



The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

These are dates you should pay attention to:

12/20 – Donation Day Parade
12/23 – 1/3 – Winter Break
1/17/20 – End of First Semester
1/27 – 31 – Student Led Conferences

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*None of this stuff is actually in this newsletter.

Nordic Ski Team

Maybe you've heard, GVCS has a Nordic Ski Team! And though the team itself has little to do with Scandinavia, Finland, or the Faroe Islands, it sounds cooler (cooler, Ha!) than saying we have a cross-country ski team. Also, I think it's more socially acceptable for a Nordic Ski Team to wear Viking horns on their helmets. Anyhow, the team has already been practicing and has their first meet is this Friday in ~~Denmark~~ at Kirkwood Ski Resort. GVCS has ten members of the team and is headed by Coach Regina Curry.



Pardon Our Dust

Over the next ~~couple~~, ~~few~~, ~~several~~, okay, the rest of the school year, our classrooms are getting renovated! Classrooms are getting new flooring, cabinetry, plumbing, and paint. In order to do this we'll have to reshuffle classrooms for a bit. By “for a bit” I mean until June. It's very exciting and a tad bit stressful. This shouldn't impact student learning – mostly just teacher sanity. If your teachers reach out to you to help pack up, it's because they're moving – but not for very long. With the playground, the classrooms, and soon the MPR – our campus is definitely getting a needed (and deserved) facelift.

Girls Basketball Tournament Schedule!

It's the end of the season for girls basketball and the tournament schedule has been released! Our lady coyotes play tomorrow night. Hope you can make it out!

Tuesday

- NCSA 8th vs. **GVCS 7th** 6:30 Ali Gym
- **GVCS 8th** vs. GH 8:30 Ali Gym

The Crocker



The Crocker Art Museum features the world's foremost display of California art and an amazing collection of international ceramics. It also is renowned for its array of European master drawings – which is the main reason the 7th grade class goes strengthening their social studies expedition on the Renaissance. Students don't just go to make pretentious snorts at a variety of pieces comparing Bartolommeo to Durer (*I'm pretty sure there's supposed to be an umlaut above that u but I have no idea how do to do that in*

word. I also realize in the time I typed this excuse I could have google searched

it...and yet I still didn't). Students actually take note of artistic practices and become artists themselves!



That Time of Year!

It's that time of year – Flu Season! Oh, and it's also the time of year where buddy classes get together to share more than just germs and flu viruses. They also celebrate the winter season by doing crafts together to create shared experiences making December an even more joyous

time! But seriously, it wouldn't hurt to do a few extra hand washings here and there. Last week 5th grade got together with 1st grade to make gingerbread houses.

This initial house-making was crucial for 5th grade as we're just two months away (ish) from them going out in the wilderness and making snow caves to sleep in! As it turns out, the gingerbread homes were not for sleeping. They're primarily for looking at and decorating. But, still, it was lots of fun for first grade buddies to get together with the fifth grade classes. It was also fun for those first grade teachers as the fifth graders were from their classes just a few years ago!



Donation Day Parade!

The Donation Day Parade is this Friday! Get out your snazzy holiday sweater and bring in your canned goods!

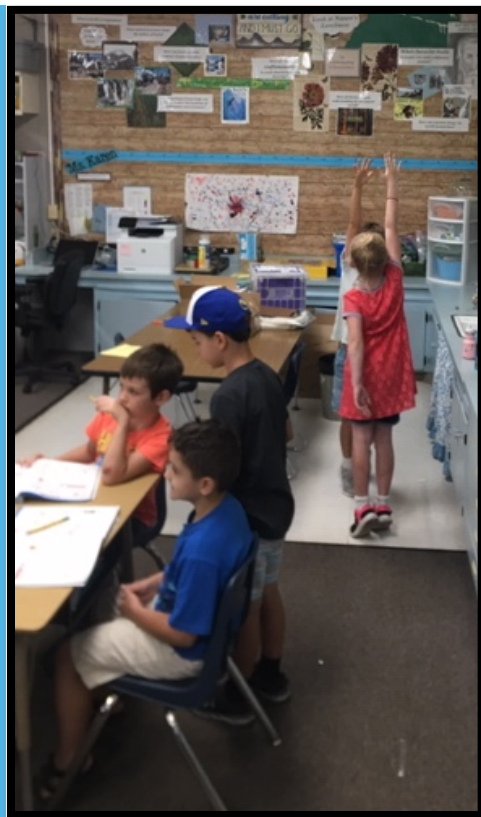
An Expanded View of Student Achievement

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