



# The Eagle Express

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## Principal's Corner

As I write this column, I am reflecting back on the many wonderful events and happenings that have occurred this year. Many of them would not have occurred without the hard work, dedication, and commitment of the Golden Empire staff in ensuring the school runs efficiently, is serving our students, and that students receive a rigorous and fun education. I believe we were successful on all fronts. Thank you to all for making this happen!

It is June, so there must be a lot of excitement building at Golden Empire. We are looking forward to our Awards Assemblies on June 6. Students will be honored for academic achievement, attendance, and citizenship. Please come and help celebrate and acknowledge our students' achievements! We are proud of them!

All students who did not receive citations during the last trimester will participate in the "No Citation Assembly" on June 5. Students who have not received any citations for **the entire year** will be invited to attend our annual "No Citation Barbecue" on June 10 during lunch recess. This is a very special event where we want to recognize and reward students for excellent behavior.

I want to extend a big thank you to all for volunteering and participating in the many jobs, events, and happenings that occur each year at Golden Empire. I especially want to extend my gratitude to those parents serving on the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), the School Site Council (SSC), and the English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC). These committees take extra time and effort, but are the key committees and organization that makes Golden Empire successful. Additional thanks go to parents who volunteer in classrooms, in the office, and drive on field trips. You all make it possible for us to offer special opportunities to our students.

Thank you, families, for making Golden Empire one of the top 10 schools in the district! We look forward to seeing you this August for our Welcome Back Ice Cream Social. All of us at Golden Empire wish you a happy & safe summer!

~ Dr. Irene Eister, Principal



## Wrapping Up the Year Reminders

Just a few reminders for the end of the school year:

- All library and textbooks must be returned to school. Students not returning these books will miss the end of year Play Days.
- The last day of school, June 13, is a minimum day. Primary students are dismissed at 12:10 pm and Intermediate students are dismissed 12:19 pm. Kindergarten students are dismissed at 11:35am.
- Have a wonderful and safe summer! The school office will again open on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.



Have you heard? We are very sad to see some of our wonderful staff members leave our staff. Mrs. Anita Carapiet, our computer teacher, is retiring after 20 years of teaching. Congratulations on giving so much to students and staff! And both Mrs. Witteborg, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and Ms. Reynolds, our 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, are moving on to new teaching positions. While we are so happy for these three educators, it is bitter-sweet, as their contributions to Golden Empire — the students, families, community and school, itself — have been enormous. Please wish these amazing staff members a fond farewell and best wishes for their new endeavors. We will miss them all!



## Awards Assemblies

Our awards Assemblies will take place on Thursday, June 6 in our school's Multi-Purpose Room. Everyone is welcome to attend to see many of our students receive awards and celebrate their successes. Please see the times below for each assembly:

8:15am - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades  
9:15am - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades  
10:15am - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades

## Teacher Requests for the 2019–2020 School Year

Each year classrooms are developed by equally balancing different categories of students such as gender, ethnicity, behavior, academics, and students with special needs. This year all teacher requests must be turned in to the office during Teacher Request Week, June 3–7. Requests are considered but all factors must be weighed when developing new classes. Requests are not guaranteed. Forms are available in the school office.

## Golden Empire's GATE Cluster Program Continues

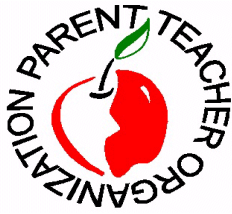


We have great news for Gifted and Talented (GATE) identified students who will be in grades 2-6 during the 2019-2020 school year. Golden Empire will

continue its GATE program based on the GATE Cluster Model. GATE students will be placed in a class along with other high achieving students and taught by a teacher who has been trained in GATE teaching strategies. The students will be taught using a GATE reading and language curriculum, but all other subjects will be the same. We are proud of this rigorous program!

# Thank You Committee Members!

Thank you to the following individuals who have served on the Golden Empire PTO, Site Council, and English Learner Advisory Council. You all help to make Golden Empire an Exemplary school and better the academic opportunities for our students and staff. We appreciate you and your continuous efforts!



## PTO Board Members

Robin Wilson – President  
Tina Warnick – Vice President  
Janessa Stewart – Secretary  
Meredith Johnson – Treasurer  
Alison Milobar – Movie Night and Media Chair  
Mary Brittain – Pancake Breakfast Chair  
Amanda Barnum – Yearbook Editor  
Sequoia Swain – Handmade Holiday Night Chair  
Sarah Remis – BoxTops Chair

## School Site Council Members

Laura Powell – Chairperson  
Brandon Barnum  
Alan Cox  
Todd DaCastello  
Kim Engstrom  
Jami Ferguson  
Dale Lovrin  
John Powell  
Gina Silva

Keri Creeger – Spirit Wear and Dance Chair  
Tina Warnick – Jog-A-Thon Chair  
Janessa Stewart – Pancake Breakfast & Dance Chair  
Angel Sanchez – Parent Representative  
Heather Williams – Parent Representative  
Dale Lovrin – Book Fair Coordinator  
Margo Stadel – Teacher Representative  
Jody Bone – Teacher Representative  
Heather Kurihara – Teacher Representative

## English Learner Advisory Council Members

Vitalina Tufi – Chairperson  
Leticia Aguila  
Maria Avetisov  
Rosa Carrillo  
Janine Johnson  
Salvador Lopez  
Michelle Macey  
Isabel Razo-Belman  
Maria Salinas  
Guadalupe Sanchez  
Amy Smith



## **It's Not Thrilling...Unless We're Grilling!** **Remember to Bring in Items for the** **No Citation BBQ!**

The Golden Empire School Site Council is hosting the annual "No Citation Barbecue" on Monday, June 10. This barbecue is in honor of each student who did not receive a behavior citation for the entire year! This is a huge accomplishment, so we want these students to enjoy a fabulous barbecue and picnic.

We need your help securing donations so we can make this event happen. We are asking for BBQ donations by grade level. Any quantities are appreciated!

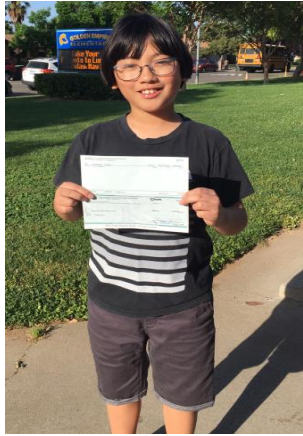
Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – \$2.00 or more for desserts  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Capri Sun or other juice pouches  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Case or 6-pack of bottled water

For those families that choose to donate additional funds, we are always thankful. These funds will be used to purchase additional BBQ supplies. Just send in the funds in an envelope with your child's name to your teacher or the office. Thank you all for your generosity!



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade GE Student Wins Poster Contest & \$\$\$!

This past April, as part of Mosquito Awareness Week, the Sacramento - Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District announced the winners of



the 2019 annual "Fight the Bite" Contest for students in grades K-12. In an effort to teach children about the importance of mosquito prevention, the contest encouraged students to use art and submit a drawing that promotes the Fight the Bite theme to inspire everyone to prevent mosquitoes by practicing key messages such as draining standing water and using mosquito repellent. Students were divided into three grade categories: K-3, 4-6 and 7-12.

The winning entries were based on: creativity, originality and the ability to effectively communicate one or more of the District D's of Mosquito Prevention. Twelve winners were selected by a panel of judges.

We are proud to share that 5<sup>th</sup> grade student Thadeus Kim's artwork was chosen out of almost 1,500 entries the agency received as a winning entry! As a 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner, Thadeus won a check for \$100 and a \$200 check was awarded to the school and teacher, Mrs. Kurihara.

Congratulations, Thadeus! To see his winning entry, visit [FightTheBite.net](http://FightTheBite.net).



## Mark Your Calendars— School Starts Thursday August 29, 2019!

Mark your calendars: The first day of school next fall is Thursday, August 29. Moving the first day back a few days gives teachers and students a jump-start on the fall and a chance to squeeze in more classroom learning. A Win-Win! You can download the 2019-20 School Calendar by visiting [www.scusd.edu](http://www.scusd.edu).



All students entering grades 7-12 this fall must show proof of receiving their TDAP (tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis) booster before they can attend school in August. This applies to every current student, new student and transfer student. Please bring proof of this booster to school to be reviewed and recorded. Visit [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org) for more information.



## To Be a Yard Supervisor at Golden Empire!

Interested in helping our students during recess times? Do you want to help keep our students safe? If so, a yard supervisor position may be for you. We are accepting applications for this paid position for the 2019-2020 school year. Please stop in the school office to inquire.



-To Mr. Mitchell, our kindergarten teacher, for designing our new "Wings" mural in the quad area. His design and sketching was wonderful and provided a great canvas for every student's handprint!

-To our PTO for sponsoring a Teacher Recognition Luncheon for our fabulous teachers! Very thoughtful!

-To all of the families who attended our Movie Night. It was wonderful having such a great turnout!

-To Mr. DaCastello and Mrs. Johnson, our Student Leadership Coordinators, for directing such a great Variety Show!

-To all of our student leaders and greeters at our Leadership Showcase: Ramona Arreola Morgan Brittain, Layla Cook, Jade Del Cid, Carmela Denton, McKenna Dowd, Sophia Figueroa, Timeya Franklin, Classic Frels, Vanessa Grigsby, Jackson Kast, Leah Lopez, Hudson Marquardsen, Lia Mutter, Alina Sanchez, Alyssa Sanchez, Emory Scott, Leah Vang, Andrew Walters, Joshua Walters and Nicholas Wilson.

-To all of our families for supporting our students by attending the Leadership Showcase. It was wonderful seeing you all there!

-To all the amazing parents/guardians who chaperoned on the OSEP field trip!

-To all of our families who have donated funds and the required grade-level items to make the No Citation BBQ a huge success!

-To Maria Avetisov and Isabel Razo-Belman for translating our fliers.

-To all of our classroom helpers. We couldn't do our work without your support!

Join us at the 2019-2020

Meet Your Teacher Ice Cream Social



Who: All Golden Empire Families

When: Tuesday, 8/27/19 @ 6:00-7:00pm

Where: Golden Empire Quad

See old friends, make new friends, meet your new teacher, and enjoy a cool treat!

# June Calendar of Events

Day	Date	Time	Event / Activity	Location
Mon-Fri	6/3-6/7		Teacher Request Week	Office
Tuesday	6/4	6:00-7:00pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Planning Meeting	Library
Wednesday	6/5	2:02pm	Last Kona Ice of the School Year	In Front of School
Thursday	6/6	8:15am 9:15am 10:15am	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> - Trimester Awards Assembly 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> - Trimester Awards Assembly 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Trimester Awards Assembly	MPR
Friday	6/7		Hawaiian Spirit Day	
Friday	6/7	8:15am	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade vs. Staff Softball Game	Ferreter Field
Monday	6/10	8:15-11:00am	Intermediate Play Day	Blacktop & Field
Monday	6/10	Lunch Time	No Citation BBQ	In Front of School
Tuesday	6/11	8:15-11:00am	Primary Play Day	Blacktop & Field
Tuesday	6/11		Kinder Splash Day	Kinder Yard
Tuesday	6/11	6:00-7:00pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Planning Meeting	Library
Wednesday	6/12	8:30am	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion	Quad
Thursday	6/13		Last Day of School Minimum Day Dismissal – Kinder @ 11:35am, 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> – 12:10pm, 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> – 12:19pm	Classroom

Ready...  
Set...

**SUMMER!**



## Important August Events

8/27/2019 – Meet Your Teacher  
Ice Cream Social @ 6:00pm

8/29/19 – First Day of 2019-2020  
School Year @ 8:00am