



# The HOWL

*Grace Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School*

10/29/18



“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

## Red Ribbon Week!

The week before Fall break was a busy, and very special one! Under the tutelage of 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Parks, GVCS 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students led a week of educational activities connected to the National Red Ribbon Week, which focuses on prevention of tobacco, drug, and alcohol use.

Students organized daily contests that encourage making healthy lifestyle choices and got local experts involved!

Middle School students got hands on with the impact of smoking on lungs! Noting that the simulated smoking pig lung failed to inflate nearly as well as the healthy pig lung - was a crowd favorite!



Additionally students learned about the dangers of drugs and

alcohol via simulated activities and the repercussions of poor decisions, often made while under the influence.

Huge appreciation goes out to local first responders: CHP, Grass Valley Fire Department and EMTs – special appreciation goes out to Sarah Kendall, for being expert extraordinaire!



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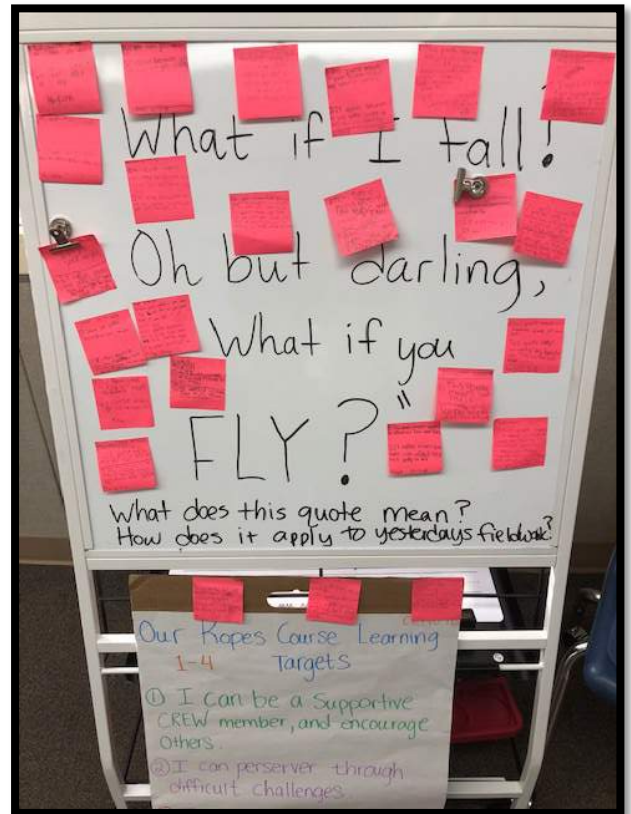
## Fourth Grade Shares Appreciation for the On Course Ropes Course Staff!

Both Ms. Lauren & Cynthia's Crews took on the challenge of the On Course ropes course in recent weeks.

A synopsis! Not only was ropes awesome, the On Course Staff is truly phenomenal. Many are

former teachers and camp counselors who interact magically with children.

Students worked together in groups and problem solved through various initiatives. Having Beth and Ryan on staff at GVCS, and Beth as the ropes course director, made the experience all the richer, as the focus of initiatives tied into their Bills & Gills Expedition and prepared the Crew for rafting next month!



The On Course staff and GVCS teachers witnessed great compassion, respect, stewardship, leadership and so much more!

Way to go fourth grade and much gratitude to On Course!



## **Sports Updates!**

### **Girls Volleyball:**

**10/22 – 12/14**

**Sign Up Paperwork is available in the front office.**

**For more info, Contact Coach Russ at [russyokon@msn.com](mailto:russyokon@msn.com)**

### **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.**

**Last ride this week!**

**Contact Mr. E with Qs**

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## **Math Night A Success!**

Thank you to all who came out to support our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Math Night! We had

tremendous participation from students and parents! There were a pile of fun math grapples and challenges from homeroom teachers,

STEM, Adventure & PE!

Huge kudos go out to our teachers who rallied to provide yet one more awesome experience for our GVCS community!



## **Halloween!**

In the GVCS tradition, we will celebrate Halloween via a parade on the blacktop at 9:15 am this Wednesday. Parents are welcome to attend! Please support your student to follow school rules regarding appropriate costumes. Please, no weapons as part of the costumes, gratuitous violence, etc. Halloween is a minimum day this year, and there is no school for students on Nov 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – is that a trick? Nope! Is it a treat? You decide!

## **Dates! Be In The Know!**

**10/31 – Halloween, Minimum Day!**

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

**11/12 – No School in observance of Veteran's Day**

**11/20 – Thanksgiving, Minimum Day**

**11/21-11/23 – Thanksgiving Break, No School**



## 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.

Hope that your Fall Break allowed you to wiggle your toes in the sand and catch some waves!



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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