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*Grass Valley Charter
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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

First Grade Takes to the Snow!

Cheri's Crew had a beautiful day of snowshoeing up near Donner Summit by the Pacific Crest Trail. After having several snowshoe practice sessions at school, they headed to the mountains to put their skills to the test!

They persevered going up hills, over logs and down sloping passes. Crewmates helped and supported one another when the going got tough.

They focused on being responsible for keeping track and carrying all of their own gear and continued that through actions of stewardship for the forest when they packed out trash left behind by other snowgoers!

Well done Crew!



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Send 8th Grade to NY & DC

...by boogieing down at the Spring Family Dance on Friday, March 9th from 5:30 – 8:00pm! Food and drinks will be available. The cost is \$3 per person, or \$10 per family. All GVCS families are welcome! Pre-k thru 5th must be with a parent, 6th – 8th without a parent need a permission slip (available in the front office).

Thank you for your support of our 8th graders!

Crew 24!

Please see the attachment for all sorts of exciting news from the parent group, Crew 24!

Screen Time and Students

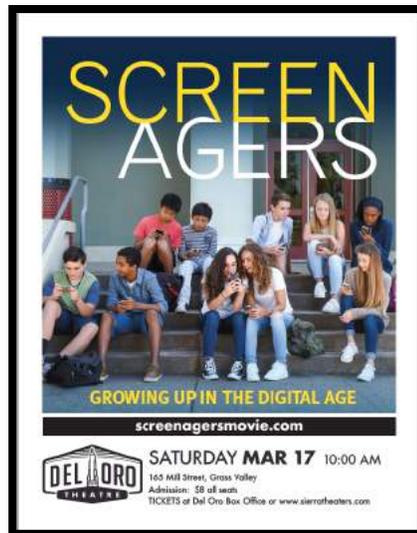
Ok, has your student signed up for debate (or at least seem like they have?) and are they putting those skills to use on you to convince you that they need a cellphone or more screen time?

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@gvcsd.us or

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

Sports Info

Happening Now!

Boys Basketball took third place in the Nevada County Small Schools League! These guys showed a great passing game and teamwork!

Way to go guys!

Kudos to Coach Greg & Coach Ben!

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

MANDATORY TRACK PARENT MEETING
on Wednesday, March 14 at
3:15PM in Room 18

If your child would like to participate in the 2018 Track Season, parents MUST attend this meeting

Tryouts will be April 3rd & 5th
from 3:10-4:00 PM on the field

Walk Like A Fox...

Our Fourth Grade Crews had an epic trip to the Burton Homestead for the Fox Walkers program. Students learned from expert Miwok elder, enjoyed fireside discussions of Native American culture, listened to Paiute, Maidu and Miwok songs, practiced tracking animals, and experienced perseverance via the use of bow drills! Students exemplified grit while learning how Californian Native Americans used resources to survive and thrive.

This fieldwork is connected to 4th grades second Expedition, Tales & Trails, a deep dive into early California history including Native Americans, the Transcontinental Railroad and regions.



Spirit Days!!!

That is right! Get ready for a Spirit Day, this Friday, **March 2nd** – “Dress As Your Teacher Day!”

Mr. Maddock?

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Next up...

April 6th – Back by popular demand, Pajama Day!

And bringing it home!

May 4th – Twins day!



It's the Place to Be...

The Climbing Wall has been a busy place this year. Every afternoon Monday – Thursday, Middle Schoolers are out on the wall, not only showing courage and perseverance as climbers, but responsibility and integrity belaying their peers.

On top of that, we have Ms. Karen's & Ms. Lori's 2nd grade crews overcoming the challenge of a 24 foot wall! That is legit when you are in 2nd grade!

Not to mention Ms. Elissa's & Ms. Tracey's 6th graders who have been put through their paces getting ready to climb outdoors at the end of the school year!



Big appreciation to the private donors, and the support of the GVCS Foundation for making this amazing resource available to the students of GVCS!



Volunteers Are Awesome!

Our Garden Shed has some super beautiful new murals thanks to Ursula Young (Bali's Mom). Thanks Ursula for sharing your talent with our school!

Crosbie is always looking for volunteers in the garden! Contact him if you are interested!
 awalsh@gvcsd.us



Foundation Focus

Fundraising Update!

Your Foundation Board voted to create a formal "Special Project Mini Grant Fund" to support a teacher or crew when an activity or project may need a financial boost.

This opportunity is funded by a portion of the revenue from our annual fundraising efforts and will allow teachers to seize upon opportunities as they arise!

Walk a Thon dollars are in! With a total of over \$30,000, now the fun begins! Playground renovation and many other exciting topics are being discussed!

Interested in helping steward the funds? Join the foundation! Next meeting is Thursday, March 22nd at 3:30pm in the Staff Room.

Save the Date! Blue Marble Jubilee, May 12th, Nevada County Fairgrounds!



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