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An EL Education Mentor
School*

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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Those Are Some Sweaters!

Bravely leading the way, GVCS staff rocked our “Snazzy Sweater” day before the holiday break! Looking good GVCS, looking good!

It was a full day of holiday crafts, the Donation Day Parade, gift exchanges and more!

Thank you to all students who brought their “A-Game” to our Spirit Day! Big congratulations go out to Lindsey Ward’s 5th grade crew for being victorious as the most spirited! This was based on a VERY detailed spirit day rubric involving charts, graphs, panels... or perhaps participation and general enthusiasm! Despite a little rain, the Donation Day Parade



continued in style! It was wonderful to see this tradition grow with so much participation from GV schools and beyond! Boxes were packed, and bellies were filled! A hearty “thank you,” to the GVCS Community!

Write On!

Under the leadership of Elissa Spencer, GVCS students participated in the local writing tournament last week! Demonstrating courage and academic talent, Zoe K, Aspen K-C, Travis G and Fiala N put their pens to paper! Kudos to all students - especially Travis (3rd place in creative writing & 5th place in informative writing) and Aspen (5th place in argumentative writing), we are eager to read what they write next!



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

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

Cloning Seventh Graders?

Nope, not really – or at least not yet! But, seventh grade recently had a super interesting day of fieldwork as part of their Human Body based Expedition! Students extracted their own DNA at the Powerhouse Science Center, then continued on to the strange and disturbing Medical History Museum! This is a little known gem in Sacramento and is a must see! The volunteers are retired medical personnel and they could not stop talking about how curious and polite our 7th grade crews were in their interactions. Way to go 7th grade!



Kindergarteners to be Super Salmon Stewards!

Our Kinder classes have been caring for Chinook Salmon in their classroom as they develop from egg, to alevin and fry! Over the past two months they have learned a lot about lifecycles and habitats – now they want to share their knowledge!

Lucky for the thousands of folks who will attend the South Yuba River Citizen's League's Wild and Scenic Film Festival coming up next weekend! Our young crew - members will be spreading the word on how to take care of their fishy little friends in their natural habitat! Come on over and say, "Hello!" and ask them how you can be a salmon steward!



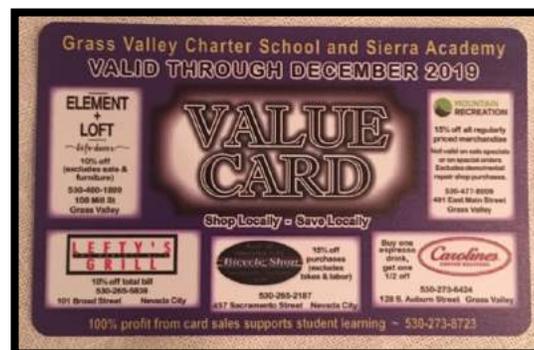
Future Ornithologists!

Fourth grade is continuing their deep dive into their Bills and Gills Expedition. Last week both crews got to interact with the local volunteer wildlife rescue group, "Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release." Students spent time with the volunteers, and their feathered friends! Our budding ornithologists got up close to: an American Crow, a Red Tailed Hawk, Red Shouldered Hawk and several types of owls. The goal? To build in students a spirit of stewardship via learning about the natural history and conservation of these amazing creatures! The WRR volunteers noted the thoughtful questions, background knowledge and focus of the fourth graders! Well done Crew!



Looking for a Deal?

The GVCS Value card is just the thing! With discounts to several awesome local businesses it is a great way to support local businesses and our school! They are only \$20, are good thru December 2019 and will save you money 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! Official roll out will happen during Student Led Conferences, but any bought now will go toward the 2 per family request!



Sports Updates!

Boys Basketball:

Come out and support the Coyotes!

1/14-GVC 7 vs 7H at CP at 4pm
 1/14-GVC 8 vs MSM at CP at 5pm
 1/22-GVC 7 vs CC at CP at 5pm
 1/22-GVC 8 vs CC at CP at 6pm
 1/23-GVC 7 vs MSM at MSM at 4pm
 1/23-GVC 8 vs NCSA at MSM at 5pm
 1/28-GVC 8 vs CC at CP 5pm
 1/28-GVC 7 vs RS at CP at 6pm
 1/29-GVC 8 vs Mag at Mag at 4pm
 1/29-GVC 7 vs Mag at Mag at 5pm
 1/31-GVC 8 vs 7H at 4pm
 1/31-GVC 7 vs 7H at 5pm
 2/5-GVC 8 vs RS at RS at 4pm
 2/5-GVC 7 vs NCSA at RS at 5pm
 2/6-GVC 8 vs LG at LG at 4pm
 2/6-GVC 7 vs LG at LG at 5pm
 2/11-GVC 8 vs LG at LG at 4pm
 2/11-GVC 7 vs LG at LG at 5pm
 2/13-GVC 8 vs 7H at MSM at 4pm
 2/13-GVC 7 vs Mag at MSM at 5pm
 2/19 - 2/21 Final Tournament at NU,
 Schedule TBD

Boys Volleyball:

2/25 - 4/26

Track:

4/8 - 5/24

Contact Mr. E with Qs

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We Love Acronyms at GVCS!

And “SLCs”, is one that you want to pay special attention to in the coming days! This stands for Student Led Conferences and is kind of a big deal. Instead of the traditional Parent / Teacher Conference, SLCs highlight the role of the student as the learner. As such you can expect your student to play a significant role in their upcoming conference. When are they? Last week of January and you **must sign up** with your teacher for the specific time! Also of note, the whole week of 1/28 – 2/1 are half days to accommodate SLCs. Which stand for...?

Gentle Reminders

Please remember that the back parking lot near the Pre-K is intended **only for Staff and Pre – K parents**. If that is not you, and you drop off your student at the back of the school, please do so by the large covered pick-up / drop off area. It will give your student a little exercise before class – which is proven by science to be good for their brain! Also, please do not drop off your student before 8:15am as there is not supervision at this time. If you need morning supervision, contact before-care coord, Laurie B at lbeauvais@gvsd.us

Dates! Be In The Know!

1/16 – Student sessions of Wild & Scenic Filmfest

1/21 – MLK Day, No School

1/28-2/1 – Student Led Conferences, Min. Days all Week

2/15-2/18 – President’s Day Weekend

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