

FREE Full-Day Kindergarten Beginning Sept. 2014!

The Granite Falls School District is now offering all day Kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year at no fee. During the summer months, you may drop by the District Office (205 North Alder Ave.) from 7:00am-3:30pm / Monday –Thursday, to get your child registered. Children must be five years old on or before August 31, 2014 and have a current immunization record and birth certificate. REGISTRATION AVAILABLE THROUGH AUGUST 28. To determine which elementary school your child will attend, visit the [boundary maps page](#).

High School Shop Teacher, Michael Werner named "Innovative Teacher of the Year"

The Center of Excellence in Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing honored Mr. Werner at the Future of Flight Aviation Center on June 20, 2014. Werner has promoted co-ed involvement in the field and has helped increase female participation significantly through the competitive ‘eco car program’ that competes at [Shell Eco-Marathon Americas](#). Werner established the first all-girls eco car team called, “ShopGirls.” Superintendent Hall said of Michael Werner, “He is a role model for the nation. He has built the eco program from the ground up and now his teams compete against colleges and universities.” Congratulations Michael Werner! [Read More HERE](#). [The Herald covered the story-->](#)

What Are the Common Core State Standards?

In 2011, Washington formally adopted the [Core State Standards \(CCSS\)](#) for [English language arts](#) and [mathematics](#). The new Smarter Balanced Assessments (formerly known as WASL, HSPE) for these standards will begin in the spring of 2015. For information about the Common Core State Standards, resources for teachers, and links to these standards, please visit our Web site at: <http://www.k12.wa.us/CoreStandards/default.aspx>. In the United States, standards for students varied from state to state, so some states had tougher standards than others. For example, an “A” student in Washington may fall behind a “C” student in Colorado (or vice versa). Common Core changes that by providing consistent learning expectations for all students no matter where they live, and creating clear goals for what students should know and be able to do at every grade level. Schools and teachers in Washington are using the Common Core now because our state needs to do a better job at preparing students to be college and career ready. [Read More Here->](#)

Summer Lunch Program News

The Community Coalition is now the proud host of the Summer Lunch Program! If you would like to help the program, you may do so by making a monetary donation to [GoFundMe](#) or by mailing a check to Holy Cross Parish, PO Box 746 Lake Stevens, WA 98258. If you would like to volunteer your time during the summer and help serve and prepare food for kids, please contact Heidi Hutchins at 206.427.9451 hhutchins@comcast.net or Carl Cary at 801.694.6605. Read more information in the [Superintendent Letter](#)

Three FBLA Students return from the National Conference in Nashville

Although Granite Falls did not receive national recognition at the FBLA Awards of Excellence ceremony of July 2nd, Jeremy Miller (sophomore), was a strong contender for the category of Help Desk and Alaina Vanderhoff (senior) and Tyler Arp (sophomore) remained very competitive individually in their category of Accounting. For many students, the competitive events are the capstone activity of their academic careers. In addition to the competitions, students occupied themselves in educational workshops, visited an information-packed exhibit hall, and attended motivational keynotes on a broad range of business topics.

Granite Falls Unified Sports Team Wins at State

The Granite Falls team placed 3rd overall and made a huge impression on the spectators, coaches, participants, and recruiters. Sam Mathews, Keira Lunch, Keifer Hoffman, Jonathan Capp, and Taylor Reppen are the Athletes for the team. Quinn Nelson, Jacob Lawlis, Quinton Sanders, Dannea Hill, and Bryanna Daves partner with the team. Special Olympics Unified Sports brings together athletes with and without intellectual disabilities to train and compete on the same team. For more information on Special Olympics in Washington [GO HERE](#).

Thank you staff!!!

A BIG thank you goes to our AMAZING staff..... there are so many people that support our students and facilities each day! A very special thank you to Mike Trask and the IGA family for their generosity in providing food for our staff end-of-the-year banquet on June 12th! [Compliments of IGA](#) owner, Mike Trask and IGA staff.

Congratulations to the Class of 2014!

We have 160 graduates from both Granite Falls High School and Crossroads High School joining together this Friday, June 6th, 2014 for the Graduation Ceremony held at Hi Jewell Field (205 North Alder Ave. Granite Falls). The commencement begins at 7pm. On behalf of the Granite Falls School District, we are proud to honor the members of the class of 2014 for their achievements. [Well done class of 2014!](#)

Legislators Visit Monte Cristo Elementary to Learn More About CCSS

Senator Kirk Pearson and Representative Elizabeth Scott (of the 39th District Position) visited classrooms at Monte Cristo Elementary School on April 21st to learn first-hand how the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are being implemented into the classrooms. Pearson and Scott visited three classrooms and sat down next to the children to fully interact during the lessons.

Gear Up & Go! 5th Grade Program of Snohomish Co.

Research has shown that the more active a child, the better the academic performance. As part of the Snohomish County Health Leadership Coalition Initiative, 5th graders from all over the county will start wearing accelerometers, called Sqord PowerPods, to track duration and intensity of movement. About 7,500 of these waterproof sqord bands have been supplied to schools for the voluntary "Gear Up and Go!" program. [Sqord](#), is an exciting hardware and software that makes healthy, active play more fun for kids by tracking activity and turning it into rewards and friendly social competition. For more info: <http://snocohealth.org/gearupandgo/>