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*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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Turn the Radio On!

GVCS 8th graders, Clara Kellermann and Anna Raymond took to the airwaves last week to spread an important message. Invited by Marlene Mahurin, Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Project Coordinator, to discuss a recent letter submitted to a radio station by Clara addressing a commercial for a smoke shop that uses a rap song to try to attract youth to buy their product. The girls, 2 of 26 TUPE Peer Educators at GVCS, were interviewed at KVMR (the podcast can be found at the NCSOS website). Clara and Anna have been active as Peer Educators for 1 1/2 years and have put on events like Kick Butts Day and Red Ribbon Week. The girls were asked questions such as: Why did you want to be a TUPE Peer Educator, why do you think so many young people are drawn to vaping, and what can be done to educate people? Their responses addressed how they want to educate people as to how advertisers target youth in order to get them addicted to their product, and youth are drawn in order to look or feel "cool". Thank you to KVMR who gave the girls a platform to educate our community on the health and safety issues and risks caused by tobacco, nicotine, and vaping. They represented GVCS and the impact of our Service Learning education component in a sincere and thoughtful manner. Huge kudos to Mrs. Parks for her leadership on all things TUPE!

Parenting is Hard, Right? Where is the User Manual?

Interested in adding more tools to your parenting toolbox? The Nurtured Heart focuses on learning techniques to actively recognize children for positive behaviors and consequently build children's sense of self worth.

Our very own school counselor, Regina Curry is a certified Nurtured Heart Trainer and wants to share the ingredients to her secret sauce with you, our GVCS parents!

The course begins on March 4th and runs for 6 consecutive Mondays from 5:00-7:00pm in the Staff Room. The cost is \$25 per person (or family) and covers the cost of the workbook and light refreshments.

If you have questions about the Nurtured Heart Approach, ask Regina, the ninja of Nurtured Heart here at GVCS (rcurry@gvsd.us).

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@gvsd.us

Noodles for Knowledge - 3/14/19

Come on out to support our 6th grade classes, who are heading to Science Camp this Spring, and skip making dinner! Noodles for Knowledge Spaghetti Feed is on March 14th from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. As this is "pie day" there we be opportunities to win whole pies, or to purchase delicious baked goodies. Look forward to live music, a raffle and an auction!

Online bidding for the 2019 Noodles for Knowledge auction will be opening in late February! Just a few of our fabulous auction items include:

- 3-night Stay in a Bali vacation home
- Rocket and Pizza Party with GVCS' own STEM teacher, Mr. Larry
- Tile Installation from Artistic Tile Company
- Family Admissions to Sacramento Zoo, Academy of Sciences, Lawrence Hall of Science, and Chabot Space Center
- Sierra Theaters, Caroline's Coffee, Limousine or Party Bus rentals from Gold Crest Limos and so much more!

Tickets are \$7.00 per person, or \$30.00 for a family of 5 or more. They can be purchased from any 6th grader at pick up, or drop off, from 6th grade teachers, or at the door. Come on out and support our Crew!

Sports Updates!

Boys Basketball:

Congratulations to the **7th/8th grade team** for taking **3rd** place in the small schools tournament at NU this past week. **Kudos Coach Chris & Mike!**

Congratulations to the **6th/7th grade team** for taking **2nd** place in the small schools tournament at NU this past week. **Kudos Coach David & Simon!**

Boys Volleyball:

2/25 - 4/26

Practice starts this week for middle school boys Volleyball. Contact Coach Gabe for more info:

(530) 913-6965

Track:

4/8 – 5/24

Track tryouts April 2nd – 4th athletes must attend all tryout dates to be on the team, unless otherwise agreed upon with Coach Curry beforehand.

Additional details coming soon!

Contact Mr. E with Qs

aezell@gvsd.us

Screening of “Angst” at NU

Nevada Joint Union High School District is proud to present the award-winning film Angst. This viewing will be followed by a panel discussion with experts from various agencies in our county. This free film screening is about anxiety, truth, and hope.

This viewing is for guardians, caregivers, and other caring adults in our county who support teenagers.

There are two viewings to select from:

March 11, 2019 - Nevada Union Baggett Theater 6-8 PM

March 13, 2019 - Bear River Theater 6-8 PM

Winter Formal –Friday, March 1st!

The Student Council is excited to announce the Winter Formal theme, “Royal Ball” on Friday, March 1st. This middle school only dance will be hosted at the Gold Miners Inn Ballroom at 121 Bank Street. The dance is from 6:00 – 8:30pm and the cost is \$8.00. Permission slips are required and are available in the front office.

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!

3/1 – Middle School Winter Formal

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.



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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