

5-STAR BOOSTERS GRIZZLY GROWL

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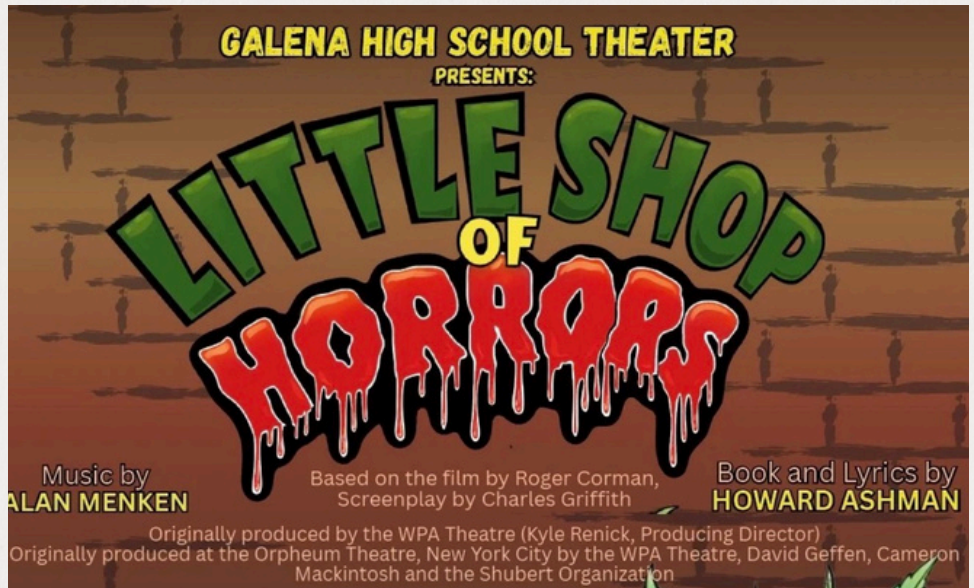


Galena High School
3600 Butch Cassidy Way
Reno, Nevada 89511

Booster President: Heather Cole
Growl Editor: Michelle Simmons

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **GHS Presents Little Shop of Horrors**
March 12th - 14th
- * **Galena Arts & Crafts Festival**
March 14th
- * **Class of 2026 Activity**
March 17th
- * **PTO March Meeting**
March 18th
- * **Spring Break**
March 23rd - April 3rd
- * **Class of 2026 Activity**
April 10th
- * **PTO April Meeting**
April 15th
- * **Jr/Sr Prom**
April 25th



The curtain is rising again at Galena High School with *Little Shop of Horrors!*

This year marks an exciting milestone, **the return of the Theater elective at Galena High School.** The program was paused in 2020 due to COVID disruptions, staff allocations, and needed repairs to the school stage.

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Letter from the Editor

The Galena 5-Star Boosters Grizzly Growl is distributed monthly via email to our members and on our website to keep our Grizzly families informed and involved. We hope you enjoy reading it.



From the 5-Star Boosters President

Hello Galena families and staff!

Looks like we're starting to experience first Spring! Hopefully it will stay. We've been busy spoiling our teachers with Snack Attacks and donuts for Valentine's Day. Our seniors enjoyed donuts and pizza these last two months, and they couldn't be happier. With Spring Break coming, March will be quiet, but we will be back in April with more events for teachers and seniors. We've also been working on getting visitor spots for Galena families since our parking lots have been packed with our student drivers. Stay tuned for more info on that.

We wanted to give a huge shout out to **Doughboy Donuts in Damonte** for donating our donuts for the senior event. We also want to thank the **Radtke and Hagan families** for their generous donations to the Boosters.

Our next PTO meeting will be March 18th. We will be confirming open Board/Committee positions at our March meeting, so please keep an eye out for open positions if you're interested. As always, you're welcome to attend any of our meetings and we'd love to meet you!

Don't forget to join our [Galena High School Parents Facebook Page](#) and [Galena PTO Instagram Page](#) for school announcements and happenings. Thank you again for your continued support.

Heather Cole
5-Star Booster President
Admin@ghs5starboosters.org

Galena High School



5-Star Boosters/PTO 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the GHS Library.

March 18th @ 5:30pm
April 15th @ 5:30p
May 20th @ 5:30pm

All Boosters members are welcome to attend.



If you like what you've read so far, we invite you to be a part of it for 2025-26 as a 5-STAR Boosters/PTO member! Click the Join Now button below to get started.



GHS Theater Class Returns (Continued)

GALENA HIGH SCHOOL THEATER
PRESENTS:

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Music by **ALAN MENKEN**
Based on the film by Roger Corman,
Screenplay by Charles Griffith

Book and Lyrics by **HOWARD ASHMAN**
Originally produced by the WPA Theatre (Kyle Renick, Producing Director)
Originally produced at the Orpheum Theatre, New York City by the WPA Theatre, David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh and the Shubert Organization

DIRECTED BY
MELINA HOLLINGER

VOCAL/MUSIC DIRECTION BY
VANCE CORUM

CHOREOGRAPHY BY
OLIVIA JENKINS



PRODUCED BY
JASON SMITH

MARCH 12TH @ 7:00PM
MARCH 13TH @ 7:00PM
MARCH 14TH @ 2:00PM
MARCH 14TH @ 7:00PM

GALENA HIGH SCHOOL THEATER
3600 BUTCH CASSIDY DR
RENO, NV 89511

TICKETS START AT:
\$18 GENERAL ADMISSION ONLINE
\$10 STUDENT PRICING AT THE DOOR

Little Shop of Horrors
is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.mtishows.com

The return of the Theater elective at Galena has already brought renewed energy to the Fine Arts Department. Earlier this winter, theater students performed *Elf on the Shelf Must Die*, and later this spring they will present the comedy *Too Many Detectives in the Murder Mansion*. Students enrolled in the class are required to participate in both the winter and spring productions as part of their coursework. The spring musical is open to all students who wish to audition.

Little Shop of Horrors is a musical comedy about a flower shop assistant whose discovery of a mysterious plant brings sudden attention and success. As the plant grows, it develops a dangerous appetite, forcing him to make some difficult choices.

We invite the entire Galena community to come support our talented students. **Performances will take place March 12–14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Galena Theater.** Tickets may be purchased through [Hometown Ticketing](#)

Keeping Our Galena Campus Clean

Dear Galena Families,

We are reaching out regarding the ongoing concern of garbage being left in the school parking lot. While some of the images are from January, others were taken 3/1/26. This is an issue that has been going on throughout the school year.

We kindly ask for your partnership in reinforcing expectations with your students about taking responsibility for their belongings and properly disposing of trash in the provided receptacles. Small choices make a big difference. When students take a moment to clean up after themselves, it helps maintain a safe, welcoming, and respectful campus for everyone.

We appreciate your support in encouraging pride in our school community.

Sincerely,
5-Star Boosters/PTO



Join our 5-Star Boosters/PTO Board for 2026-2027

We hope you'll consider becoming part of the Galena 5-Star Boosters/PTO for the 2026-2027 school year. We are actively looking for people who would like to fill the following positions:

- **Vice President** (1 Position) This person will work closely with the President to ensure a smooth transition to President the following year.
- **Recording Secretary** (1 Position)
- **Parliamentarian** (1 Position)
- **Scholarship** (2 Positions) May not have a child who is a senior
- **Hospitality** (1 Position) This person organizes snacks for Back to School Night, etc.
- **Fundraising** (1 additional spot.) This committee organizes Dollars for Scholars, plus other fundraising opportunities.
- **Membership** (1 additional spot) Membership also includes selling and distribution of Booster merchandise.



Please email Admin@ghs5starboosters.org for information.

Thank You DoughBoys Donuts!

A huge thank you to DoughBoys Donuts for generously supporting our February Staff Appreciation event. You definitely made the day a little sweeter! And, a very special shout-out to our amazing Staff Appreciation co-chairs, Tracy Bruntz and Kristie Phillips. We appreciate all the time you put into making the staff feel valued!



Galena High School Athletic Hall of Fame – Class of 2026

We are honored to recognize the Galena High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2026. They were celebrated at a recent GHS Basketball game and formally inducted on January 31, 2026 at the Peppermill Hotel & Casino.

1996 State Championship Softball Team
 2001 Mike Crooks: Wrestling, Football
 2001 Damian Rivadeneyra: Football, Wrestling
 2001 Abigail Parker: Softball, CC, Track & Field
 2005 Luxchimi Gill: Golf
 2005 Joel Rivadeneyra: Football, Wrestling
 Bob Affonso: Band Director, SB Adviser, Teacher

2007 Jillian Dowty: Cheer, Track & Field
 2007 J.D. Peters: Basketball, Baseball
 2007: Jimmy Sargent: Football, Baseball, T& F
 2008 Jacob Anderson: Football, Baseball
 2008 Pete Lazzari: Football, Baseball
 2008 Colleen Mullins: Golf, Basketball
 Ed Parise: Coach, Football, Track & Field



Testing Updates: April ACT & AP Exams




ACT TEST DATE - RENO

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

LOCATION	ARRIVAL TIME	REGISTRATION DEADLINES
 AACT High School 380 Edison Way Reno, NV 89502	 Arrive by 8:00 AM	 Standard: March 6, 2026 Late: March 24, 2026* <small>*Late fees apply</small>

REGISTER & ACCESS TEST PREP

www.act.org

COST		
\$68 - English, Math & Reading	Writing Add-On:  \$25	 Science Add-On: \$4

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

The AP testing window runs May 4–May 15, 2026.

If you have not yet submitted payment, please contact the Galena Bookkeeper as soon as possible to ensure your student is registered for testing.

Please continue to check the [School Calendar](#) for exact dates.

Galena High School Counseling Staff

- Last Name A-D – Robyn Brown
- Last Name E-K – Genell Burroughs
- Last Name L-Ra – Peyton Taylor
- Last Name Re-Z – Clara Mitchell

If you need to contact your counselor for any reason, please fill out the [contact form](#). It will direct messages to the appropriate department (e.g. counseling, attendance, athletics, etc.)

Galena Club News



Galena Speech and Debate competed at Elko High School on February 20 and 21. We took home over **20 trophies and awards** for individual speech and debate events, ranging from Lincoln Douglas (one on one debate) to Dramatic Interpretation, a theatrical speech event.

In addition to our individual trophies, we also were awarded cumulative awards that combined our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places at local tournaments throughout the year, to award "**Bowl**" trophies.

Last year, Galena's team took home two bowl awards. This year the team took home **SIX!** The team has grown to 4x its size of the previous year, and are looking forward to State and National qualifiers.

Greetings from the library!

Library reminders:

We collect late fees on check outs as a way to (painlessly, we hope) raise funds for our raffles and events. Late fees never go over \$2 but if this is ever a hardship, don't hesitate to reach out to me.

If your student is a reader, make sure he or she is filling out our raffle slips! We have a monthly raffle where 3 students win a small gift card for a coffee or a donut. We also have the Big Read raffle where we draw 3 winners every December and May for the prize of \$50! It literally pays to read in our library. 😊

Travel reminders:

This year's trip heads to Japan in 30 days. I have had a lot of students asking about this. It's sadly too late to join us this year, but **our 2027 trip is open for registration**. We'll be going to Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris and London. These trips are educational and also a lot of fun for students. See the link below if you are interested in joining us.

We travel every year during spring break and trips open one and a half years before departure to keep monthly costs as low as possible. We travel with EF Educational Tours.

[European Quartet | EF Educational Tours](#)



Questions? Never hesitate to reach out to me.

Ms. Black

Galena Student Leadership



Congratulations to our Student Body Officers for the 2026–2027 school year:

- President Elect: Ella Walker,
- VP Spirit & Activities Elect: Parmees SarSangi
- Secretary Elect: Bella Peterson
- Treasurer Elect: Parastoo SarSangi
- VP Media & Marketing Elect: Rachel Babian
- VP Community Service Elect: Ella Shapiro
- VP Assemblies & Events Elect: Sloane Topham

Attention All Parents:

If you are the parent, legal guardian, or step parent of a 2026 graduate and are a currently employed WCSD staff member or a staff member of a WCSD sponsored charter school and desire to hand your child their diploma, please notify Vanessa Nelson, Assistant Principal @ Vnelson@washoeschools.net by March 20, 2026.

Class of
2026

Yearbook Price Increase



The yearbook price has increased to \$85. Price will increase again 4/5/26 to \$95. You can purchase one from the bookkeeper or online store. [Purchase Yearbook.](#)

DMV Attendance Form



Students planning to get their Driver's Permit will need a signed [DMV Attendance Form](#). Download it here and bring it to the front office to get an admin signature.

School Transcripts

DIGITAL Transcripts & Records

- Current students may receive up to 4 free transcripts per school year.
- Requests must be submitted online using the ScribOrder system.
- Students 18+ must submit their own request.
- Requests submitted by parents or guardians for students 18 + will be denied.

<https://washoeschoolsnv.scriborder.com/applicationCurrent>

If you need assistance, call 775-861-4428



Galena Class of 2026 Important Dates

March

- March 9th-13th: Spring Spirit Week
- March 17th: Senior Event in front of the library
- March 23rd: Spring Break Begins

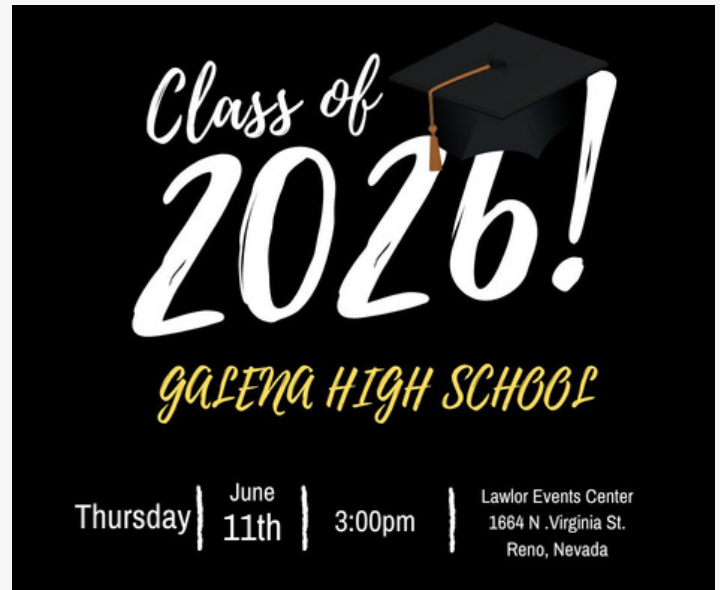
April

- April 6th: School Resumes
- April 10th: Senior Event in front of the library
- April 25th: Prom

May

- May 18th - 21st: Senior Week
- May 18th: Powder Puff Football
- May 21st: Senior Assembly & Lunch
- May 21st: Grad Walk & Senior Sunset
- May 25th: Memorial Day (No School)
- May 26: Senior Awards Night

Graduation: SAVE THE DATE



Class of 2026 Senior FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/GalenaClassOf2026/>

Galena High School Athletics

2025-2026 Winter All-Region Galena High School

Girls Basketball	Boys Basketball	Wrestling	Girls Skiing	Boys Skiing
Sierra Coach of the Year	2nd Team	1st Team	Not yet released	Not yet released
Tyler Edwards	Finnegan Martin	Andrew Kennon		
1st Team	Spencer Snow	Heloke Kirn		
Sandra Quevedo	Honorable Mention	Patrick Dye		
Julia Imse	Aiden Talonen	Lukas Arrowood		
2nd Team		Manakai Kirn		
Addison Howard		Tristan Diaz		
Honorable Mention		Tayla McDonagh		
Allison Dolan		2nd Team		
Paige Damon		Landon Olson		
		Gavin Perkins		
		Middle weight wrestler of the year		
		Manakai Kirn		

2025-26 State Ski Racing Championships

Team:

- **Galena Girls Ski Team** - 1st Slalom, 3rd GS & 1st Combined
- **Galena Boys Ski Team** - 2nd Slalom, 1st GS & 2nd Combined

Individual:

- **Maren Paidakovich** - 3rd Slalom & 3rd Combined Individual
- **Weston Ivens** - 3rd GS & 4th Combined Individual

Team members that finished in the top 12 for total points for girls and boys will compete March 15th-18th at the Western US High School Championship in Loveland, CO. Almost half the kids invited this year are from GHS.

2026 NIAA Winter State Academic Team

Congratulations to our Boys Ski Team on placing 1st in the 5A Division and our Boys Basketball team on placing 3rd in the state in the 4A division.

- Boys Skiing - team average GPA 3.83
- Boys Basketball - Team average GPA 3.5

Team GPA is determined by taking the individual GPA's of varsity team members from the previous semester and then computing an overall average.



SUPPORT THE FINE ARTS AT

GALENA HIGH SCHOOL

Free 9am - 3 pm

ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

MARCH 14, 2026 9AM-3PM
GALENA HIGH SCHOOL
3600 BUTCH CASSIDY DR, RENO
OVER 100 HANDMADE VENDOR BOOTHS
FOOD TRUCKS
STUDENT ART SHOW
PERFORMANCE BY THE THEATRE STUDENTS

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
PERFORMANCES
2PM & 7PM
\$17 GENERAL/\$19 PREFERRED SEATING

grizzlyartz2021@gmail.com
instagram: @galena.grizzly.arts

ACT/SAT Testing Dates 2026

ACT NATIONAL TESTING DATES (WWW.ACT.ORG)		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Deadline
Apr 11, 2026	Mar 6, 2026	Mar 24, 2026
Jun 13, 2026	May 8, 2026	May 29, 2026
Jul 11, 2026	Jun 5, 2026	Jun 24, 2026

SAT NATIONAL TESTING DATES (WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM)		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Deadline
May 2, 2026	Apr 17, 2026	Apr 21, 2026
Jun 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	May 26, 2026

Thank You For Becoming a 5-Star Booster Member

Booster Members \$60+	Dianna & Scott Hein	Stephanie & Jeremiah Lee	Jesse & Ryan Ruppert
Allyson & Bruce Denney	Rebecca & Jeff Cowles	Tiana & Warren Heister	Erin & Nathan Howell
Emille & Brad Carpenter	Kate & Eaton Dunkelberger	April & Max Gratix	Mandi & Byron Collins
Eric Brown	Rebecca Barker	Jen & Kurt Folgner	Sarah & Daniel Walton
Karen & Jeff McGaskill	Jennifer Raglen	Veronica & Andreas Simanowski	Rebecca & Jeremy Gonda
Joilene & Scott Burnett	Rachel Graffam	Christy & Ben Horgan	Lauren & Shane Dyer
Aimee & Rich Cummins	Gina & Phil Derryman	Sarah & Brian Heiter	Brittney & Spencer Fullmer
Cristy & Austin Leck	Heather Cole	Lanie & Joe Chickanosky	Jennifer & Greg Ott
Tracy & Lance Bruntz	Alicia & Orrin Johnson	Jenna & Chris McQuattie	Ani Pahler
Bryn & Greg Klitzke	Mary & Jordan Roberts	Cassandra Grieve	Sean Martin
Sarah Sommers & Leonard Graham	Julia & Brett Nelson	Danielle Pourchot	Stephanie Campbell
Becky Walters	Melissa & Jeremy Campau	Rebecca & John Duguid	Gina & Sean Canty
Heather & Hayde Dean	Bhavna & Pankaj Malhan	Erin Belosic	Lisa & Kirk Bronander
Shelly & Chadd Watson	Angela & David Imse	Shannon Dedora & Jeffrey Seeman	Courtney & Matthew Walker
Jen & Chad Mingo	Yvonne & Ryan Dixon	Alison & Nathan Brigham	Sharra & Douglas Clemens
Brandi & Aaron Griggs	Lynleigh & Jason Johns	Nichole & Tom Radley	Maria Ruvalcaba
Lisa & David Hofman	Cynamon & Aaron Heide	Natalie & Umid Tadjiev	Sophie Hartley
Maryne & Jon Bodenshot	Stephanie & Fredrick Neiforth	Melinda & Alan Goldman	Katie & Bryce Bohlander
Tina & Steve Neighbors	Ali & Jason Bender	Loma & Joe Denton	Nikki Wellman

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Nancy & William Oberg	Sylvia & Frank Phillips	Sasha & JC Erramouspe	Jaime & Patrick Winchell
Lauren & David Bradfield	Arathi Veeraswamy & Dwarak Vuppalapati	Colleen & Daniel Doenges	Jen & Chito Torres
Diane Bartholomew	Megan Janes	Angie & Shane Billau	Jenny & Gabe Frederito
Sarah & Regan Greene	Rachelle & Brad Sanders	Julia Partelow	Heather & David Brunckhorst
Ashley & Troy Wiedenbeck	Karel Malloy	Stephanie & Keith Brooks	Natalie Conlan
Brooke & Blake Wilde	Carolyn & Peter Sorenson	Molly Ivans	Kelli & Chad Satterwhite
Angie & Brock Nyborg	Darby Meyer		

Bronze Members \$110+	Christie & Phillip Perez	Michelle & Kevin Simmons	Julia & Jerry Peek
Fariba & JT Tanbakookar	Erica & Steve Dryden	Leah & Matthew Cowen	Dina Ciarlo-Fritzinger
Danielle & Michael Brown	Krista & Scott Douglass	Libs & Jeff Morrow	Kate & Tony Cardinali
Tricia & Geoff Nugent	Stephanie & Jay Peterson	Kimberly Brooks	Celeste & Alan Shapiro
Shana & Brett Kennon	Darby Bryant	Rebecca & Ken Venis	Laura & Dan Durrer
Tami & Mark Chretin	Kelly Schimke	Shannon & Tony Karam	Mindy & Josh Damon
Jackie Sheppard			

Gold Members \$210+	Cindy & Shannon Dye	Megan & Michael Oehlert	Tabitha Kix & Bill Radtke
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Platinum Members \$360+	Lindsey & Jeremy Low	Heather & Bill Winchester	Monica Lee & Thomas Melendrez
Naomi & Tim Albertson	Terri & Robert Green	Sandra & Tyler Edwards	Carolyn & Chris Dolan
Janna & Matt Rager	Kristin & Nate Hudson	Kristine Kinne	Debra & Ryan Cuddy