

District Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

- June 2– 6:30 pm
Special Board Meeting
- June 9-Bridge Meeting 6:30pm at GEP
- June 22– 6pm
Regular Board Meeting
- School starts August 17th, 2011

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Geyserville Unified School District To Receive FREE School Bus!

The 25-year-old Crown school bus is a familiar site around Geyserville. In addition to delivering children to school, taking them on field trips, and getting sports teams where they need to go, our old yellow bus has offered limousine service to the Prom and has appeared in the tractor parade.

Due to grants from the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution District and the State of California, we hope to replace bus number 8 with a new bus by Winter Break in 2011. The new Bluebird

bus will be the same size as our current Bluebird bus, but it will be equipped with seat belts, and hold fewer students. Air pollution will be greatly reduced because of the new filtering system on the new bus, which will burn off particulates before they reach the air.

The price of the new bus is nearly \$100,000, but the District will only pay for the destruction of the old bus, which is required by the grant program. We expect to see savings in the cost of transportation. Maintenance on the new



New School Bus to replace Bus #8 Winter of 2011

bus will cost much less than keeping a 25-year old bus running.

By Wendy Wood,
Business Manager and
Transportation Director

BRIDGE SIDEWALK SOON TO COME

After the construction of the new bridge at Hwy. 128, the promised walkway to Moody Lane never developed. With the support of former Supervisor Paul Kelly, and the efforts of our present Supervisor Mike Maguire, we are much further along toward having the walkway become a reality. We have now secured financial support from the County of

Sonoma, and a sixty thousand dollar donation from the Sonoma County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee. This will allow engineering studies to begin. Caltrans has been helpful in speeding up permits, and the county will be taking some immediate steps by clearing the brush and posting warning signs until the actual construc-

tion begins. Again, thanks to Supervisors Kelly and Maguire, Caltrans and the Sonoma County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee for providing our children with a safe walkway on their way to school.

By Joe Carnation,
Superintendent

Principal's Message from Geyserville Ed Park



School begins
Wednesday, August
17th, 2011

I can't believe that this school year is over. It seems like we were just having our first assembly of the year instead of the last.

There were many accomplishments. With such a wonderful staff and great student body, it is no wonder our test scores improved. We received praise by the Accrediting Commission of Schools and Colleges for our wonderful work at both the high school and middle school which means we are accredited for another three years. I am so very fortunate to work

in such a wonderful and supportive school district. Both the middle school and high school staff are highly qualified, dedicated teachers who go beyond the normal work day to educate your children. District personnel also help make coming to work everyday a pleasure. But, the best part of my job is the students. They are the reason I went into education. Watching them grow and mature from little sixth graders to graduating seniors is such a pleasure. I am rewarded daily by a smile or a hello. They are our future and

watching them learn, experiment and become responsible adults is truly rewarding. I would like to thank my Site Council for their help and support this year. Thanks to their hard work, we were able to provide the entire school with a Career Fair where approximately fifty different professions were represented. This event took months of preparation, but very worth while. I hope everyone has a relaxing summer and I look forward to the 2011-12 school year.

By Katherine Hadden, Principal

**"THANKS TO
ALL
PARENTS
WHO HAVE
HELPED
MAKE THIS A
GREAT
YEAR!!!!"**

From Geyserville Elementary School:

CHESS WAS A SUCCESS!

We played Chess almost every day this year. Our students learned and had fun. We say thank you to Mr. Levy, Mr. Cowley, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Privat, and Mr. Holwell.

We look forward to playing again next year. This year we had many Kindergartners interested and playing well. Play over the summer!!

Congratulations to Our Fifth Graders, We are very proud of their Achievements!

The Fifth Grade Class:
Nick Talty, Pablo Torres, Dylan Basler, Veronica Diaz, Nancy Gonzalez, Yajaira Guillen, Anna Cornejo, Jessica Arzate, Montse Aguilar, Eligio Arreola, Carson Kalbfleisch, Morgan Crebs, Amber Osman, Veronica Shura, Sophia Castro, Carolyn Boustany, Isabela Faras and Jeremy Elwell.

Geyserville Educational Foundation



Join the Geyserville Educational Foundation and help raise money for our Schools

The Geyserville Educational Foundation raises funds to help enrich education in the Geyserville Unified School District. Last year we gave over \$15,000 to our schools to help fund field trips as well as art, music and dance programs, and we will award four

scholarships to this year's graduating class of 2011. The Geyserville Education Foundation raises funds through eScript, Partners in Business, Celebrate Geyserville and other community activities and we could use your help!

The Geyserville Ed Foundation meets monthly. If you are interested in joining our group or in receiving more information about our activities, please email gretchencrebs@hotmail.com.

By Gretchen Crebs, Ed Foundation President