



The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*



2/6/23

“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

100th Day Of School!



This past week we crossed the milestone of the 100th day of school! In addition to being a significant marker of being well past the midway point in the school year, it is also a day of magic and tradition!

One where our PK, TK, Kindergarten and First Graders are transformed into much older, and wiser students!

As the saying goes, “ I am 100 days smarter today!”

Students and teachers dressed up as their older and wiser selves and paraded (some with walkers, others with canes) all around the school while being cheered on by the students from 4-8th grade.

It is a sweet tradition that celebrates a growth mindset, while building community from pre-K, all the way through 8th grade.

Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who made this fun day a celebration of learning!



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Boys Basketball!

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!





Student Led Conferences, Value Cards and Crew 24!

It was wonderful to see so many of you during SLCs this past week! The halls were full of proud parents and empowered students leading their own learning! I trust that each of you heard directly from your student about their successes, and challenges as learners, and that they were able to share some of their favorite moments from the year so far! So often that involves things like fieldwork, adventure, and experts that help to bring learning into real world application! Those experiences are financially supported through the sale of Value Cards (yeah, I did that...), so thank you in advance for your support of GVCS and your support of the businesses featured on the Value Card!

Last but not certainly not least, a huge shout out of appreciation to the teachers who rocked SLCs all week!

Yes, they are half days for students, but teachers were here all week, with many bookending into the week before, and the week after, and deep into the evenings to make that connection with parents that we know is so valuable. Gratitude goes out to Crew 24 (our PTC), for supplying teachers with a meal, and yummy treats all week! Y'all rock!



Help Send 8th Graders to DC!

Last call for Valentine sales this week! Our 8th graders will be selling Valentines Monday-Friday mornings, from about 8:15-8:30am, up front by the office. They will also be selling after school on Tuesday Feb. 7th from 3-4pm.

Proceeds help to offset the cost of going to Washington DC this Summer for these students!

Thank you so much for your support and the 8th graders are excited to deliver Valentines!



Got Spirit?

The last Friday of the month we have our Spirit Days! For those that want to stock up on glitter and hairspray in advance... (nope, we are not that mean...) here is the plan!

February 24th – Twin Day!

March 31st – Crazy Hair Day

April 28th – Unicorn Day (Yep, you read that correctly!)

May 26th – Crazy Sock Day

June 9th – Anything but a Backpack Day

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

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

2/13 – President's Day – No School

2/20 – President's Day – No School

2/24 – Spirit Day – Twin Day!

3/3 – Middle School Winter Formal Dance

4/3 – 4/7 – Spring Break – No School

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