



The HOWL

*Grace Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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BIRDS!!

Both Lauren & Cynthia's 4th Grade Crews found themselves trekking through the Bennett Street Meadow before school had started. Dew was blanketing the sedges, and birds were chirping!

Which is tremendously fortuitous given that these students are engaged in an Expedition called “Bills & Gills.” In collaboration with State Parks and research biologist / GVCS community member Allison Nelson – students got to participate in mist netting birds to collect scientific data (such as age, gender, health, etc). Such research not only allows ornithologists to understand bird migration globally, but to also identify specific species to learn more about their specific habitat needs at an area that was once known as the last remaining grasslands of Grass Valley!



Spelunk!



What could elicit courage, compassion and a spirit of adventure for 3rd graders (or adults!) more than crawling around in a small dark cave?!

Lori's crew slipped and slithered head-on during their caving adventure last week!

Led by Adventure Teachers, Beth & Ryan – students not only explored the majestic formations of California Caverns, but were also faced

with situations that demanded students demonstrate GVCS character traits.

Students also learned first hand about all sorts of cave formations, including draperies, soda straws, stalactites and stalagmites!

After several hours underground, students emerged with a patina of courage, compassion and a spirit of adventure! Not to mention plastered with mud and smiles! But wait, there is more! More 3rd graders going caving that is! Ms. Karen's crew heads out this week!



Fall Family Dance!

The one, the only Fall Family Dance is this Friday at the GVCS MPR from 5pm-7pm! The FDD is Disney / Pixar Theme, so bust out your cape and wear your roos on the outside! Being the Fall Family Dance – bring the whole family! Pre-k thru 4th graders **MUST** have a parent present, 5th – 8th graders may attend without a parent, but must have a permission slip (attached to this edition of the HOWL). The cost is \$3 per person, not to exceed \$10 per family.



Please bring a tasty treat to share – based on last names: A – F: Healthy Snacks, G-L: Juice, Sparkling Water, M-P: Paper plate, cups, etc, Q-Z: Finger type dessert

Sports Updates!

Come out and support Girls Basketball

**End of Year Tournament this
Week! Stay posted for the
schedule!**

**Coach Russ at
russyokon@msn.com**

Come out and support Cross Country!

Their upcoming meets:

**10/10 Ready Springs 4:00pm
for 4th – 6th grade**

**10/11 NUHS at 3:30pm for 4th –
8th grade**

**Coach Curry at
rcurry@gvgsd.us**

Girls Volleyball: 10/22 – 12/14

**For more info, Contact Coach
Russ at 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. Members Only.**

**Contact Mr. E with Qs
[aezell@gvgsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvgsd.us)**

Got $x^5 + 3x^2 + 3 = 0$ **Math?**

Or does math have you – going...? Never fear! Jonah is here! Jonah is an 8th grader at GVCS who is enrolled in Algebra 1. As part of his 8th grade service project, he is raising money for the National Women's Law Center - by tutoring students in Math! He is excited to help students k-8, on Thursdays from 3:15-4:15pm in Conference Room B. Donation of \$5 per hour is requested. All students are welcome, but students must have an enrollment form completed and turned in ahead of time (enrollment form is attached and available in the front office). Reach out to Jonah (jonahcrussell@icloud.com) with questions.

XC Goes For the Finish Line!

Come on out and support the XC team as they wrap up an amazing year! There are a few chances! The Penn Valley Invitational, for 4th – 6th grade is this **Wednesday, October 10th** at Ready Springs School. The events kick off at 4pm with fourth grade girls, and ends at 5:15 pm with 6th grade boys. Then this Thursday, October 11th the 4th – 8th graders will be participating in the Miners Mile Invitational at the NUHS lower field arrive by 3:30 to be poised for the action!

Dates! Be In The Know!

10/12 Fall Family Dance

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

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