



# The HOWL

Grass Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School



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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

## Celebration of Learning!



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The halls were bustling last Thursday with GVCS families excited to celebrate the academic & character growth of their students!

It was a magical evening, and one that I love. I also get the distinct fringe benefit as the Assistant Principal, of stopping by all the classrooms! There was a buzz in every room throughout the school, but here are a few highlights!

In Miss Suzanne & Miss Siobhan’s Kindergarten classroom, where students have been deeply engaged in the study of our

community, these 5 & 6 years adopted the careers of individuals who make our community amazing!

Not only was this utterly adorable, it was also super legit! Students in these classes have been on over 20 Fieldwork experiences, in this past semester, to discover first hand what community means.

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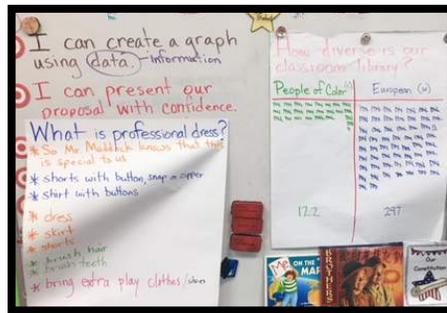


Having conducted their Fieldwork to places such as the Fire Department, Post Office, Police Department, The Union, the Airport, the Narrow Gauge Railroad, the Library and many, many more locations, students were exquisitely prepared for their “wax museum” and nailed their explanation of their job and how it contributed to making our community great.

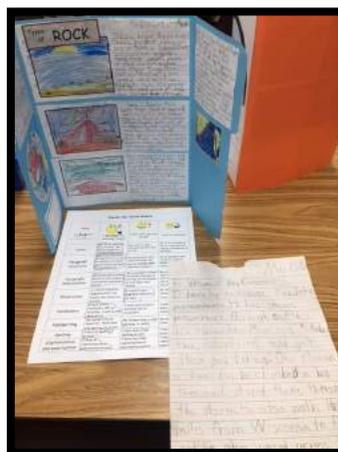


First graders in Miss Rachel and Miss Cherie’s crews brought it via their study of self and diverse cultures. Students inventoried their classroom library and the school library to determine if these resources

represented all races equally. Discovering that it did not, students were eager to do something about it! And do something they did! Students prepared tirelessly and presented to Mr. Maddock with the request for new books that would represent all people of color and people of European descent equally. And Mr. Maddock said, “Yes!”



In Miss Lori & Miss Karen’s 2<sup>nd</sup> grade crews, students writing really shone via their own fairy tales! The evidence of building foundational skills that will serve them for years to come was on display. Especially touching were the letters from students nominating John Muir for a character trait award of their choosing – brilliant!



This is just a sneak peek of what was going on in our early elementary classrooms! Can you even imagine what awesomeness was happening in the rest of the school!

## 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](mailto:oprichett@gvsd.us) or

Cameron Herzog at 530 263 3261 or via email at [cameron969@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 )**

**And...**

**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!**

## **June 5<sup>th</sup> Election & Measure D**

Greetings GVSD Families,

I'm contacting you regarding Measure D, the School District's bond measure. By now you should have received your vote-by-mail ballot from the County Elections Office and some of you should have received a supplemental mailing that provided information regarding Measure D that was left out of some voter information guides.

Mail in ballots must to be post marked by Tuesday, June 5th. Please remember that in a small community like ours, every vote counts.

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 x2663 with any thoughts or questions.

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

Eric Fredrickson, Superintendent

## **Be in the Know!**

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

6/8 – Last day of school!

## Welcome to Middle School!

Do you have a 5<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm in the GVCS Staffroom.

## Celebrating Susan & Aldo

This past Friday, the staff gathered to celebrate both Miss Susan and Mr. Aldo for their 25 years of service to the Grass Valley School District!

Not only does Miss Susan introduce fantastical realms to all of our students as our Librarian, and not only does Aldo help to keep our school clean and safe as our Custodian – but they are both lovely people who help make GVCS the special place that it is!

When you next see them, please be sure to share your appreciation for their dedication to our school. It is the staff that makes GVCS incredible. And while everyone likes an ice cream party, some heartfelt appreciation is always welcome too.

Thank you Susan and Aldo!



## 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 this week. So, please pack your kiddos those lunches on Thursday and thank you for supporting Student Council this year!

## 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  
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