

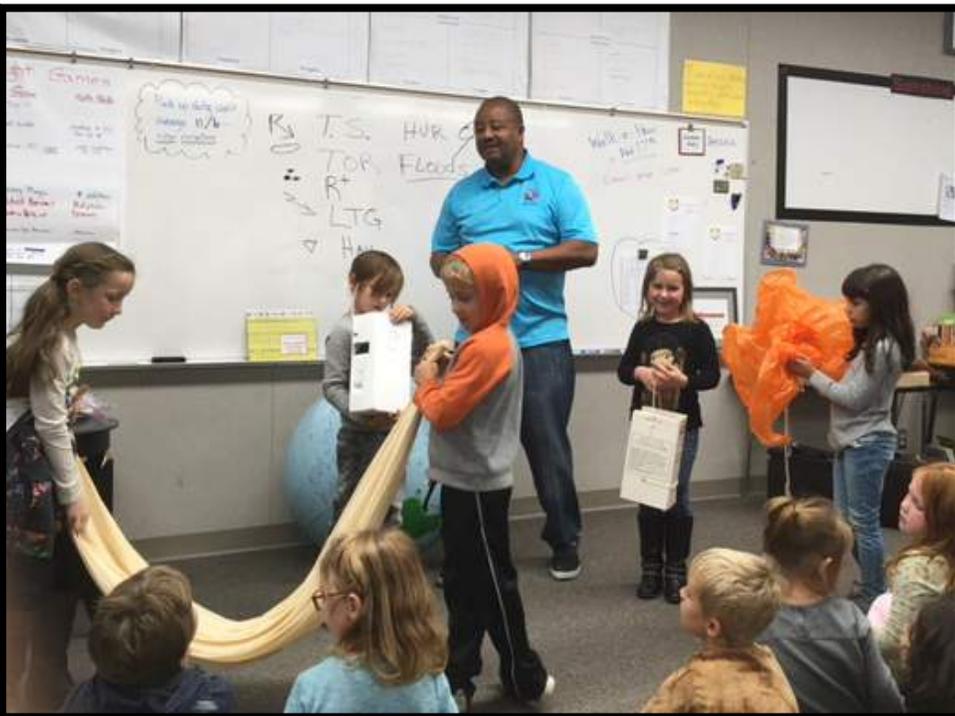


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Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School

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



First Grade Meets Weather Expert!

What goes up when the rain comes down? An umbrella! The first graders have been anxiously awaiting a change in the summer heat!

Mr. Johnnie Powell, a meteorologist from the National Weather Service brought the clouds and rain with him plus years of weather expertise. The children participated in how hail is formed in the atmosphere with a hair dryer and ping pong balls. They also helped with the tools that meteorologists use multiple times a day to measure temperature, wind speed, pressure, and humidity.

Upon reflection, the children most enjoyed learning about hurricanes, the most dangerous types of weather, weather symbols, and that there are 27 different types of clouds!

We greatly appreciate our time with Johnnie Powell!



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Oh, What A Day!

WALK A THON – November 17th!

Friday, November 17th is shaping up to be an amazing day full of good times and community building!

As you have no likely heard by now, our original **Walk A Thon** date was postponed to **November 17th** due to rain this last week.

What does this mean? More time to get those pledges and to sign up to volunteer!

For **Pledges** <http://pledgestar.com/gvcs> and/or the Green sponsor sheet that came home. Remember PledgeStar can now use your personal contacts to automatically send sponsor requests via email or TEXT MESSAGE! Grow your sponsor success and use this safe and simple tool.

Volunteer – Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/ZMYutMq>
It is not too late to join the fun and the crew!

Fall Family Dance - November 17th!

Not only is the **Walk A Thon** occurring during the school day on **November 17th**, we also have our **Fall Family Dance** that evening from **5-7pm** at the **GVCS MPR!**

The Fall Family Dance is a wonderful tradition at **GVCS!** It is part dance, part potluck, part making new friends and 100% Crew! All families and students are invited.

Students grades Pre k – 4th grade **must** have a parent present. Students 5th – 8th grade must have a signed permission slip if not accompanied by a parent.

The theme this year is **NEON** and **Glow in the Dark!**
Show your kiddos what the 80's looked like in the NEON color spectrum!

Cost is \$3 per person, or \$10 maximum per family.

Snack items to bring by last name!

A-F: Healthy Snacks (Carrots, Popcorn, Chips & Dips),

G-L: Juice, Sparkling water, etc (non-alcoholic)

M-P: Paper Plates, Cups, etc

Q-Z: Finger Type Desserts (Cookies, Brownies, etc)

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!**

Next up! Former **GVCS** Principal, **Brian Martinez** – now **GVSD** Assistant Superintendent!

Please join us on Thursday, November 16th from 3:15 – 4:15 in the computer lab with Mr. Martinez.

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

Fourth Grade Goes Rafting in Search of Salmon!

Fourth grade adventurers recently rafted down the lower Yuba River searching for evidence of salmon. Adventure teachers Ryan and Beth spent time in Crew 12 and Crew 14's classroom, preparing students for the trip with

discussions of the salmon's life cycle and habitat. Students particularly enjoyed reading their anchor text *Salmon Stream* and then creating beautiful artwork depicting their own ideal salmon habitats. Students studied key academic vocabulary involved with salmon, such as "redds," or salmon nests, and



"anadromous," or salmon's lifecycle & migration between the ocean and river. This work in class, with pre-briefing and science lessons, allowed kids to be well-versed in salmon knowledge before rafting. Demonstrating great crew they paddled in unison through riffles and rapids. Stops along their



journey included collecting and sorting (into ice cube trays) macro-invertebrates to determine the river's health and examining the gold fields for evidence of hydraulic mining. By the end of the day students were confident rafters and could consistently identify the Chinook salmon's habitat.

After rafting, students met back in the classroom to debrief with Sue, Emma, Beth and Ryan.

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Salmon Continued...

Students recorded their stewardship visions, and how they could help the salmon, and wrote small-moment personal narratives reflecting on special moments from the day.

**Does Anyone****Really Know What Time It is?**

Ummm, actually yes! Daylight Savings Time! So please don't forget to set those clocks back! And psssst, a secret inside tip, you know those cardboard boxes of coffee at Starbucks? Every other day, those are for a group of people – but when daylight savings is near a Monday, you can put a straw straight into it with no judgment.

What did the Mathematician eat on Halloween? Pumpkin Pie!

Please join us for our second annual **Math Night** on **Thursday, November 9th** at the GVCS MPR! There will be pizza pi available to purchase from 5:40 pm- 6:00 pm* and math games from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm.

There will be math games appropriate for all grade levels to challenge and inspire! It has been rumored that math night can solve all your problems! That the fun will be exponential!

There may even be an opportunity for puns of terrible jokes! Why was six scared of 7? Because 7 ate 9!

But really! Math Night is one of our All Parent Meetings of the year! Come and visit with old friends, make some new friends, learn a little bit and celebrate Math!

* If you are running late be prepared to explain the impact of supply and demand on a limited resource, such a pizza!

No School - Friday, November 10th

In observance of Veteran's Day, there is no school this Friday. Thank a veteran!

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