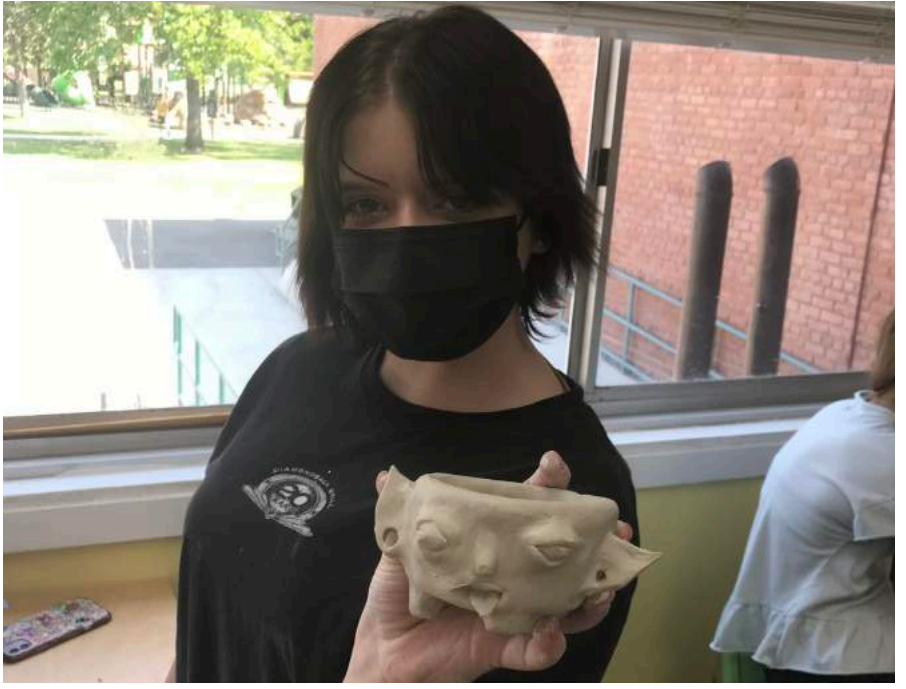




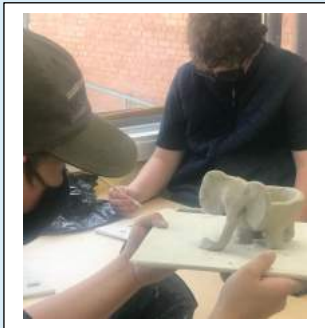
# The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School*



9/27/21

“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



## Ceramics!

Middle School Electives are rocking and rolling! One of the many options available to students is Ceramics, taught by Ms. Tracey Hockinson! To date, students have been learning basic clay skills – making succulent pots, ice cream bowls and... pumpkins!

This week students will discover the magic of glazing and firing in our very own kiln!

Taking advantage of the time with students off campus last year, the space is freshly renovated, full of natural light and inspiring to staff and students alike!



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## Got a Minute for Charter Kids?

Hello Charter! I have a favor to ask of you, that will literally take a minute. Schools can get increased funding if parents share information related to income. This information is private, and this year more than ever, it could bring significant funding to the school, which will go directly to support our students. It is vital that we gather this information from each and every family to access funding.

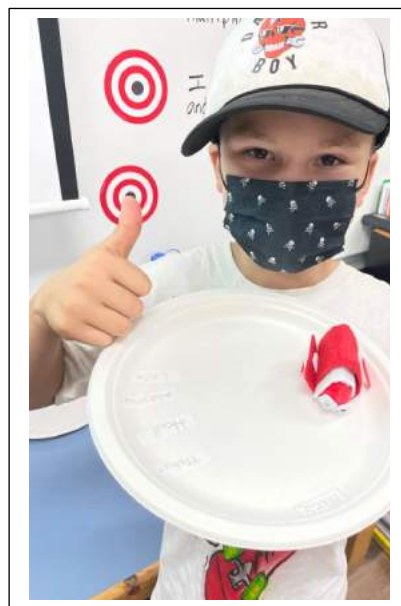
There are two ways to share this information, you can login at [www.familyincomesurvey.com](http://www.familyincomesurvey.com) or turn in a paper copy of the PDF (attached to this week's HOWL email), to the front office at Charter.

## Build-A-Bug, Build-A-Entomologist

Ms. Lindsey's Fourth Graders are immersed in their Expedition, Bills and Gills, Bugs and Slugs! As they build their understanding of the classification of living things, life cycles, food cycles (all the cycles, really!), they are also infusing art, into their Science Expedition, with the creation of their very own bugs!

Students apply their learning and labeled the relevant components of their creations, getting comfortable with scientific names.

This background is sure to come in handy as student learn about healthy riparian ecosystems in the coming weeks and months as they study Chinook salmon, both by rafting the Lower Yuba River, and by raising Salmon from eggs in their classrooms!



## Sports

Mountain Bike Club is starting this week. First “ride” is Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and will primarily focus on bike checks, skills clinics, meeting coaches and making sure paperwork is in order – this is a mandatory meeting. Please meet at the picnic tables by the playground at 3:00pm, a reminder that masks are required on campus.

The Mountain Bike Club is open to 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders without a parent, and to 4<sup>th</sup> graders with a parent present at all rides. Rides will be on Tuesdays from 3:00 – 5:00 / 5:15 pm.

For more information please contact Coach Tanya at [redwood\\_coast@sbcglobal.net](mailto:redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net) or Mr. E at [aezell@gvsd.us](mailto:aezzell@gvsd.us)

Congrats to our XC student athletes! You are Getting stronger and faster every day! Thanks to Coach Amanda for leading the charge not just with XC, but kicking off sports this school year!

### Sports for the Year!

Cross Country (4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade): 8/23 – 10/1  
 Girls Basketball (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade): 10/11 – 12/16  
 Boys Basketball (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade): 1/3 – 2/25  
 Girls Volleyball (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade): 2/28 – 4/29  
 Track (4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>): 3/28 – 5/27



- In alignment with NCAL requirements, athletes competing indoors from 8/23 – 10/15 will need to wear masks at all times.
- Covid precautions will be updated and announced for each sport based on current guidance.
- Coaches will need to provide proof of vaccination, or weekly negative covid tests in alignment with recent laws regarding school employees.

## Be In The Know

9/30 – Picture Day! Yep! That is this Thursday!

10/18 – 10/22 – Fall Break



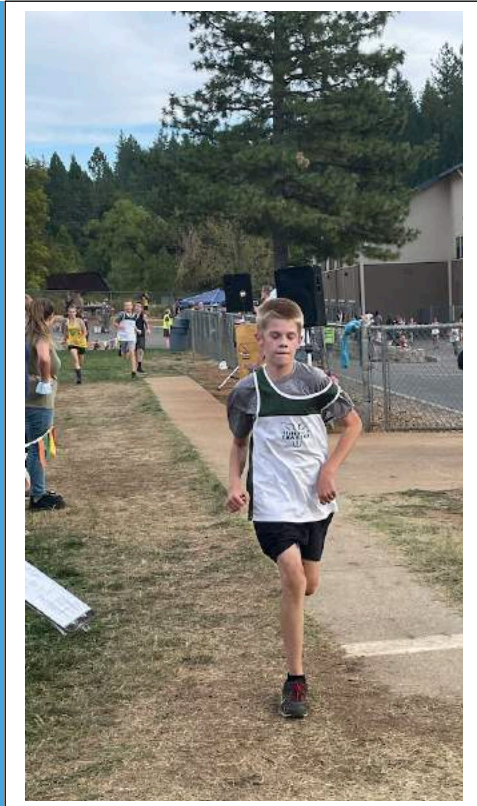
## An Expanded View of Student Achievement

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