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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

The Next Indiana Jones!?



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In the truest sense of the word “fieldwork,” fourth graders met with a variety of expert archaeologists and Native Americans from the Nisenan tribe to do the real work of archaeologists in the field. They began the day by meeting with the Nisenan experts and archaeologists, learning about the importance of preserving the tribe’s culture and discovering artifacts and local past.

Archaeologist and fourth grade parent, Denise Jaffke (and organizer of the trip) explained that kids often have the misconception that Native Americans simply disappeared or were wiped out at the onslaught of the Gold Rush. This day taught the kids that the Native Americans were very much there, in their own village, right there at Malakoff, living alongside the white settlers.

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On the very first day of the archaeological survey, Emma's students worked in small teams with archaeologists, surveying the land in Malakoff where an archaeological site has been discovered.

Students surveyed the land, standing alongside one another in a line, keeping their eyes peeled for artifacts. Once they found artifacts, they flagged them and documented them, used metal



detectors and forensic dogs to dig deeper, and all in all had a blast. It looks like most members of Crew 14 are ready to be archaeologists when they grow up! Crew 12 is heading out to the field this week!

June 5th Election & Measure D

Greetings GVSD Families and Staff,

You should have recently received your Vote by Mail Ballot for the June 5th election.

Also, the Grass Valley School District, of which GVCS is a part, has placed Measure D on the ballot.

Please feel free to contact me, any of our Governing Board or Assistant Superintendent, Brain Martinez at 273 – 4483 x 2663 with any thoughts or questions.

Information about the June 5th election can be found at the County Registrar's website

(<https://www.mynevadacounty.com/695/Registrar-of-Voters>) or on the Grass Valley School District website (<http://www.gvgsd.us/Community/Measure-D---Grass-Valley-School-District/index.html>)

Thank you for taking the time to fulfill your very important right, the right to vote!

Sincerely,

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@gvgsd.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.

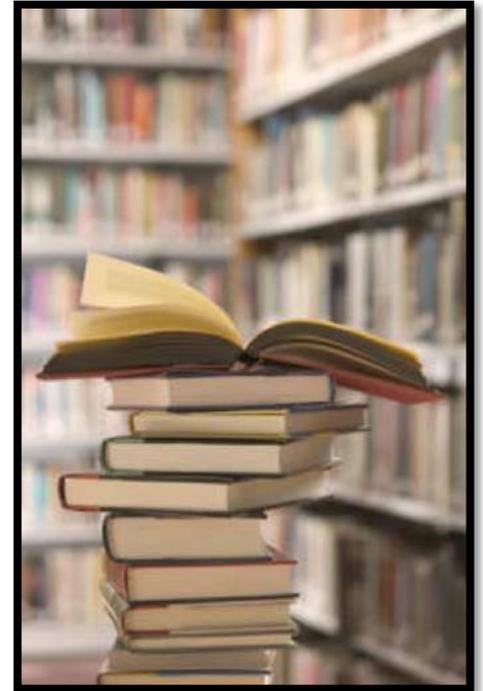
Can't wait to see you out there!

Got questions?

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

Book Fair!

The book fair will be Thursday, May 31st from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the MPR during the Celebration of Learning. Students will have an opportunity to make a book wish list this week. Additionally keep your eyes out on the 31st for teacher book wish lists!



Parenting Series Opportunity

As part of a parenting series at the Madelyn Helling Library, there will be a panel discussion on how to talk to your child/teen about race.

The presentation will be on Thursday, May 24th 5:30-6:30 pm. Want to answer your kids' questions about race, but not sure how? Need to learn new vocabulary? Curious about how to advocate for anti-bias curriculum at your school? Want to be able to introduce racial justice into your curriculum?

This panel will bring multiple perspectives on talking to white kids and kids who are people of color of all ages, from little to teen. Parents of all races are welcome.

The panel includes: Cindy Santa Cruz-Reed, an anti-bias early childhood educator, Rachel Ramsey, a teacher at Grass Valley Charter School, Jamal Walker, a father and activist Xylem Larla Dey, a teen mentor.

Be in the Know!

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

Celebration of Learning

Parents! Mark your calendar, next Thursday, May 31st is the GVCS Celebration of Learning from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Celebration of Learning is an amazing evening where students share their growth from the year with YOU! It's a showcase, so be sure to come on out!

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

Trains!

To kick off their study of the Transcontinental Railroad Sue's fourth grade crew gained first hand knowledge of train travel as they rode from Colfax to Truckee on Amtrak.



They got to take a deep dive into the Train Museum in Colfax. Along the way they saw many sites, including the infamous "Cape Horn" and Donner Lake! Once in Truckee, they visited the Truckee Train Museum, the Old Truckee Jail and the Donner State Park Museum.

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.



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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