



# The HOWL

*Grace Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School*



10/1/18

“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

## Eighth Grade To Eastern Sierra



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Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders demonstrated tremendous responsibility and perseverance on their recent adventure to the Mono Lake area – exceeding expectations of their teachers, Mr. Anderson & Ben York.

In the words of Mr. Anderson, “This trip is designed to open up eyes to some of the extraordinary landscapes near to us, allow students to interact in a different setting, and encourage an appreciation of how to enjoy the vastness of nature. And yes- the academic work we did prior to the trip based around what it took to preserve this area hopefully now has a solid base of experiential leaning to support it.”

Immense servings of gratitude to the parents who helped make this trip happen – it is a big lift! Kudos go out to:

Azriel, Stacie, Larry L, Rick Miller, Becky Myers, Virgil Ines, John Cosenza, and Amy Pirtle - please note they are ROCKSTARS.



## Walk A Thon is THIS Friday! October 5<sup>th</sup>!



This event only works with Pledges and Volunteers! Please help your kids get those pledges. They can use the Green Pledge Sheet (more available at front office) or on-line with Pledge-Star.

Please go to the link:

<https://pledgestar.com/gvcs/> it contains email, text & social media options!

There are many ways to volunteer (providing snacks for the event, volunteering your time or both). Here's the link to see what is needed:



<http://signup.com/go/mnoegZK>

**Support your teacher on the Teacher Leader Board!**

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER:**

- **Drop off** on Friday, **October 5**, is at the Nevada County Fairgrounds at **Gate 4**, at **8:30am**. Please walk them into the fairgrounds to their crew.
- Kids should wear good **walking shoes** and wear **sunscreen**.
- Bring **water bottles & put child's name on it!**
- **Snacks provided, but not lunch.**
- **Bring pledge sheets & funds raised.** We will count laps and return sheets the following week for additional collection of pledges.
- If your child has **allergies**, make sure your teacher is aware of these allergies, and consider bringing an appropriate snack for them.
- **Families** are more than **welcome to stay** and walk (9am – 11am)
- Walk a thon **ends at 11:45**, and **pick up is by 12:30pm**. Students must be **signed - out** from their teacher, at their crew tarp near Gate 4.

### Teacher Leader Board

Teacher	Amount Raised
Ms. Siobhan Boylan, 1st Grade	\$842
Mrs. Juliette Parks, 7th Grade	\$540
Ms. Karen Nelson, 3rd Grade	\$510
Ms. Cherie Wood, Kindergarten	\$487

## Sports Updates!

### Come out and support Girls Basketball

10/3 Mount Saint M 4:00

10/4 Lyman Gilmore 4:00

Coach Russ at  
[russyokon@msn.com](mailto:russyokon@msn.com)

### Come out and support



### Cross Country!

Their upcoming meets:

10/3 Empire Mine 3:30pm for  
5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade only

10/10 Ready Springs 4:00pm  
for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Coach Curry at  
[rcurry@gvcsd.us](mailto:rcurry@gvcsd.us)

Girls Volleyball: 10/22 –  
12/14

Boys Basketball: 12/17 - 2/22

Boys Volleyball: 2/25 - 4/26

Track: 4/8 – 5/24

### Mountain Bike Club

Riding Tuesdays from 3:00-  
5:15pm. Members Only.

Contact Mr. E with Qs

[aezell@gvcsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvcsd.us)

## Feeling Competitive...

In **Math!** Sue Muir will be hosting the AMC 8 Math Competition group. The AMC 8 is a nationally ranked math competition that is geared toward students that enjoy digging into challenging mathematics – it is open to students of any age. It also is the gateway to the AMC 10 and AMC 12, which are a common way to showcase math prowess to prospective colleges.

For more info on the AMC 8 Competition group, email Sue at [smuir@gvcsd.us](mailto:smuir@gvcsd.us) be sure to include: your name, your child's name, their teacher's name, and the day of the week your student is available to practice after school. The test will be administered on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at GVCS.

## Feeling Competitive...

In **Speech!** The topic this year is, “**The Greatest Moment in History.**” The competition is not until March, so you have time to come up with a brilliant plan! The Speech Competition is open to grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. The fabulous Sue Muir will be coaching this team! More information to come!

## Feeling Competitive...

The Lady Coyotes basketball team has played their hearts



out at so far this season, demonstrating courage, perseverance, sportsmanship and spirit of adventure! It's shaping up to be a fantastic season. Thanks to Coach Russ, Amy P. and Koppa E. for showing our girls amazing leadership and dedication. Come on out and support their next game, this Thursday, 4pm at Mount Saint Mary's!

## Dates! Be In The Know!

10/12 Fall Family Dance

10/5 Walk A Thon

10/18 GVCS Math Night!

10/22-26 Fall Break

10/31 – Halloween – Min. Day!

11/1 – 11/2 No School For Students, Staff In-Service Day

## GVCS Is Full Of Awesome People, Doing Awesome Things!

### Pitching in to clean up the river!

Nine eighth graders from Mr. Anderson's class joined Ms. Meg to pick up trash along the Yuba watershed during the annual Yuba Clean-Up Day. Students filled bags with cans, bottles, cigarette butts, wrappers, and random pieces of fiber-glass and metal. Special shout out to the [Yuba Bus](#) for providing our carpool, to Allison Lehman for helping out and to Ms. Meg for organizing!!



### Pitching in to help out State Parks!

Crew 18 helped Dan Lubin and Briana, California State Park Biologists, decimate invasive Himalayan Blackberry from South Fork Wolf Creek at the Bennet Street Meadow. Students really got in to the process and cleared an enormous area! State Parks were super impressed. Crew 18 will continue watershed restoration projects along Wolf Creek throughout the year! Way to go Ms. Meg and our 6<sup>th</sup> graders!



### Pitching in to help out our Pre-K Playground!



Led by the intrepid Crosbie, who is a pre-k parent and the Garden Teacher, the pre-k playground got some amazing TLC with the help of many parents! Woodchips were spread, trees



trimmed, planters planted, and more!

It is looking great out there!

Big kudos go out to Dave Moyer, James Drummond, Mike Q, Lorin Fowler, April Lowe, Dany Nunnink and Paul! Thank you for supporting beautiful spaces for our littlest learners!

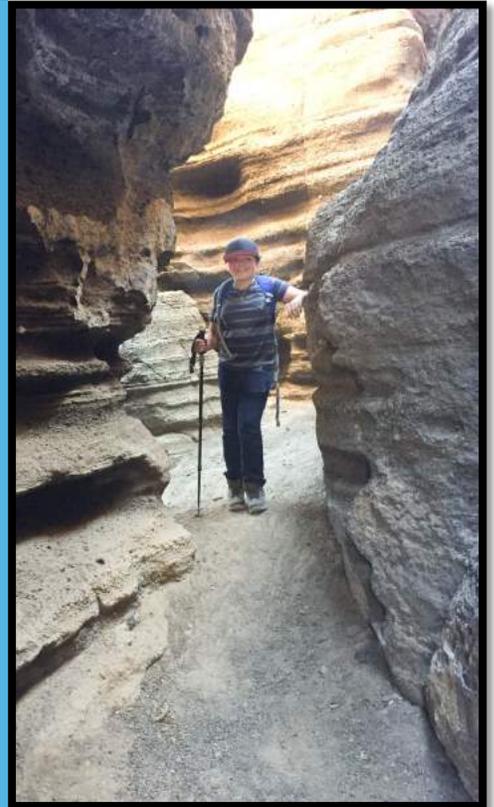
## An Expanded View of Student Achievement

At GVCS we have an expanded vision of student achievement. We believe that when a student graduates from our school, that they should be well on their way to becoming an effective and productive citizen, who not only envisions a better world, but possesses the tools to help create that world.

As students culminate their education, be it after college or vocational school, we know that their success is not solely dependent upon their test scores, but on the quality of their work and the quality of their character.

As such, at GVCS we consider student achievement to have three dimensions: Mastery of Academic Skills and Content, High – Quality Work, and Character.

We hope that you have found evidence of our commitment to these dimensions of student achievement in the previous pages.



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## Our Design Principles

The Primacy of Self – Discovery  
The Having of Wonderful Ideas  
The Responsibility for Learning  
Empathy and Caring  
Success and Failure  
Collaboration and Competition  
Diversity and Inclusion  
The Natural World  
Solitude and Reflection  
Service and Compassion