



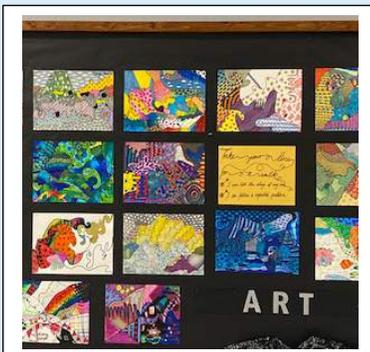
# The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School*



3/14/22

“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



## Winter Adventure!

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The GVCS Adventure Program is in full swing thanks to Ms. Beth!

Ms. Hoskins and Ms. Cynthia's 5<sup>th</sup> graders have gone Cross Country skiing twice so far this year as part of their Winter Adventure.

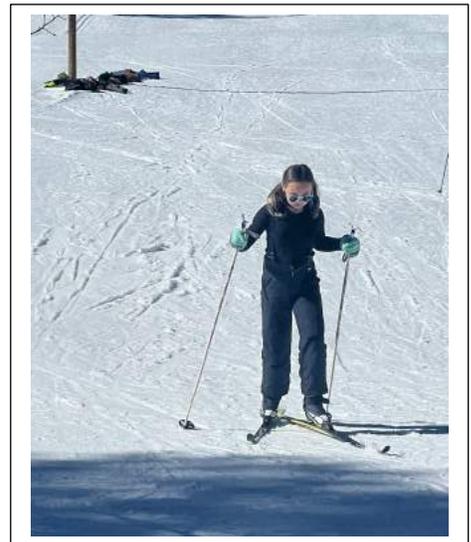
For many students this is a new experience.

Royal Gorge hosted us and provided excellent instruction from former GVCS teacher, Alan Rosenbloom!

Students enjoyed a gorgeous day practicing new skills and enjoying a day in an outside classroom.

The GVCS Adventure program is steeped in our character traits. Students used perseverance, as they pushed themselves hard to learn.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Winter Adventure is scaffolded to support their growth – next up, skiing or snowboarding at Palisades!



## From Principal Duchene

Grass Valley Charter Families,

I hope you all are having a nice weekend. I wanted to share some important updates with you and invite some feedback on our Local Control Accountability Plan.

### We are adding a new grade...TK!

We are adding Transitional Kindergarten to our Core program next school year. Transitional Kindergarten is a grade level below Kindergarten: is free, full day, and is similar to a pre K program. Children who will be 5 years of age on or before 9/1/22 are eligible for Kindergarten. Children who will be 5 years of age between 9/2/22 and 2/2/23 are eligible for Transitional Kindergarten (TK). Please note that students born before 4/2/23 may also be admitted to TK if classroom space permits. Want to learn more? Come to our TK and Kindergarten Roundup on the 25th.

### TK and Kindergarten Roundup - Friday, March 25th at 1:30pm

We are hosting an information session on our unique TK and Kindergarten programs. Please help us spread the word to your friends, neighbors and family! We are also now accepting applications for the next school year (all grade levels).

### Re-enrollment Forms

Re-enrollment as well as priority sibling enrollment for the 22/23 school year is now open! Yellow cards went home last week for grades K-7th, please make any information changes needed and **return those to your student's teacher by Friday, March 18th to ensure enrollment for next year.** Your student's yellow card will hold their seat for next year.

*\*Please note, our new student data system does not print multiple copies for separate households, please reach out to [mcloud@gvsd.us](mailto:mcloud@gvsd.us) and [vbringolf@gvsd.us](mailto:vbringolf@gvsd.us) if you need a 2nd copy. \**

### Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Survey - March 12th to 22nd

We would like all parents, 3-8th grade students, and staff to complete this by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please note, a separate LCAP survey was shared for other district schools by Superintendent Withers. Please note, the LCAP Survey link is in the body of this email.

### COVID-19 Updates

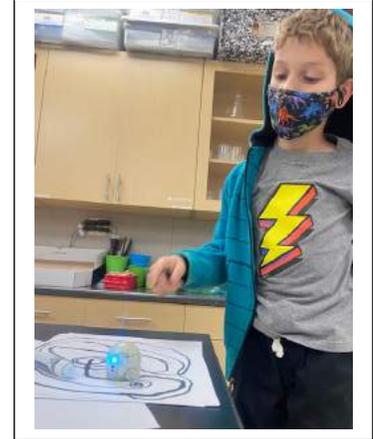
Reminder: Starting tomorrow, Monday, March 14th, masks will be recommended but not required for schools in California. This change has been confirmed by the Governor and local health office leadership and it addresses the regulations from the California Department of Public Health, Cal/OSHA, and Nevada County Public Health. There will be no distinction between vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals in regards to masking. We will continue to follow the current testing, quarantine and close contact regulations until we receive additional updates.

Students and Staff will continue to be provided a mask if they would like one however wearing it will be a personal choice and will not be required.

We will continue to sanitize and clean all facilities and spaces to reduce transmission.

## Staffing Updates

We are always sad to bid farewell to beloved staff, however we are excited for the new adventures that are on the horizon for Ms. Amanda (PE Enrichment) and Mr. Larry (STEM Enrichment). Both Ms. Amanda and Mr. Larry have been long time staff members at GVCS, and are loved by their students. They will undoubtedly be missed, but we are excited as both have landed their dream jobs!



## We are Hiring!

With the departure of Ms. Amanda and Mr. Larry, we are looking to fill some big shoes for the remainder of the school year! If you are passionate about having fun with kids, getting them moving, love sports, or have a penchant for tinkering with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), in a kid friendly way – think brio rails, legos, simple and not so simple robots, catapults and coding with colored markers, well this might be the gig for you!

If you are interested in learning more, please to contact Mr. E at [aezell@gvsd.us](mailto:aezell@gvsd.us)



## Middle School Winter Formal – This Friday, 3/18!

We are excited to be kicking off our Middle School Winter Formal this Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>! The dance is being hosted at the Gold Miners Inn, and will run from 6-8pm. The theme is Enchanted Forest and the cost is \$10. This is a formal, so dress to impress! Permission slips are going home today, and more are available in the front office. School appropriate behavior is expected.

## Spirit Day 3/25

Our next Spirit Day is quickly approaching! Next **Friday, 3/25 will be Career Day!** Student are encouraged to dress up as the career that they aspire to have one day!

A shout out to Lulu, a member of the GVCS Student Council for showing us how it is done!

Looking forward to seeing the Artists, Astronauts, Scientists and...?

Now I need to find an Indiana Jones outfit...



## Got Sports? Mountain Bike Club

The Mountain Bike Club is about to get pedaling! The MTB Club is open to 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders without a parent, and students 4<sup>th</sup> grade and below with a parent.

Wednesday, **March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3pm – 5pm** is the mandatory parent meeting and will take place at the picnic tables by the play structure. This is the time to meet coaches, fill out paperwork, and have your student's bikes checked out. **First ride of the season will be on 3/30/22.** New this season, rides on Wednesdays will leave from GVCS and head into Empire Mine, in addition, offsite Friday rides will be an option at locations like the Western Gateway Pump Track, and the Hwy 20 trail system. There will be several opportunities to participate in mountain bike races this season!

More details in the forthcoming MTB sports packets.

Questions: Coach Tanya at [redwood\\_coast@sbcglobal.net](mailto:redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net) and Mr. E at [aezzell@gvgsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvgsd.us)

## Track

I am excited to announce that Coach Jon Shilling will be leading the Coyotes for the Track season this year! Coach Jon is the parent of a GVCS alumni and former Track Coach. Track is open to 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. In addition, we are excited to have several parents supporting as Assistant Coaches. The season runs from 3/28 – 5/27. Parent meeting is planned for next week, details forthcoming.

### Track Meets for the Year:

April 20<sup>th</sup> – Union Hill Invitational

April 28<sup>th</sup> – Gold Country Middle School Championships

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Colfax Meet

Questions: Contact Mr. E at [aezzell@gvgsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvgsd.us)

### Girls Volleyball - Games this week:

Wednesday at Chicago Park: 8<sup>th</sup> grade @ 4pm, 7<sup>th</sup> grade @ 5pm

Thursday at Ready Springs: 8<sup>th</sup> grade @4pm, 7<sup>th</sup> grade @ 5pm

Coach Gabe at [hunter\\_1027@yahoo.com](mailto:hunter_1027@yahoo.com), Coach Tanya at [redwood\\_coast@sbcglobal.net](mailto:redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net)

If you have any questions about sports, please reach out to Mr. E, at [aezzell@gvgsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvgsd.us)

## Be In The Know

3/21: No School EC Day (formerly known as Snow Days)

4/7: Lifetouch Picture Retakes

4/11 – 4/15: Spring Break

4/18: School IS in session as we used an EC Day in December.

If your student becomes symptomatic for CV19 they should not attend school, but please reach out to the office. **If your child tests positive, please keep them home, and call the front office, or email the following information. Name of student, Date of symptoms, Date of positive test and vaccination status of any siblings attending GVCS. Emails should be sent to: the following:**

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# 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