



THE GATOR GAZETTE

The Official Gator Newsletter

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October

October 23rd: Virtual Family Fun Night

October 26th: Minimum Day (Grades TK-6): Distance Learning Schedule

October 29th: PSP Restaurant Night – Skipolini’s

October 30th: End of Trimester 1

November

November 2nd – 6th: Conference Week, Minimum Days (TK-6): Distance Learning Schedule (conferences held virtually)

November 3rd-4th: Picture Day

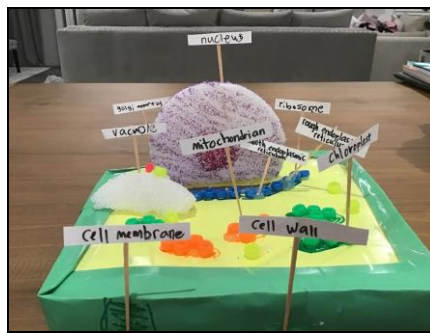
November 11th: No School – Veteran’s Day

November 20th: No School – Professional Learning

November 23rd – 26th: No School – Thanksgiving Week

VIRTUAL LEARNING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Our Virtual Learning Program students are engaging in our rigorous and exciting Core Knowledge curriculum. See these photos from Mrs. Penney’s 6th Grade Class! They created Greek vases, and had fun designing cell models, and shared their final products with their teachers and classmates. We’re so proud of our Virtual Learning Program teachers making learning fun, and of our students working so hard on excellent work, even from home!



REPORTING YOUR CHILD’S ABSENCE

As a reminder, we have a new way of reporting your child’s attendance this year! If your child is going to be absent for any reason, you **must** fill out the [Student Absence Form](#), located on the school website, under the “Contact Us” tab. This form will assist us in tracking



illnesses and helping to ensure our school remains as safe as possible.

NEW LUNCH ORDERING FOR COHORT B STUDENTS ONLY (TK-6th) - UPDATE



We are consistently working on making our lunch procedures as smooth and seamless as possible for families and teachers. **Starting this week, parents will need to pre-order lunches for their children, a week in advance.** All orders, will need to be placed through the Lunch Time Parent Portal, on **Wednesdays and Thursdays.** When you are ready to order, please view the lunch menu on our [Food and Nutrition Services page](#) and proceed with the following steps:

1. Click on “Lunch Ordering.”
2. Click on “Parent Portal.”
3. Create and account (if you do not already have one)
4. Click on “Meal Pre-Order.”
5. Choose student
6. Click on dates you wish to order.
7. Click on “Save Selection.”



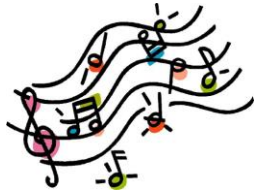
DRESS CODE-FRIENDLY REMINDER

Now that hybrid students have returned to campus, we would like to remind parents and families that students are required to follow dress code while at school. While students may not be participating in PE or recess while on campus, for safety reasons, flip-flops, backless shoes, slippers, and tennis shoes with wheels are not allowed. If you would like to read more about our school dress code, please reference our [Parent-Student Handbook](#).

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

We have been hard at work to coordinate our school picture day with IOP Photography! Picture Day is scheduled for November 3rd and 4th and will take place in the Rocklin Academy Gateway gym. In accordance with our current safety procedures and guidelines, the process for school pictures will look a little different this year. Parents will need to sign up [here](#) for a date and time for their child(ren) to come to campus to have their picture taken. (*Make sure to write the child’s name in the comment section.) Each child will need to have their own time slot. Social distancing will be expected and face coverings must be worn. (Masks can be removed while the picture is being taken.)





TK-3RD GRADE MUSIC ENRICHMENT!

We are happy to announce that even though our Music Docent volunteers can't lead music lessons in our TK-3rd grade classes this year, our team has been hard at work creating sets of online links so our students and families can still enjoy music topics, songs, and fun activities that tie into our Core Knowledge curriculum. These YouTube links will be added into TK-3rd grade daily student playlists and will be labeled "Music Docent Enrichment."

In addition, one of our Gateway families has created a public website that includes all of our Music Docent Enrichment Links for each grade in a fun, interactive way and groups them into lessons you can share and enjoy at home with your students. The Music Docent Enrichment Links and the family website are based on the music sections of all the Core Knowledge "What Your Nth Grader Needs to Know" TK-3rd grade books. Enjoy! bigbrainjunction.org/music

"WHAT YOUR NTH GRADER NEEDS TO KNOW" CORE KNOWLEDGE BOOKS

Rocklin Academy is a Core Knowledge school with a curriculum based on the highest performing elementary school systems around the world. All parents of TK-6th grade Gateway students are encouraged to obtain and read the Core Knowledge book "*What Your Nth Grader Needs to Know*" by E. D. Hirsch, Jr. with their student each year. The books are written at the grade level of your children to make the books fun and engaging. They include sections on language arts, world history, geography, visual arts, music, mathematics and science. You can find these books at all major online bookstores, and also at the Core Knowledge website: www.coreknowledge.org



MINIMUM DAY (TK-6th) - OCTOBER 26

Monday, October 26th will be a minimum day for grade TK-6th. Students in these grades will be back on our Distance Learning Schedule and will not come to campus. As a reminder, you can find the distance learning schedule [here](#). **7th and 8th grade students will attend their classes like usual.**

UPCOMING CONFERENCE WEEK

We wanted to remind families that conference week for grades TK-6th is right around the corner, scheduled for November 2nd – November 6th. **During this week, students in these grades will be back on the Distance Learning Schedule.** Conferences will also be held virtually. Please be on the lookout in the coming weeks for more information to come from your child's teacher.





FAILURE LEADS TO SUCCESS CHALLENGE

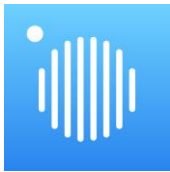
Don't forget to participate in this month's PBIS challenge for Failure Leads to Success! Please remember to email a photo of your child with their creation to Mrs. Carli at bcarli@rocklinacademy.org.

ANNUAL UPDATES TO STUDENT INFORMATION

Please take a moment to log in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and make sure to update and confirm the important information that we have on file for your child(ren). Click on the "Forms" tab and make sure to review: **Permissions and Agreements, Student Contacts, ESSA, and Health Information.**



**If you have forgotten your username or password, please complete the information needed in order to reset at [PS Parent Portal Reset](#).*



SCHOOL NEWS APP

Make sure you download "School News by Edlio" in the App Store or Google Play to have all of the important school information at your fingertips. Parents can add multiple schools to the app and view all schools' feeds in one place. Receive school news updates, view calendars, report attendance and opt for push notifications from multiple campuses. The School News app is available for both iOS and Android mobile devices.



PSP PARENT NEWS

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

23 • Virtual Family Fun Night

29 • Skipolini Restaurant Night

NOVEMBER

5 • PSP General Meeting 6:30 pm

7 • Fall Virtual Auction

16-29 • Scholastic Book Fair
(Virtual)



CONNECT WITH US

WEBSITE

<https://www.gatewaypsp.org>

PARENT DIRECTORY

<https://www.gatewaypsp.org/directory/>

EMAIL

gatewaypspteam@gmail.com

FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/RAGatewayPSP>

INSTAGRAM

<https://www.instagram.com/ragatewaypsp/>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

<https://forms.gle/43EJdETaovv6wDaN6>

ANNUAL GIVING

<https://go.rallyup.com/gatewayagc-2020>

SPIRIT WEAR

<http://bit.ly/2ocTl2s>

HALLOWEEN EDITION FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Our next virtual family fun night is rapidly approaching and is full of spooky fun! This month's theme will be Halloween inspired. We will have fun activities and ideas for you to check out, and you can decide how your family would like to participate. The fun starts on October 23rd. Go [here](#) to access the FB page!



PUMPKINS AND COSTUMES

For our next virtual event, we want to showcase decorated pumpkins and costumes from our Gator families! If you want to show off your pumpkins or costumes, please send your pics to

gatewaypspteam@gmail.com, or upload your photos to the event page. Thank you!

VIRTUAL AUCTION

Calling all Gator Families!! The PSP will be hosting a virtual auction early next month! It will be a great place to find some early holiday gifts and to support our school! The link to the auction will be posted in next week's Gator Gazette. If you're interested in checking out the auction items early, follow us on social media for updates.



PARENT DIRECTORY

We are so excited to have released our Parent Directory! *There are now 206 students signed up for the directory!* Be sure to sign up so that your students can be found by friends. Check out the [FAQs](#) and Step by Step instructions if you have any questions. Here's the Parent Directory link: <https://www.gatewaypsp.org/directory/>

YEARBOOK

We will have one yearbook for the whole school: TK – 8th grade. Purchase one during the month of **October for a 5% discount!** If you don't already have a TreeRing account, please look at the step-by-step [flyer](#) for instructions.

Place orders at: <https://tr5.treering.com/validate> The school code is: 1015676997573154

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

We know things have been tough lately, but we just want to remind you that your donations allow us to provide important materials, activities, and experiences for your Gator! Please Visit [RallyUp](#) to learn how your donation supports our Gateway community. You can also **text GIVE2AGC to 855-202-2100** to receive a link to make your donation today.

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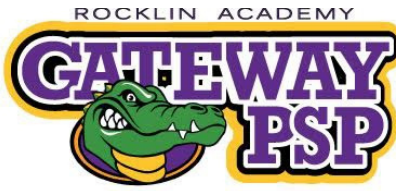
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VIRTUAL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

HALLOWEEN EDITION

FACEBOOK GROUP:
VIRTUAL FAMILY FUN NIGHT -
HALLOWEEN EDITION



FALL AUCTION

November 7, 2020

The Rocklin Academy Gateway Parent School Partnership (PSP) is organizing a virtual auction to be held on Instagram. This event will allow us to showcase the small businesses of our Gateway families and local community.

Profits from this virtual auction will go to the RA Gateway PSP and are used to offset school supplies, pay for field trips and class experiences, purchase equipment that benefits our students, and purchase classroom technology, along with many other things!

If you would like more information or would like to donate, please email events@gatewaypsp.org.

Capture Your Memories in This Year's Rocklin Academy Gateway Yearbook

5% OFF
purchase by
October 31



Purchase by October 31st to get 5% OFF

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- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.
- Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.
- The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to www.treering.com/validate
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:
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