



# The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School*

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



## Up, Up & Away! For Now...

It was not a plane, nor a bird, nor superman! But rather hot air balloons that may have caught the attention of air traffic controllers late this week!

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, combining an exploration of the physics of flight, density of air and temp, as well as the need for a little fun, post- SLCs took to the field late last week to let ‘em fly!

Beforehand students worked in groups to create a high quality tissue balloons, with real consequences for poor craftsmanship. It is also a day that students look forward to year after year, with younger students watching on.

This project is one that was launched by Mr. Anderson years ago.

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It is also an example of the great teaching at GVCS. Not only was Mr. Anderson willing to try something new – he wove state standards, craftsmanship, crew, camaraderie, the sense of adventure and fun into classroom learning. Many teachers in many schools have done hot air balloon experiments, but few have built such rich academic and social learning into the experience.

Mr. Anderson will be taking a well-earned sabbatical the second semester of this school year. He leaves the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in good hands, with Ben



York, Marty Hermann as core teachers. You may have seen Marty on campus over the past month, but regardless, please welcome him to our crew!

We look forward to seeing Mr. Anderson back next school year with stories to tell of his forthcoming adventures!



## SLCs- Parents & Teachers - You Were Awesome!

Thank you to all parents who showed up to support and celebrate the growth of your children and our students.

Major kudos go out to our teachers and staff who support our teachers to make magic happen always – but especially last week. While SLC week is ½ days for students, it is the longest week of half days ever for our teachers. All of you rock!

I heard more than one story of goodies being brought in by families to support our teachers, including a full family meal! WOW, parents you rock too!

As a community we so appreciate the ongoing support of our families, we could not do what we do without you!

## 100 Days Smarter!

Once Student Led Conferences hit, you know that we are closing in on the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. And with it, a sweet tradition where our youngest learners are magically transported to be wise and old! That last part is just for the day, the wise part – that keeps growing and growing. What does such an event call for? A Parade!!! And with it, adorable parade pictures!



## 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](http://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!



## Sports Updates!

### **Boys Basketball:**

#### **Come out and support the Coyotes!**

2/5–GVC 8 vs RS at RS at 4pm

2/5–GVC 7 vs NCSA at RS at 5pm

2/6–GVC 8 vs LG at LG at 4pm

2/6–GVC 7 vs LG at LG at 5pm

2/11–GVC 8 vs LG at LG at 4pm

2/11–GVC 7 vs LG at LG 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**

### **Track:**

**4/8 – 5/24**

**Contact Mr. E with Qs**

**[aezzell@gvsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvsd.us)**

## Share the Love & Send 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Away!

Valentine's Day is coming soon and we've got a deal for you! This week (Tues – Thurs from 8:15 am – 8:45 am), students & parents can pre-order Valentines and Candygrams to be delivered to other students on Valentine's Day. Stop by the table near the office to purchase your Valentine. Options range from \$2-\$5 and each come with a cute card for you to fill out. Not only will you make your child's Valentine's Day special; you will also be supporting 8th graders raising money to go on the NY/DC trip.



## Future Snow Day Announcements

There seems to be a trend of school administration singing about snow days and Mr. Maddock, Mr. Martinez and I are not above a little show business, so click the photo below...



What? It didn't work? We were even wearing our snazzy winter suits and fuzzy hats. Humm.... I guess we have a technical error? In the event of a snow day this week, you will as always receive an all call, and it will be broadcast on the local radio stations as well.

If we do have a snow day, email Mr. E ([aezzell@gvsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvsd.us)) your most fabulous picture of you and

your family making the best of the extra day – for a chance to appear in the HOWL!

## Dates! Be In The Know!

**1/28 - 2/1 – Student Led Conferences, Min. Days**

**2/15 - 2/18 – President's Day Weekend**

**3/14 – Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sci Camp**

**4/15 – 4/19 – Spring Break**

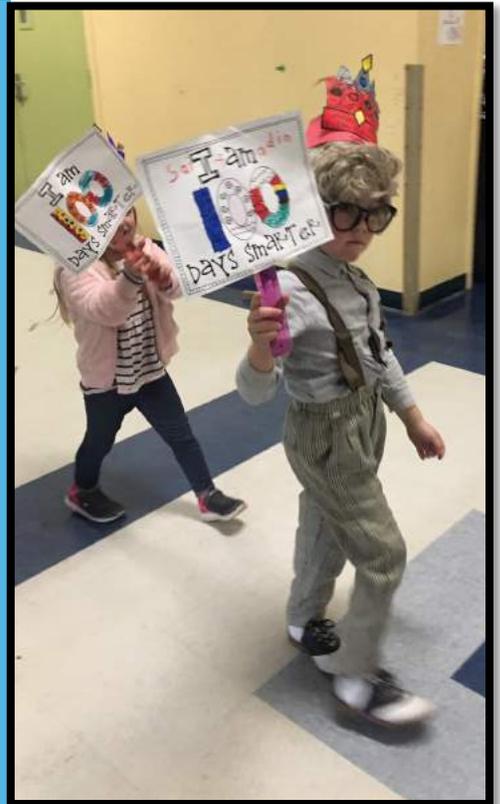
## An Expanded View of Student Achievement

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