



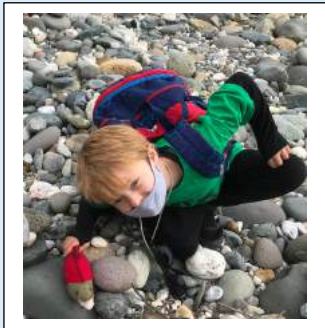
The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*



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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



Middle School Intensives!

At GVCS, twice a year, we engage students in week long Intensives as a means of bringing to life our expanded definition of student achievement, which includes Mastery of Knowledge and Skills, strong Character, and High Quality Work. Supporting student voice and choice, students take a deep dive into exploring something that they are passionate about during this time.

This common thread manifests through the Intensive offerings as students develop character traits such as Perseverance & Crew while adventuring, Craftsmanship & Responsibility while creating high quality works of art, or Integrity and Compassion while pursuing academic rigor.
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Returning from Intensives, students and teachers work to bring this ethic of kindness, collaboration & high expectations back into the classroom where it pays dividends.

Over the next several editions of the HOWL, we will highlight some of the Intensives that student engaged in over the week.

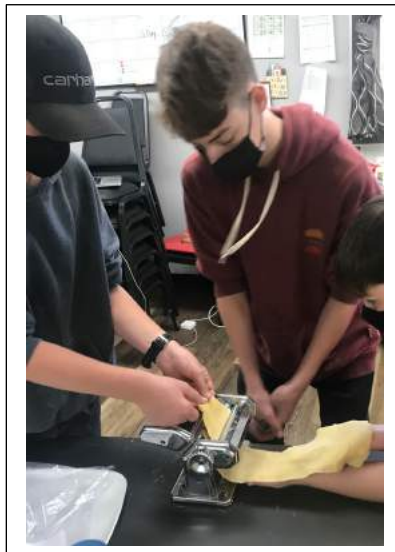
In Artlandish Productions with Ms. Sonya, students explored the diversity of art from around the world. They cut, sculpted, carved, tore, painted, drew, splashed, and smeared creations reflecting elements of cultural style. Throughout the week, they refined their skills in the principles and elements of art culminating in an open gallery that showcased their finished products!

This was informed by their own trip to a local gallery, where they made observations and met with local artists.

The student works of art reflected their focus on Australian Dot Art, Japanese Sumi e painting, Mexican Paper Mache and African Bean Art.



In Ms. Tracey's Cool Cuisine, students became chefs as chopped, mixed, sautéed and cooked their way to full bellies and big smiles! This talented and enthusiastic group of students took various recipes and worked together to convert and enlarge recipes, create them and then feed many other people on campus all week. Students explored nutrition, zooming with a nutritional therapist, built their understanding sourcing food, investigated the school garden, priced out personal recipes at Safeway (comparing conventional to organic), watched several films about food production and "fast food", and ended the week with a wonderful celebration breakfast put on by Tofanellis! With a little luck, student got to show off their new found knowledge this past weekend at home!



Kindergarteners Go Adventuring!

Kindergartners went on their first Adventure of the year, highlighting the character traits of Stewardship, Respect, and Crew as they raise and release Chinook salmon from egg to fry.

Our amazing Adventure Teacher, Beth, created a special day where kindergarteners got to experience what it is like for the salmon to return to their natal waters from the ocean to complete their life cycle. Just like the salmon have to swim against the current, evading predators, navigating rapids, and maybe even jumping up fish ladders, the kindergarteners walked ALL DAY - uphill - carrying their own gear the whole time, carefully navigating the rocky terrain, staying with the "school" of kids, helping each other get up steep hills, and they even climbed a mountain at the end! All along the way, they observed the salmon's habitat and survival needs. Many students even got a glimpse of jumping or fighting fish!

We are so lucky to be able to see and experience science in such a memorable way. Thank you, chaperones, and a HUGE thank you to Miss Adventure, Beth!



Sports

A quick reminder of expectations and requirements related to covid for all individuals attending indoor sports events.

Please wear a mask at all times. We ask that you show up as Crew and support this request.

Be kind, courteous, crew and keep the attention on the kiddos who are out there working hard!

Sports for the Year!

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

Games: 11/30 vs YRC @ Mount Saint Marys – 5pm, 12/1 vs Magnolia @ Magnolia @ 5pm, 12/6 vs YRC @ Chicago Park – 5pm, 12/7 vs LG @ LG – 4pm, 12/9 vs Ready Springs @ RS – 4pm. Final Tournament @ NU, 12/14 -12/16.

Boys Basketball (6th – 8th Grade): 1/3 – 2/25
Track (4th – 8th): 3/28 – 5/27

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

Be In The Know

12/20 - 12/31 - Winter Break
1/3/22 - School Resumes

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