



# The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School*



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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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## Restoration Rangers!

The efforts of our Restoration Rangers have paid off this year with beautifully rooted bushes and clumping grasses started from seed!

Fifth Graders from Merry & Maggie's Crew had dozens of plants to take to our local state parks to establish. These included snowberry, skunkbush, brown twig dogwood and purple needlegrass.

Students really enjoyed being stewards, noting “Native plants help the pollinators and all the other animals that live here.”

In addition to their work, transplanting specimen to the State Parks, students are helping with planting, maintenance, and signage for the native plant restoration area in the GVCS Science Garden.

As sixth graders next year, students will be able to act as docents, giving tours, explaining the benefits of each plant and identifying beneficial insects as well as birds that visit the area.

Working with native plants has had a lasting impact on these young Restoration Rangers!

We are grateful to the California Native Plant Society and to our state biologist, Dan Lubin, for offering us this opportunity for stewardship.

## If You Missed the Talent Show...

Now you can experience it after the fact! Or re-live the glory!

It was a smorgasbord of talent ranging from the ever popular "Hoop There it Is!" hula hooping, to rock bands, dancing, singing and more!

Appreciation to all the students who showed courage in sharing their talent with the rest of the community!

Kudos to Meagan Littlejohn for working behind the scene tirelessly to get students ready to shine and keep the show on track!



## 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 info on the next Crew 24 meeting coming soon!**

If you are curious about joining future Crew 24 gathering contact:

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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:

Shout out to all the girls who played this year! For the first time we had enough student athletes to field a 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade team!

Track: 4/10 – 5/26

#### Shout out from Coach Regina:

\* Amazing tenacity, perseverance and commitment was shown at the Track Meet on Thursday in Colfax. GVCS represented with several 1<sup>st</sup> place and personal bests!

\* Next Meet is this Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at NUHS, start time 3:30. Come cheer on the Coyotes!

\* End of Season Track Party is Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:10 on the field. For Track athletes only please.

## Are You Ready For The...



blue marble  
**JUBILEE**  
Saturday  
May 12  
12 - 7pm  
NC Fairgrounds

### LOOKING FOR FUN? GOOD MUSIC? MAGIC?

At this year's Blue Marble we have 2 stages of pure fun!

**MAIN STAGE:** GVCS Kids Got Talent, Balloons with Bernard, Achilles Wheel Trio and Earles of Newtown

**JUBILEE PLAYHOUSE:** Wild Animals - Birds, Snakes & Bats, Magician Nick Federoff, Family Yoga, Dance & Drums with Samba Lua

We can't have all this fun without your help. Please sign up to volunteer and buy your tickets!

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## Be in the Know!

4/30 Nurtured Heart Parent Class Continues 5-7pm  
5/4 **Spirit Day! Time to dress up as a Super Hero!**  
5/12 Blue Marble Jubilee at the Fairgrounds!  
5/18 Alice in Wonderland 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance 6-8pm  
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](mailto:bmurphy@gvcsd.us) by May 4, 2018. We will be holding interviews in the following weeks. Thanks!

## May 4<sup>th</sup> – 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!?

## Pre- K has Skills!

Our very own adventure teacher, Beth worked with pre K to understand the concept of Stewardship. They learned about the important ways that we use trees, how important they are to our lives, and how we can conserve them as a resource! Students then displayed Crew to create make their own paper!



## Science Camp Counselors!

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

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 **6<sup>th</sup> grade Science Camp Counselor from May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>** at the Mendocino Outdoor Science School!

## Foundation Focus

### Value Card Contest Winner!

**Congrats to Miss Cherie’s Crew for selling the most Value Cards! Not only did they sell 46 cards to raise funds to implement EL at GVCS, but they also won the opportunity to have an epic party!**

**Nice job Crew 3!**

**Thank you to our 2<sup>nd</sup> place Crews – Miss Wendy & Miss Emma, both with 40 cards each.**

**In third place Miss Sue Muir’s Crew sold 36 cards!**

**Big shout outs to the top selling students, who will each receive a special ice cream treat in their classroom for their efforts!**

**Jadon Castle Haley - 17  
Whitney, Tyler & Cody Murphy - 10  
Chase Littlejohn - 7  
Amelia Weber - 6  
Jayden Yokum - 5**

**The contest has ended, but! It’s not too late to return money, or unsold cards.**

**Remember that the cards are valid through December 2018, so there is still plenty of time to save!**

## 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