



# The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School*



3/9/18

“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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## Mary Brave Eyes Assembly

The middle school enjoyed a special assembly this past week, the locally produced play, “Mary Brave Eyes.” Penned, acted and directed by local playwright Karen Sharp, the show tackled issues of diversity and inclusion (a GVCS Design Principle).

The production set in the late 1960s, just before the Apollo 11 moon landing, gave voice to a myriad of issues that often are a platform to divide society. From race, gender, socio – economics and so on – the actors did a fabulous job of not only holding the interest of nearly 150 middle school students for close to an hour, but of illustrating age appropriate strategies to combat racism & bigotry.

With a thoughtful “Question and Answer” at the end of the show, it was clear that as a GVCS community, we are teaching students to be thoughtful, compassionate and inclusive.

A big shout out to our very own GVCS thespian, Anthony!



## Noodles for Knowledge!

**Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00 pm**

Mark your calendars for a delicious fundraising event hosted by Grass Valley Charter School's 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> grader!

## Charter's Got Talent!

Get ready for all the talent you can possibly handle! This year's Talent Show will be Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM in the MPR.

Try out forms went home last week, and must be submitted by **Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**.

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

## Be in the Know...

**Daylight Savings: If you have not already done it, do it now!**

**Middle School Intensives Week: March 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Returning Student Registration: Paperwork is due March 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Spring Break: 3/26 – 3/30**

**Spirit Days - April 6<sup>th</sup> (PJ Day)**

## 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](mailto:oprichett@gvsd.us) or

Cameron Herzog at 530 263 3261 or via email at [cameron969@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
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!**

## **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 with Regina via email at [rcurry@gvcsd.us](mailto:rcurry@gvcsd.us)

## **Fifth Graders Show Perseverance!**

Merry & Maggie's crews took to the snow with Adventure Teachers, Beth and Ryan last week to build quinzhees (snow shelters!

The crew built several shelters, slept outside in them and woke the next morning to work on their skiing skills!

With multiple trips to Squaw Valley (thanks to the Ski Duck Program) these students are showing great growth in both their skiing / snowboarding skills, as well as their perseverance!

Fortunately mother nature opened up a window of clear weather so they were able to accomplish their goals! Let's keep our fingers crossed for next weeks Winter Adventure with Cynthia's Crew !



## 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

## Spring Family Dance a Success!

Thank you to all the families that came out to support our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are planning on heading to New York this Summer!

Huge kudos to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents who ROCKED the decorations!

Complete with great music, decorations, "greenscreen" photo booth and more!

Is Douglas break dancing for real, or is it on the greenscreen?

Or maybe it is a prediction of what is to come this summer in New York!



## 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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