It’s Play Time!

Not a rumor, nor a promise, but a fact – the playground is open!! On Thursday of last week as construction came to a close, a wave of eager and excited kids (& adults) swarmed the playground. Their joy and excitement was contagious and I hope that you catch a bit of it and smile at the pictures in this edition of the HOWL.

A hearty thank you to the voters who approved the bond project that made this playground remodel possible and GVSD Assistant Superintendent Brian Martinez for wrangling it into reality.

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

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The Playground, not just for kids!

Thanks to the Aides for testing out those elements and making sure it was ready for the kids!

And yep, playground is open after school and on the weekend!
**Sports Updates!**

**Girls Basketball**  
10/14 – 12/13  
Coach Russ  
russyokon@msn.com

**Boys Basketball**  
12/16 – 2/21

**Girls Volleyball**  
2/24 – 4/24

**Track**  
4/6 – 5/24

**Mountain Biking Club:**  
Fall Season is a wrap,  
Spring Season will start in March. More info to follow.

**Contact Mr. E with Sports Qs**  
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**Our Smallest Adventurers!**

Ever wonder what courage looks like on the face of 4 olds? Pre-K took to the climbing wall on Friday - it was awesome!

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**Dates! Be In The Know!**

- **11/18 – 22** – Middle School Intensives  
- **11/26** – Minimum Day  
- **11/27 – 11/29** – Thanksgiving Break  
- **12/20** – Donation Day Parade  
- **12/23 – 1/3** – Winter Break  
- **1/17/20** – End of First Semester
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.

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