



# The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School*

12/17/18



Teacher Miss Garland leads her charges in Donation Day, 1919

“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

## Donation Day Parade!

This Friday is the Donation Day Parade, which, if you are new to Grass Valley, is kind of a big deal! The event originally started in 1883, when, with the closing of several local mines, things were tough.

The Ladies Relief Society organized school children to bring in a stick of firewood, and potatoes for those in need.

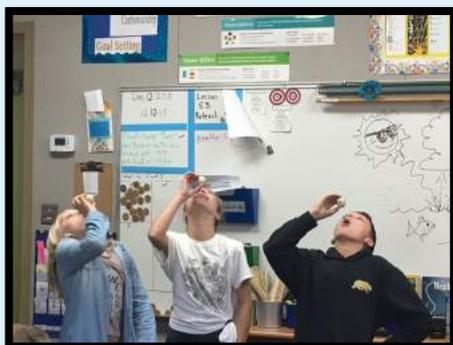
Things have changed a bit since then (we no longer bring firewood, but maybe that is a forest fire prevention strategy... Humm...), but one thing that has not changed is that

the Ladies Relief Society and the students of Nevada County are here to help the less fortunate.

So! Instead of bringing in potatoes, please have your student bring in canned / non-perishable food and deliver it to their classroom any day this week.

We will be rocking the parade with 1,000 + students from the Grass Valley School District, and surrounding School Districts, to deliver the food this Friday.

Thank you for your support!



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## Interested in Getting a Taste of the College Experience?

The Academic Talent Search (ATS) offers 4th-9th graders exciting summer courses at Sacramento State that you pick for yourself! Choose from classes like, "All the World's a Stage", "Escape Room Math", "Robotics", "Video Game Development", and many others.

At ATS, you can spend your summer doing what you love, take classes on a university campus, and make new friends who share your interests and passion for learning!

To join these interactive and hands-on classes, you need to take the ATS Qualifying Exam.

The test only takes an hour and there is no pass or fail, so there's no need to stress! You MUST take the test to apply for classes, but you don't have to apply if you change your mind.

**The Qualifying Exam will be offered at Grass Valley Charter School on February 8, 2019 at 9:00am.**

For more information, please contact Elissa Spencer at 273-8723 ext. 222 or

[espencer@gvsd.us](mailto:espencer@gvsd.us)

Additional details and financial aid information can be found on the ATS website at [www.csus.edu/coe/ats](http://www.csus.edu/coe/ats)

## Middle School Boy's Basketball Coach Needed

For perhaps the first time ever - GVCS may have enough boys to field both a 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boy's Basketball team! To do that, we will need another Coach! There is an open gym planned for **Wednesday, 12/19 only** from 6:15 – 7:30pm at the Scotten Gym. After this event, we will know how many students we have interested. The season runs from 1/7/19 – 2/22/19. If you are interested in Coaching, please email Mr. E asap at [aezzell@gvsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvsd.us)

**Please note that on paperwork that went home for Boys Basketball last week, it called for Open Gym on Tuesday and Wednesday. In fact there will only be Open Gym on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 – 7:30pm at the Scotten Gym. Interested students must attend, with completed paperwork. Welcome to Coach Koppa Enos to the helm!**

## Lost & Found!

Nope, not talking about kids, puppies, staff members, or volunteers with the local Search and Rescue! We are talking about the HUGE pile of stuff left scattered about the school by students. **Could one of those students be YOUR child?** We are not naming names, but it is entirely possible. Seriously, it is looking like a mash up of Gap for Kids, Patagonia and Justice in there right now. So before you commit to that new jacket for Christmas for your kiddo, take a peek in the lost and found and see if the old one is in there!

True or false...? There are jackets, there are hats, there are water bottles, there are lunch boxes, there are shoes. All True!

## Snazzy/Ugly Sweater Spirit Day – This Friday!

Bust out those special holiday themed sweaters for the Annual GVCS **Snazzy/Ugly Sweater Spirit Day 12/21!** The competition is fierce; the prize

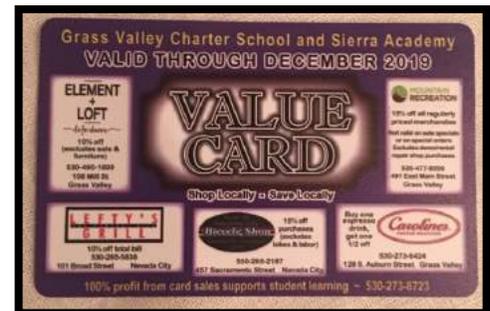


is a trophy (and more importantly, bragging rights!) Come one, come all, and bring you're a game. This is what the competition looks like...



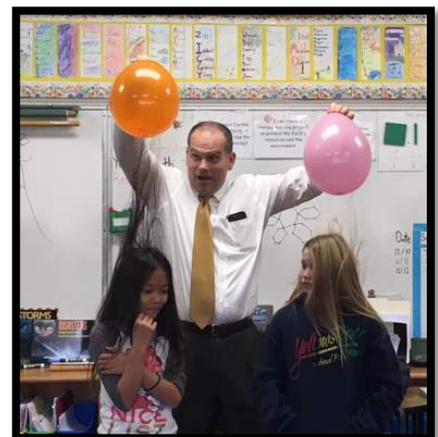
## Looking for the Holiday Gift that Keeps Giving?

The GVCS Value card is just the thing! With discounts to several awesome local businesses it is a great stocking stuffer! Still have some Holiday Shopping to do? Swing by the front office to pick one up! They are only \$20, are good thru December 2019 and will set up your loved ones to save at: Mountain Recreation, Lefty's Grill, Tour of Nevada City Bike Shop, Caroline's Coffee, Element and Loft, Miner Moe's Pizza, Three Forks, B & C, Foothill Mercantile, IHOP, Three Lillies Photography, Plaza Tire, Baskin Robbins, Prospector's Nursery, 49er Fun Park, Summer Thymes and The Artists Workshop! Show your appreciation by supporting these local businesses, support GVCS and save money all at once! Official roll out will happen during Student Led Conferences, but any bought now will go toward the 2 per family request!



## Meteorologist & KCRA Reporter, Dirk Verdoorn Unleashes A Cyclone at GVCS!

A cyclone of weather related awesomeness that is! Mr. Verdoorn was a visiting expert for Kindergarten, First Grade and Fifth Grade this past week! He shared his weather expertise and taught students about the "ingredients" for weather. How lightning forms (bad or good? hair days – this is how Mr. E gets his hair to stand up like that...), and all about thunderstorms! Students were super engaged and rained down a flood of questions in Mr. Verdoorn, which he patiently answered.



## Sports Updates!

### Girls Volleyball:

12/18 – 20 at NU, Final Tournament

For more info,

Contact Coach Russ at  
[russyokon@msn.com](mailto:russyokon@msn.com)

### Boys Basketball:

Wednesday - 12/19 Open Gym  
at Scotten Gym from 6:15 – 7:30  
pm. Must have paperwork  
completed and attend to  
participate. Paperwork  
available in the front office.

With much student interest, we  
are seeking a second coach in  
order to support two GVCS  
teams. If interested, please  
contact Mr. E at  
[aezell@gvsd.us](mailto:aezell@gvsd.us)

Season is 1/7/19 – 2/22/19

### Boys Volleyball:

2/25 - 4/26

### Track:

4/8 – 5/24

Contact Mr. E with Qs  
[aezell@gvsd.us](mailto:aezell@gvsd.us)

## Book Fair A Success!

Wahooo! The first annual (maybe?) GVCS Book Fair was a resounding success with over 350 books sold! You know what that means, lots of students curled up with great books over the Holidays! Thanks to all who supported your students and even your teachers with new books!

## 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: 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.

## The Winter Season Brings...

Ok, sure it may bring the Holidays, Cheer, family, friends and all manner of fabulous memory making awesomeness. But not to be a Grinch (ha), it also brings the cold, the flu, the crud, and the pits! So! Want to make your teacher happy? And do good for all the kiddos in your child's crew? Three words people – anti-bacterial wipes. Make some holiday magic happen and drop some off to your homeroom. Everyone will thank you, even those relatives who come and visit, none the wiser that YOU saved them from a cold over the Holidays.

## Dates! Be In The Know!

12/19 – Open Gym for Boys Basketball 6:15-7:30pm at Scotten Gym  
12/21 – Donation Day Parade/Snazzy Sweater Spirit Day  
12/22 -1/6 – Winter Break  
1/21 – MLK Day, No School  
1/28-2/1 – Student Led Conferences, Min. Days all Week

## 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