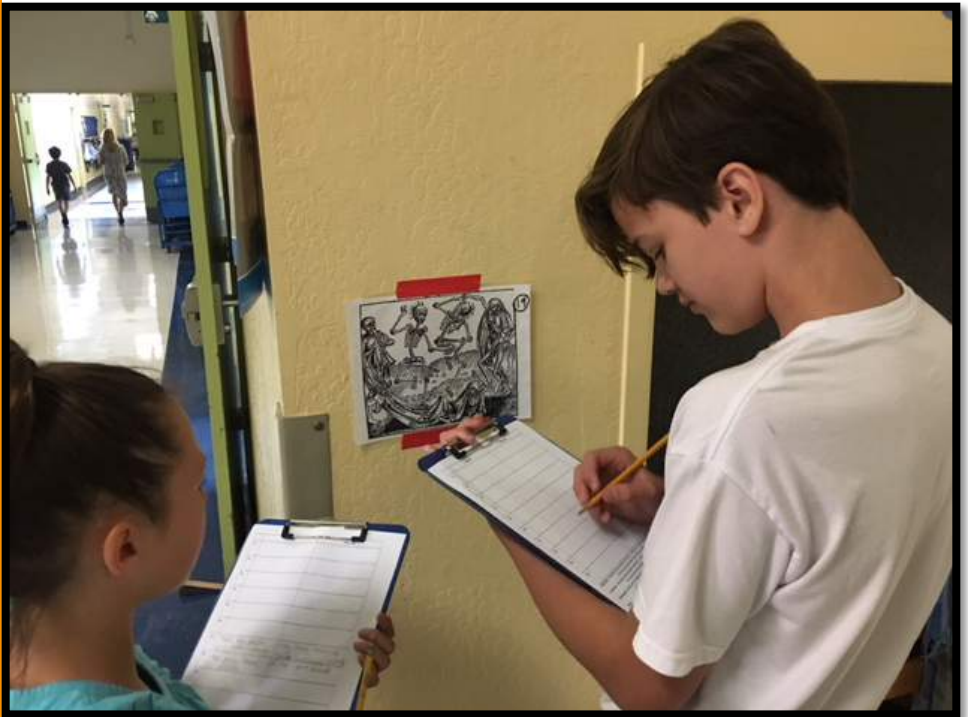




# The HOWL

Grass Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School



9/10/18

“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

## Black Plague Makes A Comeback!

Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders are taking a deep dive into the middle ages, renaissance and ... the Black Plague!

Students participated in a “Gallery Walk” through the GVCS halls as their Expedition kick, while learning about the events of the Black Plague. Students then got hands on with a bacteria lab! Swabbing common things like... door handles, computers, phones, bathroom faucets and ... Mr. Maddock’s coffee cup! The results... they may have been sworn to secrecy!

Rounding out their immersion into the experience, students as



began dabbling in their medieval storytelling (and dressing) skills! Kudos to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, Mrs. Parks & Mrs. Cormia for their Three Musketeer like awesomeness!



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## Middle School Electives Have Kids Climbing the Walls!

And throwing clay, making robots to over throw the world and so much more! From 2 – 3 pm on Mondays – Thursdays, GVCS Middle School students are engaged in electives that include: PE, Spanish, Publications, Ceramics, Animation, Fitness, Robotics, Technology and Climbing!

Not only is it a great opportunity for students to broaden their horizons, but to also build crew throughout the entire 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade community.

This past week in the Climbing elective, older students taught younger students how to tie critical knots, such as a figure 8 follow thru, a figure 8 on a bight, a clove hitch and a slip knot!

Students also built the foundations of trust that are necessary before they learn to belay one and other

through trust falls and

building their spotting skills via bouldering.

In addition to building their climbing skills, these students also actively hone character traits such as Courage, Compassion and a Spirit of Adventure!

Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more glimpses into the awesome Middle School Elective offerings!



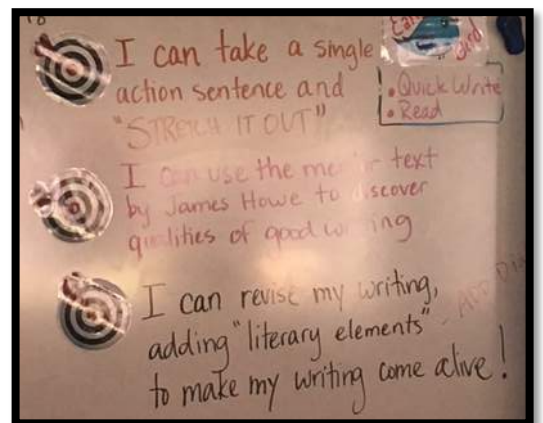
## Learning Targets & Protocols, Oh My!

One of the things that visitors to our classrooms often notice, are the learning targets and the active engagement of students in the lesson.

So, I was not surprised when I walked into Tracey's 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom and students were rapt by a story from author, James Howe that they were using as a mentor text.

Next up, students pulled out highlighters and started to code the article for things that made the writing sooo good! Soon there was discussion of figurative language and the use of voice. When I asked one student what they were up to, he very confidently explained that they were using an expert text to learn about literary elements and that they would be them be applying this learning to their own writing.

So, while I may not have been surprised – I was proud! You are crushing it 6<sup>th</sup> grade!



## Looking For Afterschool Enrichment Opportunities? Look No Further! Charter Alive Is Here & Starts Next Week!

Grass Valley Charter School offers engaging and meaningful enrichment programs for all students! Bringing programs to the school is a win-win for the school, students, and parents. School site programming increases access to enrichment programs, reduces costs, and programs operate as part of the school community. Registration now for classes at [www.CharterAlive.com](http://www.CharterAlive.com)!

### **Education Francaise**

*Tuesdays. Starts September 11. Level 1 (Grade 1<sup>st</sup> – 5th grade)*

*Wednesdays. Starts September 12. Level 2 (Grade 6<sup>th</sup> – 8th)*

Lessons will be delivered entirely in French, using the latest foreign languages teaching methodologies. Students will learn about the francophone culture and various celebrations throughout the year.

### **Kuk Sool Won**

*Wednesdays. 3:15pm – 4:15pm. Starts September 19.*

*Kuk Sool Won is a year-round program with open registration. Ages 6 - 12*

Award Winning Gold Country Kuk Sool Won brings their studio and professional instructors to Grass Valley Charter School! Kuk Sool Won is a traditional Korean martial art that also builds Jung Shin. Jung Shin is a Korean term that translates to focusing your mind and heart one hundred percent in what you are doing in a given moment. This may then be applied to school work, sports, and family.

### **The Artist Workshop, Thursdays**

*Thursdays, 3:15pm – 4:15pm, September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, November 1, Ages 5 - 11*

Explore creativity and what your imagination can do! Students will create dynamic images by building up layers of different types of media. The emphasis is on creativity, exploring with different media, techniques and building confidence. Each week your child will bring home their very own project to share with the family.

### **Dance with Emili Reynolds with Center Stage Dance Studio (NEW)**

*Fridays, 12:45pm 1:45pm, September 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, November 2, Ages 5 - 11*

In this fun and exciting class students will explore a variety of different genres of dance. From the fundamentals all the way to the exciting elements of acro and hoop dance. Classes focus on expanding imagination and creativity, and trains in basic rhythms and coordination exercises. Build confidence and technique all while exploring new ways to move. It is a fun experience that children will truly love participating in!

### **Kuk Sool Turtle Tots**

*Fridays, 12:45pm – 1:15pm, Starts September 21. Kuk Sool Won is a year-round program with open registration. Ages 3-5.*

We will work on balance, motor skills, and flexibility while having a great time! We incorporate animal stretches, and exciting exercises on the mat and with pads. Children will be introduced to the three most important aspects of Kuk Sool Won: Etiquette, Patience, and Practice. Practicing these principles will enhance their focus and self-discipline.



## **Sports Updates!**

### **Come out and support Girls Basketball**

9/6 Chicago Park 5:00  
GVCS 22 to RS 4!

9/10 Chicago Park 5:00

9/11 Chicago Park 4:00

9/13 Chicago Park 5:00

9/18 Union Hill 4:00

9/20 Ready Springs 4:00

9/25 Forest Lake 4:00

10/3 Mount Saint M 4:00

10/4 Lyman Gilmore 4:00

Coach Russ at  
[russyokon@msn.com](mailto:russyokon@msn.com)

### **Come out and support Cross Country!**

Their upcoming meets:

9/12 Lyman Gilmore 4pm

9/20 Magnolia 4pm

9/27 Seven Hills 4pm

10/3 Empire Mine 3:30pm for  
5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade only

10/10 Ready Springs 4:00pm  
for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Coach Curry at  
[rcurry@gvcsd.us](mailto:rcurry@gvcsd.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

## **Mountain Bike Club Updates!**

Coaches walked to classrooms on Friday to distribute sign up packets. Space is limited so it is first come first serve. Packets due no later than 9/14, first ride 9/25. Still need one? Swing by the front office.

Got questions? Please contact Mr. E [aezzell@gvcsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvcsd.us).

## **Picture Day – Today!**

If you are reading this on your way out the door you may still have time to coif your hair! Otherwise, roll with it! You are looking good!

## **Ugh, Packing Lunches is the Worst!**

Hark! Student Council hears you loud and clear! On Thursdays – starting 9/20, they will take care of that pesky lunch thing! Cheese and Pepperoni (gluten free is available) pizza will be for sale (\$3 for one slice, \$5 for two slices), order in the foyer from 8:15 – 8:30 and pick up your pizza at the beginning of lunch at the outside eating area.

Remember, you must order the pizza before school in the morning to have it delivered for lunch.

Got questions, email Mr. E at [aezzell@gvcsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvcsd.us)

## **Back to School Night!**

Was again a resounding success! Thank you to all who came out and got involved in our school and community! It is that involvement that is the secret ingredient to the awesome-sauce that is GVCS! (whoops, I just leaked the secret!)

I especially enjoyed seeing parents engaged in some of the same protocols that get your students hooked on learning every day!

## **Dates! Be In The Know!**

**9/10 Picture Day!**

**9/20 Thursday Pizza Sales Resumes**

**9/28 Fall Family Dance**

**10/5 Walk A Thon**

**10/18 GVCS Math Night!**

**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