

GOOD THINGS

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

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From the Superintendent

(Engage) GOOD THINGS: New Look...New Name!

Welcome to the new GCC "Good Things"! We are excited to re-launch our quarterly newsletter in a new and exciting format and starting next year with more frequent publication. A lot of great things are happening in the GCC - a few highlights from my Spring Presentations at the sites include:

COA ES

- Facility improvements: new classrooms, new staff meeting room, new computer lab
- Addition of substantial new technology and effective use

COA MS

- Construction projects on blacktop are approved by TRUSD and expected to happen this summer
- Project Lead the Way implementation; EMITS Grant
- Addition of instrumental music and chorus programs

Futures

- Project Lead the Way implementation; EMITS Grant
- Increased athletic opportunities: basketball, soccer, etc.

SAVA

- Addition of CTE programs: recording studio and enhanced articulation with community colleges
- Woman's Leadership development group
- Increase articulated CTE courses with Los Rios colleges

GIS

- WASC 3 year accreditation
- Effective use of technology across classrooms; infusion of Chromebooks
- Facility improvements – playground, new gate, planting of classroom gardens

HLA

- Core Knowledge Language Arts/Amplify Digital Curriculum
- Partnership with Mutual Assistance Network

CCCS W. Sac

- EPIC Charter approval by YCOE
- New facility ☺
- Powerful Project Glad Implementation and unit development

CCCS

- CCCS McClellan Elementary has new facility and playground

Overall, great things are happening in the GCC and it is because of caring and supportive staff. I hope you have a great summer and looking forward to another wonderful year!

-Dr. Cindy Petersen, Superintendent/CEO

(Explore)

Annual Board Presentation by GCC Schools



At this time of year each of our GCC schools provides the board with an annual report based around our board adopted Focus Areas, Goals and Strategies. (At right, SAVA Principal Morri Elliott speaks

to the board.)

GCC Science and Engineering Fair Winners

On May 6th, the GCC Board recognized the 2015 Science and Engineering Fair winners; this was our best year yet! Great job students and teachers! (Pictured with some of our ribbon winners is GCC Board Vice President Bruce Mangerich)



Special Recognition- Aaron Thornsberry



this well deserved award and honor.

GCC CBO Aaron Thornsberry was given the ACSA Region 3 Silver Star Award during the 2015 AOY awards banquet. We would like to take this opportunity to join other educational leaders in the region and congratulate Aaron on

2015 Links for School Choice Golf Tournament



On Friday, May 8, The GCC hosted the 5th Annual Golf Tournament with over 100 golfers. This year's tournament was held at Empire Ranch in Folsom, CA. Every year our golf

tournament raises funds for student athletic programs and activities at our school sites. We would like to affirm Steve Hanson (GCC Athletic Director), the members of the Golf Committee, and the GCC Foundation for their hard work planning this wonderful event.

(Communicate)

New Faces at the GCC

We would like to welcome Yuliya Yuzvak and Daniel Corral to the Central Office.

Yuliya has been a part of our GCC family for the last seven years and has taken on the exciting role of GCC Clerk 1. She is blessed to have a great family which includes her husband and two active boys. They love to travel and spend time together as a family. Yuliya says, "I enjoy music, playing piano, walking, and reading. Additionally, I am a part-time student transferring to Sacramento State University in the fall."

Daniel Corral is a father of 2 that grew up in the central valley. He has been working in maintenance for the last 18 years. Daniel enjoys helping others and tries to be involved in his community. In his free time he likes to camp, travel, and do home projects.

Journey to Becoming EPIC

By Toolie Younger:

We are excited to announce that Empowering Possibilities International Charter (EPIC) was authorized by the Yolo County Office of Education on February 17, 2015. It has been a long and exciting journey towards authorization. The EPIC implementation team began writing the charter document in the fall of 2013. The final charter document was submitted to Washington Unified School District (WUSD) on October 13, 2014. We had wonderful parent, staff, and community support at all of the WUSD board meetings and are proud of the showing we have had. WUSD decided to deny the petition on December 11, 2014 and GCC worked hard to submit to Yolo County within days.

We have a good relationship with the Yolo County Office of Education Board members, all who have visited the current CCCS resource center in West Sacramento and have shown a dedication and commitment to our students and families. They voted 4-1 to approve the EPIC charter petition in February of 2015. We are excited to work with Yolo County to continue the good work of offering quality choice education in West Sacramento.

EPIC is going to be opening their doors to a beautiful new facility in August but the CCCS resource center moved in mid-April to the new site. We are thrilled to offer these students a site that will meet their academic and social needs. Thank you to all of the GCC employees who helped make this dream a reality and showed their support at the many WUSD and Yolo County board meetings.

(Empower)

News from HR

Are you thinking about Retirement? Or contributing more into a retirement plan?

If you are thinking about retirement in the next 3-5 years, you need to get your plan in motion! You will need to visit

your retirement systems website CalPERS (classified staff) visit www.calpers.ca.gov for CalSTRS (certificated staff) www.calstrs.com. Each of these websites has information and planning tools designed to assist you. Both retirement systems recommend that you start your planning at least 1 year in advance of your projected retirement date.

This allows you to work with your retirement system, participate in the retirement preparation workshops or webinars, finish the application process, and work with GCC HR for a smooth transition to your retirement.

If you are currently enrolled in either plan and would like to contribute more towards your retirement, GCC offers the CalPERS 457plan. Please contact HR for an enrollment packet or if you have questions.

Note from the Editor

To our readers thank you for taking the time to read the GCC 'Good Things', also thank you for your patience as we change our name and format. I sincerely apologize for the delay in this edition and for the missed edition. It is our desire to keep you informed of all the wonderful things happening in the GCC.



Upcoming Events and Dates

- GCC Board Meetings** (1st and 3rd Tuesday) @ 4:45pm
- Office Closed** May 22
- Memorial Day** May 25
- GCC Year End Event** May 29
- CBAC Meeting** June 9
- GCC Foundation Board Meeting** June 24
- Classified Staff Appreciation Week** May 18-22



(Launch)

The only way to do great work is to love what you do.

—Steve Jobs