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*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*



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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

Tobacco Use Prevention Education



Nearly half of the 7th grade class has been spending a portion of their lunches this year planning for a whole day of educating their peers about the dangers and consequences of smoking and vaping.

This past Friday, these students were finally able to reap the rewards of their preparations! Middle school rotated through stations learning primarily from their peers.

Stations included: examining the functionality of lungs impacted by smoking versus healthy lungs, simulated by restricting their breathing through straws, discovering the true chemical content of vapes, taking a no smoking pledge, and more.

Appreciation goes out to GVCS parent, Sarah R for volunteering her time to educate students about the roll of EMS in our community.

Well done 7th grade, and of course, their fearless leader, Ms. Cormia!



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Growing our Crew

We are excited to grow our Crew, 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!

- 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 had a wonderful TK and K Roundup this past Friday, thanks to all for spreading the word. It was great to see so many familiar, and new faces!
- **PreK** is for kids 3 years of age, and potty trained. Our PK is a fee-based program.
- **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.

Helping Ukraine

One of our GVCS Third Graders, along with several other wonderful 8 year-olds in our broader community have been baking up a storm in service of sending aid to war torn Ukraine.

A shout out to Josie, and her friends for their display of empathy and taking action to help those in dire need.

If you are interested in supporting this effort, these young humanitarians (who raised several thousand dollars!) are taking a break from baking, but you can still donate to the United Nations Refugee Agency.

Well done Josie, thank you for inspiring all of us!

Donations to UNHCR to support Ukraine can be made at <https://www.unhcr.org/en-us/>



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 -in a kid friendly way one of these jobs might be for you! Interested? Contact Mr. E at aezzell@gvsvd.us

Psssstttt...Teacher Appreciation!

Wanted! For a top-secret mission... GVCS Parents to help show some appreciation for our amazing teachers! Teacher appreciation week is May 2nd – 6th. This effort is being led by Olivia P and Cameron H, they have lots of ideas, and welcome your ideas too! Connect with them via email at:

Olliep117@gmail.com and cameron969@sbcglobal.net

What feels better than being celebrated? Celebrating others!

Got Pizza? Got Popsicles?

I am excited to share that Student Council is bringing back **Pizza Thursdays** as a lunch option!

Choices include cheese or pepperoni, including gluten free options. Cost is \$3 for one slice, and \$5 for two slices. Student Council will be taking orders Thursday morning from 8:15-8:30 am by the office, pizza will be served at lunch time for each grade level.

Popsicle sales are also happening on **Fridays**, during snack time. Popsicles are \$1.

Got Sports?

Mountain Bike Club

Rides are Wednesdays from campus into Empire Mine and adjoining property, and Friday, off campus. Questions: Coach Tanya at redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net and Mr. E at aezzell@gvgsd.us

Track

Track practices are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 – 4:30pm at GVCS.

Track Meets for the Year:

April 20th – Union Hill Invitational

April 28th – Gold Country Middle School Championships

May 11th – Colfax Meet

Questions: Coach Jon at jonshilling@att.net Contact Mr. E at aezzell@gvgsd.us

Girls Volleyball

Games this week:

Monday: Seven Hills 4pm

Tuesday: Mount Saint Mary's 4pm

Thursday: Chicago Park 4pm, 7th Grade Only.

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@gvgsd.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.

4/29: Mismatched Spirit Day

5/5: Deadline for New Student Registration Packets for 22/23 School Year

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