



The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*

11/13/18



“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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Salmon Rafting!

Both Cynthia's and Lauren's Crews took to the mighty Lower Yuba River last week to investigate the lifecycle of the Chinook Salmon first hand! Student observed spawning salmon, spawned out salmon, redds, and more! Students also worked on Crew, in a very practical sense in working together to pilot their rafts with precision and gusto!

Much was learned, including the complex history of the Yuba River Goldfields, and the current efforts underway to restore the area into a better riparian habitat for juvenile Chinook Salmon.

These crews are very excited to get their very own Chinook Salmon eggs in their classroom next week, then they can put into practice what they have learned about stewardship!

Kudos to Beth and Ryan for rocking this Adventure & Service experience!



California School Parent Survey – Needs Your Input!

We are encouraging parents to take the CA School Parent Survey, which will ask you to share your opinion of GVCS. Participation is voluntary – but also very important! The data collected will be anonymous, but will be used to guide district efforts to help promote safety, enhanced learning and improve student achievement. All questions on the survey apply only to GVCS and the results are for the use of the GVSD.

If you have more than 1 child at GVCS, please only complete the survey once, and where relevant, use your oldest child as a reference.

Access the survey using the following URL: surveys.wested.org/csps/YZ796TF

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Maddock at smaddock@gvsd.us

Free Nurtured Heart Training

Interested in adding more tools to your parenting toolbox? The Nurtured Heart focuses on learning techniques to actively recognize children for positive behaviors and consequently build children's sense of self worth. The Nevada County Superintendent of Schools is sponsoring this free training on Saturday, November 17th from 9:00am – 3:30 pm (lunch included). RSVP by calling 530 478 6400 x 2020 or email mmarcum@nevco.org The training will happen at 380 Crown Point Circle, GV CA 95945. If you have questions about the Nurtured Heart Approach, as Regina, who is the ninja of Nurtured Heart here at GVCS (rcurry@gvsd.us).

Wild Weather in 5th Grade!

Sue and Lindsey's Crews were excited to have a visiting guest expert this past week that got their 5th graders fired up about weather! Since they say a picture is worth a thousand words, let's skip the words and go straight to the pictures!



Sports Updates!

Girls Volleyball:

11/13 at Ready Springs,
7th at 4pm, 8th at 5pm
11/14 at Union Hill,
8th at 4pm, 7th at 5pm
11/15 at Chicago Park,
8th at 4pm
11/15 at Chicago Park,
7th at 5:15pm
11/26 at Magnolia,
7th at 4pm, 8th at 5pm
11/27 at 7Hills, 7th at 4pm
11/28 at Forest Lake,
8th at 4pm, 7th at 5pm
11/29 at 7 Hills, 7th grade at 5:15
12/4 at Magnolia,
7th at 4pm, 8th at 5pm
12/6 at Union Hill,
8th at 4pm, 7th at 5pm
12/11 at 7 Hills, 8th at 6:30pm
12/13 at Mt. Saint Mary's,
8th at 4pm, 7th at 5pm
12/18 – 20 at NU, Final Tournament

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

Contact Mr. E with Qs

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No Pizza Sales This Week

This week is Intensives for all Middle School students. They will be scattered far and wide exploring and learning! As such there will be **no pizza sales this Thursday**. Plenty of time to pack that lunch!

Speech! Speech! Speech!

Interested in competing in the 4th - 8th grade Nevada County Speech Tournament? An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 5th in Room 12 from 3:10 - 4:00 with more details. The topic this year is "Greatest Moment in History." A GVCS tournament will be held in February to determine the contestants that will represent GVCS at the county tournament on March 7th. Begin to brainstorm now and bring your ideas on 12/5.

Food Access Saturday

Food Access Saturday is every second Saturday from 10:00am – 12:00pm at the Interfaith Food Ministry (440 Henderson Street, Grass Valley). Upcoming dates are: 12/8, 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13. Food Access Saturday is a partnership between United Way and Interfaith Food Ministry, for more information call 274 – 8111 or 273 – 8132.

Dates! Be In The Know!

11/20 – Thanksgiving, Minimum Day

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

12/21 – Donation Day Parade

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