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*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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Community Meeting!

Friday found the GVCS Community gathered in the MPR to celebrate all the good stuff happening at GVCS via our Community Meetings.

Adorable songs were sung, goofy skits introducing our next school-wide Design Principle focus on Success & Failure, as well as Solitude and Reflection, which were brought to life by Student Council - perhaps the largest number of students graced the stage as they were celebrated for being student leaders in demonstrating several of our other Design Principles, including Responsibility for Learning!

Anna Raymond, GVCS 8th grader, received well earned recognition for her leadership role in not just making Red Ribbon Week happen at GVCS – but doing so brilliantly.

In addition to these wonderful celebrations, some very well deserved kudos must go out to the women of the Walk-a-Thon! **Wendy W, Cameron H, Olivia P and Christina O.**, who have put in countless hours to organize, execute and bring to fruition our largest fundraiser of the year, did it again! **Raising over \$30,000 for our GVCS community.** These funds will help to build an **art studio space** at GVCS, which has been a dream for several years now! Please share your gratitude with Wendy, Cameron, Olivia and Christina when you next see them!

K.A.R.E. Crisis Nursery's Santa's Christmas Shoppe – 12/8

WHAT ~ Children can shop for parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends. Each child: bring your list of up to 8 items. All items are 25 cents each. Fun provided by the KARE Crisis Nursery and Sierra Presbyterian Church.

FOR ~ Children ages 3 to 10

WHEN ~ December 8, 2018. As always, doors will be open early (9:00 am) for children served by CSN agencies & organizations or any other families in need. At 10:00, the general public is welcome and Santa's Christmas Shoppe is open until 1:00 pm.

WHERE ~ Sierra Presbyterian Church, Ridge Road, Nevada City. More info: 530- 265-0693

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 spencer@gvsd.us

Additional details and financial aid information can be found on the ATS website at www.csus.edu/coe/ats

Speech! Speech! Speech!

Interested in competing in the 4th - 8th grade Nevada County Speech Tournament? An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 5th in Room 12 from 3:10 - 4:00 with more details. The topic this year is "Greatest Moment in History." A GVCS tournament will be held in February to determine the contestants that will represent GVCS at the county tournament on March 7th. **Begin to brainstorm now and bring your ideas on 12/5.**

Sports Updates!

Girls Volleyball:

12/4 at Magnolia,
7th at 4pm, 8th at 5pm
12/6 at Union Hill,
8th at 4pm, 7th at 5pm
12/11 at 7 Hills, 8th at 6:30pm
12/13 at Mt. Saint Mary's,
8th at 4pm, 7th at 5pm
12/18 – 20 at NU, Final Tournament

For more info,

Contact Coach Russ at
russyokon@msn.com

Boys Basketball:

12/17 - 2/22

Paperwork available in the
Front Office the week of 12/10

Boys Volleyball:

2/25 - 4/26

Track:

4/8 – 5/24

Contact Mr. E with Qs

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Outside of a Dog a Book is a Man's Best Friend...

And while inside of a dog, it may be too dark to read – it does not mean that books are not a great holiday gift! And new this year, our awesome Library staff, Susan and Ruth, will be hosting a **Holiday Book Fair** 12/10 -12/13 from 8:15am – 3:30pm and 12/14 from 8:15am – 1:00pm.

This is a great time for students and parents to buy gifts for family, friends and teachers – while raising money for the school library!

Middle School Dance This Friday!

Our first middle school only dance is this **Friday, 12/7** from 6-8pm in the GVCS MPR! The theme is Old Hollywood (think Roaring 20's, with a hint of Black and White) – dress up is strongly encouraged! Permission slips are required and available in the front office. Cost is \$5.00

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: 12/8, 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.

Dates! Be In The Know!

11/20 – Thanksgiving, Minimum Day

11/21-11/23 – Thanksgiving Break, No School

12/21 – Donation Day Parade

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