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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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GVCS Parents Are Gritty!

When you sign up to be a parent at GVCS, you sign up to be tough!

Recently the fifth grade parents in Merry and Maggie's Crew went on a Winter Adventure in Soda Springs. Parents worked hard, literally from dawn (when they had to load all their gear and kids in the car) to past dusk, when they were still outside shoveling snow out of igloos in the dim light.

In between they drove to snowy Soda Springs, hauled endless rounds of gear up the steep stairs of Heidleman Lodge, headed out in snowshoes to the round circles in the snow where our quinzee huts (igloos) were going to be, and started shoveling. Our hard working parents shoveled non-stop for hours, encouraging kids with their smiles and energy, piling that snow higher and higher. After a break for lunch they were back, this time on their backs, shoveling snow out of the igloos so that students and parents could spend the night inside their newly molded winter shelters. As we watched sweat pour down the faces of our intrepid parents, as we noticed them model perseverance, collaboration, and a spirit of adventure for our students, we were ever so grateful for the dedicated parents who support learning and adventure at GVCS with such heart.

Noodles for Knowledge!

Friday, April 6th from 5:30 – 8:00 pm

Mark your calendars for a delicious fundraising event hosted by Grass Valley Charter School's 6th grade class to support their Science Camp experience!

This year we are lucky to have Lefty's Grill contributing three different sauces to the menu, which has vegetarian and gluten free options. There will also be delicious desserts for purchase.

For your entertainment, we are excited to host Swing Time Jazz Combo featuring vocalist Tamara Fouyer & other special performances.

Finally you won't want to miss the online auction (<http://www.biddingOwl.com/GVCS>) and raffle prizes. Tickets available now from any 6th grader!

Charter's Got Talent!

Get ready for all the talent you can possibly handle! This year's Talent Show will be Friday, April 27th @ 9:00AM in the MPR. Try-outs will begin the week of March 19th. For more info contact Meagan at 559-6311

How to Win (without losing your mind) Parenting Series!

We have some amazing supports here at GVCS, including a 6-week Nurtured Heart parenting class taught by our very own counselor, Regina Curry! The Nurtured Heart approach involves noticing kids' strengths and validating their skills. This approach is highly effective both at home and in the classroom, as it has a proven impact on all children, including those who are challenged socially, emotionally and academically.

The six-week session is offered on Mondays, starting April 9. Classes meet 4/9 – 5/21 (no meeting on 5/7) from 5:00-7:00pm in the GVCS Staff Room.

The cost is \$25 and includes a book.

Please RSVP by Friday, March 23rd with Regina via email at rcurry@gvsd.us

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@gvsd.us or

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

Sports Info

Happening Now!

Girls Volleyball:

2/26 – 4/27 season.

**Contact Coach Russ for
more info**

russyokon@msn.com

Upcoming...

Track:

4/10 – 5/26

Coach Regina

**Track tryouts will be April 3rd
& 5th from 3:10-4:00 PM on the
field.**

**All athletes are required to
attend!**

Mountain Biking Club

**Sign ups are coming
around to 5th – 8th grade
classrooms, this week!**

**Rides will be Tuesdays
from 3:15 – 5:15.**

**First ride is Tuesday,
April 3rd!**

**Contact Mr. E at
aezell@gvcsd.us for more
info!**

Boys Basketball...

**We are missing a few
uniforms, you know who
you are! Please turn them
in to Mr. E asap.**

Cissy Wins!

(and what that really means, is that all of us win!)

Back in January, GVCS asked for your support in voting for Cissy as the very Best Volunteer of Nevada County! And you delivered!

First, let me say that Cissy would not really want this to be sung from the mountain tops, because she is the type of person who gives with amazing generosity, while shying away from any form of credit. However, we believe that it is important to celebrate the awesome folks that make GVCS, GVCS!

Below is a beautiful celebration of Cissy, written by Mr. Maddock.

Cissy Murphy is an institution of grace, service, inspiration, and love. She has supported and served individuals of all kinds in Nevada County. From all who have worked with Cissy, one word surfaces in every conversation – inspirational. Cissy inspires people to be better versions of themselves. She puts herself out to help, even when it's difficult. Anyone can volunteer a few evenings at Utah's Place, anyone can put meals together for a family in need, anyone can string thousands of lights weekend after weekend for an Illumination event, anyone can put in hours of extra time to support others in the work they're passionate about, anyone can quickly arrange care and aide for those going through emergencies. These are all the things Cissy does that maybe just anyone could do. But not just anyone can inspire others to do the same. Cissy manages to intertwine an unbeatable work ethic with authentic passion. The end result is not the volunteer efforts of one, but of the many she has inspired. She exudes public virtue – the sacrifice for the greater good. She drops whatever she's doing to lend a helping hand. What makes Cissy amazing is that she does not give for personal gain; she gives freely with love, grace, forgiveness, and sincerity. Cissy Murphy is a loving advocate for those in need. She believes in people and the power of possibility. Kindness and compassion are her superpower, and because she always exercises them for good, Cissy Murphy is a true Nevada County treasure.

Cissy, thank you for lifting us up to be the best version of ourselves.

It's Time for Reading Valley!

Reading Valley is a reading incentive program, created as a service project by students from Crews 9 & 10. All students, in K-3rd grade are invited to participate and earn cool, customized bracelets after reaching a Reading Valley destination. Each destination earns you a new colored bracelet. This reading challenge is a fun way to become a better reader. Interested?

Here is what you do. Read for the required minutes for your grade and record the name of the book you read on a line of a reading log.

Kindergarten students fill in a line for every 10 minutes of reading, 1st graders fill in a line for every 15 minutes they read, 2nd and 3rd graders fill in a line for every 20 minutes of reading.

When you have completed a log, bring your Reading Valley Log to the Reading Valley table (in the hallway by the MPR). Here you will record your journey through the valley, collect a new bracelet and receive a new log for the next challenge. There are 4 destinations in all and different colored bracelets to earn.

The Reading Valley program will begin, this Tuesday! - March 20th and end on June 2nd.

Want to participate? Head to the Reading Valley table beginning March 20th to begin your journey and receive a Reading Valley bookmark to get you started on your trek. Happy Reading! From Crews 9 & 10

Calling All Amazing Photos!

Have you volunteered in the classroom or been on fieldwork? We are looking for photos for this year's yearbook!

To submit photos, go to community.lifetouch.com and enter the code MHJDPM or send them directly to our yearbook advisor at vbringolf@gvsd.us. Thank you!

Be in the Know...

Returning Student Paperwork due March 23rd.

Spring Break: 3/26 – 3/30

Spirit Days - April 6th (PJ Day)

Foundation Focus

Value Cards!

Please remember to buy/sell the two value cards that your family received at Student Led Conferences. All dollars raised from this fantastic fundraiser go directly back to your classrooms to support implementing EL Education – and you save big at your favorite local businesses! It's a win – win!

Cards are \$20 each and are good through 12/31/2018.

The car that sells the most will receive an amazing class party!

In the IMPOSSIBLE event that you are unable to sell your two cards, please return them so that we have the opportunity to sell them. Thank you for your ongoing support of GVCS!

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



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