Dear Grass Valley school community,

One-hundred and eighty days of school can go by in a flash. I am very excited about the hard work that both staff and students have given this school year. The Grass Valley staff would also like to thank you for your teamwork and support.

As the year closes, we will be saying good-bye to two wonderful people and educators. We wish all the best to Mrs. Hord and Mrs. Woodruff as they enter retirement! They are both accomplished educators and have been supporting Grass Valley students for a combined 13 years. We wish you much happiness and relaxation as you enjoy retirement! Congratulations!

In the same breath, we want to welcome five outstanding new additions to Grass Valley and the Camas School District. Kathleen Cluen, Nikki Hunter and Jennifer Moke will be teaching second grade. Sheryl Obegi will be joining third grade as a math/science teacher and Jennifer Thorkelson will be teaching fourth-grade math/science. She will be replacing Erin Linton, who is moving into the vacant library position. We are extremely excited and fortunate to have this group join our school community!

Grass Valley hopes that you all have a wonderful and safe summer with your families!

Regards,

T. Sean McMillan
IMPORTANT YEAR-END REMINDERS

>> EXTRA-EARLY RELEASE ON LAST DAY:

Wednesday, June 15, is the last day of school. Buses will leave at 10:50 AM.

Also note that no breakfast will be served on the last day of school.

>> LOST ‘N’ FOUND:

Missing a few things? Don’t forget to check the Lost ‘n’ Found. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of June. You may check for missing items through 3:00 PM on Friday, June 24.

>> MEDICINE PICK-UP:

If you have medication for your child in the Health Room, you must pick it up by the end of school on Tuesday, June 14. All medicines that are not picked up will be properly discarded.

This does include epipens.

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PTA UPDATE

Thank you, volunteers, for a great year!

From the bottoms of our hearts, the PTA board members want to thank all of the families, faculty and staff at GVE who gave their time, talent and treasure to help make this a successful year. None of us can do this alone, and every moment of help makes a difference.

News to note:

Last chance for reimbursement

Our dedicated and hard-working treasurer, Shannon Frost, is busy finalizing the PTA’s books for the school year.

If you have any outstanding expenses for the PTA that you haven’t turned in for reimbursement yet, you need to do so by June 15 — the last day of school. Any expenses not submitted by that day will be considered a donation to the PTA.

You can place receipts in the PTA box in the school workroom, leave them with Aileen or Laurie in the main office or email Shannon at gvetreasurer@gmail.com to make alternate arrangements.

Thank you.

Committee chairs sought

We want to remind everyone that we’re looking for people who are interested in chairing a PTA committee for the next school year.

We’re especially looking for people to handle: the monthly birthday celebration, dine-arounds, lost & found, the laminating crew, the reader board, spring carnival, the auction fundraiser, staff appreciation and the Stuff the Bus food drive.

You don’t have to be a PTA member to serve in these roles, although membership is preferred for some positions. Some of the jobs might sound intimidating, but most will have support so you’re not shouldering anything alone. For complete descriptions of all of the committees, please visit our website at http://grassvalleypota3665.weebly.com.

We’ll send out more information about volunteering in the fall, when we’ll be reaching out at Back to School night Sept. 1.

If you’re interested in volunteering or want to learn more, you can email PTA President Carrie Davis at gvepresident@gmail.com.

We hope you have a great summer.
Grass Valley VOCAL JAZZ Welcomes YOU!

No Experience Is Necessary!

ALL grade 3-4-5 Grass Valley students are invited to participate in Grass Valley VOCAL JAZZ (GVVJ) this school year. We are an award-winning vocal jazz ensemble setting national standards. We will rehearse before school from 8:00-8:45 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Student rhythm section members on piano, bass guitar and drums are needed as well as singers. If you have experience playing, let me know if you are interested!

Rehearsals begin Thursday, Sept, 23, 2016, in the music room. Simply show up to express your interest! Students are expected to attend all rehearsals.

Grass Valley VOCAL JAZZ will have many performances throughout the school year. Members will be expected to wear blue jeans, black socks/shoes and purchase a GVVJ T-shirt for our performances. The cost is $10 each.

For more information, please send an e-mail to me at natalie.wilson@camas.wednet.edu, call me at 833-5710 ext. 78100 or come see me directly.

I look forward to seeing you in Grass Valley VOCAL JAZZ. Together, let’s have a great year!

Mrs. Wilson

DO YOU PLAY …

Piano, drums or bass guitar?
(Or are you willing to flip from guitar to bass?)

Grass Valley VOCAL JAZZ always welcomes rhythm section players and we need YOU to join us for the ride!

Contact Mrs. Wilson for some detailed information to get you started.

(It’s really not too difficult! I can train you if you have even a little experience and are willing to try!)

Grass Valley Elementary
Back to School Night
Thursday, September 1, 2016
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Get the school year started off right at Back to School Night!

• Visit your child’s classroom and meet his or her new teacher.
• Purchase your student planner.
• Drop off school supplies in your child’s classroom OR have the supplies waiting for you if they were ordered through the PTA’s School Supply Fundraiser.
• Sign up for your 2016-2017 PTA membership and learn about volunteer opportunities.
• Deposit money into your child’s lunch account.
• Purchase Spirit Wear.

Only cash or check is accepted for payment.

Look for more details in the Back to School letter coming in August from Principal Sean McMillan.