



Weekly Updates

Community Newsletter

MARCH 8, 2026

Hello GIS Community,

Welcome to this week's edition of the Weekly Updates Newsletter! We're excited to share the latest news and happenings from our school community to keep you informed and connected. While this week isn't as packed with events as last week, please take a moment to read through the entire update and mark your calendar for upcoming activities.

5th Grade Exhibition

The 5th Grade Exhibition was a huge success! Thank you to all the parents who came to support our students and listen to their presentations. The students did an outstanding job working collaboratively to research their topics and present their findings to the audience. Some students bravely addressed sensitive and complex issues, such as child abuse and bullying in sports.

A special thank you to all the teachers for the dedication, care, and effort you pour into our students every day, helping them develop the skills they will carry with them for years to come.

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 9th - 2nd Grade Field Trip To SMUD Museum

Wednesday, March 11th: Student Council Meeting, 3:30-4:30 PM

Friday, March 13th: Snach Shack



Important Reminders

Advisory Council Meeting - March 18th

Talent Show - March 19th

Enrollment Lottery - March 20th

Grizzly Gear Order Due - March 20th

SSC/DELAC Meeting - March 23rd

8th Grade Community Project Showcase - March 25th & 26th

Student Council Meeting - March 25th

Buddy Time & Snack Shack - March 27th

Spring Break/No School - March 30th-April 6th

Grizzly Gear Sale is LIVE until March 20!

Our **Grizzly Gear Sale** is now open! This is the **only spirit wear sale of the school year**, so don't miss the chance to grab your school gear and show your Grizzly pride.

Order Online: <https://www.spiritgeardirect.com/Shop>

Details:

- Prices apply to **both youth and adult sizes**
- Orders will be delivered **about 3 weeks after the sale closes**

Shipping Options:

- Ship directly to your home (*shipping fee applies*)
- Ship to the school for pickup

We encourage all families to **place their orders before March 20**. Thank you for supporting our school community and showing your **Grizzly pride!** 🍪❤️

Mrs. Olson | GIS Counselor

GIS Fundraising Updates – Cookbooks & Art Auction! 🎨

Exciting news! The **GIS cookbooks** will be ready to order soon. We're putting the finishing touches on the layout and will be ordering **100 copies**. Each cookbook is **\$10**, and you can pay with **cash or a check made out to "GIS ASB."** If you'd like to **reserve one or two copies**, please reach out to me **via email:**

Megan.Cooper@gcccharters.org

Also, mark your calendars for our **Art Auction at Open House on April 16th**, where you'll have the chance to bid on amazing student artwork. I will be sharing more details via email and in the morning announcements, so **stay tuned!**

Thank you for supporting our students and school community!

Ms. Cooper | Student Council Advisor & Music Teacher

🌸 Celebrating Women's History Month at GIS! 🌸

Did you know that **99% of our school's employees are women**? From our wonderful and caring office staff to teachers, paraeducators, and custodians, women have been the heart of GIS for many years. Our school was established and run by women, and today, their dedication continues to shape our students' success every day. Let's take a moment to **appreciate their hard work and say "thank you"**!

We encourage families to **invite your students to acknowledge the women who support them.**

"Every act of kindness, care, and dedication from the women around us makes a difference—take a moment to say thank you and show your appreciation." (Unknown)

This quote highlights the importance of recognizing and appreciating the everyday efforts of women in our school community. We encourage students and parents to **say "thank you," show kindness and appreciation, demonstrate their best behavior and cooperation, and—if possible—bring a small token of gratitude like flowers.** Even these small gestures can make a meaningful impact and honor the dedication, care, and hard work of the women who help make our school a positive place to learn and grow.



*Thank you to all the incredible women at GIS
for your dedication, care, and commitment to
our students' growth and success!*

Sick Student Reminder

We've noticed an increase in students coming to school while unwell—some show symptoms within 30 minutes of arriving, and others report having had a fever the night before. We want to remind families that students should be **fever-free for at least 24 hours without medication** before returning to school. Additionally, as stated in our policy, **"Students who are sick must be picked up within 30 minutes of calling the parent."** [Student Handbook](#)

With the weather transitioning—cold mornings and warm afternoons—and allergy season picking up, we understand it's not always easy to decide if your child should attend school. To keep everyone healthy, please **follow school guidelines: keep sick students at home and have them wear a mask if coughing.**

Please note that we **do not have a professional nurse on campus every day**, and we want to prevent students from spreading illness or waiting in the office for pickup. Your healthcare provider can help determine when it's safe for your child to return. Staff may request a **doctor's note** if needed.

Thank you for helping us protect the health and safety of our GIS community.

Community in Action

Here's a table of upcoming school field trips and events, including dates, times, locations, and volunteer needs. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact our Parent Liaison, Ms. Svitlana.

Email: Svitlana.Vlasova@gcccharters.org

Text: 916-225-7695

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Month	Event	Date	Time	# Volunteers
MARCH	MYP Community Project Showcase	March 25th & 26th	9:00 AM-10:30AM	4
APRIL	Spring Book Fair	April 7th to 10th	8:00 AM-8:30 AM & 3:00 PM-5:30 PM	1 1
	4th Grade Field Trip to IMAX Theatre	April 8th	8:30 AM-2:00PM	10
	6th Grade Field Trip to Black Chasm Caverns	April 14th	8:30 AM-3:00 PM	3
	7th Grade Field Trip to B Street Theater	April 14th	11:00 AM-2:30 PM	6
	Open House	April 16th	5:30 -7:00 PM	7
MAY	Maker Fair	May 5th	4:30-5:30 PM	7
	MYP Social	May 14th	TBD	6
	Field Day	May 22nd	TBD	17

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"Appreciation is a wonderful thing: it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well." — Voltaire

This thought reminds us that expressing appreciation not only honors the hard work and dedication of others, but also enriches our own lives. Just as we encourage students and families to show gratitude to the women who support our school, we also rely on everyone's cooperation—like keeping sick students at home—to care for the health and well-being of our entire GIS community. By recognizing and supporting one another, we create a positive environment where everyone can thrive.



Contact info

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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