



GREEN SCHOOLS NATIONAL NETWORK

Growing STEM Opportunities by Greening your School

October 12 - 13, 2023 Empire Elementary School, Carson City, NV

Picture yourself on the grounds of Empire Elementary School, nestled in the heart of Carson City. This vibrant, two-day event on October 12-13, 2023, will immerse you in a world of inspiration, innovation, and practical wisdom. Empire Elementary serves a diverse group of students, 90% of whom qualify for free and reduced lunch. Over the years, Empire has seamlessly woven STEM integration and Sustainability into its curriculum, proving that teaching through a “sustainability lens” is not only achievable but immensely rewarding.

Register Fees:

GSNN Members: \$0.00 | Non Members: \$100.00

REGISTER TODAY



Thursday, October 12, 2023 Schedule

Time	Activity	Description
12:00 PM	Snacks and Chatter	Participants meet and get introduced to each other and the Summit experience
12:30 PM	Opening / Welcome and Introduction to Empire Elementary	<p>Welcoming remarks by Superintendent Feuling, GSNN Strategy Coach, and Empire Elementary Team</p> <p>Introduction to the Empire Elementary recent journey building a model STEM school that infuses sustainability, engaging both students and staff.</p>
1:30 PM	Field Work Experience	Participants will choose between two field work opportunities, either experiencing an example of nature-based learning that Empire utilizes within a local wetland, or visiting sites within the district that exemplify the district's commitment to sustainability that includes the solar array, the Greenhouse Project, and composting initiative.
3:30 PM	Expert Teacher Panel	Meet and connect with Empire Elementary "rock star" teachers, sharing best practices and answering participants questions regarding their school's transformation.
4:15 PM	Closing Circle	Debrief and identify takeaways and connections
6:00 PM	Summit Social	Opportunity to kick back and enjoy some snacks and drinks with participants, gaining new insights with devotees



Friday, October 13, 2023 Schedule

Time	Activity	Description
8:00 AM	Snacks / Welcome	Participants gather
8:30 AM	Opening - Overview	Carson City School District journey in connection to Empire Elementary
9:00 AM	Visitation Round #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Classroom Visit (K-1st grade) ◇ Leadership Experience ◇ Facilities as a 3D Textbook 	Participants will be divided into three groups, participating in three rounds of different school experiences
10:25 AM	Visitation Round #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Classroom Visit (2nd-3rd grades) ◇ Leadership Experience ◇ Facilities as a 3D Textbook 	Another round of experiencing one of the three options
11:35 AM	LUNCH	On-site
12:15 PM	Green Biz Kids	Empire Elementary was the first elementary school to initiate a Green Biz Kids program and it has served as a great avenue to build school ambassadors, well versed on the economic and ecological impacts of thinking through a “green” lens
1:00 PM	Visitation Round #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Classroom Visit (4th-5th grades) ◇ Leadership Experience ◇ Facilities as a 3D Textbook 	Last round of visits to one of the three options
2:30 PM	Connecting with Community Partners	A key element of Empire’s success has been to build strong relationships with community partners. Several of these partners will attend and share a bit about their good work and connection to the Empire vision.w
3:45 PM	Closing Circle	Final opportunity to reflect on lessons learned and inspiration being taken forward!





Dress Code:

Dress code for the entirety of the site seminar is business casual.

Travel:

Reno-Tahoe International Airport (RNO) is approximately 30 minutes north of Empire Elementary. Travel to and from the airport is best via the rental car company of your choice.

Lodging:

The following hotels are within a ten minute drive of Empire Elementary School

Courtyard Marriott
3870 S Carson St,
Carson City, NV 89701

Holiday Inn Express
4055 N Carson St,
Carson City, NV 89706

Hampton Inn
10 Hospitality Way,
Carson City, NV 89706

