



The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*



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“We are crew, not passengers.”
– Kurt Hahn



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First Graders Explore States of Matter While Ice Skating!

The first graders went ice-skating Thursday to experience water in its 3 forms: solid, liquid, and gas. We noticed that solid water is ice, and we were able to enjoy skating on it as a first grade crew.

It also snowed inside of the skate arena, which is solid water as well!

On the drive to Skatetown, it was raining, and the first graders said that rain is the liquid form of water. Plus we were able to notice the gas form of water as fog on our drive as well!

Crews 3 & 4 had the opportunity to learn how to fall, get back up, and how to balance on skates. They participated in games such as hot potato, parachute, red light green light, and the limbo. We displayed the character trait of crew by encouraging our friends to skate and helping them up when needed.



Sixth Graders Become Volcanologists!



Mud pots bubbled, steam hissed, sulfur smelled and the weather stars aligned!

Sixth graders finally made it to Lassen Volcanic National Park's "Bumpass Hell" (and back!) after three years of foul weather.

With cabins as basecamp near Manzanita Lake, the whole of 6th grade persevered up the mighty Cindercone, which last erupted in 1921.

After a visit through the Subway Caves, we enjoyed activities directed by many wonderful parents! Crew 20

and Crew 18 became Crew 38! - as we endured thunderstorms, sunshine, and wind.

Everyone experienced the volcanic reality of California as we built our crew family. We are thankful for all of our parents who made this trip a reality!



Announcing... Crew 24!

We are Crew! **The parent crew** that is!

The Parent Leadership Group is transforming into **Crew 24** to reflect the value of our entire parent community as an integral part of our school. It will be a reference point for families to interact, organize, participate and contribute to further enrich our school community.

Please join us for our first crew meeting on September 21st at 3:30 pm in the GVCS Staff Room. Refreshments will be served!

Families received a "Parent Interest Form" from their child's teacher at Back to School Night. Please complete the form and return it to your teacher asap.

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.

We look forward to you being part of **Crew 24!**

Sports Schedule!

You asked for it! So here it is, one place with all the sports info!

Information for the year is below, detailed info (practices, coaches, etc) will be added throughout the year.

All coaches do handout paperwork in all eligible grades / classrooms a week before practice. Additional copies of paperwork can be found with Heidi or Mr. E.

8/28 – 10/12: Girls Basketball with practices M-Th from 6:00 – 8:00pm at the Scotten Gym. Grades 6th – 8th Coach Russ can be reached at russyokon@msn.com

MTB Club Fall Season

9/12 – 10/27

Cross Country: 10/23 -12/15

Boys Volleyball: 10/23 – 12/15

Boys Basketball: 12/18 – 2/23

Girls Volleyball: 2/26 – 4/27

Track: 4/10 – 5/26



A Renaissance in 7th Grade!

The 7th grade kicked off their Fall Expedition, “Death Brings Rebirth”, by visiting the Aerospace Museum in Sacramento to explore the exhibit: Machines in Motion.

In addition to learning about the aircraft on site, students explored and observed the hands-on exhibit featuring the designs of Leonardo DaVinci.

Students had the opportunity to set the machines in motion while learning and exploring the wide range of mechanical principles DaVinci employed to create each one such as the helicopter, glider, armored tank, drive transmission, printing press, bicycle, and robot.

The main task for the day involved observing an invention and following criteria to create a scientific drawing.

The afternoon culminated in lunch on site and some play time on the "Launch Pad".

Ideas for our playground anyone???



Be honest, who doesn't want to spend more time with Regina Curry?

Wondering how you can bring some extra spicy awesomeness to your parenting? Sign up for Regina's six week Nurtured Heart for parents class! The Nurtured Heart approach involves noticing kids' strengths and validating their skills. This approach is highly effective both at home and in the classroom, as it has a proven impact on all children, including those who are challenged socially, emotionally and academically.

The six-week session is offered from 9/19 – 11/7 (no meetings 10/17 & 10/31) from 5:30-7:30pm in the GVCS Staff Room. The cost is \$20. RSVP with Regina at rcurry@gvcsd.us

Popsicles & Hot Coco!

Not just a good band name, also a reminder that depending on the weather, one or the other is for sale on Friday during recess for \$1! Proceeds support GVCS Sports!

Charter Alive – Enrichment Classes

Classes start the week of September 18!

GVCS offers an array of classes instructed by well-known and talented professionals from our community. Bringing programs to the school is a win-win for the school, students, and parents. School site programming increases access, reduces costs, and programs operate as part of the school community.

This fall classes will include:

- **NEW**...French Classes for students in grades 2nd-5th and 6th-8th
- Creative Movement Dance with Laura Bishop
- Kuk Sool with Lila Reyna
- Theatre with Paulette Gilbert
- Art with the Artist Workshop
- For our youngest students - Turtle Tots Kuk Sool!

Be sure to check out www.CharterAlive.com for all the information you need on GVCS afterschool programs from athletics to Clubs. Register Now!

A Strong Foundation

Looking for a good way to participate and have an impact at your child(ren)'s school? Serving as a GVCS Foundation Board Member just might be the ticket.

What's required, you may wonder...?

An inquiring and open mind!

The desire to make decisions about fundraising dollars that will impact our kids and our school!

A full heart to embrace fun and make a difference!

Attend monthly meetings from August – June (4th Thursday of the month, 3:30pm in the Staff room – Next one is coming up on September 28th)

The Foundation is currently open for new Board Members and seeking to fill the officer positions of Secretary and Treasurer.

Indicate your interest on the Parent Interest Form or just email foundation@grassvalleycharterschool.org

Mark Your Calendars!

November 3rd: Walk-a-thon!

Value Cards available in December!

May 12th: Blue Marble Jubilee

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