



The HOWL

*Grace Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

Salmon Go On Adventure!

It was an emotional week in our Kindergarten and Fourth grade crews as they prepared to release the Chinook Salmon fry that students have cared for since they were just eggs.

Armed with knowledge of healthy habitats and “fish wishes,” students were prepared to send off their new friends in style!

It was a celebration of environmental Stewardship, Crew and Respect (GVCS character traits) as students circled up to share their hopes for the salmon fry.

With that, students received their “fish in a cup” (not a trademarked name) and gently released them into the Feather River.

Where will the fish go? Ask a Kindergartner or 4th grader, they will tell you all about it! They may even tell you how you can continue to be a super salmon steward! Kudos to our adventure teachers, Beth and Ryan, for making this magical!



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Student Led Conferences – Parents, Be Awesome!

Ok, by now you should certainly have your conference scheduled with your teacher. If you don't – eeeek! If you do, pat your self on the back. You have taken the first step to being awesome.

But wait! There is more! Here is the very unofficial, “How to be ready for SLCs” checklist.

- Be ready to be impressed by all that your student has learned.
- Anticipate that your student will tell you all about it. Teacher input will happen, but how cool is it that student can speak to their own learning?!
- Think of some questions for your child. This is a beautiful opportunity to have conversations about their academic and character growth. Where they are strong, where they have grown the most, and what they are still working hard to attain.
- Know that as a school, GVCS values your input. Because of this, please budget 10 minutes after your SLC to take a school wide survey. They are digital and will be available outside your student's room on an ipad or chromebook, one survey per family.
- If your student is in Middle School, make sure that you have logged onto the student / parent Jumprope portal in advance of your SLC. Unless your student joined us in the last week or two, they know how to do this, I promise.
- Middle School parents who want to talk math with our marvelous math teachers... Mrs. Surface & Mrs. Dayton will be participating in some SLCs and will also have office hours (Monday 2-4, Tuesday 3-6, Wednesday 2-4, Thursday 1-3). Feel free to email and RSVP, or stop by before / after your conference. ksurface@gvcsd.us or ndayton@gvcsd.us
- Get ready to save money and support GVCS! We ask that every family buys or sells just 2 Value Cards to support all the incredible things we do at GVCS. They get you discounts at great local businesses and will be distributed to via the youngest students teacher at SLCs. Mr. E already saved more than the card cost with one trip to Tour of Nevada City bike shop!
- Don't forget that this week is ½ days all week (out at 12:30) so that our amazing teachers can meet with all of you and your fabulous children.
- Teachers spend a lot of time at school this week! Consider bringing them a tasty treat or cup of coffee!

Happy SLC week to all! This is an amazing tradition at GVCS that takes an enormous amount of work, but is so worth it. Thank you teachers for your commitment to excellence!

Sports Updates!

Boys Basketball:

Come out and support the Coyotes!

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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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

Share the Love & Send 8th Graders Away

Valentine's Day is coming soon and we've got a deal for you! This week, during SLCs, parents can pre-order Valentines and Candygrams to be delivered to students on Valentine's Day. Stop by the table near the office to purchase your Valentine (1-5pm Mon-Thu). Options range from \$2-\$5 and each come with a cute card for you to fill out. Not only will you make your child's Valentine's Day special; you will also be supporting 8th graders raising money to go on the NY/DC trip. Students may also purchase Valentines and Candygrams the following week to send to their friends and staff at school.



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.



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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