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*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*



9/6/22

“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

Electives!



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This past week we kicked off electives for all students! In addition to P.E., Library, and Garden, we are excited to be adding Art to our TK – 8th grade offering!

Rebecca Duff, who has taught art at GVCS in our Home School for the past several years is joining us full time, and working her magic!

Also joining our crew, is Jamie Miller as our new PE Teacher! She is a long time GVCS parent, and so excited to be bringing movement to our kiddos.

In addition, Ms. Ruth continues on as our Librarian, and Ms. Chynoweth continues on as our Garden Teacher.

We are excited to have great people and wonderful electives to round out the experience that your kiddo has at GVCS!



Parent Group = Crew 24

Are you interested in getting involved in GVCS? Would you like to learn how you can support your kids, and their teachers? Do you have wonderful ideas, and the drive to make them happen? At GVCS, we want your involvement, voice, and energy! Crew 24 is our parent group! It is the place to build lifelong friendships, and to bring amazing opportunities to every student at GVCS.

It is our goal, that every class have a Crew 24 parent representative! Interested? The first Crew 24 meeting is **Tuesday, September 6th at 8:30 am in the Staff Room**. Have questions? Contact Cameron H at cameron969@sbcglobal.net Come join the Crew!

We Believe in Learning! Parenting Classes!

We are excited to collaborate with the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, and the Family Resource Center to support a series of parenting classes.

Classes are offered in a variety of formats to make it accessible to all families. From morning or evening series to monthly gatherings, there is an option for you.

Please see the flyer for more Information including topics, registration, etc.

Cost is \$35 for an 8 week series, and scholarships are available.

Overnight Fieldwork & Covid Testing

We have been advised by Public Health to required all students and adults to Covid test 3 days and 1 day before overnight fieldwork.

We are currently providing tests that are being distributed via homeroom teachers.

Tests are also accompanied with an attestation form that needs to be returned to your homeroom teacher.

Thank you for your support in keeping our community healthy.



Nurturing Parenting

Fall 2022 Class Series





8 Week Evening Series:
Tues 5:30-7:30pm
Sept 6-Nov 1 (no class Oct 18)
Grass Valley Charter School Staff Rm 225 S. Auburn St.
Pizza & childcare provided for evening class!

8 Week Morning Series:
Wed 10am-12:00pm
Sept 14-Nov 9 (no class Oct 19)
Nevada County Superintendent's Ofc Training Rm
380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley

Cost per series: \$35 Scholarships available!

Take the stress out of parenting with Nurturing Parenting's evidence-based, interactive approach. For 35 years, this program has helped parents to deepen and strengthen their family relationships in all types of situations. Topics include:

- Communicating with Respect
- Discipline and Consequences
- Building Self-Worth
- Brain Development
- Dealing with Stress
- And much more!

Parents say--
"I am calmer in the chaos."
"I am much more empathetic to my children."
"We are getting along much better, all around."

Scan QR Code to Register Online:



Or email or call
Jinnae: 530-238-5608
janderson@nevco.org

Presenter: Jinnae Anderson, Parenting Specialist





Introduction to Nurturing Parenting (Monthly Gathering)

2nd Monday every month @ 11:30am

This is an opportunity to explore how your life experiences impact your parenting. Discuss your challenges, learn about upcoming workshops, meet staff and connect with other parents. We can also work together to provide one-on-one support to help meet your needs as a parent or guardian.

Registration Info
530-273-4059 | vdoris@nevco.org




Sports!

Boys Volleyball: Open to 6th – 8th graders, the season runs from 8/22 – 10/14.

Congrats to all students for the strong showing at tryouts last week! We can't wait for the games to begin this week! **This Thursday, GVCS will play Magnolia at 4pm. Next week games are:**

Wednesday GVCS vs Seven Hills at Seven Hills at 4pm.

Any questions can be directed to Coach Ben at b-bmurphy@att.net

Cross Country: Open to 4th – 8th graders, the season runs from 8/22 – 10/14

We are seeking a Cross County Coach! We have a parent willing to coach 7th and 8th grade, but are looking for others willing to coach for 4th – 6th. The season starts immediately and runs through 10/14. Cross Country is open to 4th – 8th graders. Practices typically occur from 3:00 – 4:00 on the GVCS Field, and there are typically 2-4 competitions during the season. There is a stipend for coaching, and we welcome co-coaches to take on this responsibility. If you are interested, please reach out to Mr. E at aezzell@gvgsd.us

Mountain Biking: Open to 4th – 8th graders (younger with coach permission)

The Mountain Biking Club had a great first meeting of the year to kick off the season. **The first ride of the season will be 9/13.** Rides this year are planned for Tuesdays and Fridays. Tuesday rides will be from GVCS, into Empire Mine, and Friday rides will meet offsite at local trails.

Students grade 5 and up permitted to ride without a parent. Fourth grade and below requires a parent, and permission from the Coaches.

Paperwork is due back today, 9/6, and can be turned in to the front office. For questions, please contact Mr. E at aezzell@gvgsd.us

Girls Basketball: Open to 6th-8th graders, the season runs from 10/10 – 12/16

Boys Basketball: Open to 6th – 8th graders, the season runs from 1/2 - 2/24

Girls Volleyball: Open to 6th – 8th graders, the season runs from 2/20 – 4/21

Track: Open to 4th – 8th graders, the season runs from 3/27 – 5/26

Spring Mountain Bike Season: Open to 4th – 8th graders (younger with coach permission) the season runs from 3/27 – 5/26 (NCAL).

Questions about Sports at GVCS can be directed to Mr. E at aezzell@gvgsd.us

Parent Square For School Communication

We are in process of adopting Parent Square as a great method of communication with our parent community. The majority of communications from the front office are coming via Parent Square, and teachers are phasing in this method as well. Our goal is clear and consistent communication ranging from informational, to signing up to volunteer, to the ... wait for it... golden goose of digital permission slips! If you have not already accepted the invitation to use Parent Square, I encourage you to do so. If you have any questions, you can contact the front office at 530 273 8723.

A few reminders ...

As we get back in to the groove of things, a few reminders that will help things run smoothly.

- **Early Drop Off:** We love your kiddos, but **please do not drop them off before 8:15am**. We do not have staff supervision before that time. Students who arrive before 8:15am will be sent to before care which will incur a cost.
- **TK/1 Pick Up:** Thank you for using the placards with the name of your student, their grade and teacher. These help expedite pick up. For parents who are walking in for pick up, please have your placards too. Thank you ;o)
- **Pick up for 2nd – 8th grade:** A reminder to **please turn right when exiting pick up**. This prevents cars from getting gridlocked. Thank you ;o)
- **Lost & Found:** Now is a great time to make sure that names are on anything that your student might shed throughout the day. If you find that something has been lost, you are always welcome to come in, check in with the office, and look through the lost and found located kitty corner from the front office.
- **Student Handbook:** Please review the student handbook with your children and return the signed page indicating that you have done so. This helps establish consistent expectations from the start of the school year.
- **Phones:** Students do not need cell phones on campus. We are happy to relay any message to your student from the front office (530 273 – 8723) and students are always welcome to call home from the office too. It is our school policy that if students do bring phones to school, they are to remain off and away during school hours, which includes lunch, recess, passing periods, etc. If students do have their phones out, they will be collected by an adult, and parents will be contacted. We also encourage parents to monitor usage, and apps that your kiddos might be using. A great resource is Common Sense Media. Check the “Parenting Tips and FAQ”, then “Cellphones”, for great info on everything from setting up parental controls, to learning about current apps used by teens.

Thank you so much for your support in a smooth start to the school year.

Be In The Know

9/29 – Picture Day

10/7 – Walk a thon: School wide fundraiser

10/17 – 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