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*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*



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



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Walk A Thon A Success!

Immense gratitude to all of the staff and parent volunteers who went above and beyond to make our Walk A Thon a truly amazing event this year!

I love this event! It is a wonderful representation of our community! Our whole crew gets out there and challenge by choice style, push themselves to support doing amazing things at GVCS!

Thank you to all of our sponsors who provided pledges and motivation to our students!



An extra shout out to our amazing teachers and student council for getting out there and lip-synch battling! Y'all are awesome.

Final kudos must go to Wendy, Olivia, Cameron, Cissy & Val – couldn't do it without you!

Thanksgiving this week!

A reminder that this week is Thanksgiving! In addition to the numerous things that we all have to be thankful for, is the fact that Tuesday is a half-day at GVCS (12:30 student release) and no school Wednesday – Friday. Enjoy your time with family, friends and loved ones!

Fourth Graders Go To Chico!

Emma and Sue's crews headed to Chico to experience a hands-on lab on photosynthesis. Students worked in small groups with college students to learn the elements in glucose, the formula for photosynthesis, and the internal and external structures of plants. They wore lab



coats and rocked their scientific expertise, in true Charter fashion.

Pizza Sales Every Thursday!

An amazing reminder that there is an alternative to packing a lunch on Thursdays! Your student can order pizza from their friendly neighborhood student council member between 8:15-8:30 inside the front hallway just beyond the office.

Pizza ordered by 8:30, will be available at your child's lunch and distributed by student council. The cost is \$3 for one slice or \$5 for two slices. We have available cheese and pepperoni (in gluten free too). Funds raised by pizza sales help to offset the cost of school dances.

Crew 24 Happenings!

Crew 24 is our parent crew at GVCS! As such it reflects the value of our entire parent community and is an integral part of our school! But it needs your voice!

It is also a reference point for families to interact, organize, participate and contribute to further enrich our school community.

How?

Crew 24 hosts events & chats to educate, inform and collect feedback.

A big "thank you" to Crosbie for hosting the October meeting in our Outdoor Learning Center!

Much appreciation to former GVCS Principal, Brian Martinez – now GVSD Assistant Superintendent, for his chat last week about the potential of an upcoming school bond in the GVSD!

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

Sports Info!

Happening Now!

Boys Volleyball:

10/23 – 12/15

Contact Coach Gabe (530)
913 - 6965 or

Coach Shannon

(530) – 913 – 5979 for more
information.

Cross Country:

10/23 -12/15

Contact Coach Regina for
more information at
rcurry@gvsd.us

Upcoming...

Boys Basketball:

12/18 – 2/23

Girls Volleyball:

2/26 – 4/27

Track:

4/10 – 5/26

The Gift(s) that Keep on Giving!

Holiday & Online Shopping?
Raise Money for GVCS Too!

Hard to believe, the shopping season is almost upon us... This year, make it count for a good cause! OUR cause, it's not only easy – it's FREE to YOU!

Join **iGive** and **AmazonSmile** to help Grass Valley Charter School Foundation earn money this holiday season and all year long when you shop online.

Turn your online shopping and searching into free cash for our school. Try iGive's search engine - It's a simple, browser add-on that you download. It works with any computer and browser type. The iGive.com retailers like being good corporate citizens. When you shop at one of iGive's 1,000+ online partners, the iGive Buttons appears in the right corner of your browser telling the retailer you are an iGive member. A percentage of what you spend is donated to our cause (on average 3%) and **the store pays it all and you never pay more.**

Here's how to participate in iGive:

- Go to <https://www.iGive.com/GVCSFoundation>
- Enter your information and register for an account
- You will then be prompted to install the iGive Button
- Once installed, this little icon will appear on your browser the next time you are on a shopping partner's website.

Put your online shopping to good use: when you shop at AmazonSmile, The Amazon Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the GVCS Foundation at no cost to you! It's the same Amazon you know: same products, same prices, same service.

Here's how to participate in AmazonSmile:

- Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1558111>
- Sign in to your Amazon account or create one
- Start your shopping and earning \$\$ for GVCSF!

Does Your Middle School Student Know Everything? Or do you just NEED a Date Night?

Does your middle school student have the solution to world peace and hydrogen powered vehicles? And all they need is to reach the folks that make the decisions? Well!!! Now is your chance **to support them getting to Washington DC**, while you get a date night with your honey! Or get on top of that holiday shopping! That is right! **Friday, December 8th from 6:30 – 9:30 pm** you can drop off your student at the Gold Country Gym (Ages 3, must be potty trained – 13 years old) to be supervised by 8th graders along with Parent Chaperones.

The cost is \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each additional child. **You must pre-register and pay to hold your spot – spaces limited!** Contact Sue Muir (smuir@gvsd.us), Lori (lori@clientworks.com) or Olivia (olliep117@gmail.com) to reserve your spot today!

Included in the cost are Gold County Gym fueled good times as well as food and drinks!

CharterAlive! – Holiday Gift Making Classes!

The Artist Workshop will be holding a four week Holiday Gift Making class beginning on Thursday, November 30.

During this 4-week program your child will create gifts to enjoy this holiday season. Students will make one-of-a-kind gifts and learn techniques to create original works of art, using a variety of crafty items. Space is limited. For more information and to register, please go to: www.CharterAlive.com



A Strong Foundation

GVCS is all about growth, empowerment and making the world a better place. As a parent, do you share our vision of school improvement and are you willing to do some of the work?

Looking for a good way to participate and have an impact at your child(ren)'s school?

What's on the plate you may ask?

Exploration of playground renovation

Targeted & streamlined communication between the Foundation & our parent community

Or...? The GVCS Foundation is seeking more parents to join this fun and engaging group.

Sound like your cup of tea?

Join us in the staff room at the next scheduled Foundation meeting on **Thursday, December 7th at 3:30pm** (no meeting in Nov. due to Thanksgiving Holiday) For questions, email foundation@grassvalleycharter.org

See everyone at Friday's Walk-a-thon!

Mark your calendars for the Blue Marble Jubilee on May 12th!

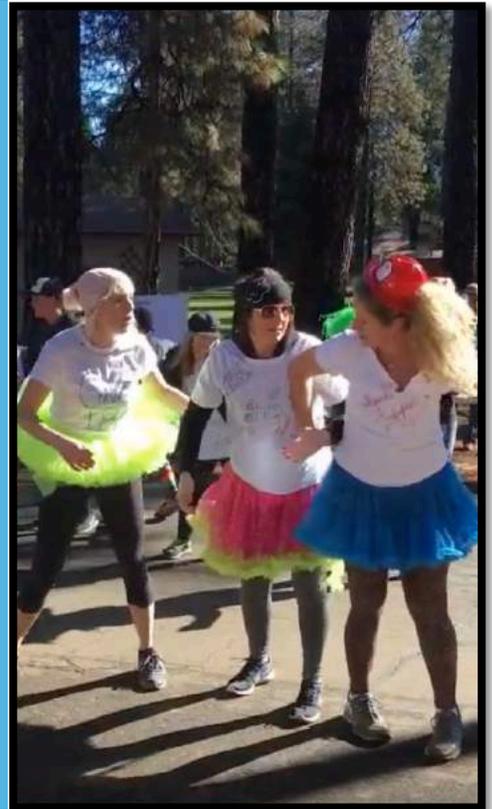
An Expanded View of Student Achievement

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