



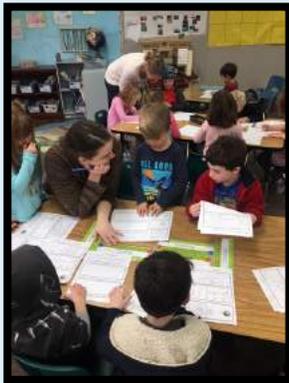
The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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We Speak for the Salmon!

What do you get when you take forty-eight 5 year olds, teach them all about Chinook Salmon, get them to care for “their” tiny alevin in the classroom, and then prepare to set the fry free in the river?

If you said a heap of tiny watershed stewards, you would be correct!

And what better way to wrap up the semester, than to share their knowledge via a little good ol’ fashioned service in their community! But where...?

If you were part of the crowd in Nevada City this past weekend for the South Yuba River Citizen’s

League Wild & Scenic Filmfest, perhaps you saw our super stewards at the new City Council Coffeehouse! They gave speeches about how everyone can be a salmon supporter.

Thank you to all who stopped by to support our young stewards! Huge kudos go out to Rachel, Cherie and Beth for all of the work that built up to this event over the past semester!



Sixth Grade to Rosicrucian Museum

Students in sixth grade adventured to the Lawrence Hall of Science and the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum last week. At the Hall of Science, students worked with physics concepts building contraptions in the “Build It” exhibit and applying physics concepts to typical arcade games in the “Well-Played” exhibit! Students also explored a planetarium show, learning, hands on, about the phases of the moon and the rotations of Jupiter’s moons!

At the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, students were enthralled with learning about the real mummies, Ancient Egyptian history, and entering a very realistic replica of a tomb. Crew was built through lots of group learning and special mummification ceremonies performed on stuffed animals back at the hotel! Students will continue their learning with a burial ceremony for their mummies back at school.

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 that www.csus.edu/coe/ats

Ever Wonder How GVCS Sustains Being So Awesome?

Well, that is a LOOOOOOONG answer, but one part of that answer is through parent involvement and through our three school wide fundraisers that occur each year.

And our 2nd fundraiser is underway – Value Cards! They’re a fantastic way to save big bucks at your favorite local businesses AND raise dollars for Charter to keep being awesome!

Value card gives you big discounts all year long at Caroline’s Coffee, Mountain Recreation, Lefty’s, Miner Moe’s, ‘49er Fun Park, Baskin-Robbins, IHOP, Three Forks, Prospector’s Nursery, Plaza Tire, The Artist Workshop, Tour Of NC Bike Shop, Three Lilies Photography, Loft+Element, Foothill Mercantile, B&C Hardware, and more! At just \$20 each, Value Cards are a huge bargain, and are valid through 12/31/19.

We ask that **each family buy or sell just 2 cards, which will be distributed by your youngest student’s teacher at upcoming Student led Conferences.** The crew that sells the most will win an amazing, fun-filled party, and all funds raised go directly back into our classrooms to cover fieldwork and EL Education related expenses. Get yours and start saving right away! For more info, contact Meagan at 559-6311, or see Cissy in the office.

Sports Updates!

Boys Basketball:

Come out and support the Coyotes!

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...?

Be Ready for SLCs...

If you have a middle school student, they have access to Jump rope, our mastery based grading system, via the parent / student portal. This is something that should be familiar to all middle school students and their parents. SLCs are not the time to log in for the first time! But, it is not too late. Simply go to www.grassvalleycharter.org and click on the “Jump rope” button, then have your student login. This is the same username / id that they use for their school email account, or search your in box for an email from “Jump rope.” Still can't find it? Email Assistant Principal, Alex Ezell at aezzell@gvsd.us



Dates! Be In The Know!

1/28 - 2/1 – Student Led Conferences, Min. Days
 2/15 - 2/18 – President’s Day Weekend
 4/15 – 4/19 – Spring Break

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.



Mr. Maddock, Mary L & Mr. Ezzell
at EL Leadership Conference

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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