



THE GATOR GAZETTE

The Official Gator Newsletter

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December

December 18th: End of Semester 1

December 18th: PSP Virtual Family Fun Night

December 21st-31st: No School, Winter Break

January

January 1st-4th: No School, Winter Break

January 5th: No School, Professional Learning

January 14th: New Family Parent Information Night, held virtually, 6:00pm

January 14th: PSP Meeting, 6:30pm

January 22nd: 2021-22 Lottery Application Begins

January 29th: PSAT (8th grade only)

MESSAGE FROM MRS. ANTOON

Rocklin Academy Gateway Families,

As we round out the first half of our school year, and wrap up 2020, I wanted to take a moment on behalf of our team to thank you. We know this year has been one like no other, and we cannot stress enough how much we appreciate your partnership and support as we all have navigated these challenges together. From supporting your child in their learning from home, to positive comments to our teachers and staff, to flexibility with schedules and changes, we are so grateful.

These times have been challenging, but seeing our students engaged in learning every day, whether in person or in our virtual classrooms has kept us going! We know that the holidays may feel different this year, but even so, we wish you the happiest holiday season. Please be safe and healthy, and we will see you in the new year!

-Mrs. Antoon, on behalf of the entire Rocklin Academy Gateway team



SPELLING BEE

Our school site spelling bee was held virtually last week from December 7 - 11th. In total, we had 74 students participate from our 3rd-8th grade classes. They were presented with a written spelling test consisting of 25 challenging words. Our students did an amazing job of persevering and did exceedingly well! They should all be VERY proud of themselves and their accomplishments. Ultimately, we were able to identify a school level spelling bee champion. Tiffany Fan (8th Grade) made a perfect score of 25/25. She will be moving onto the next level of competition in the Spring. We wish her the very best of luck! Congratulations to Tiffany and all of the students who participated in their classroom spelling bee and/or our school spelling bee this year! Go Gators!

PSAT - 8TH GRADE – DATE CORRECTION

This year, the PSAT will be held on campus the morning of **Friday, January 29th**. There will be a limited number of sign-ups offered this year due to the need to follow social distancing protocols while on campus. Additionally, the PSAT will cost \$10.



Our new Distance/Hybrid learning schedule allows for Fridays to be focused around intervention, performances, and assessments; therefore, if your child signs up for the PSAT they will not miss new class instruction. If your student does not decide to take the PSAT this year, they will attend class on Friday morning.

Please be on the lookout for a sign-up in the beginning of January when we return from Winter Break!

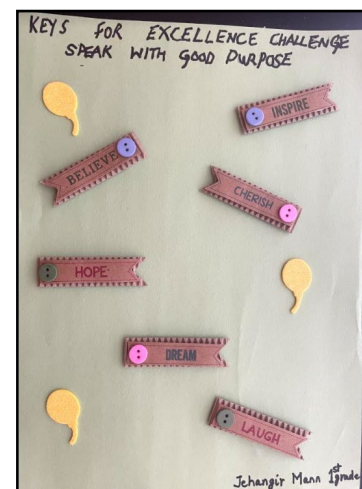


KEYS OF EXCELLENCE CHALLENGE- "THIS IS IT!"

We hope that your November was truly terrific with your fantastic families! We have seen such greatness in all of your super star students, and cannot thank you and your students enough for all of your time, communication, support, and hard work. You and your families are amazing!

For the month of December, we have begun introducing our new key: "This Is It!" and we will continue to focus on this key through the month of January. This key is meant to help us to focus on the NOW rather than the later. As we all know, life is full of distractions, so by focusing on our present, we are able to spend our time on things that we can control, manage, and work on right now, increasing our positive attitude, productivity, and allowing us to more easily structure time for ourselves and our loved ones. As the program says, "When we live in the NOW we have the power! With a This Is It! Attitude, we make the present 'it' and find joyful moments that we might have otherwise missed."

This month we want to mix up our challenge a little bit. We want all of our super students to do an end of the month reflection, and find a moment to celebrate when they demonstrated the key "This Is It!" During the week of January 25th, we would like all of our sensational students to either design a picture or artwork, or write a sentence or two that represents their shining moment where they truly focused on the present and made the best of what they had. We would then like a photo of either their creation, or them with their creation to be sent to Mrs. Carli at bcarli@rocklinacademy.org by **Friday, January 29th** so we can celebrate them in the Gator Gazette. We really want to kick off the new year by celebrating as many of our superstars as possible, and thank you in advance for helping encourage them to take a pause to reflect on their amazing accomplishments, and celebrate themselves.



Here is a creation from our Super Student of Speaking with Good Purpose!



TRAFFIC REMINDERS

Please take a moment to review some important traffic reminders below. Thank you for helping keep our staff and families safe.

- Drive slowly and safely through the parking lot.
- Stay in your traffic route.
- Be mindful of pedestrians.

ABSENCES

It is important to report your child's absence (regardless of the reason) through the [Student Absence Form](#). If the absence is related to illness with COVID symptoms or a COVID-19 quarantine or exposure in the last 14 days, you will receive an email and Symptoms Notice from our attendance office.

This notification will inform you of your child's need to stay home from school and the date on which they may return to campus. If your child's absence is not reported, we must assume that your child is ill and you will receive the same notification. ****It is important to note that children who experience symptoms during a holiday break with less than 10 days before the restart of school, should remain home and the absence must be reported.**



TECHNOLOGY HELP

For all technology issues, whether it's a need for a password reset or your child's device is not working, visit the Technology Help page [here](#), found on our website, and fill out the 2020-21 RAFOS Technology Help form.



PSP Parent News

December 16, 2020

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

18 • Virtual Family Fun Night – Holiday Edition

JANUARY

14 • PSP General Meeting 6:30 pm

FEBRUARY

4 • PSP General Meeting 6:30 pm

12 • Virtual Family Fun Night – Movie Night Edition



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

We have reached 5% of our AGC goal at \$7,101 dollars raised! These funds help create a vibrant school culture, academic enrichment programs, classroom assistance, and school projects.

We are planning to highlight donors in a special newsletter in January. Contribute by December 31, 2020 to see your name included.

Donations to the AGC are tax deductible – there is still time to donate before the end of the year! Visit [RallyUp](#) or text **GIVE2AGC to 855-202-2100** to receive a link to make your donation today!

HOLIDAY EDITION VIRTUAL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Our next virtual family fun night, on December 18th, will be centered around the holidays. We will have fun activities and ideas for you to check out, and you can decide how your family would like to participate. Go to the site [here!](#)

ANNOUNCEMENT: There will be a surprise visit from the jolly man in a red suit! Check it out!

We are excited to share how our Gateway families enjoy the holidays and will have an album to highlight decorations and family traditions. Please send us pics so we can share! Email photos to gatewaypspteam@gmail.com (please include student's name and grade/teacher). Thank you!

MASKS FOR SALE



We are selling Gator masks! We are selling these until they run out! They are \$6 for one (1) mask, or \$20 for a bundle of four (4) masks. Go to this [link](#) to purchase a mask or find them on our website!

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

<https://forms.gle/43EJdETaowv6wDaN6>

ANNUAL GIVING

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

SPIRIT WEAR

<http://bit.ly/2ocTI2s>

AMAZON SMILE

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-4449502>

PARENT DIRECTORY

Have you signed up for the Parent Directory? The Parent Directory is a great way to find friends from your kiddos' classes, if you don't already have their info. Especially as we approach the weeks of vacation in December, finding your kiddos friends could open up opportunity to connect for your student. 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 PREORDER

Yearbooks are still available for pre-order! Go to the following link to pre-order a yearbook: <https://tr5.treering.com/validate> The school code is: 1015676997573154

If you don't already have a TreeRing account, please look at the step-by-step [flyer](#) for instructions.



Holiday Newsletter

December 2020



Happy Holidays Gator Families!

Hope this newsletter finds you in the holiday spirit! As 2020 comes to a close, here is a some information about resources that help all of our students and an AGC update. We also wanted to make sure that you had information handy for those wanting to make year-end gifts to the AGC!

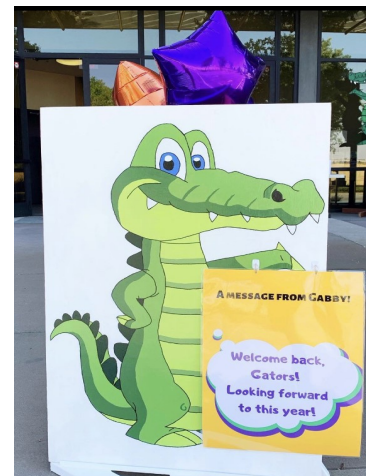
This school year has presented us with so many challenges and our whole community has risen to the occasion. Our teachers have been innovative, our staff has been steadfast, our school administration has been strategic and phenomenal, our parents have been gracious and our students have grown in resilience. The PSP Board has worked hard to thoughtfully discuss how we can best partner with our community

so that we can remain connected during this time.

PSP has worked hard towards better connecting and nurturing our sense of community virtually, even though we do not see each other in person often this year. *Our hope is that even while apart, our families would know that they are part of a larger community that is persevering together.*

We have worked on several campus community connection projects including increasing our social media presence, the newly released Parent Directory, the new PSP website, and virtual events.

This is not the reality that any of us chose, however our



A new, cleaned up Gabby, ready to take on the year!

families have risen to the occasion and are showing our community is Gator strong!

*Happy Holidays,
From the PSP Board
(Daniela Miranda, Krystl Burleigh, Sabina Khan, Kay Bass, and Reshma Alam)*

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PSP Highlights This Year:

◆ Social Media Connection

Increasing our presence on FaceBook and Instagram to better connect and inform our campus community.

◆ Parent Directory

Facilitating opportunity for families to connect directly with other families who have opted into the Directory.

◆ PSP Website

Providing a one-stop shop for all things related to PSP activities in our campus community.

◆ Virtual Events

Exploring ways to engage school families, support our local community, and raise support for our school.

◆ Yearbook

Capturing our school's story and connecting students to each other.



Don't Forget!

For more connection with Gator Families, don't forget to do the following:

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Check out our virtual events! Join in on the activities and post pictures sharing your participation. Our next one—Holiday Edition—starts December 18th! Connect [here!](#)

PARENT DIRECTORY

Sign up for the Parent Directory! Find friends to set up virtual playdates or to open up communication outside of class. Winter vacation will be a great time to connect! Sign up for the Directory at <https://gatewaypsp.org/directory/>

Annual Giving Campaign 2020-2021 Updates:

Adapting to this year's needs, PSP plans to prioritize funding to educational platforms and technologies and classroom accounts. These funds allow our students to use subscription services such as Raz Kids and SeeSaw, so that they can engage with their lessons electronically. Classroom accounts allow teachers to submit for reimbursements from items they purchase as educational tools or for the classroom. These funds are available for all classrooms and supplemental educational services.

This year, PSP has increased funding to \$15k for educational platforms and electronic subscriptions, \$250 to classroom accounts (totaling \$14,250), \$2.5k towards athletic league fees, \$2.5k for band musical instruments, and \$3k towards teacher appreciation, as well as some additional items.

As of writing this, the AGC has raised 5% of our goal, which is \$7,101. If you are in a position where you are interested in donating funds to benefit our students, donate at <https://go.rallyup.com/gatewayagc-2020>. We are planning a special letter in January to highlight our donors. Donate by December 31, 2020 to be included in this letter.

How to Donate:

PAY ONLINE

Gateway uses RallyUp to collect online contributions. Use the following link to donate: <https://go.rallyup.com/gatewayagc-2020>. You can find all our RallyUp info at <https://GatewayPSP.RallyUp.com>

PAY BY CHECK

Fill out an AGC donation form, attach your check and submit in a sealed envelope to the front office staff. The form can be found [here](#).

TEXT TO GIVE

Text 'GIVE2AGC' to 855-202-2100 to get a link to contribute.

CORPORATE MATCHING

Check if your employer will match your charitable donation to Rocklin Academy Gateway.

Thank You!

The Covid19 Pandemic has affected all of us on various levels and presented us with unanticipated challenges. Thank you for continuing to stay engaged, for adapting to all of the challenges that have come our way, and for being supportive of our campus community. Your generosity makes our community stronger. Go Gators!



PSP Virtual Family Fun Nights—
Halloween and Camp Out Editions.



Student
enjoying
Globe
Trot Scott
Activities.

Questions?

Contact us at
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