



# The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School*



12/6/21

“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

## The Donation Day Parade!

The Ladies Relief Society, the oldest charitable organization in California, is excited and grateful for your support in keeping the tradition of the Donation Day Parade going strong!

GVCS hosts schools from around the county as the start, and end of the parade, which will take place on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Staff and students parade through downtown Grass Valley, honoring a tradition of caring for our community, and those in need.

Students are encouraged to bring a donation of non-perishable food to school, in advance of December 17<sup>th</sup>. Each class has their own Donation Day Parade boxes, ready to receive non-perishable foods.

In its 138<sup>th</sup> year, the parade will benefit local families in need during the holiday season, and food will be distributed through the Interfaith Food Ministry.

A big shout out of gratitude and appreciation in advance for your support, and for living the GVCS Design Principles of Service & Compassion.

Happy Holidays!



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## More Intensives!

From our previous edition of the HOWL, we continue to celebrate Intensives! Intensives bringing to life our expanded definition of student achievement, which includes Mastery of Knowledge and Skills, strong Character, and High Quality Work.

Ms. Katie taught Play Ball, where students spent the week competing in handball, volleyball, dodgeball, football, wiffleball, bowling, mini golf and more.

They were on the go all day long and racked up over 40 miles of activity over the 5 days! Students developed teamwork/Crew, Perseverance, and good sportsmanship throughout the week and the Intensive culminated in the middle schoolers leading games for eight younger grade crews!

It was wonderful to see the older kids working with the younger kids and everyone had a great time even in the misty/rainy weather!



In Mr. E's Becoming a Rock Star Intensive, students learned to safely belay each other, developed their climbing technique, and learned how to design climbing routes to inspire technique and movement. Students met with professional route setters and competitive climbers to develop skills before returning back to school, where they designed and built routes on our wall for other students to enjoy! Students also learned about the physiology and anatomy involved in rock climbing by creating armatures demonstrating climbing techniques. These students also had the opportunity to support a day of climbing for younger students in our homeschool program on our climbing wall. They truly were rock stars!



## Girls Basketball!

The Girls Basketball Season is well underway and the Coyotes are putting forth a strong team this year! If you are interested in coming out to support them, here is a schedule for the rest of the season. Today, Monday 12/6, GVCS vs YRC at Chicago Park at 5pm. Tuesday, 12/7 GVCS vs LG @ LG at 4pm, Thursday, 12/9 GVCS vs Ready Springs at Ready Springs at 4pm. Their Final Tournament will be hosted at @ NU next week, 12/14 -12/16, exact schedule is forthcoming.

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 kids who are working hard!

## 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

Boys Basketball will be hosting an open gym one night during the week of 12/13 – 12/17 in advance of their season.

The exact date will be announced once the schedule for the Girls Basketball Tournament is established mid-way through this week.

More information on the season will be handed out to students the end of this week.

For any questions, please contact Mr. E at [aezzell@gvsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvsd.us)

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

## Be In The Know

12/17 – Donation Day Parade

12/20 - 12/31 - Winter Break

1/3/22 - School Resumes

1/24 – 1/28 – This is Student Led Conference Week, this means half days all week. Sign-ups for your student's SLC will be forthcoming from their teacher.



## 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