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GATE STUDENTS GO ON FIELD TRIP!

BY ALYSSA GOODE

On May 9, 2024, GATE Students were able to go on a field trip to Old Sacramento.

The field trip was from 9 am to 2 pm and had many activities for the attendees to do. These activities consisted of a scavenger hunt, an underground tour of the old city, and roaming around and exploring the city.

This location was chosen because it didn't use all of the GATE money and it still provided a fun experience

for the students.

The purpose of this field trip was to give students hands-on experience during history lessons. This follows the "E" in GATE.

What does GATE stand for? GATE stands for "gifted and talented enrichment" according to Ms. Wang, the GATE teacher.

When asked what he thought of the trip, Khoi Nguyen, a GATE student, said, "It was a fun trip. I got to be with my friends Alyssa and Alex

which made the trip that much better."

Alex Shen, another GATE student, said that in order to go on the trip, students had to be identified as GATE or have been nominated for GATE by a teacher. Students would then have to be given the permission slip to be signed by their parents

Does all of this sound appealing to you? Who knows? Maybe you will be nominated as a GATE student next year!

MIGHTY JRMS CAMPUS SUPERVISORS SERVE AND PROTECT

BY MAKIIYAH BURNS

Feel safe around school? Well, thank the Campus Supervisors.

The supervisor team are the ones who protect you throughout the school year and include Ms. T, Ms. V, Mr. Eli, and Mr. Pauley.

Some of the things they all help out with are monitoring the halls, making sure kids get to class on time, and more. Mr. Eli said, "I help out by giving students the outlet to feel comfortable around me. I also pick up trash in my free time around the school." Mr. Pauley also said he helps the

students get to class on time and escort them to their classes and the office.

Ms. V said, "I like my job, because it gives me the chance to see all the kids grow up. Ms. V also said the easiest part of her job is monitoring the halls. It is the easiest because kids are in class and they do what they need to do.

Ms. T, the head of the campus supervisor team, has been working at JRMS for 3 years. Ms. T said, "I love my job because I have a great team and they do a great job." Ms. T also said if there's a fight

and they know ahead of time, they would try to convince them to rethink their choices. If not, they break it up.

Mr. Johnson said, "I think the campus supervisors are very good at their job. They are very responsible and very fair with the students."

You might be thinking, what is their purpose to be on campus? Their purpose is to not only protect us but to make sure we are all getting to class to get our education. Although it might not seem like it, they do so much more than you

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STUDENTS ENJOY WELL-DESERVED TREAT AT HONOR ROLL LUNCH

BY HALTZIRI MARTINEZ

Honor roll lunch at JRMS is for students who don't have F's or D's. Honor roll lunch was April 11-12.

Honor roll was held during lunch and if you had your ticket, your 3rd period let you out early. Ms. Potter said there were 254 8th graders and 187 7th graders

who got honor roll this quarter.

Students got hotdogs as a treat. On your ticket it says you have points and with those extra points you have you could get chips and/or soda.

The Leadership students set it up. Parents can

also volunteer, such as Ms. Leshner's husband. You cannot bring along your friends with you if they did not get a ticket.

"It's not hard to get honor roll, just keep up your grades and do your work." Jasmine Vang said. Gaby Contreras also said that she really enjoyed the treat.

Many people complained about the line being long but, Claudia Lopez said, "I think waiting in line was worth it, because the hotdog was good." Ms. Potter said everybody really enjoyed this quarter's honor roll lunch and we will have many more to come.

STUDENTS APPRECIATE TEACHERS FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION

BY HAFEZ AHMADI

Teacher Appreciation Week is here! Teachers work hard everyday to provide us with our education. Daniel Gonzalez said, "Teachers play an important role in students' lives."

Ms. Leshner, a teacher at James Rutter, believes

that the week should be longer and more recognized.

Ms. Leshner said, she loves the week and feels very appreciated.

Andy Garcia Villafuerte said, "I think that Teacher Appreciation Week is about appreciating teachers for their

hard work, and because they need love."

Ms. Potter said, "Leadership gave a gift for teachers everyday because of Teacher Appreciation Week."

Leadership also had a taco bar lunch on

Tuesday, they did all of this because they believe that teachers deserve to feel celebrated.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH IN MARCH

BY GABY CONTRERAS QUIROZ

Students at JRMS nominated for student of the month for march.

Ms. Potter the activity director says that she does Student of the Month because she said she wants to thank the students for working hard.

Ms. Potter said, "Student of the Month is a tradition that they have been following for a few years now, but something that they just started doing this year was the Crumbl cookie." Ms. Potter is the one

that plans most of the Students of the Month and it's a monthly thing she does every 3rd week of the month. Ms. Potter says she really likes planning the Student of the Month.

Mr. Khan, one of the teachers who picked a Student of the Month said what he looks for when choosing someone is if they are trying and doing their work but also if they are helping their peers. Mr. Khan nominates students if they have the characteristic that they are looking for. Mr.

Khan said he enjoys picking Student of the Month.

One of the Student of the Month from March was Issac Fernandez. Issac Fernandez said "I believe that I deserve it because I do my work." Issac Fernandez said, "I was nominated because I was doing my work and would attend class."

Issac said "This was my first time being nominated." Things that Issac did to get Student of the Month was doing his work and being kind to peers. Issac also got a Crumbl

cookie for being nominated.

Stay consistent about your grades because you could get Student of the Month!

8TH GRADERS PROMOTE

BY ARAINA EASLEY

There's 8th graders promoting at JRMS.

Mr. Johnson the principal said, to promote you can not be on the no activities list, not on a phone contract, and have to have enough credits. Mr. Johnson also said, "You

need to have 100 credits to walk the stage. If you don't then you can go to after school class to get your credits up."

Ms. Potter, the activities director said promotion is going to take an

hour and 30 minutes because every student has to walk the stage and it takes time.

Angel, an 8th grader said, "I'm nervous to walk the stage but I will be the first person in my family to

be promoted." He also said that he is excited.

END OF 8TH GRADERS YEARBOOK RUN!

BY ANDY GARCIA

8th Grade yearbook students say goodbye to Yearbook!

A JRMS student, Daniel Gonzalez said that he is happy being in Yearbook because it's an easy class.

He also said that he's been in the elective since he was in 7th grade. "8th grade year is my favorite because my best friend Hafez is in it with me."

Daniel said, "I

guess I'm a good photo taker." He also stated that the yearbook teacher is not nice because she makes us do a lot of work. Daniel also claimed, "I learned a little bit from taking pictures for the yearbook."

"I'm kind of happy being in Yearbook." Julian stated. "This is my first year in Yearbook." Julian said.

Julian also stated, "Yeah, I guess I'm a good

picture taker. "The Yearbook teacher is nice all the time but is a bit rude sometimes when students don't listen to her instructions." He stated that he learned from taking pictures.

The Yearbook teacher, Ms. Conway said that the point of the yearbook is to be a historical memory for the school. She also said that she enjoys making the yearbook with

her students.

Ms. Conway also said, "I've been teaching for 7 years and I will stop teaching in my 15th year."

She stated that the most fun class she has is always the one she is currently teaching.

JRMS CELEBRATES 8TH GRADERS

BY DANIEL GONZALEZ

JRMS will have an end of the year BBQ to celebrate the 8th graders' promotion.

Ms. Potter says the end of the year activity for 8th graders will be a BBQ after the 2nd promotion practice May 22nd. It will be 2 periods long."

"We are asking 8th grade parents to donate to the 8th grade barbecue so it

can be free to all students," stated Ms. Potter

"Anyone who is able and willing to donate can drop off donations in the front office with a note that it's for Ms. Potter for the barbecue," she said.

Ms. Potter says, "I chose to do this because we didn't sell out of the field trip last year. We instead did something for all the 8th graders to hang out with

their friends."

The activity will be on the blacktop, the field, and the PE area for the activities. There will be games, tents and the BBQ," said Ms. Potter.

"We are trying to fund this off donations and any extra money from the student store," says Ms. Potter

Hafez Ahmadi says, "I'm excited because

after that it's summer break."

Julian Orrantia says he is excited about the BBQ because of the food.

Ms. Potter says we got 5 cases of water, hot dogs, and chips that are donated. She also said that she needs more water and chips.

SPARK YOUR SPIRIT DURING SPIRIT WEEK

BY YOANNA HERNANDEZ ARREYGUE

Breaking news: Students and staff show their spirit at JRMS.

Ms. Potter says that this is a yearly thing and that they will continue to do it. She also said the Leadership students choose when to do the spirit week.

Ms. Potter said, "It is a way to make school fun going into testing." She also

said "Leadership braistorms and they make something students can do." The themes were Dress as Your Type, PJs day for teachers, Mean Girls day, the Spotlight, and Show Your Culture.

Ms. Wang said that she liked the concept and the idea of dressing up. She also said that she liked the

day where teachers get to wear their pj's because "it was a lot of fun for teachers to relax, and also because it is the day after taxes are due."

Ms. Wang also said that many students did not participate because it wasn't well advertised. Claudia, a student here at Rutter said that she didn't participate because she didn't know about it. Another student Daniel said

that he did not participate because he wasn't aware it was happening. Ms. Potter also said, "I totally agree with it not being well advertised and the class also believes so as well."

Ms. Wang said that it was a good thing for the students as well because we were going into testing.

CREDIT RECOVERY HELPS STUDENTS!

BY CLAUDIA LOPEZ ZAVALA

Credit recovery is a program for students who don't have enough credits to walk the stage.

In credit recovery they help students with their grades and encourage them to be better in order to walk the stage. They look into student's files and try to

see how they can help the students. Mr. Harrison, a vice-principal at JRMS puts them into a program called Edgenuity.

Mrs. Carstens, a counselor at JRMS also helps with education. She said that "I want to help students and would like all of

them to walk the stage so I look and put students in the program."

Mrs. Leshner, a teacher at JRMS helps students and does credit recovery after school. She said that in credit recovery students can make progress in order to get credits.

Mr. C, one of the vice-principals at JRMS said that in order to walk the stage you need a number of credits to actually go across. "You need to either get 120 credits or only 100 in order to walk the stage."

NEW SCHOOL? NEW STUDENTS? NEW YEAR?

BY JASMINE VANG

Current 8th graders are taking a big step and moving on to high school.

Mr. Payuyao, an 8th grade physical education teacher at JRMS, is sad that his beloved students are moving on to freshman. He wants positive things for his students. He is very close with students in 7th and 8th. Mr.

Payuyao is anticipating his new 8th graders; his biggest fear is that he might get the students names wrong or make them angry.

Arely Vega, an 8th grader going on to be a freshman in 1 month, says her plan in high school is to have fun and make new friends. Arely is going to Florin High School. Arely is most nervous about the work at Florin because she

thinks she would get stacks of homework.

Cammie Saelee, an 8th grader also going on to be a freshman at Florin, explains she likes this school 7/10 because it's fun but sometimes she gets bored of the school. Her expectations in high school are that it's going to be exciting. Cammie says she's going to walk the stage because she worked hard for it and it needs to be expressed

for her good grades. She has lots of 7th grade friends and is going to miss them. Cammie Saelee's message to every new 8th grader is: "Focus on school and not other people."

Cammie Saelee would like to share this quote to new 8th graders and 7th graders: "Don't be nervous and be confident I'm pretty sure other people are thinking the same thing as you."

CAN YOU SOLVE THE CASE OF THE MYSTERY TEACHER?

BY KARISSA LOZA

Yearbook has created an activity where students have to use clues given on student bulletin to solve multiple mystery teacher cases. There have been many students who solved and discovered some of these cases and have earned a mystery gift in the library!

7th grader Caydence is one of the few students that has solved a case. She solved the case of Ms. Frankina and states, 'It was honestly really easy

and took about 30 seconds.' She recommends it since she found the activity fun and exciting.

Another student who solved a case is 8th grader Ana. She solved the case of Mr. Young and also claims that it was 'very easy' and almost immediately solved it as soon as given the clue that the mystery teacher was 6ft and a history teacher. She can also relate to what Caydence said she recommends other student do it since she found it fun to do!

Not only is it students that find it an exciting activity, but teachers as well find it fun and enjoy hearing the clues given on student bulletin. Ms. Frankina was a case that was solved and was pretty surprised by how quickly Caydence solved the mystery case. She says, "I was shocked that she solved the mystery the same day as the clues were given." Ms. Frankina finds the activity a cute and fun one and enjoys showing her students it along with watching them try and solve

the case.

Yearbook is also very happy with how our mystery teacher activity came out! 8th grader, Jasmine Vang is one of the yearbook students who made up a Mystery Teacher case! She states, "It was a good idea and everyone worked very hard on their cases and we are glad everyone is enjoying them." Hopefully everyone gives a spark of energy to solve the cases!

RUTTER TAKES THE SHOW TO FLORIN ELEMENTARY

BY JOSELIN AGUILAR RODRIGUEZ

On April 26th, James Rutter students brought their amazing performances and sparked the Florin Elementary multicultural show with their amazing talent.

According to Ms. Potter, the performers of the evening were Asian Club and

Dance Club (7th and 8th). "

"Asian Club performances were the Fan Dance, Lion Dance, Vietnamese Hat Dance, Hmong Dance, and Cambodian Dance," Ms. Lee says.

"James Rutter performers went to build a bridge as an example for the future Roadrunners,"

Ms. Potter stated. According to Ms. Potter, the principal of Florin Elementary reached out to her and asked for performers for their multicultural show which was also based on the Rutter multicultural show.

Student performer and member of the Dance Club (7th), Catrina Ly, performed the same dance that

was performed in the Rutter multicultural show called *Drama* by aesp. "We went to the Florin elementary show to give them a fun experience," she stated. She also stated that she was nervous, but she still delivered an amazing performance.

7TH GRADE SUMMER SCHOOL, COMING SOON!

BY JULIAN ORRANTIA

Summer school can help students relearn skills. It can also be a strategic move to free up students during the academic year for other classes.

Mr. Calderon, the VP, said that "this year summer school will start on June 3rd. It will only be by invitation this year."

The students will

focus on English, math, leadership, fitness, and ceramics." They will do hands-on math and English activities as well as fitness workouts, sports, games, and building ceramic objects.

Mr. Paull, a math teacher, said he chose to teach summer school because he wants to meet some students that might be in his

class in 8th grade and he wants to see students succeed. He also said the district has designed everything to teach the students and he's going to see how it works.

Mr. Johnson the Principal said that this year will be 6 weeks. Another thing he said is that the students will be focusing on English and math and it will

benefit them.

He also said, "This summer school year is going to be very different with all the changes the district has added: the district has given us a list of students that need to be in summer school and we are also hosting Smedberg."

JRMS STUDENTS SPRING INTO THE SPRING CARNIVAL

BY LUONG PHAM

Are you tired of working so hard? Do you want to partake in various exciting activities with your friends, and treat yourself after with some delicious food? If so, then hopefully you enjoyed the spring carnival, which started on May 17th.

The spring carnival is a yearly event that hosts activities like video games, sports, as well as food, and it lasts for 90 minutes, accord-

ing to Ms. Potter, the organizer of the event. She has also said that the purpose of the event is to celebrate the end of the school year and to have fun.

Everybody can go to the spring carnival, including students on the No Activities List. According to JRMS principal Mr. Johnson, "Students on the No Activities List will be able to go to the spring carnival, but they won't be at the

beginning of the carnival."

Some of the activities you can do at the spring carnival are a hoop shot game, an inflatable obstacle course, and sports like volleyball. While all of these activities are the same as last year, Ms. Potter has stated that "we will have a video game truck this year."

There will also be things for purchase at the spring carnival, as Ms. Potter

has additionally stated that "students can buy food, snacks, concessions, and game tickets." There will also be prizes students can win from the carnival games and activities at the spring carnival.

Calvin Thor, an 8th grader said that he's looking forward to the inflated structures. When asked about who he's going with, he said, "I will go with my friends."

JRMS BOYS VOLLEYBALL STRIKES SUCCESS

BY IEENA PIMENTEL-MARTINEZ

JRMS boys volleyball team had a very good season and they were contenders for the playoffs but ended up not making the spot.

The volleyball coach Mrs. Larky says, "It was stressful but they worked very hard." Julian and Evan, two players on the team, say it was a little stressful but worth it be-

cause of how fun the people made it.

Mrs. Larky also says it was easy for her to teach because they were good listeners and already knew the sport. Juliana and Evan say you need to have certain traits like working together and Ms. Larky says you need have patience and you need to be willing to work with others.

This season 7th grade won one game and lost 7, and 8th won 5 and lost three games. Ms. Larky says, "They have struggled through challenges including a small team, learning to be students and athletes. Minor injuries, and losing teammates due to grades and discipline. They have grown immensely since the begin-

ning of the season and stuck with it when it got difficult. I'm so proud of both teams. They have exceeded my expectations and made this season great."

7th graders could play next year and florin also has a volleyball team for the 8th graders to play next year as well.

TESTING WEEK: TEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE

BY NEVAEH RENO

Testing week was a hassle for us students right? Well, did you think about what it was like for some of the teachers? Now you can!

According to Ms. Wells, it was her first time administering the test, the experience in her opinion was stressful. She also shared, "I think the most difficult part of the test will

be the material they learned last year. It has been a long time since they did life science and they might have trouble remembering all the information they learned as seventh graders."

Seventh grade English teacher Mr. McNitt, shared this year to be the second time he administered the tests. He said, when asked about his

thoughts on his students and them taking the tests, "I always believe in my students having the possibility to pass the ELPAC. Truly though it is dependent on the individual. Some students have been taking this test for years and get discouraged by having to take it time, and time again."

Ms. Le, one of the math teachers at Rutter, stated that "teachers are like par-

ents, we want our students to do well. We are happy if they score well. If they did not score well, we use that data to help us reflect, analyze, and refine our lessons to help students learn better." With that said, she also shared that those who put in the work and participated daily, should be ready for the state test.

STUDENT BRING THEIR PARENTS TO LUNCH
 BY JESSE TABAREZ

Did you know Bring Your Parents to Lunch is a JRMS tradition?

Ms. Potter says that Bring Your Parents to Lunch is a tradition that has been here for a long time. "It happens every year since I got here at JRM so it's been here for a long time," Ms. Potter

said.

Ms. Potter also said, "I am excited for the next Bring Your Parents to Lunch it's the last one for this year."

Ms. Potter said the purpose of Bring Your Parents to Lunch is so that students can interact with their family.

An 8th grader Calvin Thor said, "I brought my mom to Bring Your Parents to Lunch. We ate Popeyes chicken sandwiches and drank coconut water. I had fun because it was a new experience for me."

Calvin Thor also said, "Next Bring Your Par-

ents to Lunch, I am going to walk my parents around the school."

Alyssa Goode says, "I brought my older sister to Bring Your Parents to Lunch. We ate McDonalds. I had fun, we sat on the benches by the cafeteria."

NEW LEADERSHIP CLASS MAKES WAY INTO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR
 BY LESLIE THAO

The New Leadership class at JRMS has many plans for the next upcoming year!

Ms. Potter, the Activities Director and the teacher for Leadership said that "the Leadership class this year is helping me re-set up our program so that the Leadership Class next year will be mentors for the upcoming classes of leadership"

Ethan Sam, one of the students that got into Leadership, said, "What I'm really looking forward to being in the Leadership class is

being able to planning rallies and being able to collaborate with others in the class." He also stated that he was pretty confident in getting into Leadership because he worked very hard on his interview. He had also said, "The reason I applied to be in Leadership is because I wanted to improve my communication skills and to be able to collaborate with others. He also stated that he is looking forward to working with other kids in the Leadership class because he believes that they will all have

good ideas to work on the school.

Kritika Singh, another one of the students that got into Leadership, said, "One of the main reasons I applied into Leadership is so that it would help me get into college and it would also look good on my resume. She also stated that one thing she is really looking forward to is working in the Student Store.

Ms. Potter has also stated "The whole purpose of the Student Leadership class is to help improve our

school. I hope our students will help us with that." She also stated that picking which students to be in the class was very hard, in fact some kids who were so close to being in Leadership didn't get in because "SO MANY kids were just an immediate yes." Ms. Potter said that everyone was just an immediate yes because everyone was just what they were looking for.

Ms. Potter had also announced that the very first Leadership meeting would be on May 8th, 2024.

AWARDS NIGHT HONORS JRMS STUDENTS
 BY LYLAH XIONG

James Rutter hosted Awards Night on May 8, 2024, to honor the students at JRMS.

How can you get an award? You can get perfect attendance, you work hard in class, and more. Ms.

Mangrum said that the English department chooses 1 or more students.

Ms. Nyborg said, "James Rutter Middle School does Awards Night to honor the kids that work hard and come every

day." This year for Awards Night, there's almost 200 kids that are getting an award.

Ms. Potter said that the fun part of Awards Night is the kids getting dressed up. The host is Mr.

Johnson and he starts planning Awards Night in the beginning of 4th quarter.

TRACK AND FIELD OFF TO A RUNNING START BY CALVIN THOR

The James Rutter Track and Field season ended on May 14th.

Track and Field has events such as running, jumping, and throwing. The running events are 60 meter hurdles, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 meter run, 1600 meter run, 4x100 relay, and 4x400 relay. The jumping events are high jump and long jump. The throwing events are shot put and discus. Events James Rutter doesn't practice are high jump and discus. James Rutter doesn't have the equipment to support high jump and discus. We can participate in high jump and discus during meets.

For warmups, students do a warmup lap first, dynamic stretches, and then they do a second warmup lap.

Practice depends on what you do and the results from the last track meet. If the coaches see that the hurdlers got a bad place in a meet, hurdlers will practice hurdles for the day.

Practice runs from 3:15PM to 4:15PM. There is no practice on rainy days.

The amount of meets an athlete can participate in partially depends on how good they are. There are 4 normal meets and one district championship meet. Not everyone qualifies for championships.

To qualify for championships, Mr. McLaughlin said students need to qualify with certain requirements. For running events, they need to pass a certain time. For throwing events, a certain distance needs to be met. Jumping events require a certain height or distance to be met. Athletes that haven't qualified can still attend,

but they can't participate in events.

Ms. Wells and Mr. McLaughlin coached this year's track and field team. Ms. Well's said that the team includes "a mix of 20 7th and 8th graders."

Se'maj McChristian joined because it's fun. She does throwing events and the 100m. Se'maj said to try your hardest in practice. The warmups excluding warmup laps were the best part of track and field, said Se'maj McChristian.

Michael Yang joined because he wanted to do a sport. He does running events. Michael said that the best way to get better is "honestly, just practice, push yourself." The best part of track and field are the people you meet, says Michael.

7th Graders: Get those library accounts cleared before you leave for summer!