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News From the Principal

WELCOME TO GOLDENVIEW

The 2012-2013 school year is quickly approaching. We celebrate your accomplishments in elementary school and anticipate your arrival in the fall. Throughout the spring, we host several activities designed for you to learn more about Goldenview. During the week of February 6th, we will be hosting our feeder schools from 10:00 a.m.—12:45 p.m. in our library. In addition, the 6th grade Parent Night takes place on Wednesday, February 29th at 6:30 p.m. This event will begin in our gymnasium, followed by presentations on curriculum, by our Department Chairs in team areas.

As this transition begins, our focus is to provide you with information and opportunities to be successful. Our mascot is the Goldenview Sun, and it reflects our outstanding membership, of which you will be a part. In and out of school, you represent our high standards in scholastics and behaviors which the Goldenview tradition is founded. A smaller community within our school is “the Team”. Your assignment on your Team will take place during registration. This coming year, your day will consist of seven periods, five of which are Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, and PE. Electives will be selected on request and seat availability. Opportunities to participate in intramural and interscholastic sports, music, dances, pep assemblies, etc. are available throughout the year, and we encourage your participation. Goldenview extends an enthusiastic and warm welcome to you!

Sincerely,

Julie Maker
Principal

Goldenview Spring activities for 6th grade students and parents

Student Visit/Tour of Goldenview/Registration: We will offer an overview of Goldenview Middle School for 6th graders at these dates and times below. There will also be a presentation from current students on life at Goldenview. Students will receive a copy of the elective choice form. If your child does not attend one of our feeder schools, please feel free to bring them to join one of the sessions below:

- February 6 - Ocean View, O’Malley and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- February 7 - Rabbit Creek Elementary and Aquarian
- February 8 - Bear Valley Elementary
- February 9 - Huffman Elementary
- February 10 - Klatt Elementary and Rogers Park

SCHEDULE for each day:

- 9:45 Students Arrive—Visit Sun’s Cafe
- 10:00 Meet in library. Welcome Students,
Video Announcements
Power Point Presentation: Elective choices.
Elective sheets will go home with teachers/parents today.
Elective Choice Forms due: February 23, 2012.
- 11:00 Tours: Led by GV students
- 11:45 “Life At Goldenview” presentation by students & counselor.
- 12:15 Lunch—Students eat in cafeteria! Pizza, cookies, and water.
- 12:45 Collect Coats and head back to school.
Give parents/ teachers elective choice forms, packets, etc.

PARENT NIGHT—February 29th at 6:30 P.M.—GYM

Registration for Fall 2012
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

August 7	8th Grade	8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
August 8	7th Grade	8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
August 9	Makeup for 7th & 8th	8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Schedules not activated or picked up on the assigned day will be dropped from the computer at the end of the day and students will have to reschedule. Your elective choices may be endangered by your failure to activate.

If you are unable to make the August 8 or 9 registration, please notify us so that we may hold your schedule.



FEES: Some elective classes will have a fee between \$5.00—\$20.00. If offered, they would be:

Family Consumer Science:	\$15.00
Art:	\$5.00
Forensics:	\$10.00
Science Projects:	\$10.00
Applied Technology:	\$20.00



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

August 22	First Day of School
September 3	Labor Day
September 6	BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT, 6:30 PM
October 19	End of 1st Quarter
October 19	In-service—No School
October 24-25	PARENT CONFERENCES
October 26	No School
Nov. 22-23	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 21	2nd Quarter Ends
Dec. 21	In-Service—No School
Dec. 24-Jan 4	Winter vacation
January 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Feb. 13 & 14	PARENT CONFERENCES
February 15	No School
February 18	Presidents' Day—No School
March 8	3rd Quarter Ends
March 8	In-service—No School
March 11-15	Spring break
March 28	SBA TESTING
April 2, 3, 4	SBA TESTING
May 23	Last day of school/4th Quarter Ends



Bus schedules will be posted at on
the ASD Website.
www.asdk12.org



FROM THE CAFETERIA

We have a computer system which allows each student to have a personal meal "account." This is a debit account (not a credit account). Money is deposited into the account in advance. You may pay into this account with cash or check, and the student may only purchase lunch items on this account. During lunch, students enter their student ID number on the pin pad, which is located at the cafeteria counter. The purchases are deducted from the student account. The cashier will let the student know the balance at the time of purchase.

Sports in the Middle School

For a student to participate in school sports, he/she must have a current physical (physicals are only good for one year), a participation form for each sport in which he/she wants to participate, a concussion impact test with a signed parent form and \$5.00. If it is a competitive sport, there is a \$100.00 fee. The following are tentative dates for interscholastic (competitive) for the 12-13 school year:

Cross Country Running	August	Wrestling	January
Volleyball	October	Cross Country Skiing	January
		Track and Field	March
Intramural (no fee required)			
Soccer (Boys and Girls)	Fall	Boys Basketball	February
Girls Basketball	January		

Frequently Asked Questions about Goldenview

****Registration Pick Up Date ****
7th Grade Aug. 8 (Tentative date)
Make-up Date Aug. 9 (Tentative date)

General Questions:

What is Goldenview? Goldenview is a Middle School with approximately 800 7th and 8th graders. The school has eight Teams. The school mascot is the "Suns." We have over 250 computers networked to assist students. Each student has a locker located in the vicinity of his/her team. Doors open at 7:45 AM, school begins at 8:15 AM, and ends at 2:45 PM. There are two separate 30-minute lunch sessions. The schedule and curriculum are essentially the same as all the other Anchorage School District Middle Schools. The main phone number is 348-8626.

How will I be notified of problems with grades? Parents are encouraged to stay involved with their child's progress through parent and student Zangle connects, e-mails, on-line information or phone calls to his/her child's teachers. Teachers may call parents at any time when significant school problems arise. Parents are always notified through Zangle connect with a Progress Report at the mid-quarter (five weeks) and report cards at the end of the quarter.

Will there be a parent night? Parents and students are welcomed to Goldenview at the 6th Grade Parent Night, on February 29th at 6:30 PM, and Back to School Night, September 6th, 6:30 PM.

Is everyone on a Team? What are Teams? Teams consist of a group of teachers who share the same students for the four core classes (Math, Science, Language Arts, and Social Studies). The students on a team have a common Team name and will possibly attend most of their classes in the same physical area. This gives an opportunity for students to bond with their classmates and teachers.

Physical Education: Goldenview PE shirt \$10.00 and Goldenview PE Short—\$15.00 are required and will be available for purchase during registration.

Registration Questions

Who can register? Any student who lives in the Goldenview attendance boundary.

What am I registering for? The official *Goldenview Elective Choice Form* allows you to sign up for elective classes. There are seven periods. Five classes (Lang. Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Phys Ed.) are required, and placement in those classes will be determined by enrollment in special programs at your current school or math placement (see Math Placement).

What is a Year-Long Elective? A Year-Long Elective is one elective class period for which you will choose a class. This is typically an elective such as Music or World Language.

Can electives be repeated? Yes, for some quarter and semester classes like Art, Family Consumer Science, and Applied Technology.

How are students placed in Math classes? Math placement recommendations are made by your child's 6th grade teacher. They follow specific criteria outlined by the district when making these recommendations. Please discuss placement options/criteria with your child's current elementary math teacher. **Any students recommended for algebra (from 6th grade math) will need to come to Goldenview on (time and dates TBA) to take the algebra readiness test.**

Can I request a certain Team? Team placement is done randomly to ensure that students get the elective, specialized classes, and special programs for which they request or qualify.

When do I find out what my classes are? Student schedules, lockers, and school activities information will be given out at School Registration in August. Specific dates and times will be listed in the newspaper.

What if there's a problem with my classes? A Request-For-Change form can be filed during August Registration.

What is a Gifted section? There are no Gifted teams. Students who were tested and qualified for gifted (Ignite) are placed in the gifted sections on teams.

Music Auditions for advance music:

Band—Dan Whitfield—742-8209

Orchestra—Amanda Elfrink—742-8208

Choir—Sam Struempfer—742-8210

Please call to set up an appointment.



PTSA Positions 2012/13

Goldenview PTSA will be losing some wonderful volunteers at the end of this school year. Please consider becoming a PTSA officer or chairperson. It's a great way to know what's going on at the school.

If you are interested, please email Julie Sullivan at (Jyfate@aol.com) for details on what would be involved for any of these positions.