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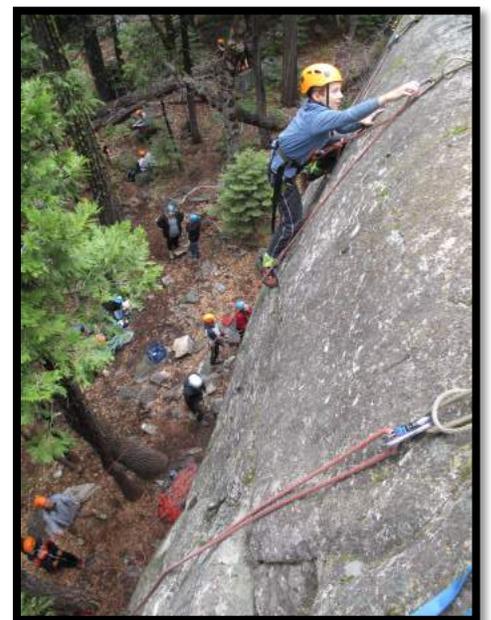


Sixth Grade Rocks!

Tracey & Elissa's Crews had a fantastic capstone to their climbing adventures this year. After building their climbing, belaying and communication skills on-site at GVCS for the last several months – they put it all to the test last week!

Taking these skills to a local Sierra crag, they worked as a Crew to safely scale some impressive rock faces. This included showing their perseverance in the face of rain showers and some slippery granite! Both Crews surpassed our expectations for the day!

Big appreciation to our amazing Adventure Teachers, Beth and Ryan, for their work to get students ready for the challenge and the success!



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June 5th Election & Measure D

Greetings GVSD Families,

I am writing to let you know about an important issue that has occurred with Measure D, the School District's bond measure. While you should have received your vote-by-mail ballot in the last couple weeks, the County Elections Office did not include some of the information about Measure D in the voter information guides that were originally sent out. They have since done a number of supplemental mailings, and the information included in the supplemental mailings can also be found on their website

(<https://www.mynevadacounty.com/2455/Measures-and-Initiatives-June-5-2018>).

To briefly remind everyone, Measure D is an \$18.8 million bond for our elementary and middle schools that could:

- Repair aging classrooms, leaky roofs, and old facilities
- Fix restrooms and replace outdated infrastructure, including gas lines and plumbing
- Provide a clean, safe, quality learning environment for current and future students

A summary of frequently asked questions can be found on the District's website

(<http://www.gvsd.us/Community/Measure-D---Grass-Valley-School-District/index.html>), or please feel free to contact me, any of our Board Members or Assistant Superintendent Martinez at 273-4483 x 2663 with any thoughts or questions.

And thank you again for taking time to exercise your very important right, the right to VOTE!

Eric Fredrickson, Superintendent

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:

What fuels the GVCS Running Club!

Well, on this last day practice (today!) it is Lazy Dog Ice Cream!

Please bring some funds for Lazy Dog as the running club will mosey their way over their as part of their wrap up of practice!

Questions?

Ask Coach Curry, (rcurry@gvsd.us)

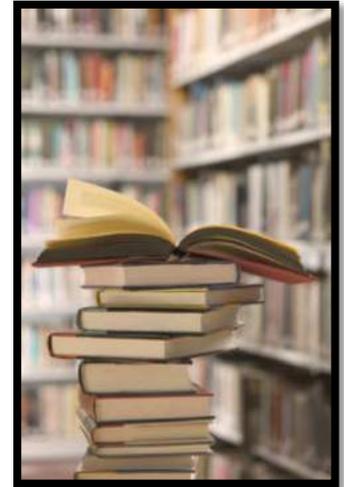
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Today is also the last MTB Club ride of the year!

Big kudos to all the amazing volunteer coaches that make this happen for the biggest k-8 school Mountain Bike Club in the County!

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!



Voices From the Past!

Merry & Maggie's Crew has had a lot of visitors this past week! And while they look a bit like 5th grade students, they also look like folks from the founding of America?

Showing off what they have learned in a creative and engaging way, students are conducting interviews of famous historical figures from the founding of our Country!

The amount of effort and attention to detail is apparent in these presentations and bodes well for these nearly Middle School students! Nicely done Merry, Maggie and the whole Crew!



Be in the Know!

5/31 – Celebration of Learning (aka Open House). Need sustenance during COL? The 7th graders will be rocking a bake sale in preparation of their 2019 NY/DC trip!

6/7 – Welcome to Middle School 5:30 – 6:30 (for incoming 6th grade families)

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!

Welcome to Middle School!

Do you have a 5th grader who is heading into the maw of Middle School? Do you have questions? Do you have flashbacks to your middle school days?

Well! Come get the scoop on how awesome our Middle School is at GVCS, what you and your student need to know, and alleviate any concerns!

The "Welcome to Middle School" meeting (do you hear Guns n Roses in your head?) will be Thursday, June 7th from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm in the GVCS Staffroom.

No More Pizza! (This year!)

With the end of the year drawing near, and our Student Council out on end of the year adventures, there will be no more pizza sales these next two weeks. So, please pack your kiddos those lunches on Thursdays and thank you for supporting Student Council this year!

Elissa's Crew is Makin' Waves

The sixth graders from GVCS made us proud last week when they stood up in front of the Grass Valley City Council to share their work from this past semester, and advocate for changes in the rules that allow businesses to target underage children and tobacco sales in Grass Valley.

Students presented their research on the negative health impacts of smoking, along with marketing strategies that target youth – such as tobacco packaging emulating candy, and fruit flavored tobacco products.

Thank you to the adults who prepared students so well, and to the adults on City Council, who took this presentation seriously.

We will keep you posted on the outcome of this powerful culminating project!

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