

### Western Sierra Charter Schools

"Committed to family centered education"

### Fresno Resource Center August 2017 Newsletter

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

School starts August 17th, 2017.

by Eric Hagen - Fresno Principal

As I begin my 17th year in education and my 10th year with Mountain Home and Glacier, I can't help but be excited for the new year. I look forward each year to meeting new families and staff and seeing old friends. My own children Emma, 10th grade student with Glacier, and Olivia, 8th grade with Mountain Home, look forward to seeing friends and teachers. My wife, Michelle, now begins her 11th year of homeschooling our children and is preparing herself for what I believe is the most important job of teaching our kids. She is so amazing!

I encourage you this year to reflect on what is most important to your family. As life gets busy and school becomes hard, don't forget why you are doing what you are doing. Education and learning are important, but remember to build that relationship with your children. Remember to have fun and enjoy learning. Keep that vision of why you are homeschooling for your children, whether they are 5 or 17 years old.

The staff of Western Sierra Charter Schools are honored to be a part of your family and helping you achieve your goals for your children. Please don't hesitate to talk to me, or Assistant Principal Nancy Garcia, or Director Michael Cox if you have any questions or concerns this year.

Some other news, We will be making available Chromebooks to students to check out for home this year for grades 3rd-12th. They are being shipped but may not be ready for a couple of weeks. We will let you know when they are ready for checkout. Curriculum is arriving daily. We appreciate your patience as items sometimes are delayed beyond our control.

Thank you again for making our school the best!

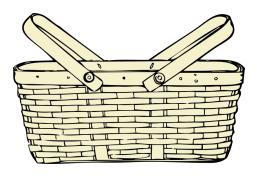
**NEW TO FRESNO:** Please welcome new staff members! Sandra Hammond will be a new MHS Teacher and Machelle Arrington is our new Special Ed Administrator.. We are also pleased to welcome new adjunct teachers Brooke Llanos - K/1 Afternoon Class; Jennifer Her - Graphic Design, and Alicen Leota - Music Teacher. We are excited to have Kao Thao with Action Window Cleaning and More join us as our new custodian.

Congratulations to Christine Karr who got married this summer. She is now Mrs. Neptune! Seems appropriate for an Underwater Robotics teacher.

### BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC IN THE PARK

ALL FRESNO FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO OUR BACK TO SCHOOL Picnic ON WEDNESDAY, August 23rd from 5pm - 7pm. At Oso De Oro Park.

What to Bring: Picnic dinner for your family. We'll provide dessert and water!



Some other things you may want: A blanket, folding chairs, and something to drink. The park has lots of play areas and a beautiful lake with geese.

Come see old friends and meet some new ones. This will be your first opportunity to sign up for MHS enrichment courses.

\*\*Stay tuned - We have a new communication system that will be starting next week called Parent Square. It will allow greater communication between you and the school. It should also keep you better informed. You should receive an email soon with an invitation to join. See <a href="https://www.parentsquare.com/">https://www.parentsquare.com/</a> for more information.\*\*

## MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL NEWS (FRESNO)

### NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

If you are a new MHS parent please join us for this very informative meeting. You will get a chance to learn more about our program and meet other parents/guardians that are homeschooling just like you!

WHEN: Friday August 25th

Time:

MHS Parent Orientation 11am-12pm \*Lunch provided 12pm-1pm

WHERE: Fresno Resource Center (777 W Shaw)

Room #3

### ENRICHMENT SCHEDULE

MHS Schedule is now available to view by clicking here or visit our website at <a href="http://www.mountainhomecharter.org/fresno-schedule.html">http://www.mountainhomecharter.org/fresno-schedule.html</a>

#### SIGN UPS STARTING

Wednesday, August 23rd 2017
At Back to School Night 5pm-7pm

- 1. Rosters will be available at school for Sign-ups until September 8th
- 2. <u>First Day of Enrichment is</u>
  <u>Monday September 11th</u> for K-8th

# GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL NEWS (FRESNO)

### NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

If you are a new GHS parent please join us for this very informative meeting. You will get a chance to learn more about our program and meet other parents/guardians that are homeschooling just like you!

WHEN: Friday August 25th

\*Lunch provided before meeting 12pm-1pm

TIME: 1pm-2pm

WHERE: Fresno Resource Center (777 W Shaw)
Classroom #3

# UNDERWATER ROBOTICS ROV COURSE MANDATORY PARENT/STUDENT MEETING

This meeting is a Prerequisite to enrolling in course.

Meeting is Tuesday
September 5th
1:30-3pm
\*Email Mrs. Neptune to RSVP to
meeting cneptune@wscsfamily.org

Class Start Date is September 12th

### ONSITE SCHEDULE

GHS Schedule is now available to view. Click here to view or visit our website at

http://www.glacierhighcharter.org/fresno-schedule.html

To sign up for on-site courses please inform your charter teacher of your choices during your initial meeting.

\*Elective courses are subject to enrollment numbers and staff availability.

All Math and Science courses begin the week of August 29th.

All other GHS courses begin the week of September 5th

# H.S. LEADERSHIP COURSE MANDATORY PARENT/STUDENT MEETING.

This meeting is a Prerequisite to enrolling in course.

Meeting is Thursday
September 7th
12pm-1:00pm
\*Email Mrs. Garcia to RSVP to meeting
ngarcia@wscsfamily.org

Class Start Date is September 14th

### Western Sierra Charter Schools Staff Directory

### Fresno Staff

 School Phone number:
 559-248-0471

 School Fax number:
 559-248-0482

777 Shaw Ave Fresno, CA 93704

<u>Name</u>	<u>Extension</u>	Primary Assignment	
Eric Hagen	203	Fresno Principal/Tech Admin	
Nancy Garcia	202	Assistant Principal Fresno	
Marianne Lord	200	WSCS Secretary	
Margaret Den Hartog	207	Mountain Home Teacher	
Stephanie Ganzenhuber	209	Mountain Home Teacher	
Sandra Hammond	215	Mountain Home Teacher	
Brook Hirata	204	Mountain Home Teacher	
Christine Neptune	210	Mountain Home Teacher/Special Ed	
Amanda Patterson	208	Mountain Home Teacher	
Grace Reeve	201	Mountain Home Teacher and GHS Science Teacher	
Irina Buca	205	Glacier High Teacher	
Mindy Dixon	206	Glacier High Teacher	
Marcia Souza	208	MHS and Glacier High Teacher	
Michael Cox	(559) 642-1422 ext. 102	WSCS Director	
Jody Jeffers	(559) 642-1422 ext. 117	Chief Business Officer	
Cheryl Wilhite	(559) 642-1422 ext 100	Administrative Secretary	
Machelle Arrington	(559) 642-1422 ext 120	Special Ed Administrator	
Sarah Zimmer	(559) 642-1422 ext 123	Speech	

Email addresses for all staff are: first initial and last name @wscsfamily.org (no spaces)

**Support Staff** 

Ms. Emily Dixon - Choir; Mrs. Gaviria - Spanish; Mrs. Lane - Art; Ms. Her - Graphic Design; Mrs. Llanos - K/1 Teacher; Mrs. Leota - Music; Ms. Kelly Lord - Office and TA; Mr. McGough - Integrated Drawing/Art; Kao Thao - Custodian

#### Western Sierra Charter Schools 2017-2018 Calendar



15-16 Teacher Work Day

17 First Day of School/ Semester 1 begins

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23 Attendance #8 Due March 26-April 2 Spring Break

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16-20 October Break

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10 Veterans Day

22-24 Thanksgiving Break

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28 Memorial Day

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20 Attendance #5 Due

Dec 21-Jan 5 Winter Break

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6 Last Day of School

7 Teacher Work Day

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8 2<sup>nd</sup> semester begins

15 Martin Luther King Day

26 Attendance #6 Due

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Fresno Resource Center 777 W. Shaw Ave. Fresno, CA 93704 559-248-0471 MHS Promotion: May 31 GHS Graduation: June 1

Beginning/End of School
Teacher Work Day
Holiday/Vacation

Teaching Day-175 days