

GRIZZLY GAZETTE

MAY 17, 2024



ACADEMICS



Mrs. Dhillon
GIS PRINCIPAL

FINISH STRONG

Dear Students,

As we approach the end of this academic year, I want to take a moment to commend each and every one of you for your resilience, dedication, and hard work. Now, as we enter the final stretch, I encourage you to finish the school year with the same level of determination and enthusiasm that you started with. Take pride in how far you have come, both academically and personally. Celebrate your accomplishments, no matter how big or small, and remember that each milestone is a testament to your perseverance and commitment.

But let's not lose sight of the journey that lies ahead. Use these remaining weeks to set new goals, push your limits, and strive for excellence in everything you do. Whether it's acing that final exam, completing a challenging project, or simply supporting your classmates, every effort counts towards creating a brighter future for yourself and those around you.

Remember, success is not just about reaching the finish line—it's about the lessons we learn, the friendships we forge, and the memories we cherish along the way. Let's make these last days count, and let's finish this school year stronger and more determined than ever before.

INQUIRY CENTER



Mrs. K
Inquiry Center Paraeducator

As this academic year draws to a close, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. Together, we have created a vibrant community of readers and learners and we are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of it. As we look ahead to the future, may our love for literature and learning continue to unite and inspire us all.

Wishing you a summer filled with endless adventures and countless stories.

Here are some accomplishments that we achieved throughout this school year:

- Students Served - 593
- Books Checked Out - 3,833
- Books Added to GIS Collection - 632

On behalf of the entire school community, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your incredible support at our two Book Fairs this school year. Your enthusiasm and dedication made these events successful! Together, we can continue to inspire lifelong love for learning in our students.



AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Diane Amber



Diane Alber has had a passion for art since she held her first crayon at age two, which inspired her to subsequently earn a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from Arizona State University. She is a wife and a mother of two young energetic children who love books. She became inspired to start writing and illustrating books because she saw a need for books that inspired art and creativity in children, and later, for books that help children identify and manage big emotions!



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<https://www.dianealber.com/collections/spot-series>

IB SPOTLIGHT



Mrs. Patel
Instructional Coach
PYP/MYP Coordinator

Highlighting our PYP and MYP IB Students of the Year

Each year, GIS recognizes a PYP and an MYP IB student of the year. These students are recommended by their current teachers, and confirmed by their former teachers. We are happy to congratulate Margarita Buzyan and Anna Vysotska for this recognition. Both will receive the recognition and \$250 award from the California Association of World Schools.

PYP Student of the Year - Margarita Buzyan

Margarita's journey from Kindergarten to now exemplifies the essence of an IB student. From her earliest days, she showcased a dedication to learning, embodying the spirit of inquiry with a genuine thirst for knowledge. Despite her initial shyness, Margarita demonstrated remarkable courage as a risk-taker, bravely sharing her thoughts and ideas with her classmates. In the face of unprecedented challenges, Margarita's self-efficacy and self-management skills shone brightly, highlighting her extraordinary commitment to her education. Her resilience and determination not only helped her thrive but also inspired those around her. Margarita's diligence, attention to detail, and positive attitude towards challenges make her a shining example of an exemplary IB student and a remarkable individual. Margarita is a great example of a GIS student that is on track to exemplify the Portrait of a GCC Graduate!



MYP Student of the Year - Anna Vysotska

We are delighted to announce Anna Vysotska as our MYP IB Student of the Year! Anna embodies the essence of a "thinker" in the IB program, consistently contributing thoughtful questions and insights to class discussions. Her unwavering dedication to excellence, coupled with her willingness to embrace challenges and take initiative, sets her apart as a true leader. Anna's principled yet open-minded approach to learning, paired with her genuine passion for education, makes her a deserving recipient of this prestigious award. We know she will go on to do amazing things in high school and beyond! Congratulations, Anna, on this well-deserved recognition of your outstanding achievements and exemplary character!



HOW CAN FAMILIES HELP DEVELOP STUDENTS WHO ARE BALANCED AT HOME?

Balanced

Create time for
different
interests



- Create a daily schedule that includes time for school work, outside physical activity, arts and music, rest, balanced meals.
- Allow time for a variety of activities daily with your children (school activities, indoor play, outside play, active play and quiet activities)
- Model doing a little bit of everything in front of your child: play, learn, exercise, rest, eat healthy foods
- Praise your child for demonstrating a balance lifestyle
- Visit many different places to learn: libraries, museums, nature trails and nature preserves, parks, Historical Parks
- Explore different hobbies: yoga, jogging, knitting, cards, marbles, collecting stickers

<https://www.smores.com/n/ck5t8-ib-learner-profile-balanced>

MAY IB LEARNER PROFILE

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS



Mrs. Sam Olson

School Counselor

Summer is quickly approaching and students will be home faced with the temptation to play video games, watch television, and disengage their brains. Summer learning loss is the major difference between students who are thriving in school and those who are struggling to meet grade level expectations.

The lack of educational experiences during this time can result in as much as three months learning loss. To help prevent summer learning loss and students forgetting what they learned, keep students engaged with fun activities that promote learning. Here are five ways to keep students engaged this summer.

1. Read as much as possible by joining the Sacramento Public Library Summer reading challenge, June 1 - August 15, 2024. Visit your local library or online <https://www.saclibrary.org/Event/Special-Events/Summer-Reading>
2. Exploring the outdoors, trees, critters and soil on local, state and national parks and trails enhances students' appreciation of the earth.
3. Spend time in the kitchen, cooking teaching measuring ingredients, reading recipes, time management, and portion control.
4. Play board games, board games teach strategy, collaboration, problem solving, and language skills.
5. Volunteer in the community, helps us to build empathy, gain a sense of community, and teaches leadership skills.

MAY LESSONS

4th - 5th Grade - SMART Goals

6th - 8th Grade - Goal setting for Secondary Education and Beyond



Ms. Cooper
Music Teacher

SNACK SHACK

Twice a month, Student Council has Snack Shack, where students can buy yummy treats. The money we raise all goes to our ASB account. ASB stands for Associated Student Body, and this account is what pays for field trips, PBIS store items, the House Colors party, Field Day, and snacks for MYP social. In other words, the fun stuff!

Snack Shack is a lot of work. First, students meet with Mrs. Sam and Ms. Cooper in our super-secret storage location to sort our items onto two tables. Then we wheel the tables across the playground and up the main hallway to our selling location outside rooms B01 and B02. At 12:30, we are open for business! It is always very busy, and Mrs. Sam and I appreciate the help we get from our volunteers. After, we return to our super-secret storage location. Students help us count the inventory so we know what we need to buy more of, and one student council member and I count the money.





Ms. Sofia
Registrar



2024-25 ORIENTATION

As we near the end of the 2023-24 school year, we would like to remind you about the importance of being prepared for the upcoming academic year. We are excited to inform you that the **2024-25 school year will begin on August 7th**. We would like to encourage you to plan your summer vacation accordingly.

It is crucial to underline the immense benefits of **Orientation Day**, scheduled for **August 1st**. This event is a pivotal moment for both parents and students, and we warmly invite parents to be a part of it. It's a unique opportunity to meet with the school staff, get acquainted with your student's schedule, and explore the school's resources, including the library and other extracurricular activities. You will also receive vital information about the school's academic policies, grading system, and other essential details that will pave the way for your children's success in the coming academic year.

By attending the Orientation Day, you will understand what to expect in the upcoming school year and have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. *This event is not just about information - it's about engagement. It's a chance to connect with the administrative and office teams and gain valuable insights about the school.*

We consider Orientation Day a crucial event for students and parents. Please prioritize it in your schedule and mark the date on your calendars. We look forward to seeing you there!

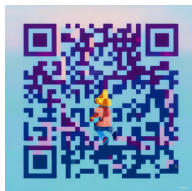
PLACES TO VISIT THIS SUMMER IN CALIFORNIA

The end of the school year is quickly approaching, and we all are awaiting for the summer to kick in. California State has a huge variety of flora and fauna, has many beautiful beaches along the coast, trails up in the mountains, and lots of fascinating places to visit. We've included a useful link for you with a list of places you can visit this summer.

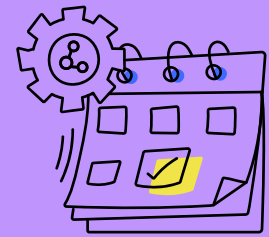
Keep being active members of your community. Keep exploring, traveling, hiking, trying new things, and being inspired by nature's beauty.

At last, don't forget to keep reading! The reading is a key element to learn English spelling, grammar, literacy, and comprehension. It holds a power in math solving problems and communication. Keep expanding your knowledge and skills every day!

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SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE



2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

May 23rd - Kinder Promotion

- 8:45-9:15am (KA)
- 9:30-10:00am (KB)
- 10:15-10:45am (KC)

Location: SVCC (Church)

May 24th - Field Day

9:00-11:00am

Location: GIS Field

May 27th

NO SCHOOL

May 29th - 5 & 8 Gr. Promotion

5:00pm

Location:

GCC Theatre

3305 James Way

McClellan, CA 95652

May 30th

- 1st-2nd Grade Assembly,
- 9:00-9:30am
- 3rd-5th Grade Assembly,
- 10:00-10:30am

Location: MPR

May 30th

Minimum Day,

Dismissal at 12:30pm

May 31st

- Last Day of School
- 8th Grade Parade
- Minimum Day
- NO After School Program
- Dismissal for ALL - 12:30pm

June 10-27 & July 8-26

GIS Summer School

2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

August 1st

Orientation: 1:00-4:00pm

"I think it's possible for ordinary people to choose to be extraordinary."

—Elon Musk

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