

The biggest, and best, news from PGHS is the arrival of Chloe Joy Kolker at 12:06 am on May 2. She came in at 20 inches and 7lbs 2oz. Katie and Chloe are home and doing great.

PGHS is working furiously to get our seniors graduated. We are hoping to have 34 students complete their graduation requirements before June 9. This is a stressful time at Pali for both students and staff. As of this writing, we have graduated 15 students. We accelerated an oral Capstone presentation for a young man joining the Marines on May 3. His recruiter attended the oral presentation and upon conclusion, Zachery Logan was pronounced "Graduated" and will be going to MEPS (Military Entrance Processing Station) next week. We have 2 students who are waiting on Job Shadows and the corresponding paperwork to finish and graduate. The last round of mock interviews will be held on May 23. The remaining potential graduates will be finishing their Capstone oral presentations on May 24 and will have until June 8 to complete their course work.

We plan to continue the Capstone class and additional graduation credit requirement next year, despite a reduction in staff. The staff believes in its value as a program, the students and their parents cannot say enough positive things about it. At least one of our students have gotten a permanent job as a result of the Job Shadow. It allows our students to get out into the community and produce a positive image, as well as get positive feedback from local businesses.

Additionally, the staff is working hard to coordinate the Palisade Glacier High School Shari Swenson Memorial Golf Tournament on May 20, any golfers please call us to sign up. Anyone else willing and able to sponsor a hole? This is our primary fundraiser for the Palisade Glacier High School Scholarship Foundation, available to all Palisade graduates for pursuing school, books, and trades.

The staff would like to recognize Mr. Curt Mulder for his selfless volunteering on behalf of PGHS. Mr. Mulder was the Math and Science Teacher at Palisade since before it was Palisade and he continues to volunteer at Pali helping tutor math students and working one-on-one with Capstone students. He brings a sense of history and family, having taught many of the parents, aunts, uncles, and siblings of our current students. He will be recognized as a Community STAR honoree at 4pm on May 18 at Cerro Coso Community College. It is a lovely event for those who would like to join.