



The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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A Weird Week?!

Hello Charter Crew! I hope that each and every one of you persevered through the blackout and cancellation of school for most of last week. With a little luck folks had the chance to slow down the pace of life, go for more walks and play more games with family and friends!

Having missed most of last week, there are lots of ripples that will be felt!

Please read though this edition of the HOWL to find out how we will roll with the end of Cross Country, the start of Girls Basketball, Red Ribbon Week and more!



Red Ribbon Week

Over the years I have developed a theory that teachers are typically two types of people, those who love kids, and those who love the curriculum – but Juliette Parks is a rarer, third type of teacher, one who loves her students, her curriculum and integrates these passions. One piece of evidence for this claim is Red Ribbon Week, which will take place this week, Tuesday – Friday.

For those not in the know, 7th grade studies about the Middle Ages and the Black Plague – but also about the human body, genetics, health and more.

Making this profoundly relevant to students, Mrs. Parks spearheaded Red Ribbon Week at GVCS, which focuses on addressing teen use of drugs, tobacco, vapes, etc.

During this week-long event, Mrs. Parks former students, now 8th graders, take on a leadership role in facilitating anti- drug lessons to younger students as well as their peers.

In many schools, Red Ribbon Week involves three or four students assisting a teacher. At GVCS and largely due to the awesomeness of Mrs. Parks, GVCS typically has 20 – 30 students involved in leading Red Ribbon Week. Not only is this a powerful experience for our 8th graders, and our younger students – it also creates a pervasive culture in our middle school of anti-drugs & tobacco, which I for one am proud.

Well done, Mrs. Parks and Red Ribbon Week student leaders!

Why does this matter & what can you do about it?

"Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't, yet only a quarter of teens report having these conversations. What can you and your child do to help them be aware and make healthy choices?"

Take the National Red Ribbon Campaign Pledge & help create a drug free America.

PARENT PLEDGE

1. As parents and citizens, we will talk to our children and the children in our lives about the dangers of drug abuse.
2. We will set clear rules for our children about not using drugs.
3. We will set a good example for our children by not using illegal drugs or medicine without a prescription.
4. We will monitor our children's behavior and enforce appropriate consequences, so that our rules are respected.
5. We will encourage family and friends to follow the same guidelines to keep children safe from substance abuse.

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Red Ribbon Week Continued:

YOUTH PLEDGE

I pledge to grow up safe, healthy and drug free by:

1. Understanding the dangers of drug use and abuse.
2. Respecting myself and being drug free.
3. Spreading the word to family and friends about the importance of being healthy and drug free.

Now to the details of the week!

On Tuesday, we will be lucky enough to have First Responders on campus supporting the message of Red Ribbon Week. **Do not be alarmed if you see the police, fire department, and air ambulance on campus – this is part of the planned events.**

You can show your support by wearing:

Tuesday: Crazy Sock Day!

Thursday: Pajama Day

Friday: Wear a Red Ribbon



For more information visit the Red Ribbon Week link at <http://redribbon.org/about/>

Fall Family Festival – November 8th!

Crew 24 is a parent group focused on spending time with other families, having fun and building relationships. This year they are spearheading the first ever Fall Family Festival! The vision? Fall games, Fall treats, maybe some tunes, or – maybe you have a great idea to make the event Fall-abulous!

Crew 24 is meeting this Tuesday, from 3:15 – 4:15pm at Charter. Meet in the foyer!

Do you have...

- Hookups for *pumpkins, gourds, hay bales, or fall decorations?*
- Apples!
- Can you *volunteer* to work a booth or set up/clean up?
- Did we mention apples? We need ALLLLL the apples!

Have skills? Or Apples? Or other Fall-abulous ideas?

Reach out to Olivia at opritchett@gvsd.us

More details to follow on this family event!

Sports Updates!

Cross Country

8/19 – 10/11

Coach Curry

rcurry@gvsd.us

Girls Basketball

10/14 – 12/13

Coach Russ

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Boys Basketball

12/16 – 2/21

Girls Volleyball

2/24 – 4/24

Track

4/6 – 5/24

Mountain Biking Club:

Rides on Tuesdays from
3:00 – 5:30pm.

Got MTB questions?

Contact Coach Telford:

redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net

Contact Mr. E with Sports
Qs

aezell@gvsd.us

Cross Country Crosses the Finish Line for the Season!

The last race of the season, the Miner's Mile has been rescheduled to this Tuesday and the end of season Ice Cream Party to this Wednesday at 3:15 on the field.

Come on out and support the team in their final race!

Park at NUHS or along Sierra College Blvd and walk to the baseball field for the start of the race. It kicks off at 4pm with races every 15 minutes and will include 4th - 8th graders.

Girls Basketball!

With school out of session most of last week, Coach Russ will be checking in with 6th – 8th grade classrooms to spread the word, get interest and build an amazing team over the course of this week. Anticipate a quick start!

Have questions? Email Coach Russ at russyokon@msn.com

The Day You Don't Pack Lunch!

Finally! One day a week you can skip packing that lunch for your kiddos! Student Council will be selling pizza every Thursday from 8:15 – 8:35 am in the foyer.

Pizza options include Cheese or Pepperoni, either gluten full, or gluten free! Cost is \$3 for one slice or \$5 for two slices. Thank you Student Council!

Character Award Breakfast & Lunch

Yep, we need to reschedule this event, we will let you know once we have that date!

Dates! Be In The Know!

10/15 – 10/18 – Red Ribbon Week

10/21-10/25 – Fall Break

10/31 – Halloween, and a Minimum Day

11/1 – Staff Professional Development, No School

11/11 – Veteran's Day, No School

11/27 – 11/29 – Thanksgiving 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