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An EL Education Mentor
School*

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**“We are crew, not passengers.”
– Kurt Hahn**



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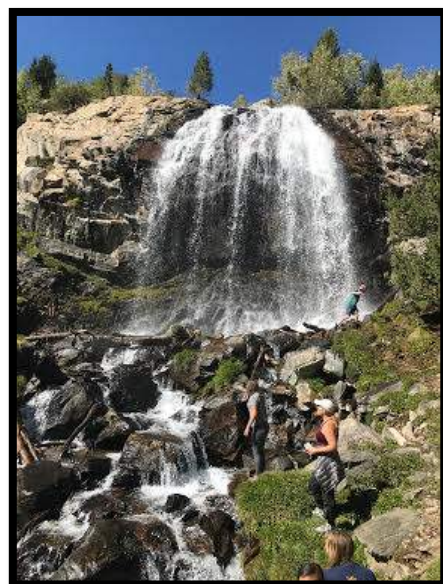
Eighth Grade to Mono Lake!

Mr. Anderson & Ben's 8th graders dove deep into their immersion fieldwork with a trip to Mono Lake – a perfect adventure for piquing interest in water in the West and the role of government.

Along the way, students explored the many craters in this Eastern Sierra location. With a warm up on Panum Crater, the students then set their sights on the tallest of the Mono Craters (Crater Mountain) and worked out their legs on the pumice / obsidian treadmill.

Seven of the crew made it to the top of the 9,172 mountain after nearly a 2,500 foot climb only to discover a small tin can holding the names of many who summited the mountain before them, including past GVCS students.

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Eighth Grade to Mono Lake, Continued...



The Fall colors of Lundy Canyon also called to be explored and were full of waterfalls, evidence of recent snowfall and enormous aspen trees!

Students also explored the fissures around Black Point, digging (ha!) into depositional geology and erosion. The day was capped off with the infamous s'more making contest. If it was not famous before, it is now dear HOWL readers!

The experience was wrapped up with a visit to the ghost town of Bodie as our intrepid 8th graders made their way home! But, wait! It did not end there! Students also took care of the immense clean up required after these types of trips.

As always, and never more true – a huge thank you to the parent volunteers who make these trips possible!

Announcing... Crew 24!

We are Crew! **The parent crew** that is!

The Parent Leadership Group is transforming into **Crew 24** to reflect the value of our entire parent community as an integral part of our school. It will be a reference point for families to interact, organize, participate and contribute to further enrich our school community.

Our first Crew meeting this was amazing! Thank you to all how participated.

Feel like you missed out? Well if so, it is not too late to still join Crew 24!

If you are curious about joining future Crew 24 meetings, or just curious, contact Olivia Prichett at 530 470 3404 or via email at oprichett@gvsd.us or Cameron Herzog at 530 263 3261 or via email at cameron969@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

We look forward to you being part of Crew 24!

Sports Info!

Upcoming...

Boys Volleyball:

10/23 – 12/15

Parent & Player meeting, Monday, October 9th at 3:15 in the GVCS Staff Room.

Clinics begins Oct 10th at the Scotten Gym from 6-8pm.

Practice starts Monday, October 23rd.

Contact Coach Gabe (530) 913 - 6965 or Coach Shannon (530) – 913 – 5979 for more information.

Cross Country:

10/23 -12/15

Boys Basketball:

12/18 – 2/23

Girls Volleyball:

2/26 – 4/27

Track: 4/10 – 5/26



Those Shoes
Are Made for
Walkin' ...

Walkathon, November 3rd!

Pledge sheets will be coming home soon. A shade structure for our lunch area is rumored to be the focus! You can go to <http://pledgestar.com/gvcs> to set up for online donations.

Walkathon Tidbits:

1. Drop off at Fairgrounds is 8:30am at Gate 4 (best to walk them in)
2. Walkathon ends at 11:45am
3. Pickup begins at 11:45am at our tarp near Gate 4, please come to the tarp.
4. Lunch is NOT provided
5. Family picnic begins at 11:45 (bring a lunch & eat with your children if you like)
6. Water bottles for kiddos are a MUST AND put name on the water bottle!
7. Snacks for kiddos will be provided.
8. Families are welcome to stay & walk (9-11am)
9. Have your child wear appropriate clothes (layers since the morning is chilly)
10. Walking shoes are a MUST!
11. To pick up your child, you must sign him/her out from their teacher.
12. After Care kiddos will be transported back to the school.

Mr. E (still) Doesn't Play Piano...

But if you do, or if you are interested in learning, the school has a donated Wurlitzer piano looking for a good home! Please Email Mr. E at [aezell@gvsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvsd.us)



Kids Love GVCS & We Love Them – Especially at 8:15am!

I love starting my day greeting our students! Bright eyed and bushy tailed, or groggy and half awake – they are amazing! But, students arriving before 8:15 have no supervision. Please help us with an 8:15 drop off.

No Pizza Sales this Week!

Middle School Intensives are this week! And with this wonderful offering, our student council members are spread throughout the state of California! Backpacking, creating ceramic wonders, mountain biking, working on their engineering skills, rocking some art based activism and more! Great stuff for our middle school, alas, no pizza this week, but it will be back Thursday, November 2nd!

Community Resources!

Middle School girls and their mother, grandmothers, etc are invited to attend a Mother / Daughter Circle Group focused on promoting a healthy and sustaining bond between mothers and daughters during the transitional years from girlhood to young womanhood. Mondays, November 6, 13, 20 & 27th from 5:00 - 7:15pm. This free event will be held at the Ready Springs School Library and hosted by Sharyn Turner R.N. and Mary Jo Sweeny R.N.

Sponsored by Nevada County Superintendent of Schools. RSVP by calling (530) 432 – 1118

A parent/educator workshop provided by Sierra College Foster & Kinship Care Education on resources for LGBTQ youth. The workshop is Friday, Oct 13th from 9am – 12pm at the Grace Lutheran Church at 1979 Ridge Road, Nevada City.

A Strong Foundation

Looking for a good way to participate and have an impact at your child(ren)'s school? Serving as a GVCS Foundation Board Member just might be the ticket.

What's required, you may wonder...?

An inquiring and open mind!

The desire to make decisions about fundraising dollars that will impact our kids and our school!

A full heart to embrace fun and make a difference!

Attend monthly meetings from August – June (4th Thursday of the month, 3:30pm in the Staff room – Next one is coming up on September 28th)

The Foundation is currently open for new Board Members and seeking to fill the officer positions of Secretary and Treasurer.

Indicate your interest on the Parent Interest Form or just email foundation@grassvalleycharterschool.org

Mark Your Calendars!

November 3rd: Walk-a-thon!

Value Cards available in December!

May 12th: Blue Marble Jubilee

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