student's name and grade level with their picture.

Send to: bboe@wscsfamily.org or
mklang@wscsfamily.org

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**The Time of Green Magic***By Hilary McKay****What magic lives in the ivy-covered house?***

When Abi’s father marries Max and Louis’s mom, their families start over together. Abi suddenly finds herself the middle child, expected to share far too much – especially with grubby little Louis. Then they move into an eerie, ivy-covered house, big enough for all of them. But for the children in that house, strange things start to happen. Abi reads alone, and finds herself tumbling so deep into books, they almost seem real. Louis summons comfort from the outdoors, and a startling guest arrives – is it a cat or something else? Max loses his best friend ... and finds someone new. Meanwhile, Louis’s secret visitor is becoming much too real. Now Abi, Max, and Louis must uncover the secrets of their new home – for there can be danger in even the most beautiful magic.

From award-winning author Hilary McKay comes a story that is funny, enchanting and thrilling – if you don’t get lost in it first.





POEMS OF THE MONTH

March

The sun is nervous
As a kite
That can't quite keep
Its own string tight.
Some days are fair,
And some are raw.
The timid earth
Decides to thaw.
Shy budlets peep
From twigs on trees,
And robins join
The chickadees.
Pale crocuses
Poke through the ground
Like noses come
To sniff around.
The mud smells happy
On our shoes.
We still wear mittens,
Which we lose.

by John Updike

St. Patrick's Day

It ought to come in April,
or, better yet, in May,
when everything is green as green –
I mean St. Patrick's Day.
With still a week of winter,
this wearing of the green
seems rather out of season –
it's rushing things, I mean.
But maybe March is better
when all is done and said:
St. Patrick brings a promise,
a four-leaf-clover promise,
a green-all-over promise
of springtime just ahead!

By Aileen Fisher

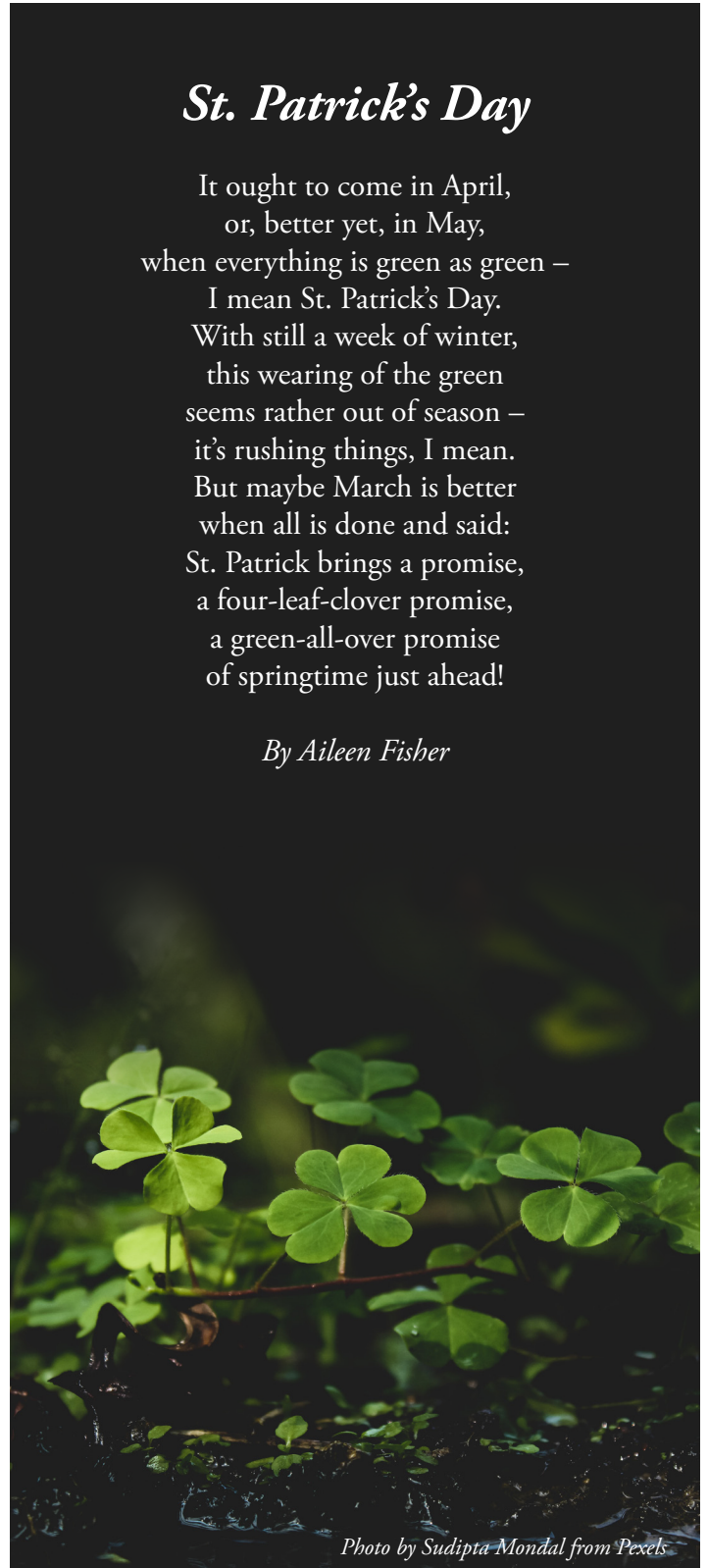
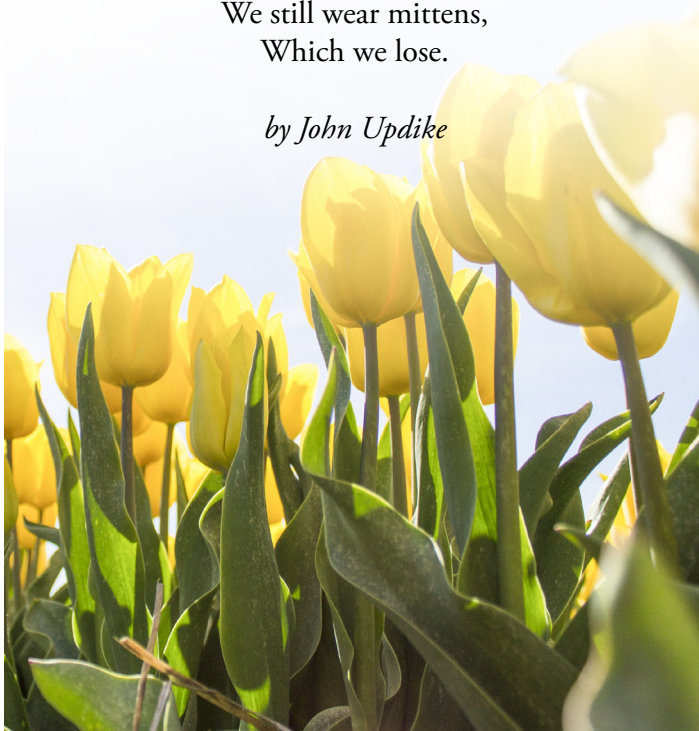


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GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



The 39th Annual Madera County Academic Decathlon Glacier High School's AcaDec Team showed perseverance, collaboration, unity, & friendship, encouraging each other to keep studying & stay the course, even during the very real challenges of the school year amid Covid. Their dedication paid off and we are truly proud of all our students, those who medaled & those who contributed to the team's overall 2nd place!! Our team also took 1st place for the Super Quiz! This would not have happened without the contributions from the entire team!

Glacier High School Information Meeting Wednesday, March 10th, 2021 • 2:00 p.m. Zoom & Onsite

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Parents & 8th grade students are invited to an information meeting about Glacier High School!

Please join counselor, Greg Hill and principal, Mindy Klang to learn about the many options available to Glacier High students. Come & hear what our school provides!

- High quality personalized learning plans
- Individual attention & service
- Flexible scheduling
- Curriculum choices
- GHS teacher-instructed course offerings
- Elective course offerings
- Dual enrollment with the community college

This meeting will be conducted via Zoom, however, you are also welcome to attend In Person with an R.S.V.P. to mklang@wscsfamily.org

CLICK HERE
to join the Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 899 6182 7469
Passcode: 626820



Not pictured: Elijah Caleb

CLICK HERE
to read more about the event & medalists



SPACE

YOUR NEXT FRONTIER

YOU ARE INVITED TO BOLDLY GO WHERE NO
SCHOOL HAS GONE BEFORE

JOIN THE CREW OF THE USS *GRYPHON* AS
THEY EMBARK ON 3 SEPARATE MISSIONS

MISSION 1:

ART SPACE

Each crew member will design and carry out an art project of their choosing from start to finish during the one-hour mission. Participants must supply all of their own resources.

MISSION 2:

KAHOOTS SPACE

Crew members will test their knowledge of Space, GHS Trivia, and other topics in several rounds of fast-paced and fun competition.

MISSION 3:

AMONG US

Crewmate or Imposter? Which will you be? Will you complete your tasks or will you be the saboteur? Participants must have the Among Us app prior to the event.

MISSION DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 5 1:30-3:00

RSVP FOR ONE MISSION BEFORE MARCH 3
USING THE LINK IN THE PARENTSQUARE POST



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

with Greg Hill

ASVAB Interpretation (for students that took the ASVAB) March 2, at 1PM. Bring a laptop. It should take around an hour.

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

Local Community College "Registration To Go" steps

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

SENIORS: FAFSA AND MONEY MATTERS

All seniors planning on attending any college or a career technical school: FAFSA application should be completed by now. March 2 is the deadline for Cal Grant.

[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: Community Awards / Scholarship information

The General Application for Community Awards and Scholarships is March 19, 2021.

[CLICK HERE](#)
for more Information

Seniors: Graduation is quickly approaching!

Please visit the Glacier website and click on Forms / Other Forms / Graduation Packet. Or, click this link:

[CLICK HERE](#)
for more Graduation Information

Here you will find General Graduation Information, Cap & Gown Information, Senior Slide Show Picture Information, and the Senior Questionnaire. Please go to the Glacier website or click on the link above.

- If you have not sent me your Cap and Gown info, please do so at ghll@wscsfamily.org.
- Senior Slide Show pictures and Senior Questionnaire is due to your advising teacher by March 2nd, 2021

Please email me at ghill@wscsfamily.org if you have any questions about anything!

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