

# May 2017



## High School Newsletter

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### High School Graduation Forms

A yellow cap and gown order form was sent home with all Gold Rush Charter School Seniors. Please fill out and return the form to the High School Office with your payment of \$15.

Don't forget to turn in 2-3 photos for the slide show! We recommend one childhood photo and one current photo.

**The deadline to turn in photos has been extended to May 8, 2017.**

All pictures must be clearly labeled with the student's name and a phone number. Submit them to the office in an envelope or email your pictures to [gradpics@goldrushcs.org](mailto:gradpics@goldrushcs.org). Please include the name of the student and grade in the subject line.

If you have any questions, please call 209-532-9781.



### Enrollment/Lottery

Open Enrollment for the 17/18 school year ends Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 12:00 PM. All those wishing to attend next year must get their applications in by that date, **including currently enrolled students who wish to return!**

For classes where the number of applicants exceeds the number of available seats, a public random lottery will be held on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Country School located at 16331 Hidden Valley Road, Sonora. If needed, a second lottery may be held on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM.

Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for more details concerning the lottery process.

### Grad Night

Our Grad Night trip to Disneyland is quickly approaching. Graduates will board the charter bus at 4:00 AM on May 10<sup>th</sup> and return to the school at approximately 11:00 AM on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**All forms for the Grad Night Trip to Disneyland are due by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

If you have any questions about the trip, please call the High School Office at (209) 533-8644.

### No Classes/Testing Information

There will be no classes held Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>-Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, due to state testing for Juniors. Independent Study work will be issued for that week for all High School students and will be due on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. All Juniors should have received a letter detailing their testing days. Call Jennifer Warren at (209) 533-8644 ext. 218 with any questions or to confirm testing days/times.

## Table Mountain Explorers

Mr. Webster's Integrated Science class visited Table Mountain for a day of field botany and hiking! It was an overcast and blustery day, but thankfully the rain held off.

Table Mountain is a geological wonder consisting of a 10 million-year-old frozen river of lava! Over time the canyon hills around it that were once taller have eroded away to leave the giant river of cooled lava towering over Jamestown and New Melones Lake. The thin volcanic soils on top have become a host to a plethora of highly adapted species of plants and wildflowers that can create dazzling displays of beauty in the early to mid-spring. Our Juniors spent the day sketching, identifying, and photographing up to 15 distinct species of wildflowers. They also observed and learned about one of California's most rare and fleeting ecosystems - the vernal pool.



Vernal pools are small depressions in hardpan surfaces that collect rainwater during the winter. Until the water evaporates they form unique habitats with minute plants and animals that can live there and there only. During drought years these species must bide their time in dormancy until wetter years (such as this one!) come around.

Back in the science room, students spent the rest of the week organizing their data and creating Table Mountain botanical guides that highlighted the species they observed along with additional information gleaned from numerous sources. It is a real treat to see the students creating something out of material that they have collected themselves!



## Last Day of School Fiesta

On Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, our high school campus will take part in a fiesta planned by Student Council. There will be an early dismissal that day with students going home at 12:15 PM. The day's activities will include fun fiesta games and a free lunch of nachos and floats.

We are asking parents to donate for this end of the year activity. The following is a list of items needed. There will be a sign-up sheet at the front desk.

### Items Needed:

3 109oz cans of nacho cheese (also known as #10 cans), 8 regular sized bags of corn chips, 8 cans of sliced olives, 3 large tubs of sour cream, 2 jugs of salsa, 3 containers of jalapenos, 3 109oz cans of chili, 55 nacho containers, 55 bottles of Mexican soda, 5 cartons of vanilla ice cream, 55 large plastic cups (red, yellow, or green), 55 large napkins (red, yellow, or green), straws, and 55 tall plastic spoons.

We would also like to borrow some sombreros if you own them and are willing to lend them for that day.

We are looking forward to a festive end of the school year celebration!