

2017-2018 School Year

National Night Out

National Night Out will be taking place today, August 7, from 4-7pm located in the field adjacent to IGA. Come on out and visit the Granite Falls School District booth to win FREE school supplies. We look forward to seeing you there!

Voter Information

With the Primary Election happening, we want to remind you to **VOTE** by August 7, 2018! There is a ballot drop box outside the Granite Falls Library located at 815 E Galena Street. Ballots must be returned to the drop box by 8:00pm on August 7.

DISTRICT

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Position

District #4

FILLED!

The board has appointed Tina Veatch as the new board member for District #4. We will be holding a special meeting on July 18 to swear Tina in to office. Come join us in welcoming our new District #4 board member.

Regular School Board Meeting

The Granite Falls School Board will be having a Regular Session on **Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 6:00pm.**

Notice of Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Granite Falls School District No. 332, Snohomish County, Washington has completed estimates for the Budget of the District for 2018-2019; a copy of which has been placed on file with the Secretary of the Board. Copies thereof will be available to any taxpayer who will call upon the Secretary for the same.

The Board of Directors will meet in the Board Room, at Granite Falls School District, located at 205 North Alder Avenue, Granite Falls, WA 98252, at **5:30pm, Wednesday, July 18, 2018** for the purpose of fixing and adopting the 2018-2019 budget. Any taxpayer may meet with the Board and be heard for or against any part of the said budget at this meeting.

School Board Special Session

The Granite Falls School Board will be having a Special Session on **Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 6:00pm** to discuss and review the proposed 2018-2019 budget. Action is expected as the board will also swear in the newly appointed District #4 board member, Tina Veatch. Community members,

parents, and students are welcome to attend. The meeting will take place at the Administrative Office located at 205 North Alder Ave., Granite Falls, WA 98252.

Options for Online Donations

If you would like to make a donation to several of the scholarship options, ASB, or ECO Car, donations can be made at: <http://granitefalls.revtrak.net/> . If you are a club interested in setting up an account to receive donations, please contact Mayra Ontiveros at montiveros@gfalls.wednet.edu or 360-691-7717.

[Val Anderson's Retirement Party](#) will be held at Mountain Way Elementary from 3:30-4:30pm in the Library.

District Bands Concert- May 31, 2018 at 7:00pm at the High School Performing Arts Center.

School Board Special Session

On **Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm** the Granite Falls School Board will hold a **special session** to interview District 4 candidates. The meeting will be held at the Administrative Office located at 205 N. Alder Ave., Granite Falls, WA 98252.

SCHOOL

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EVENTS

[Olga Litz Retirement Party](#)- March 24th from 3:30-6pm at Mountain Way Elementary. [Scholarship and Awards Night](#) for Granite Falls High School and Crossroads High School will be held on March 24th at 7:00pm at Granite Falls High School.

SUCCESS

IN

EDUCATION

WINNERS!!

The district announces it's 3rd Quarter Success in Education award winners!

SCHOOL

Welcome to our town and schools! If you would like to learn more about our district, join us for a tour of our schools. We will meet at the Administrative Office on 205 N.

TOURS

Alder Ave., Granite Falls to climb into the van and tour several schools for a firsthand look. You are also invited to an optional debrief with refreshments immediately following the tour to view architectural plans of upcoming projects, including the STEAM building, safety and security upgrades, and the high school grandstand. To RSVP, please call the Communications Department at 360-691-7717.

VOICES OF YOUTH- CROSSROADS HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA PERFORMANCE- MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING– A Granite Falls High School Production. **“SAFER CHOICES” Assemblies**- presented by Mike Domitrz. Please visit the [website](#) for more information.

Spring Break

The Granite Falls School District will hold Spring Break during the week of **April 2-6, 2018**. there are several high school sporting events taking place during this time if you are around the Granite Falls area during the break. Please contact the high school at 360-691-7713 for details on times and days.

GFHS Classification Change

Granite Falls High School will play as a 1A classification for the 2018-2019 school year. The adjustment is to promote a more competitive competition based on the equitable distribution in the number of schools. With encouragement from the community and school board members the district made an appeal to WIAA to change our classification from a 2A to 1A. This appeal was based on declining enrollment. The hearing was held on January 28th and the appeal was granted.

Alumni Hall of Fame Winners

Congratulations to Ulrich “Babe” Scherrer (Class of 1936), John Scherrer (Class of 1962), and Kim (Schaffer) Hills (Class of 1990) for being selected as the 2017-2018 Alumni Hall of Fame Winners.

Spring Conferences

Conferences are coming up at the end of March. If you have a child in elementary school or high school, this is an opportunity to visit with your child’s teacher! If you have a child that attends Crossroads High School, come watch your child lead a presentation of some of their best work! This is a great opportunity to track your child’s progress and learn how to build on current successes. The middle school will be doing things a little different this year for conferences. Look for information to come out soon. A district-wide conference schedule is available [here](#), or you may contact your child’s school directly for a schedule.

Battle of the Classes- Saturday, March 24 @ 7pm

The Battle of the Classes main event has been rescheduled for March 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the high school gym. Come out and support your favorite graduating class.

Update: GFHS- 8th Grade Registration, Orientation & Curriculum Night

Eighth graders, who will be freshman next year, are invited to attend the **Registration, Orientation & Curriculum Night** scheduled for **Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 6:00pm**. Topics that will be covered include: Graduation Requirements, Community Service, High School & Beyond Plan, State Testing Requirements, College Credit Opportunities, Post High School Opportunities, Registration Process/Schedules, Academic Support, Campus Tours and the opportunity to talk with high school

teachers regarding class offerings, curriculum and expectations. **Mark your calendars for March 15th at 6:00pm!**

The 6th Annual Granite's Got Talent Event

The talent show will be this Saturday, March 11, at 6:00 pm, held at the High School Performing Arts Center (PAC). The event showcases talented singers, dancers and musicians from the community of Granite Falls. Cost of admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, \$3 for students K-12, and Preschool gets in for free! All proceeds go to the Granite Falls Education Foundation which is a nonprofit organization established to promote education within the community of Granite Falls. Don't miss out on this fun evening of entertainment!

Attention Granite Falls Families:

Powder Puff Football is cancelled for tonight and rescheduled for Saturday, February 24 at 1:00 pm (weather permitting). We will keep you posted as the event gets closer.

Transportation Alert

Due to weather conditions up the Mountain Loop Highway, routes 19, 29, 30, 31, and 14 will be on snow routes for today, Tuesday, February 27, 2018. All other routes are running normal, however please use caution as there may be icy patches on the roads.

Should there be any updates to share with you as the morning progresses, we will communicate them to you as soon as possible. Please visit our emergency info page on the district website for more information on inclement weather. Thank you and please travel safely this morning.

School Update!

Due to weather conditions this morning, all schools are **CLOSED** for today, February 26. All after school events and athletics are cancelled. If you haven't done so already, please register with our FlashAlert system to receive important updates via email or text message. This allows you to be notified at the same time as local radio and TV stations. You may register with FlashAlert by clicking on the FlashAlert button on the right hand side of the page or by going to flashalert.net.

Transportation Alert!

Due to weather conditions this afternoon, all bus routes will be running on limited bus transportation. All schools will release on time and buses will drop off at snow route locations. Please visit emergency info tab or the transportation tab for more information on snow route details. Thank you for your understanding and please be safe this afternoon. If you have any further questions, please contact your child's school or the district office at 360-691-7717.

Transportation Alert!!

Due to weather conditions, all schools tomorrow, February 20th, are on snow routes but school will start on time. That means most children will need to walk to the main road for school bus pick-up. Specific roads for snow routes are listed on the transportation page on the district website, but if you are unsure if the bus will travel on your road, it's best to send your child to the main road. Students attending Crossroads High School who live in the Lake Stevens School District will be running on a two hour late start schedule. Bus transportation will be provided two hours late for those students only. Thank you and travel safely tomorrow.

Attention Families

There will be no Literacy Night at Monte Cristo Elementary on Monday, February 19. Schools will be closed in Observance of President's Day.

Important Happenings

Vote Today!

With the Special Election on February 13, remember to vote! Are you new to Granite Falls? Have you recently moved? Your vote counts! [Register today and vote](#). You can register to vote at any school, the district office or any public library. Citizens may also register to vote online [HERE](#).

School Board Study Session

The Granite Falls School Board will be having a study session on February 14th at 6pm to allow open discussion on Bullying. The meeting will be held in the Pilchuck Room at the Administrative Office located at: 205 N Alder Ave, Granite Falls, WA 98252. Please call the district office at 360-691-7717 if you have any further questions.

Band Night this Friday!!

Come out and watch the band perform at the basketball games this Friday at the Granite Falls High School gymnasium. The band consists of grades 5th-12th graders who join together for this wonderful event. Band Night gives all students in the Granite Falls Band Program the special opportunity to come together and celebrate a fun night of new friends and music making. Cost to get into the event is \$6-adults, \$3- children grades K-6, and students with high school ASB get in for free! We hope to see you there!

Important Updates:

ECEAP Preschool Schedule Change

There will be No School for both am/pm and full day ECEAP on Thursday, January 18th. If you have any questions, please contact the ECEAP Program Manager at 360-691-7718.

Corrections to the January Newsletter:

- January 17th (not Jan.18) Success in Education Award Winners will be honored at the School Board Meeting. Ceremony will be held in the Crossroads Commons.
- No Drama Performance on January 18th. The next drama performance is scheduled for April 12, 13, & 14.

Community Survey

The district is running the community survey from Mid-November to Mid-December. We are trying to get as much feedback as possible from parents, students, and staff. Please take a moment to complete the survey by going [here](#). There will be chromebooks set up at each school during conference week to assist in participation as well. We desire to hear your opinion and get your feedback on how we are doing as a district so that we can improve our services and learning opportunities to the children of our community.

November Board Meeting Cancelled

The second regular board meeting in November will be cancelled due to the board attending the Annual WSSDA conference being held in Bellevue, WA from November 16-19. The [WSSDA Annual Conference](#) is the premier annual event for school directors and superintendents. It is the largest gathering of education policy makers in the state of Washington.

CONGRATULATIONS SUCCESS IN EDUCATION WINNERS!!

The District announces its 1st quarter 'Success in Education' award winners! Congratulations to High School winners: Josiah Mace, Michaela Heuslein, Mickayla Lindquist and Taylor Middleton; Middle School winners: Makoto Kaburagi, Alyssa Johnson, & Jenny Gill; MCE winners: Jacob Hepworth, Blair Johnson & Nevaeh Sundin; MWE winners: Damien Reining & Julia Munn. The award represents students that show an understanding of the importance of education and provide a

committed, excellent service to other students, staff members, or the community. Candidates were nominated by staff and selected by the school's administrative team.

The district announces its 1st quarter certificated and classified staff 'Success in Education' awards. The employee award recognizes staff members for creating a thoughtful and exemplary learning environment through committed, excellent service to our schools. The 1st quarter certificated staff winner is: Shawn Bennison; Classified staff winner is: Curtis Sullivan. All candidates were nominated by staff and selected by the district's administrative team. The winners were announced at the board meeting on November 1, 2017.



NOVEMBER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences begin the week before Thanksgiving. A district-wide conference schedule is available [HERE](#) (there have been updates made for the late night dates at the elementary's), or you may contact your child's school directly for a schedule. The communication between home and school is very important to us. Family involvement that supports student learning at home is directly linked to improved student achievement. Our goal is to have 100% participation this year. Please partner with us and help us reach this goal. You can now sign-up for conferences at the elementary's online. For Mountain Way Elementary go [here](#), and for Monte Cristo Elementary go [here](#).

HS WINTER SPORTS BEGIN- NOVEMBER 13

GFHS Athletic Registration & Student Fees – We have exciting news regarding athletic registration and student fees! HS Athletic registration for the 2016-2017 school year will be completed using Skyward Family Access. Additionally, HS student fees can be paid on Skyward Family Access, through a partnership with RevTrak. For more information, contact GFHS or visit our [Athletics & Activities page!](#)

COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

College and Career Fair is coming up! Get a jump start on your future. On Tuesday, November 14, 2017, Granite Falls High School will be hosting the [2017 College and Career Fair](#). The event will take place from 6:00pm- 7:30pm at the high school. Invitations have been sent to 20 colleges & universities, 7 technical colleges, 4 military personnel and 10 resource agencies. In addition there will be a college planning information session at 6:00pm. We hope you can make it to this meaningful event.

Veterans Day Assembly Schedule

Each school hosts an assembly in November to honor all our veterans and current military members in recognition of their service to our country. This year's schedule is as follows:

November 8th

Monte Cristo Elementary @ 2pm

November 9th

Granite Falls High School @ 9:20am

Mountain Way Elementary @ 9:30am

Crossroads/Open Doors @ 12:05pm
Granite Falls Middle School @ 1pm

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS!

Daylight Savings ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 5. Don't forget to set Clocks Back 1 hour on November 4 before you go to bed. Also, remember to change your batteries in smoke detectors.

Transportation Alert

November 3, 2017

Due to weather conditions this morning, transportation for bus 24 and bus 7 will be running a little late. Bus 22 will be replacing bus 7 and bus 30, up the Mountain Loop, will be running on limited bus transportation, stopping at the Ranger Station. All other routes are running normal, however please use caution as there may be slippery patches on the roads. Should there be any updates to share with you, we will communicate them to you as soon as possible. Thank you and please travel safely this morning.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

All of us at the Granite Falls School District want everyone to have a safe and fun Halloween. Using these [safety tips](#) will help make Halloween most enjoyable for you and your children. Chamber of Commerce [Halloween Map](#) can be located on the district website under the flyer tab for details on times and locations of participating businesses. Have a safe and happy Halloween!

HS Girls Soccer Team will have their first game in the playoffs tonight, October 26 at 7:00pm. Come out and support your lady tigers playing against Lakewood HS.

School Board Study Session

The Granite Falls School Board will have a study session on SMART Goals on October 17 at 7:30 am. The meeting will be held at the Granite Falls Administration Building located at 205 N. Alder Ave, Granite Falls, WA 98252. Please contact the District Office if you have any questions at 360.691.7717.

Reading Corps Position Open (Full Time)

Are you looking for a full-time job working in Granite Falls? The Washington Reading Corps has a full-time position available! The position is focused on improving the literacy of children in our community, directly in collaboration with the school district. For more information and to apply, visit the following links: [MCE Application](#) and [MWE Application](#).

Upcoming Events & Activities:

- 9-15 1-Hour Early Release
- 9-15 HS Girls Soccer Game @ 4:00pm
- 9-16 HS Girls Soccer Game @ 4pm & 6pm
- 9-19 MCE Picture Day
- 9-20 School Board Meeting @ 6pm
- 9-21 MWE Picture Day
- 9-21 MS Picture Day
- 9-22 1-Hour Early Release
- 9-22 MWE Movie Night
- 9-25 MWE Literacy Night @ 3:15pm
- 9-25 HS Girls Soccer Game @ 4pm & 6pm
- 9-25 HS Girls Volleyball Game @ 5:15pm & 7pm
- 9-27 Taproot Theatre @ MCE @ 1:45pm

- 9-28 English Learners Family Night @ MCE @ 6pm
- 9-28 Crossroads Picture Day
- 9-30 HS Girls Soccer Game @ 4pm & 6pm

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

1st-6th grade, 9th grade & Full Day ECEAP:	September 6
7th, 8th & 10th-12th grade:	September 7
Crossroads HS:	September 11
Kindergarten	September 12
ECEAP Half Day & Developmental Preschool:	September 18

Meet the Teacher, September 5:

Mountain Way Elementary: 4-5:30pm

Monte Cristo Elementary: 5-6:30pm

Kindergarten Orientation @ MWE: 6:00pm

**If you have any questions, please contact your school office.

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Emergency Substitute Professional Development

Do you have your Bachelor's Degree and love to teach? Here is the perfect opportunity for you! The Northwest Educational Service District 189 will be hosting a two-day workshop on several different dates. Please see the [flyer](#) for more specific information on the workshops and contact the Granite Falls School District Human Resources office if you are interested in subbing for the Granite Falls School District, 360-691-7717.

Free Summer Lunch Program

Starting on June 21st and running through August 25th from 12-1pm the Summer Food Service Program will be serving **FREE** meals to children ages 1-18 at the Granite Falls Middle School Cafeteria. For more information contact Viki Perrault at 360-283-4310.

Accelerated Reader Available Over Summer

Accelerated Reader (AR) will be available during the Granite Falls School District Summer Lunch Program (Literacy @ Lunch!). All GFSD students grades K-6th grade are invited to participate! Help your child retain their reading skills over the summer by reading books and taking AR quizzes.



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Congratulations Employees of the Year:

Congratulations to those staff members who were recognized at the staff banquet. The winners for this years awards were: Classified Employee of the year: Jackie Woolman-Morgan, Certificated Employee of the Year: Tracy Orr, Rookies of the Year: Jennifer Harmon & Kaitlan Howell! Thank you to all staff and volunteers for a great 2016-2017 school year!

We Have Gone Live!! New Options for Online Donations

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Mentor Program Looking for Mentors

We have several students that are on a waiting list. Do you have an extra 30-45 minutes a week? Do you want to give back to your community? Become a mentor! The primary role of a mentor is to promote positive self-esteem and success in school. A mentor is a role model that listens, encourages, and guides. Contact Kayla Dupler at 360-283-4353 for more information. Join the Mentor Program! For an informational brochure, [go here](#).

Important Calendar Update:

There has been a change with the district calendar regarding the Athletic Sign-ups that were scheduled for tonight, August 24 from 5-7pm at the **Granite Falls Middle School**. There will be no athletic sign-ups for tonight. If you are interested in signing up for athletics please visit the middle school during normal office hours, which are from 7:00am -3:00pm and we will be glad to assist you.