



# The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School*



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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



## Mist Netting!

Fourth graders rallied this week, getting up at the crack of dawn to greet the rising sun, and the birds of Bennett Street Meadow! Taking a brisk morning walk to the meadow, about 1 mile from school, students were greeted by a professional ornithologist, and a cadre of volunteer birders.

Students were plunged into the world of birding when their expert for the day

shared that she had two birds in her jacket!

Students learned about the methods and tools employed by scientists who study birds.



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(Mist Netting, Continued)

Students were able to participate in small groups, where they monitored “mist nets” which allow scientists to safely capture birds, study their age, gender, health, and better understand migration and population.

Shout outs to Ms. Sue and Ms. Lindsey’s crews for their engagement in this amazing experience, and to the parent volunteers and experts who made this outing possible!



## Got a Minute for Charter Kids?

Hello Charter! I have a favor to ask of you, that will literally take a minute. Schools can get increased funding if parents share information related to income. This information is private, and this year more than ever, it could bring significant funding to the school, which will go directly to support our students. It is vital that we gather this information from each and every family to access funding.

We are running out of time, please login at [www.familyincomesurvey.com](http://www.familyincomesurvey.com) to support Charter kids!



## Got Art?

Continuing our showcasing of Middle School Electives this year, another option that students have is Art, with Ms. Neal!

Students are exploring a wide field of artistic mediums, ranging from crafting their own beads and making jewelry, to still life illustrations with pencil, and self-portraits throughout the ages!

Their beautiful artwork is adorning the hallways!



## Sports

Girls Basketball, open to 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders, is kicking off this week! Tryouts are this Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 – 7:30pm at Scotten School Gym. Please direct questions to Coach Ben, Coach Tanya and Mr. E. ([benmurphyconstruction@gmail.com](mailto:benmurphyconstruction@gmail.com), [redwood\\_coast@sbcglobal.net](mailto:redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net), [aezzell@gvsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvsd.us)).

The Mountain Bike Club is pedaling up a storm this Fall Season! If you missed out, but are hoping to ride still, fear not! Spring Season will start in March, after daylight savings.

For more information please contact Coach Tanya at [redwood\\_coast@sbcglobal.net](mailto:redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net) or Mr. E at [aezzell@gvsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvsd.us)

### Sports for the Year!

Girls Basketball (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade): 10/11 – 12/16

Boys Basketball (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade): 1/3 – 2/25

Girls Volleyball (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade): 2/28 – 4/29

Track (4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>): 3/28 – 5/27

- In alignment with NCAL requirements, athletes competing indoors from 8/23 – 10/15 will need to wear masks at all times.
- Covid precautions will be updated and announced for each sport based on current guidance.
- Coaches will need to provide proof of vaccination, or weekly negative covid tests in alignment with recent laws regarding school employees.

## Be In The Know

10/18 – 10/22 – 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