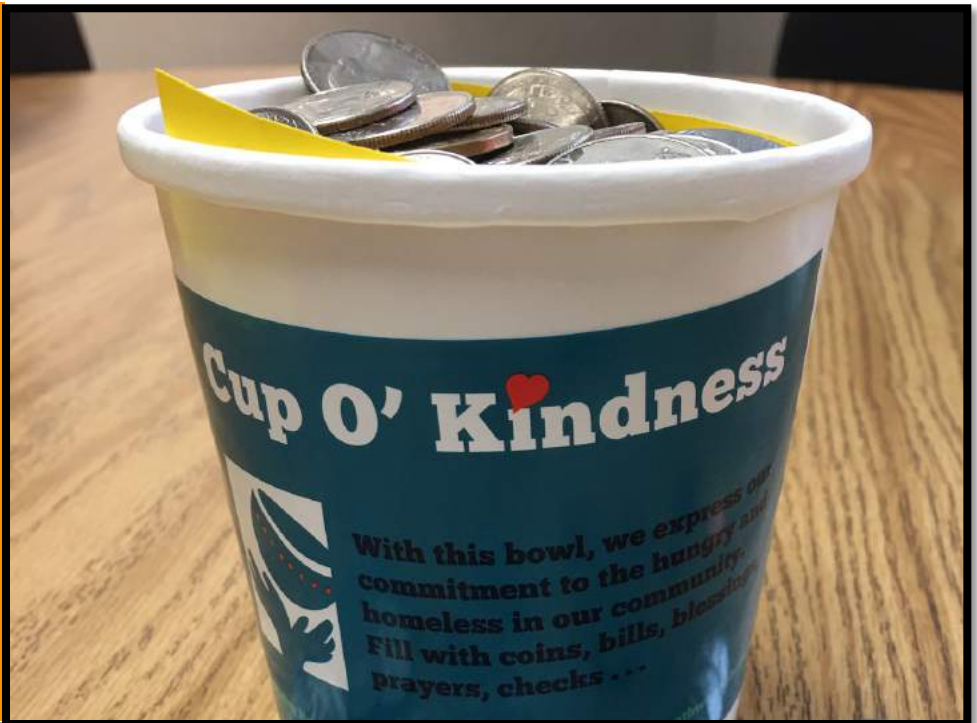




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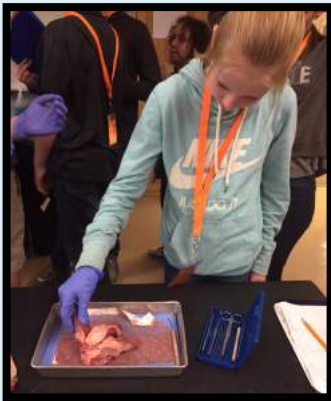
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4/20/18

“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

A Cup Of Kindness – Due Tuesday!



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About a month ago, a portion of the GVCS Student Council elected to head to the local homeless shelter, The Hospitality House. Their goal was to learn more about the challenges of homeless folks in our community and discover what they can do to help.

Upon arrival students were given identities from past guests of the homeless shelter. Students assumed identities of males and females, of people ranging from 18 – 68 years old, with histories inclusive of mental illness, abuse and many who existed financially on the fringe for years, until illness struck and set off a series of incidents that ultimately left them homeless.

As students proceeded with the role-play, agreed to stringent rules regarding behavior, passed through a breathalyzer, learned that each guest develops a plan with a counselor to get back on their feet and a culinary program designed to teach employable skills – it became apparent that the Hospitality House is much more than a place for the homeless to eat and sleep.

It does this as well, but more than that, it is a place where people turn their lives around and find a home. The evidence of this, are the paper heart cut outs on the wall that indicate the people who achieve the goal of finding stable housing.

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It fluctuates each year, but on average, well over 100 people get back on their feet and find housing because of the work of the Hospitality House.

Informed and inspired, Student Council stepped up to the plate to facilitate the annual GVCS Cup of Kindness fundraiser that benefits the Hospitality House.

With luck, this is old news to you, because your student brought home a cup to fill with kindness nearly two weeks ago.

We are measuring our success via participation and kindness, which can mean many things! We hope to get the cups returned filled with bills and coins, but notes wishing the guests of Hospitality House are just as welcome.

Please be sure to return the cups to your homeroom teacher by this Tuesday, April 24th! Ideally, filled up! But we will reuse the cups, so please return all of them (and it is not too late to put a little something in there either.

Thank you on behalf of the GVCS Student Council and the Hospitality House!

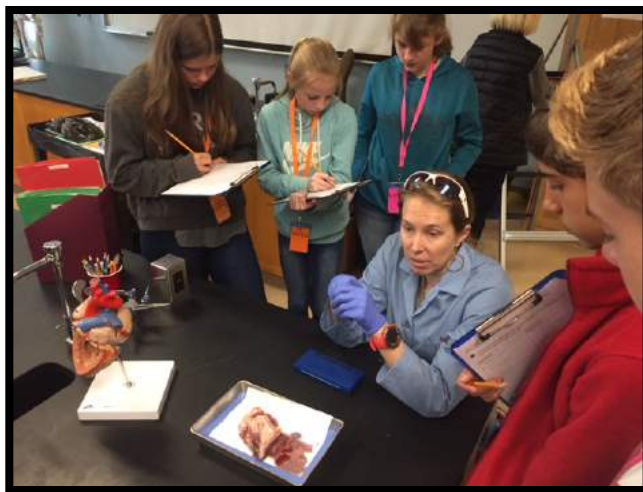
7th Grade Goes to Junior College!

Forty-eight 7th graders stormed the Sierra College Campus on Friday eager to learn about human body systems and

dissect sheep hearts as an element of their Spring Expedition.

Students were hands on with models and specimen under the tutelage of Sierra College Professor, April Bird.

Big thank you to Professor Bird for lending her time and expertise to our crews!



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.

See Attached Crew 24 Newsletter!

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@gvsvd.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...



HUNGRY? THIRSTY?

At Blue Marble you can expect Mexican, Greek, Hot Dogs, Donuts, SnoCones, Cotton Candy, Craft Beers, Wine & Sangria, Rootbeer Floats for all ages + MORE!

**Grab your volunteer spot before they are all gone
& BUY TICKETS online:**

bluemarblejubilee.org

a fundraiser for Grass Valley Charter School



Sign up to volunteer, or buy tickets at

www.bluemarblejubilee.org

Be in the Know!

4/24 Cup O Kindness due!

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)

Enrichment Teacher Positions

Do you have a passion for kids & a talent to share? We are looking for enrichment teachers for our Discovery Studies home study program. You would be teaching 1 ½ hrs in the afternoon, for 24 Wednesdays throughout the 18/19 school year. Compensation is \$20 per hour including prep and clean-up 4h/week. Please send class ideas to Brooke Murphy @ bmurphy@gvcsd.us by May 4, 2018. We will be holding interviews in the following weeks. Thanks!

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 capel?

Charter's Got Talent is Here!

Our talent show is this Friday, 4/27/18 in the MPR. The show starts at 9:00AM, and doors will be open for parents at 8:50. If your student is in the show, please send them to school dressed and ready to perform!

Any props (instruments, hula-hoops, glow sticks, circus animals, etc.) must be brought to the MPR by 8:15 on the morning of the show.

For any questions, call or text Meagan at 559-6311. See you there!

Science Camp Counselors!

Do you have a GVCS Alumni (or other student) who is currently a Junior or Senior in High School and missing all the amazing experiences that students at GVCS have out in the field?

Do they have a hankering for outdoor education? Or have you seen a glimmer in their eye that shouts, **"I want to be a teacher! I think..."**

Now is their chance to become a 6th grade Science Camp Counselor from May 29th – June 1st at the Mendocino Outdoor Science School!

Got questions? Email 6th grade teachers Tracey (thockinson@gvcsd.us) or Elissa (espencer@gvcsd.us) or pick up an application in the office!

Foundation Focus

Value Cards!

Ok, so you may think that you are just fashionably late. Nope.

It is time to turn in those unsold value cards if you have not done so.

They were due last week! Those not turned in will materialize into bad value karma! (Probably not, but turn them in anyway – pretty please!)

They can get dropped off at the front office, or with your homeroom teacher.

On to other things...

Have you been out to the garden & outdoor science center recently?

There is a gem wall well underway, the watershed model is coming along (did you see the crane last week!)

Amazing solar panel / shade structure is going up!

I mean things are happening!

Big kudos to the wizard of wonder, the guru of the garden, the jack of all trades – Crosbie, for making all this happen!

A special shout out of appreciation to the Nevada Irrigation District for their support with all the drain rock & machinery getting that watershed built!

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