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*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*



9/17/18

“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

Mind Over Matter?!

Our 5th graders got a special treat this past week when they were fortunate enough to work with retired Chemistry NU Teacher, Gary Larsen as part of their study of matter!

Students got to conduct experiments with dry ice, learn about sublimation and had particular fun exploring the kinetic – molecular theory which states that gases are more compressible than liquids.

To demonstrate how tightly packed the molecules are relative to liquids and gasses and hence, how compression is impacted – students exerted pressure on liquid filled bottles, which in turn, also contained gas filled pods. As students squeezed, the pods, each with a different volume of gas, descended and ascended at different rates!

It sounds like these 5th graders are ready to learn about scuba diving!

Big thanks to Mr. Larsen for his time and expertise!



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These Kids Are Over The Moon!

For the past several weeks, Lori & Karen's 3rd graders have been in deep (space!) in their study of the solar system. This has included nightly illustrations depicting the phases of the moon. This past Thursday night it all came together with the help of the Nevada County Astronomers as students and families took to the GVCS field to gaze up in wonder!

Big kudos to the Nevada County Astronomers for their equipment and expertise with our students!



Tobacco Use Prevention Education

Presents A Parent Education Night, September 17th from 6-8pm at Nevada Union High School Science Lecture Hall. The lecture, entitled "**KNOW** Weed," will address adolescent use and trend data, evolving products and potency, access & availability, paraphernalia & vaping, signs & symptoms of use and resources / supports. It will feature guest speaker, Joe Eberstein from the San Diego Marijuana Prevention Initiative.

Sixth Grade To Mordor... And Back!

Ok, so perhaps they did not end up in the world of Tolkien, but they did climb to the top of Mt. Lassen, the southernmost active volcano in the Cascade Range, which stretches from B.C. to Northern California!

Students spent three days exploring the Lassen National Park as part of their Expedition studying geology and natural disasters!

So while they did not pitch in the one ring to rule them all, they did get a firm grasp on the earth's systems while demonstrating perseverance! Thank you to all the parents who helped make this trip happen!



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

Education Francaise

Tuesdays. Starts September 11. Level 1 (Grade 1st – 5th grade)

Wednesdays. Starts September 12. Level 2 (Grade 6th – 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

9/18 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

Come out and support

Cross Country!

Their upcoming meets:

9/20 Magnolia 4pm

9/27 Seven Hills 4pm

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

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

Coach Curry at

rcurry@gvgsd.us

Girls Volleyball: 10/22 – 12/14

Boys Basketball: 12/17 - 2/22

Boys Volleyball: 2/25 - 4/26

Track: 4/8 – 5/24

Mountain Bike Club

First Ride 9/25

Coaches in contact this week!

Contact Mr. E with Qs

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Running Just as Fast as They Can...

And apparently, that is pretty fast! Just look at all those medals! And that is just the 7th & 8th Graders! Way to go Coyotes! And kudos to Coach Curry for not just lighting a fire under these student athletes, but empowering each student to fan their flames to success!



Garden Work Day!

With the one, the only, Crosbie! So you know it is guaranteed to be an amazing time! Friday, September 21st from 8:30 am – 1:00pm. Come lend a hand, learn about gardening, composting or the current solar panel install taking place in the garden!

Parents, Grandparents or other family welcome! Come join for an hour, or the whole day. Or just swing on by to check out the progress and to be part of a group photo at 12:30!

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@gvgsd.us

Dates! Be In The Know!

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

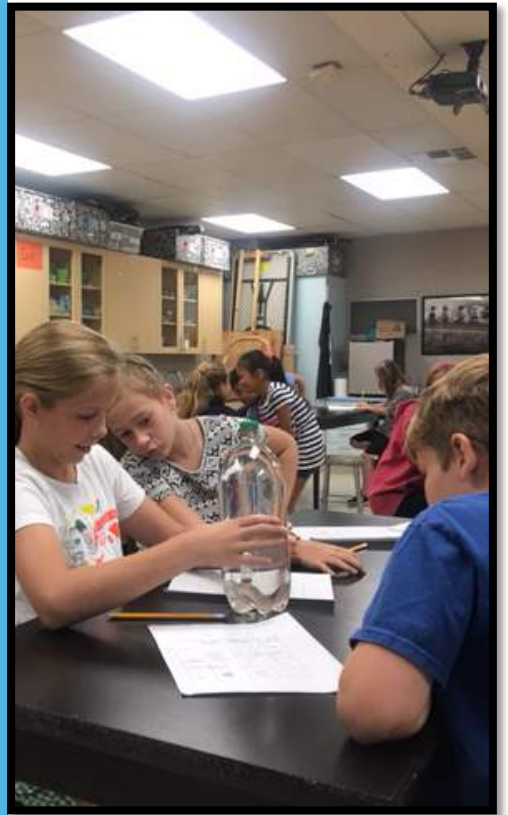
An Expanded View of Student Achievement

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