

Galena High School Five Star Boosters Grizzly Growl

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From the Principal

By Jay Salter, Principal, Galena High School, rjsalter@washoeschools.net

Hello Grizzly community! Here are some of the amazing highlights for Late February, March and April 2023:

Celebrations

- Congratulations to Katie Muff for receiving the NIAAA Scholarship for State of Nevada! This award is given to only two student athletes annually, and Ms. Muff will be contending for the Section 7 Western States competition to perhaps gain national recognition as well.
- Congratulations to our National Merit Finalists: Ella Benoy, Andrew Chen, Archit Dash, Riyaa Rajesh!
- Congratulations to Archit Dash who was selected for the “United States Presidential Scholars Program”
- JROTC VEX Robotics qualified for the World Championship Competition in Dallas, Texas, in April 26-30. Additionally, the Galena 1st Robotics Club is competing in Las Vegas on March 3-5

Graduation 2023 information

- June 17th from 12:30pm - 2:00pm at Lawlor Events Center.
- Each student will receive 10 tickets and 3 parking passes.
- We will have a “ticket exchange” in the Main Office if some families have more tickets than they need, they can donate them to other families who need more.

Variances for 2023-2024

If you have friends or family who are looking for an amazing small school for their students, we are looking to bring some students in on variances for the 23-24 school year. By bringing some students in on variances, we can keep some of the amazing teachers we have at Galena and help to build and maintain some of our programs like CTE/STEM, Music, Art, etc.

If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to email me at:

rjsalter@washoeschools.net

Five Star Booster News

By Michelle Simmons, Booster President, ghsboosterpto@gmail.com

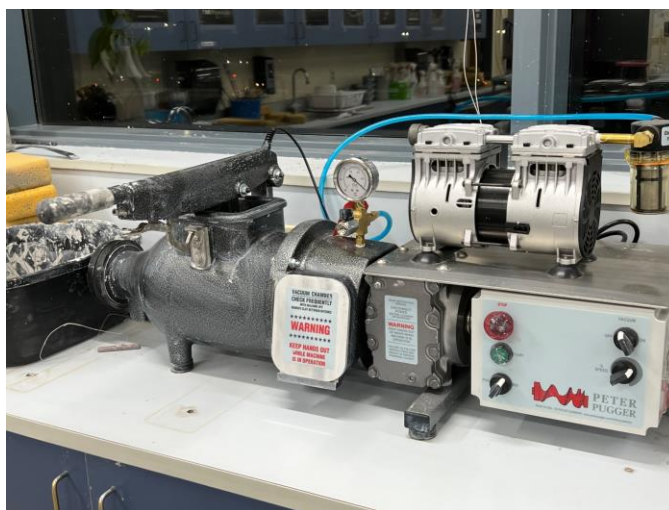
Hello Galena families and staff,

I want to take a moment to thank everyone who made this year's Dollars for Scholars a success, including a special thank you to organizers Lynda Sohl and Sylva Applebach. I also want to thank all our Booster members and donors.

We've been able to put your contributions to good use as you can read below, and we still have a few more projects in the works.

- \$60 Mock Trial Club, \$350 in gift cards for teacher incentives, \$1000 toward the Santa Wrap
- \$1500 Strategies Class for classroom and art supplies, \$1500 for a Cricut that will allow the Den and Leadership to design, cut and print logos along with a Press for printing t-shirts
- \$9600 to Athletics and \$2400 to Fine Arts from the sale of the Extracurricular Pass, \$11,000 toward Senior Scholarships for the Class of 2023

During the 2021-2022 school year we helped to purchase new band uniforms and a new pug mill for ceramics. Those items have arrived and are in use by Galena High Students.



Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 15th at 5:30pm via Zoom. Don't forget to join our [Galena High School Parents Facebook page](#) for school announcements and happenings. Thank you again for your continued support.

Michelle Simmons
Galena High School 5 Star Boosters President

Seniors: Disney Grad Nite Deposit Due 3/8/23



Galena High School Class of 2023 Safe & Sober Disneyland Grad Night

When: Meet at Galena on May 20, 2023 at 10:00pm for check in and bag checks. Drive via charter bus to Disneyland and spend May 21 in the parks. CA Adventure Park closes at 9pm to regular guests and the Grad Night Party is from 9pm-1am. We will depart Disneyland at 1am and drive back to Galena.

Costs: The total cost will be determined once RSVPs are in, but will be between \$380-450, depending on the number attending. This includes Disneyland ticket, entrance to Grad Night party, transportation to/from the event (including driver gratuities), and basic snacks on the bus. Food at the park will be an additional cost and on your own.

Timelines:RSVPs are open now and will be taken on a first come first served basis. The bus fits 53 students—once the first 53 RSVPs and payments are received, we will hold additional RSVPs until we have enough to make it worth another bus. RSVPs and initial non-refundable \$300 deposits must be received by March 8. Final deposit will be due March 17.

To register:



To pay:

Galena PTO
@Galena-PTO



OR

Drop off check to Tracy Bruntz:
Galena PTO
6185 Storyteller Court

**Please put Disneyland in the
memo on Venmo.

Questions? Tracy Bruntz—775-233-4043—tracybruntz@yahoo.com
Julie Nobis—775-250-3612—julienobis@gmail.com

By Ann Marie Redd, Asst Principal, Testing, SPED & Professional Development Antoinette.Redd@washoeschools.net

Greetings Grizzly Parents,

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

NV ACT Testing for ALL Juniors (and **Seniors that did not take it last year**) will be on **Tuesday, March 7th**. Students need to arrive at school no later than 7:45 am so that we can check them in and begin the test on time. Since only ACT Testers will be in school that day (NO FRESHMAN OR SOPHOMORES) students will be dismissed when the test is over (around 12:45ish). Those students who drive to school may leave or be picked up at that time. School Lunch will be available after testing for students who would like to take advantage of that option.

CTE End-of-Program Exams are currently taking place. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's CTE teacher.

NV Science Assessment for 9th Graders (and 10th graders who did not take it last year) will be the week of April 17th. You will receive more information as the time approaches.

AP Exams will take place from May 1st through May 12th. More information will be made available as we get closer to the testing window. Please remember AP Test fees are due April 15th. If you dropped an AP class after the first week of school, please check with the bookkeeper to make sure your account is up to date.

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/exam-dates>

Parents if you have any questions regarding testing you can reach me at antoinette.redd@washoeschools.net

Testing Dates	2/6-3/17 CTE Exams	2/1-3/17 Civics Exam for Seniors
3/7 Galena ACT for Juniors and Seniors that still need to take it.	Week of 4/17 April NV Science Exam for 9th & 10th graders.	5/1-5/12 AP Testing

Counseling Corner

Happy Springtime! Counselors have completed course registration for the 2023-24 school year. If you have any questions regarding your student's course selections for next school year, or need to make a change, please feel free to contact your counselor.

Please note that counselor assignments for the 23-24 school year have shifted and are posted on the Galena counseling website. Additionally, Ms. Thomas is no longer at Galena so students that were on her caseload have been distributed among the counseling team for the remainder of the 22-23 school year: sophomores are with Ms. Burroughs; juniors are with Ms. Mitchell; and seniors are split between Ms. Silva-Deines and Ms. Dunne.

As we head into the final quarter of the 2022-23 school year, we encourage all students to put forth their best effort to finish this semester on a strong note. If you are not already checking your grades and progress in Infinite Campus on a regular basis, please do so! Classes not passed will need to be repeated- so please do your best to pass them the first time around! Galena's staff is here to support you and help you be successful so please reach out to your teachers (and/or counselor) if you need assistance or help.

We encourage all students and parents to visit the [Galena College and Career Center and Counseling websites](#) for comprehensive information for every grade level. There are links related to general high school planning, college planning, and for the senior year much more detailed information related to college admissions, financial aid, and other related information and deadlines.

Interested in the Military, Trade/Vocational Schools, meeting Admissions Counselors, learning about FAFSA, or finding a job? Find it all there! [All seniors have access to the GHS Class of 2023 Teams class where important information regarding Scholarships, Financial Aid, FAFSA, College Visits, workshops and much more is posted daily.](#) Make sure you turn on your notifications, so you don't miss out on any upcoming deadlines or events! There are videos and PowerPoint presentations to help you navigate website links and information regarding Financial Aid, TMCC, University of Nevada Reno, Out of State Schools, FAFSA, the Millennium Scholarship and the Nevada Promise Scholarship. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Applebach directly at sapplebach@washoeschools.net. Thank you and it's good to be a Grizzly! Happy Spring!

Your Galena Counseling Team

From the College and Career Center

By Sylva Applebach, College and Career Center Facilitator
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Seniors: make sure you have ordered your cap and gown, announcements, etc. Go on Jostens.com for information; enter “Galena High School in Reno, NV” at the top of the page then select “Graduation items,” to see options for ordering cap and gown and other Class of 2023 items. Students should also make sure all fees and fines are paid and library books are returned prior to picking up their cap and gown in May at the Senior luncheon.

SENIORITIS is a common ailment this time of year. Often students think that because they have been accepted into their colleges or made their summer plans and often only need to pass English and Government to graduate, it is time to kick back. However, feeling unmotivated, not completing assignments, or not attending school can be especially devastating. **Seniors- you must keep working and attending classes!** Keep grades up to ensure there are no unwelcome surprises at the end. Many awards and scholarships, including the Millennium Scholarship, as well as Honors and Advanced Diploma designations, are based on EIGHT semesters of high school course work. In fact, college admissions decisions are always conditional based on receipt of the FINAL (8th semester) transcript that includes the spring semester senior grades. Please keep encouraging your student to keep up the hard work and finish high school strong!

At this point many seniors are anxiously awaiting admissions decisions. This tends to be very stressful. The Financial Aid packet often must be considered to finalize school selections. If your senior still has not heard any news soon (by early April at latest), I suggest making a phone call to the admissions office of schools to verify that all application requirements have been met. You may also want to contact the financial aid offices at the colleges and universities to make sure they have received all necessary financial aid forms and applications (e.g. FAFSA, etc.) so that a financial aid determination is not delayed. Sometimes a simple phone call or email can take care of the problem.

Colleges base student Math and English course PLACEMENT on ACT/SAT scores, so doing well on these exams is important. Juniors often consider the February WCSD ACT exam a “practice test” then sign up online (the traditional way to take ACT and SAT exams) to take the test(s) in June (or next fall). Check out www.act.org and www.collegeboard.org for more information on retaking ACT or SAT.

Not all seniors are planning to head off to college in the fall; however, many career-based jobs will require some form of post-high school education. We encourage students to keep all options open. Attend informational sessions about TMCC and other vocational programs. Check out the scholarships posted on the school website under “Career Center” and “Current Scholarships.” If a student plans to work then go to college “later,” I would encourage them to take a college class each semester to help make the transition back into full time school much easier.

Library News

By Sharon Black, M.A. Librarian, sblack@washoeschools.net

Greetings from the library!

It's hard to believe this year is already more than halfway over. With the weather still chilly, the library is very full and we continue to enjoy our movies and puzzles and groups of friends at lunch time. Spring is around the corner though, so please keep in mind that *The Big Read* raffle will be drawn in May. If your student is a reader, entering is easy and the prizes are worth it!

Speaking of spring, we will soon be taking a group of students to Europe for ten days. We run an international trip each year during spring break. If you are interested, please feel free to email me. I lived abroad for many years and consider travel to be one of the best kinds of education. We librarians are glad we can help make this possible for our students.

We have had a few students ask recently why they continue to get emails from us after they've returned their books. Those emails are noting late fees. We charge only 10 cents a day and it tops out at \$2. It's never a high amount but we use these small amounts to fund candy days and other fun activities. We have had so many students responsibly checking with us often to keep their accounts clear. It's impressive! Thanks for raising such good people. 😊

As always, never hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. We're here to help!

Cheers,

Ms. Black

skblack@washoeschools.net

Galena Calendar of Events

The Galena Calendar of Events is taken from the [RSchoolToday Calendar](#) that can be found on the bottom on the Galena High School Website. Please check often as athletics and events can be canceled or rescheduled at any time.

March	7th ACT for Juniors and Seniors who have not yet taken in.	7th No Class for Freshman or Sophomores, or Seniors who have taken the ACT.
9th Seal of Biliteracy Exam for Juniors	10th Spring Dance	11th Galena Craft Fair
11th SAT Test	15th PTO Meeting (5:30pm)	15th Hoops for Hope
16th Camp Grizz (8th Grade Day)	17th End of Grading Period	20th Spring Break Begins
April	3rd Classes Resume "A" Day	6th JROTC Awards Night
15th ACT Test	19th PTO Meeting (5:30pm)	22nd Jr/Sr Prom
May	1st-12th AP Testing	17th PTO Meeting (5:30pm)
19th Senior Lunch	25th Senior Sunset	29th Memorial Day No School
30th Senior Awards Night		

From Galena Leadership Class: Malia Miles Student Body President

Galena Leadership has organized an event for March 15th at 6:00 called Hopes for Hope. This event will be at Galena High School in the big gym where the staff from Galena High School will play against the staff from Manogue High School to raise money for charity. Each of our schools has chosen different charities to support. Manogue chose Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation and Galena chose Breast Cancer Foundation- Susan G. Komen. Admission is \$5 per person and any additional donations will be accepted and appreciated at the door. All proceeds will be going to charity and the winning schools selected charity will receive an extra bonus of money. We are super excited to bring this event to our school



“It’s Good to be a Grizz”

Be a part of it for 2022-23 as a FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO member!

We hope that you consider joining the FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO and donating to the No Fundraiser, Fundraiser this year so we can continue the deep and strong legacy of our organization at Galena High School.

FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Mission:

Build and grow our Galena community-to promote and encourage communication and interaction between parents, teachers, administration and the community as well as increase parent involvement. For example, through the digital Grizzly Growl that comes out monthly and our Galena High School Parent’s Facebook page.

Sponsor and organize school events, activities, and requests-to deepen our community spirit and enrich our children’s education, social and developmental experiences. For example, student activities, teacher appreciation activities, student scholarships, fund teacher requests that support our students, fund the SmugMug account to host and provide free-school-wide photos including athletic teams and MORE.

Raise money-to help fund and support everything listed above that has a direct positive impact on our children. **2022-2023 Financial Goal:** Raise \$40,000

Here are the ways you can support FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO and Galena High School

★ **FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership: \$60**

★ **BRONZE GRIZZLY \$110:**

FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership + No Fundraiser Fundraiser (\$50). Includes a Galena Decal (while supplies last)

★ **GOLD GRIZZLY \$210:**

FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership (\$60) + No Fundraiser Fundraiser (\$150): Includes a Galena cooler tote (while supplies last)

★ **PLATINUM GRIZZLY \$360:**

FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership (\$60) + No Fundraiser Fundraiser (\$300): Includes a Galena cooler tote and 17oz stainless steel Galena water bottle (while supplies last)

★ **Add an Extracurricular Pass to any FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership \$100:**

Entry for 4 into all Galena regular home games and fine arts productions that charge an entry fee, supports the fine arts and athletics departments. Pass name will be at the event entry for admittance, no more Pass cards needed.

★ **No Fundraiser Fundraiser Donation Only.** ANY amount is greatly appreciated and benefits the students!

Please return the completed Member Information Form to:

Galena High School FIVE STAR Boosters
3600 Butch Cassidy Way - Reno, NV 89511

OR Email the form to GHSBoosterPTO@gmail.com

Payment Options:

Cash or Check: payable to Galena High School FIVE STAR Boosters

Credit card: galena-five-star-boosterspto.square.site (credit card fees will apply)

Venmo: search for “@Galena-PTO”

Tax ID #88-0291715

Galena FIVE STAR Booster Member Information Form

Parent/Member Name: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Member Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone (best way to reach you): _____

Mailing Address _____

Student Attending Galena, Name and Grade: _____

Student Attending Galena, Name and Grade: _____

Student Attending Galena, Name and Grade: _____

Please check Membership Level:

- FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership \$60**
- BRONZE GRIZZLY \$110:** FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership (\$60) + No Fundraiser Fundraiser (\$50)
- GOLD GRIZZLY \$210:** FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership (\$60) + No Fundraiser Fundraiser (\$150)
- PLATINUM GRIZZLY \$360:** FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership (\$60) + No Fundraiser Fundraiser (\$300)
- Add on Extracurricular Pass \$100:** added to any FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Membership
- No Fundraiser Fundraiser Donation Only Amount: \$_____.** Thank you, ANY amount is greatly appreciated and benefits the students!

If you have chosen to join us as a Galena FIVE STAR Boosters/PTO Member, your level of involvement is up to you. We are always looking for some great ideas and participation and if interested please check any of the areas below and we will reach out to you when the opportunity presents itself.

- Teacher Appreciation events/activities
- Dollars for Scholars Fundraiser
- Contributing Desserts for Events (i.e. Galena Open House)
- Senior celebration activities throughout the year
- I am interested in learning more about committees and/or Board positions for the Galena FIVE STAR Booster/PTO
- I'll do whatever is needed, just let me know how I can help!

INTERNAL USE ONLY:

Date: _____ Membership Amount Paid \$_____ Merch Amount Paid \$_____

Check / Cash / Credit Card / Venmo

THANK YOU FOR BECOMING A FIVE STAR BOOSTER MEMBER! (3/1/23)

Booster Members \$60+	Derryman, Gina & Phil	Jenkins, Donya & Chad	Rockwell, Katie & Nate
Anderson, Derah & Sam	DiNapoli, Julie & Jason Fairman	Kermode, Travis	Sharron, Mariel & Anthony
Bellin, Lynette	Dowling, Kristeena & John	Klitzke, Bryn & Greg	Sipalia, Stacy & James
Benefiel, Stacy & Brent Cordell	Erwin, Sally & Rob	LaFountain, Claudia & Dan	Sommers, Sarah & Ryan
Bogart, Erin & Dave	Espinosa, Daniele & Shawn	Landon, Amy & Scott	Shaw, Sonja & David
Bratcher, Gina & Kendrick	Ferrari, Daniela & Michael	Larsen, Jenny & Kenny	Steele, Alisanne & Jonathan
Bronander, Lisa & Kirt	Fincher, Debbie & George	Lomoljo, Don & Karina	Talonen, Stacey
Bruntz, Tracy & Lance	Fraser, Cindy & Dave	Macy, Amy	Taylor, Katania & Jeff
Burnett, Joulene & Scott	Frederito, Jenny & Gabe	Mcbride, Maureen	Tullgren, Julie & David
Campbell, Stephanie & Scott	Fridland, Valerie & Craig Denney	McLean, Kimberly & Jason	Turri, Michelle & John
Canty, Gina & Sean	Garrett, Courtney	Mee, Margo & Jay	Walton, Sarah & Dan
Capel, Jenny & Steve	Goodman, Sharon & Andres	Murray, Bonnie & Clay	Watson, Shelly & Chadd
Carpenter, Emilie & Brad	Gravelle, Tracy & Benl	Neighbors, Tina & Steve	Wilde, Brooke
Cartwright, Gabriella	Grayson, Crystal & James	Nelson, Bret	Wittler, Aimee
Cason, Tracy & Brian	Guo, Yan & Jian Chen	Nobis, Julie & Christian	Williams, Tammy & Richard
Champlin, Betsy & Chris	Heister, Warren	Novotak, Dianna & Andrew	Wolforst, Cheri
Chedwick, Anni & Greg	Hertz, Warren	Nyborg, Angie & Brock	Young, Kendal & Quinn
Cole, Heather	Hornback, Jennifer & Todd	Obert, Kelly	Quilici, Trish
Cummins, Aimee & Rich	Hubbell, Catherine & David	Phinney, Cody & Jason	
Czyz, Cheryl & Chris	Hull, Christine & William	Pickett, Molly & James	
Damon, Mindy & Josh	Janes, Megan	Revels, Angie & Patrick	

Bronze Members \$110+	Folgnier, Jen & Kurt	Moreno, Debbie & Mark	Rittenhouse, Kristin & Duke
Aker, Alison & Peder	Greene, Wendy & Michael	Muff, Janet & Dan	Simmons, Michelle & Kevin
Buhrmann, Nikki & Dan	Griffin, Kara & Fritz	Nugent, Tricia & Geoff	Solaro, Megan & Dave
Cardinallli, Kate & Tony	Hansen, Kerri	Olsen, Alison & Jon	Spiers, Megan & Ryan
Comte, Aimee & Mark	Heffernan, Thomas	Owen-Combs, Carol & Marcus	Stark, Carrie & Jim
Conway, April	Holback, Mandy & Cory	Paugh, Andrea	Venis, Rebecca
Derifield, Becky & Shawn	Imse, Angie & Dave	Pierce, Pam	Vinson, Robert & Lin Pruett
Dixon, Yvonne	Kaululaau, Allison & Kika	Primka, Melissa & Jim	Yeung, Erin & Benjamin
Dye, Cindy & Sharon	Kayl, Sherry & Virgil	Ramos, Kim & Garyn	Zimmerman, Hailie
Doubinkine, Rachele & Alex	McCaskill, Karen & Jeff	Rasmussen, Denise	
Duguid, Rebecca & John	Miller, Carrie & Mark	Renner, Carolyn & Tim	

Booster Members (Continued)

Gold Members \$210+	Elgin, Blair & Brad	Oehlert, Megan & Michael	Talafuse, Tiffany & Steve
Albertson, Naomi & Tim	Gonda, Rebecca Jeremy	Schmauder, Theresa & William	Thomas, Kate & Derek
Angella, Amy & Peter	Larson-Brock, Jana	Shapiro, Celeste & Alan	Wohletz, Lori & Leonard
Bell, Dorothy & David	Lenon, Tanya & Ron	Smith, Jill & Rob	Zankowski, Madison & Corey
Benoy, Kari & Greg	McGinnes, Renee	Smith, Nicolette & Matt	
Clark, Shelly & Scott	Morrow, Libby & Jeff	Sohl, Lynda & Jim	
Durrer, Laura & Dan	Myers, David	Sullivan, Kris & Tom	

Platinum Members \$360+	Cuddy, Debra & Ryan	Karam, Shannon & Tony	Peterson, Steph & Jay
Belosic, Erin	Dolan, Carolyn & Chris	Kinne, Kristine & Paul	Rager, Janna & Matt
Butti- Franklin, Morgan & Colin	Foster, Heidi & Jeff	Kobs, Nicole & John	Rapisura, Alma & Michael
Christy, Michelle & Scott	Green, Teri & Robert	Lund, Alicia & Kenneth	Wilson, Susan & Paul
Clark, Dolly & Rob	Heide, Cynamon & Aaron	Martinez, Patrick	Winchester, Heather & Bill
Crecelius, Diane & Ron	Jukes, Constance	McKenzie, Colette & Brien	

