



The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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Seventh Graders Lead Pledge to Never Smoke!

As a culmination of their Human Bodies Expedition, nearly twenty of our 7th graders became student leaders, who under the guidance of Mrs. Parks, facilitated a school wide Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) day on Wednesday, March 21st.

Peer educators led other students through the hallway to various stations and signed a pledge banner (promising not to smoke) after learning about the health impacts of smoking.

Students also led an assembly where students learned about the lasting impact of smoking, and peer educators spoke about their reasons for leading this effort, as well as the signage / posters they created.

All students had an opportunity to write to a family member, sign the pledge banner and play games that simulated the impact of tobacco use.

Big kudos to our student leaders for their efforts to reduce youth tobacco use in Nevada County!



Fourth Grade Considers Multiple Perspectives in History

Crew 12 and Crew 14 battled impressive inclement weather on their trip to Indian Grinding Rock, where they learned how the Native Americans lived in California. Students visited the roundhouse, museum, the Grinding Rock, and Miwok football field, where they were wowed by petroglyphs. Students also gained insight into the various plants utilized by Native Americans. After that, they visited the delicious Heyday Café in Placerville, for a deep dive into pizza, before driving onto Coloma. At the campfire that night,



students enjoyed meeting Mary Talking Hands, who sang and told Native American stories. The next day, students panned for gold and took part in a scavenger hunt and wagon program, learning all about the impact of the Gold Rush on Californians. Fourth graders clearly recognize California history

from a variety of perspectives, seeing the nuanced richness and complexity that is this great state.

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.

Our next meeting is April 10th at 3:15pm!

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
aezzell@gvzd.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.

Get Ready For The...

blue marble
JUBILEE
Saturday
May 12

SAVE THE DATE

12 - 7pm NC Fairgrounds

Special Guests:
The Earles of Newtown
Achilles Wheel Trio
Magician Nick Fedoroff

Jubilee Playhouse with acts & demos!
Climbing Wall · Activities Green · Lawn Games · Vendors
Food Vendors · Craft Beer · Wine · Sangria · Rootbeer Floats

Tickets on Sale!
APRIL 7
bluemarble
jubilee.org

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Be in the Know...

Spirit Days - April 6th (PJ Day)

Noodles For Knowledge – April 6th

Kindergarten Roundup – April 6th at 1:30pm

New Student Open Enrollment Begins – April 9th

Crew 24 Parent Meeting – April 10th from 3:15 – 4:15pm

Noodles for Knowledge!

THIS 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. Don't cook dinner this Friday, instead come to the MPR!

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!

New Policies Considered

1) In collaboration with Sammie's Friends and Caroline's Coffee, GVCS will be implementing a new tardy policy where students who arrive late to school, will be given a puppy, an espresso and returned to home.

2) When prospective families visit GVCS, it is not uncommon to have a parent mention they wish that they could have gone to a school like GVCS. Well, now you can! GVCS will be accepting names for a lottery draw to place one "adult-student" in each classroom!

3) State testing continues to become ever more high stakes. Administered the first two weeks of May, students who demonstrate proficiency will start summer early! Those who do not will go to summer school.

Policies will be finalized after an April 1st vote.

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