

Summer 2024
Newsletter

Swope GT Magnet

#BeAPantherOnTheProwl

We would like to welcome all new and returning students to the Swope GT Magnet for the 2024-2025 School Year! We are all very excited for the upcoming school year even as Summer Break is just beginning! We are truly looking forward to teaching your children next year (and learning from them!) and are looking forward to a year filled with wonderful learning experiences for all of us.

Suggestions for Summer Family Adventures

[Geocaching Trails](#)

[Hiking Trails Near Reno](#)

[Best Reno Picnic Spots](#)

[Washoe County Library Summer Reading Challenge](#)

[Barnes & Noble Reading Challenge for Grades 1-6](#)

[Reno Aquatics and Swimming Pools](#)

[Best Road Bike Trails in Reno](#)

[Mountain Biking in Reno and Tahoe](#)

[Artown 2024](#)

[Enjoy the Truckee River](#)

[Fun Family Friendly Things to do In and Around Lake Tahoe](#)

Dates to Put on Your Calendar for Next Year

Tuesday, August 6th: 7th/8th Grade Introduction to GT Math Night, Time TBD

Thursday, August 8th:

2 p.m.: Panther Day 6th Grade GT Students and Parents in the Cafeteria.

3 p.m.: Panther Day Festivities for All 6th Grade Students and Parents

(*Note: GT Students are to stay for 3 p.m. Panther Day Session regardless of Elementary School Attended)

6 p.m. Panther Day Open House for 7th/8th Grade Students and Parents

Tuesday, August 27th: 6th Grade Field Trip to Discovery Museum

Friday, October 4th: 7th and 8th Grade Field Trip to Reno Air Show

Thursday, October 24th: Panther Prowl!

Monday, May 19th: 8th Grade College Night Presentations

#ReadWithJoy

Your Swope GT Magnet Teachers

#WriteWithPassion

[Todd Bodensteiner](#)

7th/8th Grade Social Studies

#ListenWithCare

[Nicole Commons](#)

6th Grade ELA and Social Studies

#SpeakWithConviction

[Kelly Hilliard](#)

Integrated Math I & II and Algebra

#MathIsFun

[Jenny Hoy](#)

8th Grade ELA and GT Challenges, Site Lead

#ICanMath

[Rachel Little](#)

7th Grade ELA and GT Challenges

#LiveLoveMath

[Jennifer Matilainen](#)

6th Grade Science

#ScienceRocks

[Cindy Randall](#)

6th Grade Math and GT Challenges

#ActiveEngagedCitizens

[Kristine Wilbrecht](#)

7th Grade Science and 8th Grade Biology

#LearnWithLaughter

2024-2025 Important School Dates

First Day of School—Monday, August 12, 2024

Labor Day—Monday, September 2, 2024

Fall Break—Monday, October 7-Friday, October 11, 2024

Teacher Professional Development—Monday, October 14, 2024

Nevada Day—Friday, October 25, 2024

Teacher Professional Development—Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (Election Day)

Veterans' Day—Monday, November 11, 2024

Thanksgiving Break—Wednesday, November 27-Friday, November 29, 2024

Teacher Professional Development—Friday, December 20, 2024

Winter Break—Monday, December 23, 2024-January 3, 2025

Teacher Professional Development—Monday, January 6, 2025

Martin Luther King Holiday—Monday, January 20, 2025

Presidents' Day Holiday—Monday, February 17, 2025

Spring Break—Monday, March 17-Friday, March 28, 2025

Memorial Day Holiday—Monday, May 26, 2025

Last Day of School—Friday, June 6, 2025

Summer Learning Suggestions on How to Keep Things Fresh and Fun Over the Summer

Learning is everywhere you want to find it!
To keep your student fresh, ready, and excited to learn in August
please try the following:

- Stay away from worksheets, flashcards, and instructional videos!
 - We will do enough of that during the school year! 😊
- Find learning in the real world!
 - In town –
 - Figure costs for activities/ice cream treats/tips and tax on purchases
 - Give your students a budget and let them plan a day for the family!
 - Home projects – have students calculate the amount of paint needed, or wood for decking, etc.
 - Out of town –
 - Have your student calculate gas/mpg/times for arrival, etc.
 - Rates are an important real-world skill!
 - Look at and evaluate the architecture at your location
 - Find repeated patterns in art, nature, and science!
 - **Play lots of games!**
 - Cards – where students learn about runs, sets, and patterns of play
 - Strategy – Ticket to Ride, Qwirkle, Catan, Othello
 - Sudokus
 - Logic puzzles
 - The Puzzle Baron website is great!
 - New York Times – Connections, Wordle, Spelling Bee, Crossword Puzzles
 - Other Online Games: [Nerdle Games](#), [Countryle](#), Quartiles

Be Sure To Keep Up With The Latest News And Information:

<https://www.washeschools.net/swopegt>

<https://www.washeschools.net/swope>

Instagram: SwopeGTReminders

When in doubt, email your student's teacher