



# The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School*

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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## Bears Are Indeed Huge!

And so is the amount of learning going on in Kindergarten! Crew 6 is rocking it EL Education style by taking a deep dive into all things bears, and they are doing this through a protocol called a “Hosted Gallery Walk.” Small groups of kiddos become experts in specific aspects of bears by conducting research and creating posters rich with information. As a culmination, groups rotate throughout the classroom sharing with and learning from their peers.

This is a pretty cool protocol that supports both academic and social emotional learning! You know what else is pretty cool? Miss Suzanne was highlighted a few years back for her work with adapting all sorts of protocols for the early elementary classroom by being invited to present at the EL National Conference. Nicely done Crew 6!!



## SLCs ARE AMAZING!

A big shout out to our students for rocking it this past week with Student Led Conferences – it is a lot of pressure to share with your parents your growth as a learner over the past semester, and our kiddos crushed it! Parents, thank you for carving out the time to come into school and dig into your child's learning.

Last but certainly not least, your child's teacher is amazing! There is a profound amount of work at the end of the semester, on top of this the focus on SLCs reinforce what I already know - our teachers bring it each and every day.

## Winter Formal – February 9<sup>th</sup>!

The Middle School Winter Formal will be Friday, **February 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm** at the Gold Miner's Inn ballroom in Grass Valley. The theme is a Winter Wonderland, so dust off your glitter and glam, and be ready for good times! Permission slips are required and are available from homeroom teachers and in the front office. Cost is \$5 per student.

## CharterAlive

### **The Artist Workshop - Classes begin February 1**

Explore creativity and what your imagination can do! Students will create dynamic images by building on layers of different types of media. The emphasis is on creativity, exploring new techniques, and having fun with art!

During this 6-week program your child will learn different art techniques including watercolor and acrylic painting, working with clay and more. Each week your child will bring home their very own project to share with the family.

Classes are six weeks and held on Thursdays.

**Beginning on February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Session 1: Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 March 1, 8

Session 2: Thursdays, April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24

CharterAlive supports bringing enrichment programs to GVCS. It is a win-win for the school, students, and parents. School site programming increases access, reduces costs, and programs operate as part of the school community.

Be sure to check out [www.CharterAlive.com](http://www.CharterAlive.com) for all the information you need on GVCS afterschool programs.

## 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.

Past meetings have been spectacular!

And have included 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!

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 Basketball:**

12/18 – 2/23

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

## **Upcoming...**

### **Girls Volleyball:**

2/26 – 4/27

**Coach Russ**

### **Track:**

4/10 – 5/26

**Coach Regina**

## **GVCS Alumni Shooting for NFL!**



Ian Davis (yep, son of GVCS Teacher, Lori Davis – guess amazing runs in the family!) is coming out of playing college football for the Western New Mexico Mustangs and is looking to find his way into the NFL!

He has had quite a run as a Mustang. According to Western New Mexico University, “Davis came in and helped the Mustangs right away in his first season as a junior transfer in 2016. He led the team with four interceptions, which ranked him third in the Lone Star Conference in interceptions per game at 0.4, good for 64th nationally. Not only was he coming away with interceptions, he was third on the team in tackles with 60, second in solo stops with 34, along with seven passes defended, two forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries. Davis was seventh in the conference and 41st nationally in fumbles recovered. He tallied four or more tackles in 10 games, going for a high of eight against Fort Lewis. He had seven stops in two games and six in four other contests. Davis snagged two interceptions in the first LSC game in school history versus in-state rival Eastern New Mexico. He also had INTs against Texas A&M-Commerce and Angelo State.”

**Want to see more and help Ian make his dream come true? Check out his highlight reel and “like it!”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JDYQgeKqd0&t=176s>



## What Perseverance Looks Like!

By now, most everyone in our school has been sick at least once this Winter, and when that happens most of us grab a book and curl up into bed - most, but apparently not all of us.

Fifth Grader Kaya Russell, insisted on competing in her ski event this past weekend, even though she was not yet feeling 100% better.

This leaves me wondering what will happen when she takes to the slopes again, when she is feeling 100% since her scores placed her solidly in 2nd place in the USA for her age group.

Any day now Kaya should find out her overall standing for all age groups which (including World Cup Skiers) but with this weekend's scores, she's very likely in the top 100 of all USA female mogul skiers!

Way to go Kaya! Thank you for showing all of us what grit and perseverance look like in action!



## Crosbie Needs YOUR Help!

Crosbie is looking for a few volunteers to help with the following projects!

1) Help in constructing a woven branch fence for our new native plant garden. If you have interest in helping or a large amount of long and bendy branches to donate please contact him.

2) Seeking an experienced cement contractor to help build our Yuba Watershed Scale Model in the Science Garden.

3) Got a big truck? If so, Crosbie has a deal for you! Help him pick up construction materials from Home Depot in Auburn, and he will chat with you about gardening for hours!

Crosbie can be reached at [awalsh@gvcsd.us](mailto:awalsh@gvcsd.us)

## Foundation Focus

The 2018 Value Cards have arrived!

That's right! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> fundraiser of the year is underway! These cards are an excellent value, on top of raising much needed funds for GVCS to implement EL Education, the Value Card offers discounts at many of your favorite local businesses each and every time you use it!

This includes businesses such as: Caroline's Coffee, Lefty's Bar & Grill, Mountain Recreation, Miner Moe's Pizza, Three Forks Bakery, the Nevada City Bike Shop and more!

It's a win – win! At just \$20, the amount you will save over the year, (cards are valid through December 2018), is much more than the cost.

We ask every Charter family to sell a minimum of two cards, which will be sent home with your youngest child at Student Led Conference.

The crew that sells the most will get a special class party! Thank you for your support of GVCS!

For questions or additional info, please contact Meagan at [mlittlejohn@gvcsd.us](mailto:mlittlejohn@gvcsd.us)

## 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