



The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*



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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



Winter Adventure!

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Our Fifth graders have been making great use of all this snow to fuel their annual Winter Adventures! Under the tutelage of Ms. Adventure (aka: Beth!), 5th grade teachers Ms. Sue and Ms. Jenny, students have been building their cross-country skiing skills, and progressing onto downhill skiing!

While there is no doubt that students are gaining knowledge of technical skills through their adventures at Royal Gorge and Palisades, they have also been developing the GVCS Habits of Work and Learning: Perseverance, Responsibility and Crew.

These character traits developed in the field while on adventures, are then applied back in the classroom to support rigorous academics.

Much gratitude to all the Parent Chaperones who supported this Adventure!

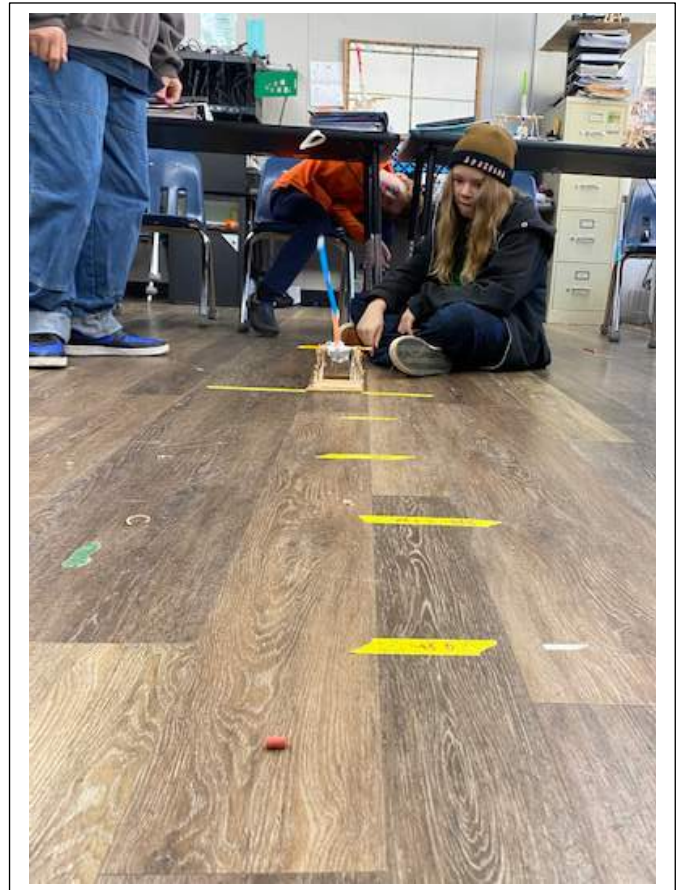


Winter Adventure Continued!



Seventh Grade Gets Medieval

Seventh grades are exploring the middle ages by getting hands on! Designing and testing trebuchets to storm the castles that student built! Students have also been working with expert blacksmiths to craft tools such as... spoons! While there is rich learning going on, it is safe to say that students are thankful to be living in modern times!



Student Led Conferences Are This Week!

Wahoooo! This is one of my favorite weeks all year! It is time for Student Led Conferences! For those that would benefit from a little primer – this is a time to hear from your student directly about their learning, to hear what they are proud of, where they still need to grow – in academic and character domains. While teachers are part of this process, your student is in the spotlight, as are you, as an active participant! So prepare your questions for your little ones! Things like... What are you most proud of accomplishing? How can I help you with your goals for the rest of the school year? What character trait is most helpful to you in your learning? What is the most memorable experience of the year so far, and why?

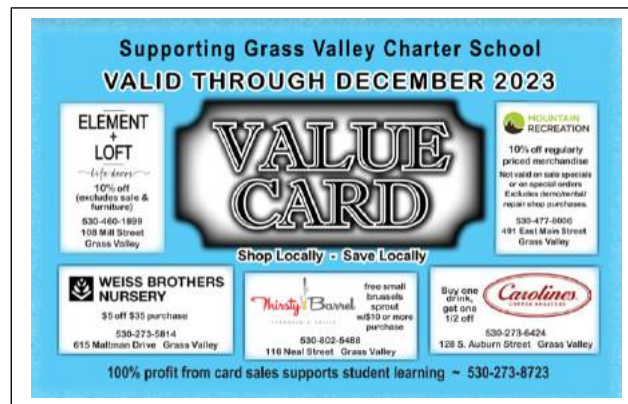
Lastly, by now every family should have the date and time of their SLC scheduled with their teacher. If you do not, please reach out to your teacher immediately. Have a great week! And remember, it is half days all week to accommodate SLCs.

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 the businesses 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!



Help Send 8th Graders to DC!

Did you know that GVCS 8th graders have an opportunity to take a trip to New York and Washington, D.C. when they graduate? This year our 8th graders are going to be selling Valentines to raise some money for their trip. During Student Led Conferences, students will be set up in the hallway in the front of the school, so families can stop by and purchase a valentine to be given to their student on Valentine's day. We will have 3 options to purchase along with a card with your hand written note. What a great way to send some love to your kids (or teachers) and support our 8th graders at the same time! Thank you for your support!

Like Volunteering In The Classroom? Why Not Get Paid?

GVCS is currently seeking an aide for 7th grade! Interested? Check out the posting on 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@gvcsd.us).

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 and search for #22-28 Charter Garden Coordinator.

Sports!

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

Contact Coach Ben Murphy with questions: b-bmurphy@att.net

Girls Volleyball: Open to 6th – 8th 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. Tryouts will take place mid-February, keep an eye on the HOWL for exact date and time.

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

Spring Mountain Bike Season: Open to 4th – 8th 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

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

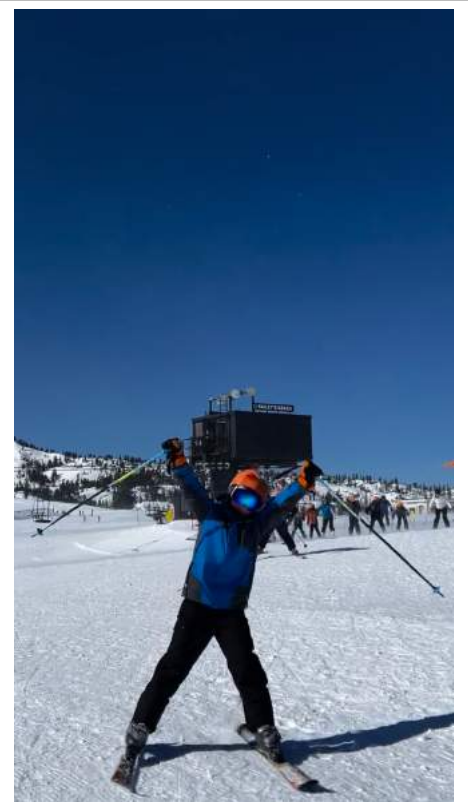
An Expanded View of Student Achievement

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.



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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