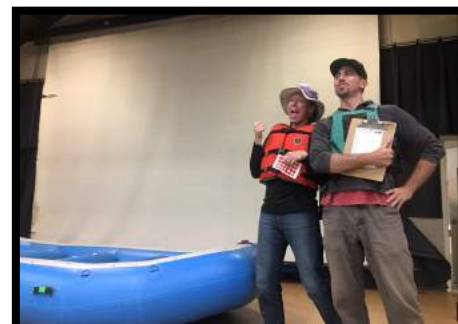




The HOWL

Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School

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You + GVCS = Mathmazing Experience!



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



WALK A THON – This Friday!

When & Where: This Friday – November 9th! Drop off at the Nevada County Fairgrounds at 8:30am at Gate 5 (please walk them in). Pick Up at 11:45am near Gate 5, students must be signed out with their teacher.

Purpose: Build community! And of course, to financially support the good work happening at GVCS! Funding focus for this year’s Walk-a-thon has been updated due to potential funding from a possible Bond Measure from the Shade Structure for the Lunch area to the 2nd vote winner in the survey – Support of the Science Garden and Lab. Past dreams realized due to the Foundation include the Science Garden, the Climbing Wall and the Science Lab!

Awards: Medals and Prizes for Most Laps Walked, Most \$\$ Collect and MORE, including “Pie the Principal”

The Parent ‘To Do List’

Help your Child get sponsors - Use PledgeStar (<http://pledgestar.com/gvcs>) and/or the Green sponsor sheet that came home. This year 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.

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Volunteer – Sign up

at <http://signup.com/go/ZMYutMq>

This event NEEDS you – sign up for a shift and/or to bring a snack item. With less than a week to go, there are still fun shifts that need to be filled AND some missing snack items that are still needed.

Keep the Good Times Rollin' This Friday with the ... Fall Family Dance!

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)

All Problems Solved At Math Night!

Thank you to all who came out for Math Night! It was a spectacular success! Kudos for the teachers running excellent math game stations & to Mary & Val our organizers! It was awesome to see our community out in full force, engaging with math in an exciting and hands-on way. The energy in the room was palpable with smiles all around.



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

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!

Bond... James Bond...

Welllll... not exactly. But! It is our very own GVCS Principal Emeritus - Brian Martinez (now Assistant Superintendent of the Grass Valley School District) to talk about the GVSD's exploration of seeking a general obligation Bond to fund renovation work in the District buildings, including our site at Charter.

Want to learn more (like who the arch nemesis is in this Bond plot*...?) Then attend the **Crew 24 parent meeting this Thursday from 3:15-4:15** in the GVCS computer lab.

* There may not actually be a nemesis (other than time?), as this is sounding less and less like a James Bond film!

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.

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