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*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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Have you ever wondered what a town would be like if it were designed and built by 48 Kindergarteners (and their parents!) in one day!!!

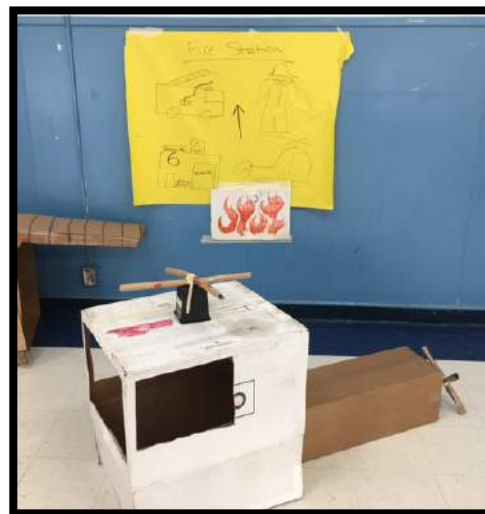
Crew 5 & 6 built a movie theater, a pizza & ice cream parlor, a vet hospital, a fire station, the CHP, and an amusement park!

As you may know, the Kindergartner have been deep into their Community Helpers Expedition, and have been learning all about our town and the people who make it special.

To celebrate, they built their own town (ok, they did have a little help from some fabulous parent volunteers) right in our MPR!

They worked together to construct all of the essentials for their very own community!

A tremendous thank you to all of the parents who put in major time as “structural engineers” and the “demolition crew!”



Watch out for Zombies?

This past week, 7th graders got truly hands on in their study of the human body!

Under the guidance of Mrs. Parks and expert Dr. Eckerling, students collaborated on a dissection of sheep brains as part of their Expedition on the Human Body (no, human brains were injured in this activity – in fact, they were improved! So we should be on the clear for zombies).

Students showed maturity and courage in undertaking this challenging but amazing experience!



Blue Marble Jubilee

All that can be said is WOW! This was an amazing event. It is hard to imagine that it is only in its second year! With amazing performances by Achilles Wheel, the Earles of Newtown, Magician Nick Federoff, Wildlife Rescue, Haute Trash and sooo many more!

This event would not be possible without the ENORMOUS lift by the amazing parent volunteers that make GVCS what it is!

Next time you see Wendy W or Kathy D, give them a

hug, buy them drink and sing their praise for being the masterminds behind this amazing event!



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 Future Crew 24 Meetings!

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 Updates:

Announcing...!

The GVCS Running Club!

Just because track is over, doesn't mean we want to stop running – so we started the running club!

Head on over to the field on Tuesdays for some festive fabulousity as we engage in drills, games and distance running!

Come strut your stuff one mile at a time from 3:10 – 4:00 pm.

Can't wait to see you out there!

Got questions?

Ask Coach Curry, (rcurry@gvcsd.us) who will be leading the running club until the end of the school year!

Cup Of Kindness Totals

This year the Grass Valley Charter School Cup of Kindness fundraiser **led by Student Council raised \$1,584.33!**

This exceeded the totals last year by 84 more cups and \$356.58 dollars!

This kind of funding provides much-needed shelter and care for the homeless men, women and children staying at the Hospitality House.

Well done to the whole GVCS Community for stepping it up and to Student Council

The Garden Gets By With YOUR Help!

The Outdoor Science Garden is an amazing place! Students learn tremendous amounts, get solitude and reflection and provide service to their community!

And Crosbie is the man with the plan, but he is only one man (Sorry Crosbie! Sad but true!). And that is why we rely on all of you to help pitch in, and you do! In major ways!

So thank you so much to the following!

The Forkner family for bringing in the awesome boulders to the Merry Byles Daly Native Plant Garden!

And even more "Kudos" go out to: Mike Shopp, Tony Tully, Kathy Dotson, Virgil Ines, Jon Shae, Carmen Kulp and Dan Maliszewski for all of their help on numerous projects in the garden this year!



Be in the Know!

State Testing This Week – Please help your student get a good night sleep & make sure they have a hearty breakfast
 5/18 – Alice in Wonderland 5th – 8th grade dance 6-8pm
 5/25 – School in session (previously a snow make up day)
 5/28 – No School Memorial Day
 5/31 – Celebration of Learning (aka Open House)
 6/8 – Last day of school

22 Taiwanese Visitors to GVCS!

If you were at school on Friday, you may have noticed

twenty-two Taiwanese educators visiting classrooms, teachers, the climbing wall and the outdoor science garden! They even stepped up to the auto belay!

These educators hail from a new school in Taipei and are visiting a few schools in Ca to look at education models. It was a great honor to host them as an EL Education Mentor school.

Big thank you to Mary Lehmborg, our Instructional Guide, for organizing their day – and appreciation to all the teachers who opened their doors to these fellow educators.

Last but not least – I have to share that Student Council members, Jake and Zoe, were asked on Thursday, if they would tour some of the 22 visiting teachers! They did not hesitate to say yes! And they were amazing. You two made us proud!



Like Bikes? Like Parks?

How about bike parks! GVCS MTBers! If you think that it would be amazing to have a bike park in Penn Valley, please take a moment to write and support this notion!

Let them know how it will benefit your family and our community. Write to: janeane.martin@co.nevada.ca.us

Teacher Appreciation

There were some amazing door decorations celebrating the truly incredible teachers at GVCS. Here are just a few!

Thank you to all who celebrated the hardest working teachers out there!



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 2nd 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
Whitney, Tyler & Cody
Murphy
Chase Littlejohn
Amelia Weber
Jayden Yokum**

The contest has ended, but! It is not too late to return money, or unused 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.



Miss Suzanne & Miss Siobhan!
The Forewomen of K Build Day!

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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