



# The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School*



Teacher Miss Garland leads her charges in Donation Day, 1919

12/1/17

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



## Donation Day Parade: 12/21/17!

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So, you have been at Charter for a while now, and every December, you are asked to bring canned foods to school. Just one of those things, huh? But wait! It has an amazing history!

The origins of the Donation Day Parade hail back to 1883, when times were particularly tough for folks due to the closing of several local mining companies. The Ladies Relief Society organized school children to bring in a stick of firewood and potatoes for those in need. They did this then, and they are doing it now!

In present times, annually more than 1,000 children from the Grass Valley School District participate in the Donation Day Parade, which occurs the last day before Christmas Break.

So fair warning! Please consider stocking up on non-perishables that you are willing to donate to a family in need this holiday season.

Keep your eyes on the HOWL and your teacher's newsletter for more information in the coming weeks!



## Kindergarten & Fourth Graders: Salmon Stewards

The kindergarten and fourth graders have been raising Chinook Salmon in their classrooms as part of their Expeditions. Students have been studying the salmon's life cycle and habitat needs, as well as adaptations that help the salmon survive and thrive. Crew members take care of the salmon by logging the water temperature, testing the water quality, and taking detailed observations in their journals about the salmon. Each day, students burst into their classrooms, eager to see how their salmon are growing! There are many exciting investigations to come as our salmon grow from egg, to alevin and fry!



## Psssst! Want To Show Your Teacher Some Appreciation?

Drop off some anti-bacterial wipes for the classroom. Yep, it is that time of year. Oh, yeah – and coffee never hurts either – but mostly wipes for the classroom ;o)

## 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!

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.

### Crew 24 Guest Speaker: Mr. Martinez!

The November meeting was spectacular! Learning more about the school district needs, and potential "GO" Bond from Mr. Martinez. And!

We learned how the computer lab is integrated with each grade's Expedition from Ms. Val!

**Crew 24 Next meeting is at a secret undisclosed location (TBD) on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 – 4:15pm.**

If you are curious about joining future Crew 24 gathering contact Olivia Prichett at 530 470 3404 or via email at [oprichett@gvcsd.us](mailto:oprichett@gvcsd.us) or Cameron Herzog at 530 263 3261 or via email at [cameron969@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:rcurry@gvsd.us)

### Upcoming...

#### Boys Basketball:

12/18 – 2/23

Coach Greg can be  
contacted for more info at  
[bakercpa@gmail.com](mailto:bakercpa@gmail.com)

#### 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!

## Parents Night Out! This Friday!

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!

**This Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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@gvcsd.us](mailto:smuir@gvcsd.us)), Lori ([lori@clientworks.com](mailto:lori@clientworks.com)) or Olivia ([olliep117@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.CharterAlive.com)



## Foundation Focus

We are so pleased that our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk –A-Thon was a successful and fun day for all!

Great job collecting sponsors! Now it is time to collect the money and turn in those sheets!

A reminder that this Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is the deadline to turn in all Walk A Thon pledge sheets in order to qualify for prizes!

We will of course accept pledge sheets after Friday, but they will not count towards your prize total.

As we await the final tally on our dollars raised from our biggest fundraiser, your Foundation Board is getting to work on the details of how this will support the Science Lab and Garden.

The GVCS Foundation will meet this Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:15pm – 4:15 pm in the Staff Room. Allocations of fundraising dollars will be on the agenda, so if you would like to be part of that process, email us to let us know that you plan to attend.

[foundation@grassvalleycharter.org](mailto:foundation@grassvalleycharter.org)

## Save the date! Blue Marble Jubilee on May 12<sup>th</sup>!

Planning Committees for the Blue Marble Jubilee will begin meeting in the New Year!



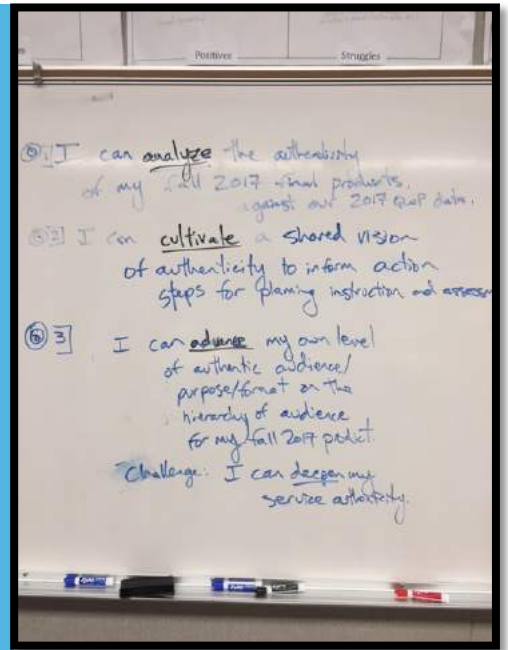
# An Expanded View of Student Achievement

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