



The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*



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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

Seventh Grade Builds Crew



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This past week, 7th grade took advantage of the amazing community resources in Nevada County to build a stronger sense of place for students. Students connected with experts at Fox Walkers, and learned how to make rope from native grasses, make fire with friction, build shelters, and about the impact of mining on native lands.

Students also met with Sierra Streams to learn about water quality and invertebrates.

The kids put on rubber boots, tromped through Little Deer Creek, gathered specimen and then worked hard at identifying, grouping and naming all of the interesting critters inside the muck! It was disgusting and so, so cool.

Then, they walked to the SYRCL offices where they learned all about the amazing work that SYRCL does for our community to restore and protect the wildlife and land we rely on.

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It was super inspiring! The kids ended the program by making activist art--they chose a topic they care deeply about and made art that would persuade or convince people of their beliefs.

Overall, kids challenged themselves, worked together and persevered through some tough moments. Thank you to parents for your support! It was a great few days of crew-building!



The Coyote Jamboree – May 13th!

GVCS Families! Come kick up your heels for an evening of music, fun, food, and festivities at the Coyote Jamboree on Friday, May 13th from 4:30-9:00 pm. We have an awesome bluegrass lineup to boogie to, so bring your blankets and chairs for the lawn! In addition, there will be a book sale, bake sale, plus a variety of activities, including a cornhole tournament, rock climbing, a succulent bar, kids' games, and more for a small fee! To boot, there will also be an online auction and a raffle with some amazing prizes! The entry fee is \$5 per person or \$10 for an entire family. Hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be available for \$6 per meal.

Community Meeting

Last Friday we celebrated students for their demonstration of GVCS's Habit of Character: Social Justice, and introduced this month's Habit of Character: Integrity. Shout out to Student Council for their skits, and to Ms. Suzanne's crew for their contribution to our community meetings!



Habits of Work and Learning (HOWLs) are traits that support students to be effective learners and Habits of Character (HOC) are traits that support student development as ethical people. At GVCS we believe that academic rigor, combined with HOWLs and HOCs allow students to contribute to bettering our world.

Teacher Appreciation

Thank you to all the fantastic parents for bringing some cheer and celebration of our amazing teachers last week! Special shout out to Ms. Olivia, Ms. Cameron & Ms. Christine for coordinating!



Pizza Sales Cancelled

Pizza sales is cancelled for the time-being. Please do not depend on purchasing pizza for your student on Thursdays for lunch.

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

Track

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

Track Meets for the Year: May 11th – Colfax Meet

Questions: Coach Jon at jonshilling@att.net

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

Be In The Know

5/3 - 5/20 : Rotating schedule of CAASPP testing, please make sure your kiddo is well rested!

5/13: Coyote Jamboree

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