



The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*



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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

The Mountains Are Calling...



Karen & Lori's Crews have been digging into their Expedition, which studies the life and accomplishments of John Muir as a naturalist and a person who has made a difference in our world.

They recently enjoyed a beautiful afternoon in Muir Woods. Amid the towering coastal redwoods students reflected upon the impact that John Muir made in advocating for and preserving such beautiful places.

Not content with only visiting Muir Woods, Crews 9 & 10 also enjoyed a visit to the San Francisco Exploratorium to

investigate physics with wonderful hands on exhibits and activities!

Thanks to the wonderful parents who drove and chaperoned our great kids on this trip!



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Congrats GVCS STEAMers!

A hearty HAZAH! goes out to several GVCS middle school students who participated in the Nevada County Science Technology Engineering Art and Math Expo on Saturday, April 7th!

Shout outs are due to:

Aspen for her Seed Project (check it out in the entryway to GVCS, where you can pick out some seeds) for which she received a da Vinci Award!

Mason for his hydroponics set up for which he received the da Vinci Award & NID Award.

Last but certainly not least, Theo & Ethan (7th graders DS) received the Water Resources Award from NID, the da Vinci Award and the Second Place Invention Category of 6-8th grade!

Appreciation to Crosbie and Sue Muir for their tutelage of these young scientists!



Make Way For Ducklings!

Crosbie is raising baby ducks as the newest addition to our school garden. He has used the ducklings to teach students about life cycles and animal adaptations. He is also taking a school-wide survey to name the ducks. The top name thus far is "Wild Bill McQuackers".

Crosbie is also looking for lots of help in the garden with the following tasks:

- Carpentry Work
- Engineering Features of our scale model Yuba River watershed
- Summer care and maintenance in the garden (perks of veggies and eggs involved)

Please contact Crosbie at awalsh@gvsd.us if you have some time to help out.

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.

Stay posted for our next meeting date!

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

Track:

4/10 – 5/26

Coach Regina

Mountain Biking Club

Is underway! Still looking for a snack parent...

Contact Mr. E if you are feeling like volunteering!

aezzell@gvsd.us

Boys Basketball...

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

Are You Ready For The...



VOLUNTEER!

PLEASE sign up to help with the fun!
We ask that all Charter families sign up for a shift and buy tickets to this great event.

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a fundraiser for Grass Valley Charter School

Sign up to volunteer, or buy tickets at

www.bluemarblejubilee.org

Be in the Know!

- 4/23 School in Session (was a snow make-up day)
- 4/27 Talent Show @ 9:00 in the MPR
- 5/4 Spirit Day! Time to Dress up as your favorite Super Hero!
- 5/12 Blue Marble Jubilee at the Fairgrounds!
- 5/25 School in Session (was a snow make-up day)
- 5/31 Celebration of Learning (aka Open House)

Come Support the Coyotes!



Come on out and support the Track team at their first meet! It is this Thursday, April 19th at Nevada Union High School.

Start time is 3:30PM.

Come and watch our stellar athletes compete!

GVCS & Tech Test Jr!

Several GVCS middle school students participated in the Tech Test Jr, which is a math – based exam that focuses on problem solving and critical thinking skills. Hosted by local tech companies, the Tech Test Jr allows students to get a sense of what working in the high tech industry in Nevada County might look like for them! Want to know more? Ask middle school students Jared, Jake, Luca & Jason!

May 4th – GVCS Final Spirit Day

The first Friday of the month is quickly approaching, and with it – the last Spirit day of the school year! So show your school spirit by dressing up as your favorite super hero!

I mean how often do you get to wear your roos on the outside and put on a cape!?

Foundation Focus

Value Cards!

LAST WEEK FOR VALUE CARD CONTEST!

Please send in your Value Card payment by this **Friday, April 20th** to help your crew win an epic party, and raise dollars to bring EL Education into your classroom!

Our Value Card offers discounts at many of your favorite local businesses each and every time you use it. It's a win-win!

At just \$20 each, the amount you'll save over the year (cards are valid through December 2018) is many times that amount!

Each family received 2 cards at their Student-Led Conference, and we ask that you **send in your payment, or return the cards by 4/20/18!** Wait! That is this Friday!!!

Thanks for your support of GVCS!

For questions or additional info, contact Meagan at mlittlejohn@gvsd.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