



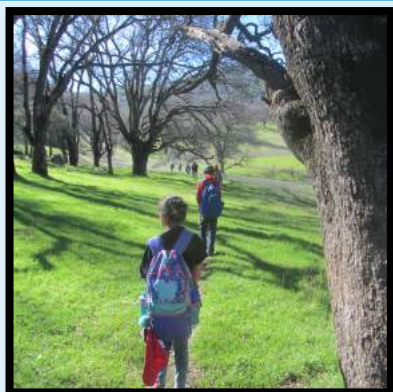
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*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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Fifth Grade Winter Adventure!

Merry/Maggie's and Cynthia's Fifth Grade Crews are discovering the power of multiple experiences in instilling a growth mindset while grappling with Responsibility, Perseverance and Self – Discipline a la their Winter Adventure!

Both classes are participating in Squaw Valley's Ski Duck program that provides free lessons, rentals & lift tickets.

But are three days on the mountain free through this program or actually priceless!?

Students are learning responsibility in many ways, including keeping track of the plethora of gear needed to snowboard or ski, listening to our adult chaperones so we can stay safe, and getting to school the next day, even when we are exhausted, disheveled, and sore!

The slopes provide real-time lessons in perseverance by managing our reactions to exhilaration and frustration. Self-discipline keeps us safe. And we practice respect for ourselves, others, equipment and our beautiful earth.

The Winter Adventure will continue through March with trips to Heidelman Lodge to build quinzies (for snow camping) and Royal Gorge to cross country ski.

All we need now is more snow, so keep your fingers crossed!

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, beginning February 12th**

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.

Noodles for Knowledge!

Save the date, Friday, April 6th 5:30-8:00pm at GVCS! This fundraiser for 6th grade science camp features food and drink by our 6th graders and our friends at Lefty's Grill. Entertainment provided by Swing Time Jazz Combo featuring vocalist Tamara Fouyer. There will be a silent auction, raffle, bake sale, special performances and fun for the whole family!

Charter's Got Talent

Dust off those hula hoops, grand pianos & flaming juggling pins! On **Friday, April 27th at 9:00 am** in the MPR will be your time to shine! Try out details coming soon...

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.

What Next?

**Next Meeting, Tuesday
2/13**

**3:15-4:15 in the Science /
STEM Lab**

**Guest Speaker:
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:

12/18 – 2/23

Coach Greg can be contacted for more info at

bakercpa@gmail.com

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

Fourth Grade to Middle Earth! Mountain



Ok, so fourth grade did not sneak into the world of J.R.R. Tolkien, but they did manage to access Middle Mountain (aka the Sutter Buttes) to kick off their second Expedition, Tales & Trails. Students learned from experts with the Middle Mountain Education Program, discovering the Native American history with a Maidu kitchen set-up,

as well as the local flora and fauna. Students also learned about the geology of the Sutter Buttes, and how they were formed from lava plugs between two key California regions: the coast and the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. Students also enjoyed playing with blue belly lizards and taking in the view all the way to Mount Shasta.



The whole crew did a fabulous job persevering and hiking all day long. As always, a big thank you to our parent drivers and chaperones for making these trips possible.

All We Need is Love...

Crews 3 and 4 showed compassion this week by making 200 valentines to give to Meals on Wheels drivers. We talked about the compassion these drivers show when they deliver food to elderly people that they don't know personally. The first graders wanted to honor this compassion by making each driver a valentine with a written message of thanks. Here is crew 4 with the graph they filled in as they made their way to 100 valentines!



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)



Walk A Thon Totals!

Huge thanks to all who participated in the Walk A Thon and extra kudos to those below! All of you help make dreams come true at GVCS!

Most Laps: Alexei Daunis (42 laps), Elenia Keriotis (39 laps) & Luca Ricciardi (38 laps).

Top Fundraising Crews: Rachel's Crew 4 (\$4,184), Cheri's Crew 3 (\$1,930) & Lori's Crew 10 (\$1,898)

Top Student Fundraiser: Tatiana McLachlan, Crew 4!

Total... \$31,074!!!

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