



The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*



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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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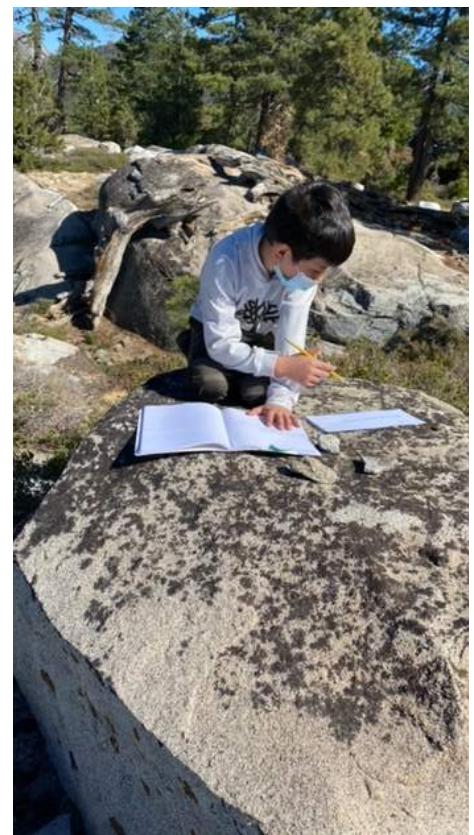
Yuba Gap!

Immersing themselves in their study of geology, Second grade headed to Yuba Gap in order to get hands on with their learning!

During their time in the field, students met with a geologist to learn more from this expert, and to discover what a geologist does.

Students then took the newly acquired skills to generate scientific theories backed by evidence.

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Students discovered erratics and xenoliths, while searching for evidence of glaciers in the form of polish, striations, grooves and chatter!

Plentiful examples of the forces of weathering were also visible as got out their rock hammers, and magnifying glasses. All of this took place atop the Sierra Nevada Batholith (did you know that at 400 miles long, the Sierra Nevada is the longest mountain range in the US?), near Donner Summit! Student learned to read the landscape to understand the geologic history of this place, all while learning to be stewards of our mountains.

Thank you to Ms. Maddie, Ms. Emily, Ms. Lori, Ms. Karen & all the parents who made this trip happen!



Time to Be Green?

Are you passionate about the environment? Well, there is a new student club focused on the very subject. GVCS is starting a Green Team, and looking for some members to join. The Green Team is a student run school club for kids in grades 4th to 8th. The Green Team will be mainly debating one topic, the effectiveness of the recycling system at our school, and finding ways to improve it. Meetings will be held after school, from 3:00 to 4:00 in the MPR, on Thursdays. Our first meeting will be on October 28th. If you are unable to attend on that date, you can join any Thursday.

- Dylan Duchene (6th Grade, Green Team Representative)

Errr, Do Kids Come With An Instruction Manual?

We are excited to be welcoming back the return of **parenting classes!** Sponsored by Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, along the Partners Family Resource Center, is the Nurturing Parenting Workshop! Nurturing parenting's easy to understand, practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations. Please join us for a 3 week virtual workshop, Intro to Nurturing Parenting and Dealing with Stress.

Who: Parents of children age 18 months – 5 years old residing in Nevada County.

When: 10/28, 11/4 and 11/18 from 10:00 – 11:30 am

One on One coaching the week of November 8th

To register, please call or email the FRC at:

Laurie DeMartini – (530) 432 – 1118 x 2249 or ldemartini@nevco.org

Viki Doris – (530) 273 – 4059 or vdoris@nevco.org

Sports

Girls Basketball (6th – 8th Grade): 10/11 – 12/16 - **First Game kicks off the week of November 1st!**

- Coach Ben (benmurphyconstruction@gmail.com)
- Coach Tanya (redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net)

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

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

Track (4th – 8th): 3/28 – 5/27

Mountain Bike Club: Fall Season Ends: November 2nd, Spring Season: Late March - June

- Coach Tanya (redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net)

- In alignment with NCAL requirements, athletes competing indoors from 10/11 – 12/16 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.

Contact GVCS Assistant Principal, Mr. E with Sports questions at aezzell@gvsd.us

Be In The Know

- **10 / 29 – School Halloween Parade**, school appropriate costumes (no weapons, no full-face masks, no age – inappropriate attire). This year the Halloween parade, which takes place outdoors and will be subject to additional distancing, is student only. I promise to take lots of photos to share with all of our parents!
- **11/1/21 – No School, this is a staff development day**
- **It's Red Ribbon Week this week! See the attachment for more info and Spirit Day Dress-Up Themes!**

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