

# GOOD THINGS

"The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor. – Vince Lombardi

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## **From the Superintendent:**

### **(Engage) GOOD THINGS:**

Capturing Kid's Heart, affectionately known around the halls of GCC and our schools as CKH, has been a major initiative of GCC for more than 4 years. It is exciting to visit our various sites and see administrators, teachers, and students talk about social contracts, good things, and more. I want to personally affirm everyone in the GCC for embracing this key initiative and continuing to capture the hearts of our students, staff and community.

Last month I was honored to participate in the first ever GCC Mid-Year Graduation ceremony. This was a special moment for students, parents, teachers, and our community. Valedictorian Regina Galushchak, who started as a student at COA, gave a wonderful and thoughtful speech. Witnessing the success and growth of the students within the GCC has been an inspiration! I wish all of our new graduates the very best on their new beginnings!



On February 19, 2016, the GCC Board of Directors held their annual retreat at the GCC. The retreat went well and much was studied, reviewed and decided upon to keep our organization on track. Thank you to all the sites and staff for the valuable information that went into the LCAP mid-year report. Also kudos to Aaron Thornsberry, Michael Gillespie, Jerry Kosch, and Jason Sample who all provided the board with meaningful reports and presentations to help guide our organization's decision making. Finally, the Board was once again pleased to provide significant staff raises for next school year on the salary schedule as well as approving the next phase of the TQAI process.

Great things are happening in the GCC for kids because great people care about the work we do.

- Dr. Cindy Petersen, Superintendent/CEO

## **(Explore)**

### **First Fall/Winter Graduation Ceremony for SAVA & CCCS**



CCCS Principal Jon Campbell, CCCS Valedictorian speaker Regina Galushchak, CCCS/SAVA keynote speaker Eric Guerra



New Graduates from SAVA!

## **New Faces at the GCC Central Office:**

We would like to welcome Sergey Terebkov to the Central Office as our new Assistant Director of Community Engagement and Development. A native of Russia, Sergey is the Founder and President of the Slavic American Chamber of Commerce, which provides services for and facilitates the growth and success of businesses that serve the Slavic American community throughout California.

Prior to becoming a full time staff member with GCC, Sergey served on the Community and Business Advisory Council as a Liaison to GCC Board. His current community service involves serving on the Sacramento County Sheriff Business Advisory Board, Advisory Panel for Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), and Advisory Board for Asians in Energy. He is the member of Sacramento Regional Coalition for Tolerance.

**(Explore)**

**GCC Science and Engineering Fair**

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in GCC's recent Science and Engineering Fair! Some of the innovative project titles were: "GMO? OMG?", "Generator of Free Energy" and "Knuckleball Madness."



CCCS students earned third place with their project: "The Effects of Household Drinks"

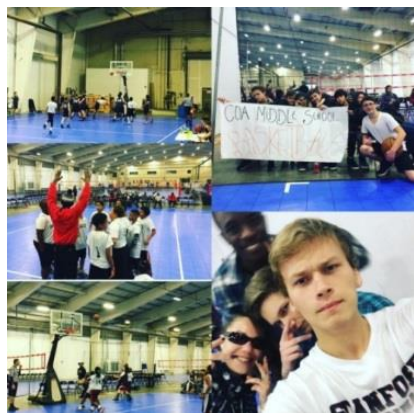
**(Communicate)**

**Business Services Update:**

GCC Business Services is continuing to work hard to provide services to all of the GCC schools. Currently, the Budget Coordinator and CBO are analyzing data from enrollment to state budget outlook and using that to complete forecasting models for each school for the next few years. This allows the GCC to plan ahead for any challenges and take advantage of opportunities to provide as many resources to our students as possible. We are excited to announce that Candy Santos and Aaron Thornsberry will be providing a basic Microsoft Excel training in the GCC Board Room at 4pm on April 12, 2016!

**News from the Athletic Department Coordinator:**

The Futures High Boys basketball team ended their season on February 3rd with a huge victory in front of a packed house of Knight fans! Athletics has sparked excitement and has increased school spirit at the Futures campus. The GCC Elementary and Middle



School Basketball League began with the first play date on Friday 1/22/16 at the Jackson Sports Academy in the McClellan Business Park. We have multiple teams from EPIC, GIS, COA Middle, COA Elementary and HLA! There

was a huge turnout of parents, staff, and students that all came to support their teams and schools for our first week. We are looking forward to a fun season!

**(Empower)**

**Edcamps**

We are pleased to announce that the first GCC Edcamp was conducted on February 25 (Document Cameras/Recording Technology) and the second will be on March 3 (Google Classroom/Drive). Thank you to Futures teacher Victor Nguyen and SAVA Specialist Ric Reyes for leading the Edcamps. For more information about leading a GCC Edcamp, please contact the HR Department. Also, we encourage everyone to visit and utilize the GCC Training Calendar, which can be found on the Calendars tab on the GCC Web site.

**Gateway Community Charters Foundation:**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Gateway Community Charters' Golf Tournament will be on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Teal Bend Golf Course (7200 Garden Highway Sacramento, CA, 95837). Registration is now open!

You can register online at the following website:

<http://birdeasepro.com/Links4SchoolChoice>

**2016 GCC Golf Tournament Staff and Volunteer Information**

- 1) GCC Employees wishing to golf in the tournament will be allowed to use a "Personal Necessity" day if they golf during the tournament day.
- 2) GCC Employees who volunteer for the event but **DO NOT** golf will need the prior approval of their supervisor and it will be considered a regular work day, they are expected to volunteer the same number of hours as their work day.
- 3) Volunteers participating as members of the planning committee **CAN NOT** do golf committee activities during work hours without prior approval from their supervisor. The Golf Committee is strongly discouraging staff from doing committee work during work hours.

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**Upcoming Events and Dates:**

**March 3, 4-5 pm**

Edcamp: Google Classroom/Drive

**May 6, 8:30 a.m.**

GCC Golf Tournament, Teal Bend

**(Launch)**

"Aspire to inspire." - Unknown