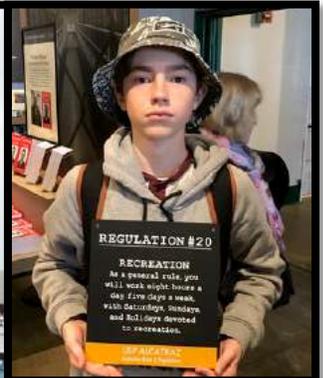




# The HOWL

Grass Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

## Eighth Graders Go Urban for Adventure!

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders have had some amazing adventures over the past 9 years at GVCS. From backpacking, to rock climbing, spelunking, sailing, rafting, ropes courses and more! All of this builds to a culmination with the annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade urban adventure, where students use public transport to navigate around the Bay Area, volunteer at one of the homeless shelters in the Tenderloin, visit Alcatraz Island and explore China Town.

There are many ways to support the development of traits that help students to become compassionate and effective citizens.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade urban adventure introduces students to a diversity of cultures and life experiences that many of our students have never glimpsed before.

It is a fitting way to culminate the years of experiences designed to challenge students to understand a complex world, understand their role in it and effect change as each student sees fit.



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## Plays Get Out of this World and Rock!



Mr. Greg has been busy with plays in our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade crews! Students have been bringing depth to their Expedition via song and theater!

The third grade performance of "The Magic School Bus: Lost in Space!" was stellar! They belted out their lines and songs with energy and conviction! They were out of this world!

The second grade play explored geology via songs of metamorphic, igneous and sedimentary rocks!



## Winter Formal – February 9<sup>th</sup>!

The Middle School Winter Formal will be this Friday, **February 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm** at the Gold Miner's Inn ballroom in Grass Valley. The theme is a Winter Wonderland, so dust off your glitter and glam, and be ready for good times!

Permission slips are required and are available from homeroom teachers and in the front office. Cost is \$5 per student.

## 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.

And! We learned how the computer lab is integrated with each grade's Expedition from Ms. Val!

If you are curious about joining future Crew 24 gathering contact

Olivia Prichett at 530 470 3404 or via email at [oprichett@gvsd.us](mailto:oprichett@gvsd.us) or

Cameron Herzog at 530 263 3261 or via email at [cameron969@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cameron969@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.

## **Sports Info!**



## **Happening Now!**

### **Boys Basketball:**

**12/18 – 2/23**

**Coach Greg can be contacted for more info at [bakercpa@gmail.com](mailto:bakercpa@gmail.com)**

## **Upcoming...**

### **Girls Volleyball:**

**2/26 – 4/27**

**Coach Russ**

### **Track:**

**4/10 – 5/26**

**Coach Regina**

## **Stewardship in Action!**

After caring for their Chinook Salmon for two and half months as they grew from egg, to alevin to fry, our Kindergartners & Fourth Graders set them free last week! A total of 78 fish were released into the Feather River at Riverbend Park in Oroville.



The Kindergartners designed a habitat mural and used their understanding of a healthy habitat to make the park a little better for their fish.

The Fourth graders conducted water quality tests (dissolved oxygen, pH and temperature) to confirm that this was a healthy habitat for their release.

All crews made fish wishes to send off “their” fish with love and caring! Capitalizing on their sense of ownership crews did a river clean up and discussed ways to become stewards of the larger watershed! Big thanks to Adventure Teachers, Beth & Ryan for their time spent with the K & 4<sup>th</sup> grade Crews!



## Hundredth Day of School!

The spell of the “Hundredth Day of School” was cast as only a Grass Valley School District tradition can cast! All across campus, students who, the day before, were 4,5, or 6 years old – all of a sudden got old! Really old! How old? Who can say from the photos below...



\* Don't worry, no students or teachers were made irrevocably older by the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School. Ok, well, maybe the teachers were made a little older, but the kiddos only chalked up one more day!

## Foundation Focus

The 2018 Value Cards have arrived!

That's right! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 were sent home with your youngest child at Student Led Conferences.

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@gvsd.us](mailto:mlittlejohn@gvsd.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