

# GOOD THINGS

*"You must remain focused on your journey to greatness." - Les Brown*

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## From the Superintendent

**(Engage) GOOD THINGS: WELCOME BACK!!!**



Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! We are excited as we kick off our 13th year of providing quality school choice in the greater Sacramento region. When we opened our first school in 2003 with 300 students we never knew that 12 years later we would have 7 schools located at over 17 locations serving over 4,500 students! This is a direct testament to your hard work and dedication as employees of GCC! Thank you for your service, care and dedication to making a difference in the lives of countless young people.

**-Dr. Cindy Petersen, Superintendent/CEO**

## **(Explore)**

### GCC Summer Facilities Update

The summer of 2015 has brought many projects to the GCC and as a result many good things are coming to many of the campuses.

SAVA Power Inn received their clean diesel grant which allows them to expand their program into another suite. We are also doing a small renovation on the suite located at 5320 Power Inn Road, Suite A.

EPIC not only is starting their first school year as a new charter, but they have also moved from their former location to a newly renovated second floor of an office building located at 2945 Ramco Street in West Sacramento. The renovation provided 19 classrooms with additional space to build 4 – 5 more when needed. Additionally, GCC is starting construction on a playground

on site to include a free game court, picnic/lunch tables, tetherball and a modern climbing and slide structure.

GIS will be receiving a much needed and anticipated playground structure which San Juan USD will be moving and installing. GCC is also working with San Juan's architect in the design and installation of portables to handle the growth at GIS.

Futures/COA Middle School has received a brand new parking lot, basketball and volleyball courts. Twin Rivers has also (with the provided funds from GCC) committed to installing a fence around the perimeter of the campus. The E-Building is also receiving a brand new HVAC system to provide comfort to the students and staff. [Watch for Futures new logo and new signage on site!]

COA Elementary has a newly renovated lobby at their Skvarla location that will provide a fresh new look for parents dropping off their children. It will also update the counters to provide the ADA accessibility to those who are in need.

The soccer field has been renovated to a state of the art field including new synthetic turf and LED lighting. Two new basketball courts were also added to enhance both the PE classes as well as athletics.



During this last year CCCS moved their elementary program into a new facility at which GCC was able to have a playground constructed for them. This is the first playground these students have had and it is an amazing nature themed playground including climbing rocks, spinami, and a beautiful slide structure.

## News from Business Services

CBO Aaron Thornsberry and Coordinator Jeff Clanton worked diligently to develop the budget for this new school year and presented it to the Board on June 23, 2015. The Board approved it with flying colors.

Candy Santos has joined Yvonne Graser in our Accounts Payable department as of March 2015.

The Accounts Payable department organized training for the Administrative Assistants and Principals on August 6, 2015 which consisted of updated processes of purchase requisitions, direct pays, and purchase order.

Jeff Clanton has been given the newly created position as the Budget Coordinator. Congratulations Jeff.

As always we are here to assist you with any questions or situations that arise! We value you and all of your hard work for our Students! Have a great year!

**(Communicate)**

**New Faces at the GCC**

We would like to welcome Annie Deland, HR Specialist, Lisa Brabo, (HR) Clerk 1, and Olga Pekun, (Nurse/Health/Special Education) Clerk 1 to the Central Office.

**New Programs**

West Sacramento Pipeline is our newest CCCS high school program that provides students and families with a small, safe and personalized school environment where students thrive and get the individual attention they deserve and high quality on-line classes, with in-person teacher support. Pipeline will be located at 2945 Ramco Street in West Sacramento, located in the EPIC facility.

**(Empower)**

**News from HR**

**HR would like to welcome two new employees;**

Annie DeLand, HR Specialist and Lisa Brabo. Annie will be supporting Classified Staff and Substitutes. Lisa will be supporting the HR Department.

**Substitute System Update** – GCC has transitioned to Aesop for our SubFinder system. You should have received an email from Nicki Clatte with your information, if you have any questions, please feel free to check out the GCC Website for tutorials or contact either Nicki or Annie.

Aesop Quickstart Guide -  
[http://www.gcccharters.org/employee/docs/Aesop-Employee\\_Quickstart.pdf](http://www.gcccharters.org/employee/docs/Aesop-Employee_Quickstart.pdf)

Aesop Employee Tutorial -  
[http://help1.frontline12.com/customer/portal/articles/1529151?b\\_id=3397](http://help1.frontline12.com/customer/portal/articles/1529151?b_id=3397)

**Health & Wellness** – SAVE THE DATE! GCC will hold the annual Health & Wellness Benefit Fair on August 21 from 1:00 – 3:00 at the COA Pavilion. All benefit providers will be on site to answer questions.

**More New Employees** – if you are a new GCC employee (and there are a number of you) – Welcome and let us know how we can support you in your new role!

**GCC Marketing and Outreach**

Join our Twitter Challenge! Tweet a picture using your school and the GCC hashtags.

**#CCCS #COA\_ES #COA\_MS #EPIC\_IB  
#GIS #HLA #SAVA #Futures\_Charter  
#GCC\_Charters**

**Women in Construction**



SAVA Women in Construction Summer 2015 presents their shed to the HLA after school program.

**RESOURCE FOR TEACHERS!**



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**Upcoming Events and Dates**

**GCC Board Meetings** (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) @ 4:45pm  
**Labor Day** September 7  
**GCC Foundation Board Meeting** September 9  
**CBAC Meeting** September 22



**(Launch)**

“Nothing is impossible, the word itself says ‘I’m possible!’”

—Audrey Hepburn