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# Granite Falls Middle School

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## Our Accomplishments

The **Connections Program, Tiger Stripes**: Earning your Stripes, is for students to establish an ongoing, meaningful connection with a member of the Middle School staff. All students have a 20 minute “class” at the end of the day that focuses on relationship building, school goals, and life after middle school. This time is also used for homework catch-up and individual academic intervention.

Other accomplishments include:

- **National Junior Honor Society**: 38 new members were inducted into the Mt. Pilchuck Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society at the annual ceremony held in April.

- **Band Honors**: Sadie Chatelain was selected to the All State Honor Band. Sadie is the first GFMS student to be selected for this honor
- **Athletics**: 8th grade students Riley Hoople was 30-0 in his middle school wrestling career. Other top finishers for wrestling were Jeremiah Bennett and Jayden Larsen Gorden (2nd) and Brandon Fowlkes finished 3rd.
- The girls JV soccer team tied for best league, 4th year in a row!
- 8th grade boys track team won league finals. RJ Gese broke the school record in the 200 running 24:99.
- Elie Bassett finished 2nd in the district Cross Country Championships.
- **Parent Advisory Group (PAG)**. This parent group supported students and staff through sponsoring two book fairs. They also supported staff at fall and spring Parent Conferences, and end-of-year student activities.
- **Success in Education**. Rylinn Buchholz, Cassidy Washo, Josh Ritchey, Christian Laquey, Gwen Murphy, Ash Bristol, Makoto Kaburagi, Alyssa Johnson, and Jenny Gill.
- **Staff - Congratulations** Matt Mecko and John Thompson were honored at the annual WASA Luncheon for their outstanding accomplishment in Deeper Learning within their classroom and throughout the District.



## About Our School

Granite Falls Middle School serves students in grades 6, 7 and 8. The school has 24 full-time certified staff members and 10 full-time support staff members who work directly with the students to meet their diverse abilities. At the beginning of the 2nd semester of the 2018-2019 school year Granite Falls Middle School will be opening a state of the art STEAM building.

Basic education is the foundation of the curriculum which is enhanced by a variety of support programs for both special needs and highly capable students. Elective classes are offered in art, band, environmental science, sewing, leadership, yearbook/digital media, manufacturing, robotics, Forensics, Family Living and Computer Aided Design. Co-curricular activities include cross country, soccer, football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, and track.

Parents provide a vital link by supporting educational functions, helping supervise student activities and volunteering their time by providing assistance to students and staff.

## Our Vision

The middle school vision rocks:

- Respect
- Opportunity
- Community
- Knowledge
- Service

## Our Mission

Students, staff, and parents of Granite Falls Middle School collaborate to maximize academic improvements and personal growth through high, consistent standards and meaningful learning opportunities.

## Our Learning Improvement Plan

### Goals Accomplished

Under the direction of the 2015-2016 Granite Falls Middle School Learning Improvement Team, the following goals were accomplished:

- PLC's meet continuously throughout the school year to develop instructional strategies that best meet our student's needs. They are organized into grade-level, grade-level cluster, or subject-area Instructional Teams.
- Procedures and strategies are in place to ensure that families and community members are actively welcomed, invited and recruited to participate in school activities.
- The building level team's continued work with our SIFT leaders for the 2017-2018 school year to ensure that our school is beginning the process to create a state of the art STEAM curriculum. Math continues to use levels system with 6th grade students receiving 90 minutes of math a day. We continue to strive to have all students meet grade level standards by the time they reach the 9th grade.
- Strengthened our implementation of Agile Minds Academic Youth Development for all 8th grade students. This program continues to change the mindset of our students developing perseverance and determination in their academic pursuits. This year students received 45 minutes of Agile Mind training daily.

### Goals for 2017-2018

**Goal One:** Granite Falls Middle School students passing the SBA assessments in ELA and Math will meet or exceed the percentage of students passing at the state level by 2020.

**Goal Two:** To prepare students to successfully participate in the world of work and/or further education. Granite Falls Middle School CTE programs develop job specific skills and emphasize mastery of such skills by utilizing teamwork, problem solving and applied academics. Courses include: Manufacturing, CAD, Robotics, Technology, forensics, and Environmental Science.

**Goal Three:** Continue to develop a school-wide positive intervention program with consistent achievable expectations.

### Learning Improvement Team Members

The vision for school improvement is led by a team of students, staff, parents, and community members who meet on a monthly basis. Team members for 2017-2018 included:

- Dave Bianchini – Principal
- Kathleen Campbell – LSC
- Randy Cash – GFEA
- Cinda Janik – 6th Grade
- Jon Thompson – 7th Grade
- Open – 8th Grade
- Open - TOSA



## School Data

Enrollment by Grade	
6th	114
7th	126
8th	158
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>398</b>

Ethnic Enrollment	
Multi	16
Asian	2
American Indian	9
Hispanic	37
Black	8
White	324
Pacific Islander	2

### Attendance

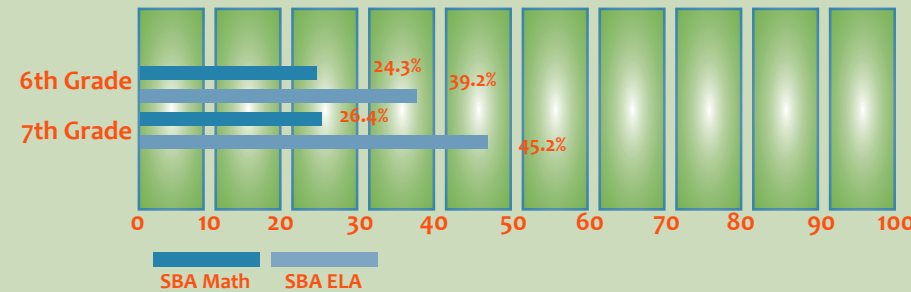
The average daily attendance for the 2017-18 school years through May was 94.3%

### Dropout Data

The 2016-2017 dropout rate was less than 1%.

### State Test Scores (Grade 6 & 7)

In the spring of 2016, students took the new Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) which is aligned with the State Common Core Standards in English Language Arts (ELA) and math. Since the SBA is new and more rigorous than previous assessments, OSPI predicted state passing rates for ELA and math to be around 35%.



### Condition and Use of Our Building

In the fall of 2011, the Middle School moved into the old high school campus. We are excited for the upgrade of our "C" wing that is currently under construction. Estimated opening date will be January 2019. The remodel will contain classrooms for technology, manufacturing, robotics, culinary, fashion design, and digital arts.

## Report to the Community

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as No Child Left Behind Legislation, requires school districts to annually report on progress outlining specific information and include state assessment results.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has compiled all the data required by the ESEA law including schools identified for improvement. Information on the Granite Falls School District can be found at <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>

If you cannot access the report online, contact Melanie Freeman at 360-691-7717, for a hard copy.

## Participate in Our School

Parent and community involvement is the key to our success. Opportunities to become involved include:

- After school activities
- Parent Advisory Group (PAG) monthly meetings
- Volunteer for tutoring, dances, office help, library/technology center, athletics
- Parent and Student Led Conference
- Learning Improvement Team
- Attend school functions: Open house, athletic events, Social Studies Fair, assemblies
- Internet access and library resources
- Assist with student clubs
- Assist with Leadership class
- "Walkabout" Volunteer Program

## About our Financial Resources

Granite Falls Middle School Budget 2017-18*	
Salaries	67.3%
Benefits	27.5%
Contract Services	2.2%
Travel	0.0%
Supplies	2.9%
Granite Falls School District Budget 2017-18*	
Salaries	56.5%
Benefits	23.6%
Contract Services	16.7%
Supplies	3.0%
Travel	0.2%
Equipment	0%

\*All numbers approximate.