



The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*



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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

It's a Bird! A Plane! A Student!



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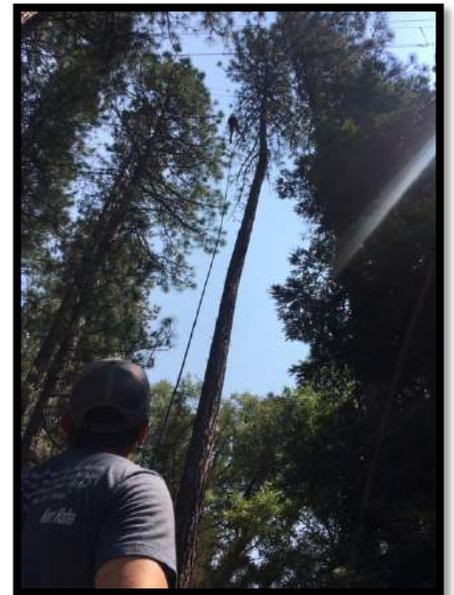
Or a Teacher! Numerous classes took to the ropes course last week to start the year off right! Beth & Ryan, GVCS Adventure Teachers, led the way for Tracey's 6th graders, Meg's 6th graders, and Lindsey's 4th graders at On Course!

Students tackled “low ropes” challenges in small groups to build their collaboration, communication and problem solving skills!

Later in the day, students took on even bigger challenges via the high ropes course elements. The friendship ladder, zip line and the 80 foot leap of faith were in high demand!

Crews were able to get real hands on experience with GVCS Character Traits such as Courage, Compassion and Spirit of Adventure via these special days!

Big thanks to the Kissler family, and all of the staff of On Course for helping to launch the school year properly!



Got Worms?

Led by our intrepid new to GVCS 7th grade teacher, Khara Cormia, our students wasted no time in jumping into their Human Body Expedition with a science lab comparing plant and animal cells.

If you saw a teacher running around campus collecting lots of plant samples, or if you smelled the aroma of onions in the middle school wing (that was onions, not the actual students), or if you saw students swabbing their cheeks, or if you were wondering about the large volume of earthworms who donated their bodies to science – well now you have the answer! It was a busy several days in the science lab as students were building their background knowledge!

Extra big kudos to our 8th grade student TA's – Anna and Darla, for jumping right in and supporting these science labs! Way to go Khara!



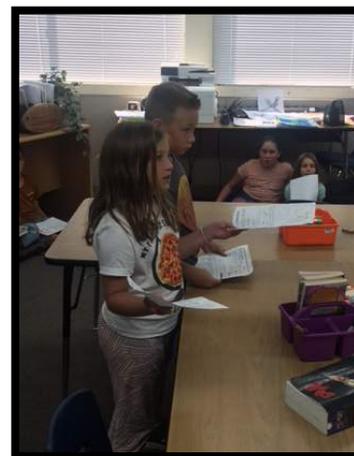
Got Bugs?

And Bills? And Gills? New to GVCS 4th grade teacher, Ms. Lauren's crew is engaged in a study of bugs as part of their Expedition on watershed, habitats and life cycles!

Students are already honing their scientific illustration skills by offering kind, specific and helpful feedback to one and other as they work on multiple drafts of their drawings.

Their detailed knowledge of bugs, is building toward specific knowledge of macro invertebrates before they head out on fieldwork and learn to fly fish!

Stay tuned for all sorts of good stuff happening with our 4th grade team this Fall!



Parenting Classes with Ms. Regina!

We know that re-entry into the school year from summer can be a little bumpy. If you are looking for an opportunity to hone your parenting skills, GVCS Counselor Regina Curry has the thing for you!

Her Nurtured Heart Approach to Parenting Class Series begins Monday, September 10th and runs through October 15th. Classes will be held in the GVCS Staff Room from 5:00-7:00 pm.

The cost (\$90) for the 6-week series includes a book and tasty treats. Discount available for returning parents and scholarships are available. For more information, contact Regina Curry at rcurry@gvcsd.us

Sports Updates!

See below for an overview of the NCAL Sports.

Girls Basketball

8/20 – 10/12

For more information, contact Coach Russ at russyokon@msn.com

Cross Country

8/20 – 10/12

For more information, please contact Coach Curry at rcurry@gvsd.us

Girls Volleyball

10/22 – 12/14

Boys Basketball

12/17 - 2/22

Boys Volleyball

2/25 - 4/26

Track

4/8 – 5/24

Contact Mr. E with Qs

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Do You Like Mountain Biking? And Kids?

Thanks to those who have stepped up to the plate (hopped on the saddle?) for coaching the MTB Club this Fall!

The club will ride on Tuesdays from 3:00 – 5:00 pm, season dates TBD. If you are interested in being a co-coach, please contact Mr. E for more info at [aezell@gvsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvsd.us).

Opt into School Messenger via Text?

ICYMI (In case you missed it), you can now stay in the loop on pressing communications from GVCS via text! MMW (Mark my words), you want to sign up! For reals. We will use this service to communicate about school events, and in the event of emergencies that impact the school – so, not a CWOT (Complete waste of time) to sign up! If you want to sign up (messaging rates apply!) then text “Yes” to 67587

Friday Afternoons on the Field

Our groundskeeper (not Hagrid) will be regularly mowing the field after school on Fridays. So please stay off the field at this time so there is no lawn mower slalom! Thank you!

Break Out Your Calendars & ... Be In The Know!

9/3 No School - Labor Day

9/4 First Day of Middle School Electives

9/6 Back to School Night (not 9/13)

5:00-5:30 for PreK

5:30 – 6:15 for K – 3rd grade

6:15 – 6:45 Whole School in MPR

6:45 – 7:30 for 4th – 8th grade

9/10 Picture Day!

10/5 Walk A Thon

10/22-26 Fall Break

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