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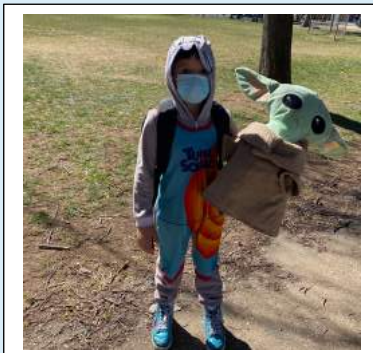
Grace Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School



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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

Black History Month



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Ms. Elissa’s Seventh Graders celebrated Black History month, in part, by conducting mini research projects. The focus ranged from abolitionists to leaders of the civil rights movement to politicians, musicians & athletes of the 20th and 21st century. Students spent time coming up with questions, honing their research skills and planning out banners that now hang in our middle school hallway.

We also started each day of February listening to black musicians from the last 150 years--from Ella Fitzgerald to Beyonce. Our read aloud this month was *Pride-- a retelling of Pride and Prejudice* that features Zuri, an Afro-Latino girl in a NYC neighborhood that is being gentrified. The book deals with issues of economics, race, education and gender and has been a real "window" book for most of our crew.
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We recognize that Black History month should be used as a time to talk about the history of segregation, exclusion and systemic racism in this country but also a time to celebrate the many contributions of Black folks on American art and culture.

Middle School Winter Formal!

We are excited to be kicking off our Middle School Winter Formal on Friday, March 18th! 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 required and will be available the week of March 14th in homerooms, and the front office. School appropriate behavior is expected.



Nevada County Writing Competition!

A shout out to GVCS 8th grader, Eleni K for her participation in the NCSOS Writing Competition this past month!

Not only did she participate, but she took Second Place!

Well done Eleni!



Sixth Grade Science Camp

We are so excited that 6th grade Science Camp is a go! This is an annual week-long trip that has become a benchmark of the middle school experience. Traditionally the 6th grade hosts a community gathering and all of us carb load on pasta, as we are not quite able to do this yet, we are looking for a little extra support. Sixth grade has pivoted from carbs, to ... chocolate! If you would like to support our 6th grade crew, please consider purchasing some See's candy. All donations help to offset the considerable expense of Science Camp, and remember, all of our kiddos will be in 6th grade eventually! Purchase chocolate here: <https://tinyurl.com/mpspbzsy>

Spirit Days!

Pajama Day was a success with a school full of children who looked like they rolled out of bed! A shout out to Ms. Mikayla's Class for bringing their A game & winning the Spirit Day Trophy!!! We will be having Spirit Days the last Friday of the month for the remainder of the year.

3/25 - Future Career Day
 4/29 - Mismatch Day
 5/27 - Wacky Sock Day
 6/10 - TBD...



Track Coach Wanted

We are looking for a Track Coach! The season runs from 3/28 – 5/27. If you are interested in supporting young student athletes, please reach out to Mr. E at aezzell@gvsd.us

Sports for the (rest of) Year

Girls Volleyball is underway! Got questions? Contact Coach Gabe at hunter_1027@yahoo.com, Coach Tanya at redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net or Mr. E at aezzell@gvsd.us

Track (4th – 8th): 3/28 – 5/27 (Coach Needed, Contact Mr. E at aezzell@gvsd.us)

MTB Club will be cranking back into gear post daylight savings... More Info Coming Soon! If you have any questions about sports, please reach out to Mr. E, at aezzell@gvsd.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.

With the return of Fieldwork, a reminder that if you have an early departure, and siblings who are not going on Fieldwork, please arrange for them to be dropped off at 8:15am, or bring them to Before Care, contact Laurie for more information lbeauvais@gvsd.us

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:**

rettl@gvsd.us, lduchene@gvsd.us, aezzell@gvsd.us, mcloud@gvsd.us, vbringolf@gvsd.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