



# The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School*



1/23/23

“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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## Got Stewardship?

If you are at all familiar with GVCS, you know that for many years, students in Kindergarten and Fourth grade have studied Chinook Salmon. They address Next Generation Science Standards around life cycles, food chains, human impacts, and beyond. They visit local waterways, hike, raft the lower yuba, and yes – raise Chinook Salmon at school, that are typically then released by students into the river. It is an awesome scope and sequence that not only teaches science standards, but very intentionally teaches the GVCS Habit of Character of Stewardship.

Through this process student learn to care for “their” fish, and then “their” watershed. In the past students have extended their learning and application of knowledge to be stewards of our watershed by improving riparian habitats through non-native plant removal, and propagation of native plants. Student have used art-based advocacy to spread awareness, and to encourage the creation of the Wolf Creek Trail that is slowly coming to reality – and will allow residents to walk from Sutton, to the Pine Creek Shopping Center.

Countless parents, possibly including you, have supported the fieldwork and adventure  
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associated with this Expedition – some of you multiple times, with multiple children. If this is the case, then no doubt you have come to recognize the organizations we collaborate with to make these experiences happen year after year. One of those organizations is the South Yuba River Citizen's League (SYRCL), they have brought Detective Drizzle to GVCS for years, and collaboratively, we brought the Salmon rafting trips to life.

If you student has floated the lower Yuba, they no doubt know that just below where you took out at the end of the rafting trip, is Daguerre Point Dam. SYRCL in collaboration with UC Santa Cruz are studying the dam, its function, and the impact on the ecosystem.

If you feel like sharing your perspective, please consider taking a 3 minute survey regarding the quality of the habitat and the Daguerre Point Dam. With luck, when your child is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, there will be even more Chinook Salmon in the Lower Yuba, and they could raft even further downstream!

The **South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL)** and **UC Santa Cruz** are interested in understanding your perspective on **Daguerre Point Dam** on the **lower Yuba river**.

The dam was built in 1906 to control sediment from gold mining and does not generate electricity nor store water. Currently, Daguerre Point is an obstacle to migratory fishes like salmon and steelhead, and is a complete barrier to green sturgeon.

Your responses are anonymous, and you may choose to skip any questions.

Your completion of this survey by end of January helps us better understand how community-members feel about these topics and will guide future public conversations.

<https://yubariver.org/posts/help-shape-the-course-of-fish-passage-in-the-lower-yuba-river/>

## Value Cards are BACK!

It's Value Card time, and that means Win/ Win time! Help support awesome local businesses, while saving money!

This is one of our school Foundation's main fundraisers, and we need everyone's help to make it a success!

During SLC's your teacher will give each child's parents an envelope with the 2 cards to sell (or purchase yourself!). Cards are only \$20, and get you great discounts at just some of the businesses mentioned below!

In the past, some families have gotten together and sold additional cards out front local businesses - surely the fastest way to earning the first place Crew Pizza Party!

**Supporting Grass Valley Charter School**  
**VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 2023**

**ELEMENT + LOFT**  
*Life does*  
 10% off (excludes sale & furniture)  
 530-460-1808  
 108 Mill Street  
 Grass Valley

**VALUE CARD**

Shop Locally - Save Locally

**RECREATION**  
 10% off regularly priced merchandise. Not valid on sale specials or on special orders. Excludes merchandise repair shop purchases.  
 530-477-8000  
 491 East Main Street  
 Grass Valley

**WEISS BROTHERS NURSERY**  
 \$5 off \$35 purchase  
 530-275-5814  
 615 Maltman Drive Grass Valley

**Misty Bavel**  
 free small Brussels sprout w/\$10 or more purchase  
 530-802-6488  
 118 Neal Street Grass Valley

**Carolines**  
 Buy one drink, get one 1/2 off  
 530-273-6424  
 128 S. Auburn Street Grass Valley

100% profit from card sales supports student learning - 530-273-8723

## Parenting is Hard – But Classes Start This Week!

Parenting! It is not for the faint of heart! We are all about learning at GVCS – and not just for kiddos! The morning series is hosted at the FRC, right next door to GVCS. Drop your kiddos at school, get a cup of coffee, and attend class!



# Nurturing Parenting





## Winter 2023 Class Series



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- And much more!

**8 Week Evening Series:**  
Thursdays 5:30-7:30pm  
Jan 26-Mar 16  
Ready Springs Elementary School  
10862 Spenceville Road, Penn Valley  
Pizza & childcare provided for evening class!

**8 Week Morning Series:**  
Thursdays 10am-12:00pm  
Feb 2-March 23  
Family Resource Center Grass Valley  
235 S. Auburn Street

Cost per series: \$35 Scholarships available!

Scan QR Code to Register Online:





**Jinnae Anderson,**  
Parenting Specialist

**Or: For questions or registration:**  
Jinnae: 530-238-5608  
janderson@nevco.org



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## Like Volunteering In The Classroom? Why Not Get Paid?

GVCS is currently seeking an aide for 7<sup>th</sup> grade! Interested? Check out the posting on [www.edjoin.org](http://www.edjoin.org) and search for #22-27 Instructional Aide I/II

In addition, we are always looking for additional substitute aides in all grade levels! If you are interested in either opportunity, please reach out to Mr. E for more information ([aezzell@gvsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvsd.us)).



## Parking In the Vets Hall?

Please limit parking on the Vets Hall to those spots marked with "School." All other parking spots are for the Vets Hall. Lastly, please do not park in the Handicap parking, even if briefly, unless you require access to that space and have an ADA placard. Thanks for helping us to be good neighbors.

## Have A Green Finger?

Do you have a penchant for dreaming big, getting your hands dirty, and bringing those dreams to reality? Do you love teaching kids about science? Gardening? Farming? Does the moment a child pulls a carrot out of the soil and smiles, make you smile?

**GVCS is currently seeking a Garden Teacher for the Outdoor Science Garden!**

Interested? Check out the posting on [www.edjoin.org](http://www.edjoin.org) and search for #22-28 Charter Garden Coordinator.

## Sports!

**Boys Basketball: Open to 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders, the season runs from 1/2 - 2/24**

Contact Coach Ben Murphy with questions: [b-bmurphy@att.net](mailto:b-bmurphy@att.net)

**Girls Volleyball: Open to 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders, the season runs from 2/20 – 4/21**

GVCS is hosting two conditioning / skills clinics in order to gauge student interest for the upcoming season. These will take place at GVCS in the MPR on 1/27 from 12:30 – 2:30 pm and are open to any Middle School girl interested in playing.

**Track: Open to 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders, the season runs from 3/27 – 5/26**

**Spring Mountain Bike Season: Open to 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders (younger with coach permission) the season runs from 3/27 – 5/26 (NCAL).**



Questions about Sports at GVCS can be directed to Mr. E at [aezzell@gvcsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvcsd.us)

## Be In The Know

1/30 – 2/3 - Student Led Conferences, Half Days All Week

2/13 – President's Day

2/20 – President's Day

4/3 – 4/7 – Spring 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.



## Grass Valley Charter School

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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