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*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*



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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

Spenceville Wildlife Area



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Our second graders took to Spenceville Wildlife Area this past week to explore this gem in our own backyard!

In the words of Ms. Lori, “A big thank you to all the parents who made this day happen. It was a joyful day, being together, observing nature, learning about the geological history of the area, and wildlife.

We observed and recognized landforms, and listened to some great stories. Thank you to Derek Hitchcock for coming in to class as an expert and teaching us about a group of citizens, including his father, who lead the way by advocating to save and preserve the area 25 years ago.

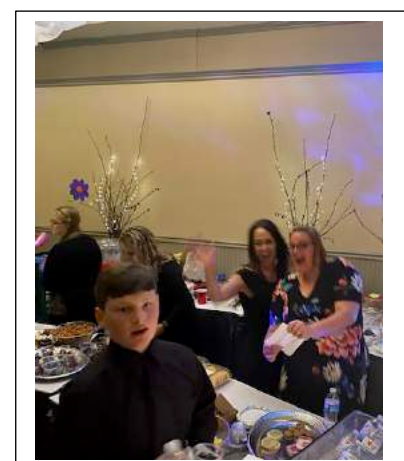
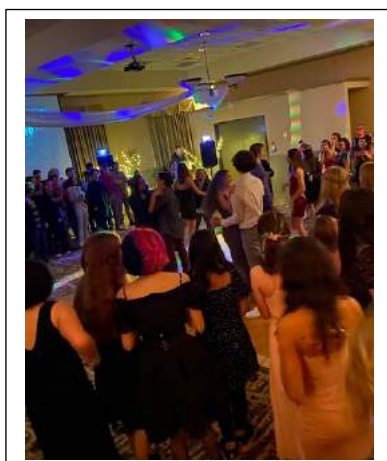
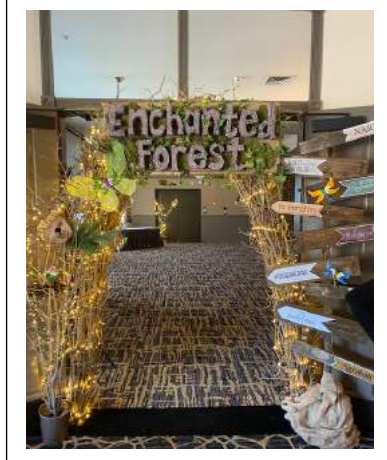
This is a great example of how we can become stewards of our environment.



Just Dance!

This past Friday, GVCS Middle Schoolers got to boogie down at the Winter Formal Dance! A resounding success with many smiling students, and adults!

A huge shout out to all those that made the dance happen: Olivia P, Cameron H, Cissy M, Student Council, 8th grade dance committee and all the staff and parent chaperones!



Pre K, Transitional K and Kindergarten...?!

We are adding Transitional Kindergarten to our Core program next school year! TK is the grade level between Kindergarten and PK. It is all a bit confusing so here is a way to think about it:

PreK is for kids 3 years of age, and potty trained. Our PK is a fee-based program. **PK roundup is April 1st at 1pm.**

TK is for children who will be 5 years of age between 9/2/22 and 2/2/23. Note that students who turn 5 between 2/3/23 and 4/2/23 may also be admitted if space permits. TK is free, and all day.

Kindergarten is for children who will be 5 years of age on or before 9/1/22.

TK and Kindergarten Roundup this Friday, the 25th at 1:30pm to learn more!

Got Friends?

Due to all the weirdness around the past two years, we have several openings throughout the school. This is very unusual for us. I am sure some of you are reflecting on being in the lottery draw for years!

We always want to grow our Crew, so if you know folks who believe in interdisciplinary project-based learning, with an emphasis on character and doing good in our world – send them our way!

Enrollment for the current year closes this Friday, March 25th if you have friends who are looking to enroll this school year!

Deadline for new student registration packets for next school year is May 5th. The lottery draw for new students joining us in 22/23 will be May 6th.

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 and getting them moving in PE, or have a penchant for tinkering with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), in a kid friendly way one of these jobs might be for you!

If you are interested in learning more, please to contact Mr. E at aezzell@gvgsd.us

Spirit Day 3/25

Our next **Spirit Day** is this **Friday, 3/25 and is 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 5th – 8th graders without a parent, and students 4th grade and below with a parent.

Wednesday, March 23rd from 3pm – 4pm 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!

MTB sports packets will be available at the mandatory parent meeting this Wednesday.

Questions: Coach Tanya at redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net and Mr. E at aezzell@gvcsd.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 4th – 8th graders. In addition, we are excited to have several parents supporting as Assistant Coaches. The season runs from 3/28 – 5/27. Practices will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 – 4:30pm at GVCS. Coach Jon is looking into accessing the NU track for practice one day a week. Details TBD. **Parent meeting is Thursday, March 24th at 4pm – meet at the tables by the playground.**

Track Meets for the Year:

April 20th – Union Hill Invitational

April 28th – Gold Country Middle School Championships

May 11th – Colfax Meet

Questions: Contact Mr. E at aezzell@gvcsd.us

Girls Volleyball - Games this week:

Wednesday at Chicago Park: 8th grade @ 4pm, 7th grade @ 5pm

Thursday at Ready Springs: 8th grade @ 4pm, 7th grade @ 5pm

Coach Gabe at hunter_1027@yahoo.com, Coach Tanya at redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net

If you have any questions about sports, please reach out to Mr. E, at aezzell@gvcsd.us

Be In The Know

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.

Are you looking for an easy way to edge back onto campus? We are looking for some parent volunteers to support our Friday Popsicle Sales! It is fun, it is easy, and it makes kids smile!

If you have an hour or so between 10:00-11:15, please contact me at aezzell@gvcsd.us

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