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Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School



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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

8th Grade Prepares for Hot Air!

Mr. Anderson’s & Ben’s 8th graders are preparing for the annual hot air balloon launching!

In creating their hot air balloons in teams, students are learning first hand about Crew and collaboration. With ample attention being paid to creating high quality products! Patterns are being cut out, seams are getting glued, edges trimmed down to save weight and aerodynamics are under debate!

Student’s of course know that this competition is connected to a study of density, hot air rising and so on – but what do they really want to know?

Whose balloon will fly the highest and look the best!



So whose balloon will win? It is anyone’s guess at this point. Stay posted and we will let you know!

This is what student engagement looks like!



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Send 8th Grade to NY & DC

...by boogieing down at the Spring Family Dance on Friday, March 9th from 5:30 – 8:00pm! Food and drinks will be available. The cost is \$3 per person, or \$10 per family. All GVCS families are welcome! Pre-k thru 5th must be with a parent, 6th – 8th without a parent need a permission slip (available in the front office).

Thank you for your support of our 8th graders!

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 silent auction and raffle prizes. More info to come & tickets available soon!

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 out forms went home last week, and must be submitted by Monday, March 12th.

Additional forms are available on the wall outside of the main office. Try-outs will begin the week of March 19th. For more info contact Meagan at 559-6311

Be in the Know...

Returning Student Registration: Paperwork will go home this week and is due March 23rd.

Spring Break: 3/26 – 3/30

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@gvcsd.us or

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

Sports Info

Happening Now!

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

MANDATORY TRACK PARENT MEETING

**on Wednesday, March 14 at
3:15PM in Room 18**

*If your child would like to
participate in the 2018 Track
Season, parents **MUST** attend
this meeting*

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

Mountain Biking Club

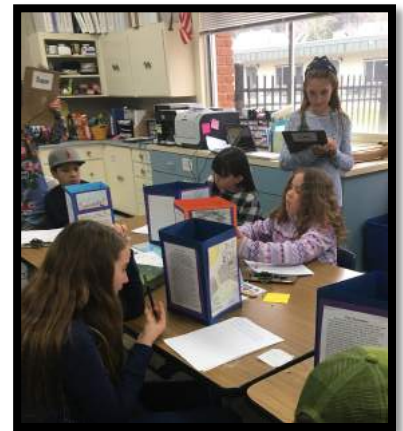
**Coaches are meeting this
week to finalize the
Spring Season Dates.
Check back next week for
that info and in the
meantime, get those
bikes tuned up!**

What's Going on in Crew 15?

"Everybody talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it!" We've all heard that familiar quote. Well, the Crew 15, Fifth Grade meteorologists don't have any current plans to do something about the weather, but they do know a lot about it! And they know so much because they have learned so much from one another. Each student recently put together a high quality four-panel project about topics such as clouds, snow, ice storms, hurricanes, and tornadoes.

Students then read each others' projects on a days-long scavenger hunt to find answers to intriguing questions, such as "What happens when it rains cats and dogs?", "What should you wear if you are out in a sandstorm?", "What weather event kills more people than lightning, tornadoes, or hurricanes?", or "Why were over 300 reindeer killed in one lightning strike in Norway in 2016?"

Cooperation and competition, perseverance, responsibility for learning, the having of wonderful ideas, inquiry, high quality work, We are Crew -- lots of fine principles go into play when our students do project work at GVCS.



Spirit Days!!!

Mrs. Karen's Crew won our Spirit Day last Friday with numerous students dressed up as staff members including Larry, Crosbie, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Karen, Mrs. Regina and Mr. Maddock!

Way to show your
School Spirit!

Next up...

**April 6th – Back by
popular demand,
Pajama Day!**



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 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

Michelangelo Has Nothing on 7th Grade!

As part of the 7th grade Expedition on the Renaissance, students have been trying their hand at their own fresco paintings.

Their portraits are now on display at the Nevada County Rood Center until May 18th!

If you can, please take some time to view their work and some other great artwork from Nevada County students!



Foundation Focus

Value Cards!

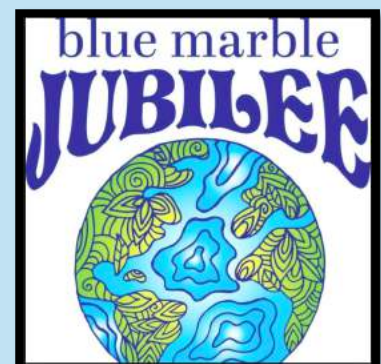
Please remember to buy/sell the two value cards that your family received at Student Led Conferences. All dollars raised from this fantastic fundraiser go directly back to your classrooms to support implementing EL Education – and you save big at your favorite local businesses! It's a win – win!

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



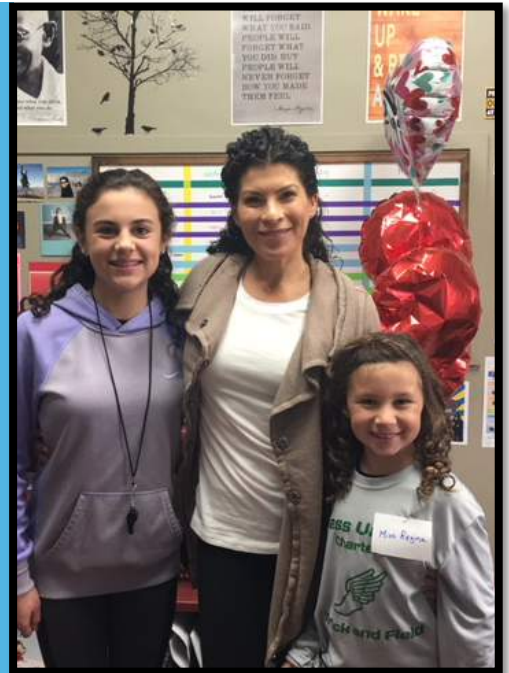
An Expanded View of Student Achievement

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.



Our Spirit Day multiplied the number of “Reginas” at our school! How cool!

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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