



The HOWL

Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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8th Grade Storytellers Visit Kinders!

When people outside of the GVCS community hear that we are a Pre – K through 8th grade school, they without fail make a comment about what a challenge that must be to have 4 year olds, and 14 year olds on the same campus. Which has always struck me as odd, because amazing things come out of this dynamic. It is an opportunity that our teachers seize with expertise.

Such was the case over the last two weeks, when 8th graders working on mastering English Language Arts standards sought out an authentic and eager audience in classrooms all around the school.

Eighth grade students selected and memorized their own stories. They visited many classes and told a diversity of stories with growing expertise over multiple tellings.

One highlight was in Ms. Suzanne’s class, where several 8th graders wove hilarious tales that kept the kindergartners rapt!



Learn to Debate from Award Winning NU Debate Team Members (& GVCS Alum)

Why debate?

- Increase critical thinking and writing skills
 - Improve chances of getting into a good college
- Learn how to argue effectively (You'll never clean your room again!)
- Broaden your world view
 - Develop confidence

Join us on **Mondays!**

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Room 12

All interested students in Grades 6-8 are welcome.

Want more information?

Email smuir@gvsd.us or stop by Room 12.

Screen Time and Students

Ok, has your student signed up for debate (or at least seem like they have?) and are they putting those skills to use on you to convince you that they need a cellphone or more screen time?

Do you wonder about the effects of screen time on your child and their development? If so, you are not alone in that question.

Physician and Filmmaker Delaney Ruston had these questions about her own children and began a quest to uncover some answers. With insights from authors, psychologists & brain scientists, Screenagers reveals how technology impacts kids development and provides advice for parents on navigating these challenges.

Please consider attending the showing of "Screenagers" on Saturday, March 17th at 10am (cost \$8.00) at the Del Oro.

This opportunity is brought to you by a collaboration between GVCS and the Getz/LaMarca Family!

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.

Thank you to our last guest speaker, STEM Lab Teacher Larry Lehman!

If you are curious about joining future Crew 24 gathering contact

Olivia Prichett at 530 470 3404 or via email at oprichett@gvsd.us or

Cameron Herzog at 530 263 3261 or via email at cameron969@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

Sports Info



Happening Now!

Boys Basketball!

These guys have had a great season! They will be playing most of this week in the end of the season tournament. Stay posted as details emerge & please consider attending!

Girls Volleyball:

Coach Russ is recruiting players currently for a

2/26 – 4/27 season.

Contact him for more info

russyokon@msn.com

Upcoming...

Track:

4/10 – 5/26

Coach Regina

Seventh Grade Goes to Los Angeles!



Forty – Eight 7th graders headed to Los Angeles for a week of fieldwork bridging Expeditions on the Middle Ages, and an Expedition on the Human Body!

It was a week full amazing experiences including the dissection of cow eyeballs, exploring the California Science Center, dinner at Medieval Times, viewing the movie “Amazon 3D” reflections



at the Getty and a little bit of fun at the Huntington Beach!

Big kudos to our amazing teachers, aides & parent volunteers who took the

week away from their families to make this experience possible for our students!



Feeling Artistic? And Like Volunteering?

It's that time once again! Blue Marble Jubilee kid art time! Our festival will be held on Saturday, May 12th 2018 at the Nevada County Fairgrounds - if you don't have it on your calendars yet,



get it in there now! As with last year, this event will feature live music, great food and drinks, nonprofit & merchandise booths and lawn & adventure activities – Our goal is to bring both GVCS families and the larger community together for a day of fun.

We will again feature our GVCS Student Art Sale & Auction. Here's where we NEED PARENT HELP. Each teacher and crew will be more successful and the teacher, less stressed, if there is at least one parent who will take on managing the crew project.

Even if you are not 'artsy' we can find a place for you! Pictured are some items from past years. If you are interested or have questions, please contact your



teacher or reach out to our Student Art Committee Lead: Jen Donnelly (jenniferdon87@yahoo.com)

Pre K Adventure Day

Our smallest adventurers took to the courtyard this last week for a day of challenge with Adventure Teachers, Beth & Ryan!

These kiddos rocked it – literally and figuratively!



Foundation Focus

The 2018 Value Cards have arrived!

That's right! Our 2nd 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

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