



The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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On Belay? Belay On!

Sixth Graders saw the break in the storms and took to the climbing wall on Friday.

Now I feel like the fact that I can write those words takes some celebration! We have a climbing wall at GVCS! It was paid for by donations and those annual fundraisers you hear about and support every year. So, thank you!

We also have two amazing Adventure Teachers, Beth and Ryan – who not only teach students how to rock climb and how to belay safely – but also teach them about Courage, Compassion and having a Spirit of Adventure!

These are lessons that we believe translate back into the classroom, helping students to overcome academic challenges, just as they overcome physical and mental challenges on the wall.

Sixth grade will be climbing all year in preparation for their end of year challenge at either the Auburn Quarry, or at the Donner Summit area.

“Climb On”, sixth grade!



Love Hot Chocolate? Love Popsicles? Love Kids?

The fabulous Kelcey Hooper has been rocking the volunteer hot coco/ popsicles sales that benefit our GVCS Coyotes Sports Program for years. Now she is looking for a little help from her crew! She already has one parent (Thank you Yvette!) willing to take on part of this responsibility, but we need a few more helping hands!

Sales occur on Fridays between 10:00am – 11:15am, Hot Coco in the Winter, Popsicles in the Fall & Spring. Can you help?

If so please reach out to Kelcey for the details, she can be reached at khooper@gvcsd.us

Just Gotta Dance?

Charter Alive Offers Dance with Center Stage Dance Studio at GVCS!

Afterschool dance classes will begin February 19! The class will meet Tuesdays from 3:15pm - 4:15pm in the GVCS MPR. In this fun and exciting class students will explore a variety of different genres of dance. From the fundamentals all the way to the exciting elements of acro and hoop dance. Classes focus on expanding imagination and creativity, and trains in basic rhythms and coordination exercises. Build confidence and technique all while exploring new ways to move.

Emili is a dynamic dance instructor. She holds a degree in dance from Western Oregon University and currently works as a gymnastics and tumbling coach, an acro and jazz instructor, as well as an aerial arts dance teacher!! She is excited to share her love of dance with the kids of Grass Valley Charter!!

Register at www.CharterAlive.com

Charter Alive is a program of the Grass Valley Charter School Foundation and promotes safe, engaging, and meaningful enrichment programs on campus. The Foundation is passionate about providing a wide range of exceptional and affordable programs to as many students as possible!

Value Cards Are Spreading Magic!

Our 2nd fundraiser of the year is underway, and they're a fantastic way to save big bucks at your favorite local businesses AND raise dollars for Charter!

Value Cards 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 were distributed by your youngest student's teacher at 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, or to get additional cards, contact Meagan at [559-6311](tel:559-6311), or see Cissy in the office.

Sports Updates!

Boys Basketball:

Come out and support the Coyotes!

2/11–GVC 8 vs LG at LG at 4pm

2/11–GVC 7 vs LG at LG at 5pm

2/12 – GVCS 8 vs RS at RS at 4pm

2/12 – GVCS 7 vs NCSA at RS 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

Paperwork available in the front office early next week.

Track:

4/8 – 5/24

Contact Mr. E with Qs

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Panda's Gotta Eat, So Do You & Worldly Perspective is Good for 8th Graders

Well, actually it is good for all of us, but 8th graders are the lucky ones this summer! This Wednesday, February 13th is Panda Express day! When you order food anytime from 11 am to 11 pm, Panda Express in the Brunswick Basin will donate 20% of total sales to our eighth graders going to Washington DC and New York City in June.

Make sure you have the special fundraiser flyer with you when you place your order. You can show a paper flyer to earn the 20% for our students. Or order online by using the special code on the flyer. Flyers are located just outside the office, in your student's Friday folder, or digitally in the Howl or the GVCS Facebook page.

Panda Express Fundraiser Flyer is an attachment to this edition of the HOWL. You must bring this with you!

Thanks for supporting our 8th graders.

We Are Crew

So, if you were unable to complete the school-wide survey at your student's SLC here is the link –you're your opportunity to share your perspective on all the good stuff going on at Charter.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/18-19CREW>

Thanks for taking the time to give us feedback!

Parent Safety Summit

Wildfires, Lock Downs, Shelter in Place – What does it all mean for you and your student?

Please join us for an engaging & collaborative presentation about preparing and responding to potential crises in our schools. Local law enforcement, fire services, CHP and Nevada County Superintendent of Schools Office will speak about the collaborative efforts as a community to support the health and safety of our children. March 5th at Nevada Union or March 12th at Bear River, both events, 6:30 -8:00pm

Dates! Be In The Know!

2/15 - 2/18 – President's Day Weekend

3/14 – Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser for 6th Grade Sci Camp

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.



Way to rock the snow duck with your sister on the snow day Mason!

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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