



# The HOWL

*Grace Valley Charter  
An EL Education Mentor  
School*

11/4/19



“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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## Power, We Don't Need No Stinking Power

Salmon do not need power, and neither do our amazing fourth graders, their teacher & our adventure team! Not to be stopped by a little power outage, our 4<sup>th</sup> graders met up on their day off to continue to learn about the amazing Chinook salmon as they migrate home to spawn in the lower Yuba River!

While floating down river with the South Yuba River Citizen's League, students learned about aquatic insects as indicators of water quality, the history of the lower Yuba River Gold Fields, and the restoration work underway to improve juvenile salmon habitat.

The salmon were abundant, as were the osprey and bald eagles!

This adventure ties in with the Fourth Grade Expedition, Bills and Gill, and precedes the arrival of Chinook Salmon eggs in our classrooms which students will become stewards of these next several months!



## Halloween!

Good times were had by all in the annual Halloween Parade! In case you missed it, a few pictures of our staff leading the way!



## Fall Family Festival, this Friday!

Whew! If the loss of power these past few weeks has any silver lining, it is that we live in a great community with awesome people! What better way to celebrate that community and make new friends than by sharing a meal and a few laughs with your Charter community?

The first annual **Fall Family Festival** will take place **this Friday from 4-7pm** out on the blacktop near the portables and ... **on the new playground, which we anticipate will be open!**

This event is organized by Crew 24, the parent group focused on building community and having fun after all!

The event will **include Fall themed games, arts & crafts, as well as food and baked goods for sale!** Families are also welcome to bring their own potluck dinners.

We will have a Community Harvest Cart, so if you find yourself with a ton of tomatoes, a lot of apples, a bushel of brussels, a kilowatt of kale, or any other items in bountiful volumes, please bring some in to share, and to enjoy the bounty from others. Share some! Savor some!

**Wait, did we mention that we need apples?** I did! And we do! Apples can be dropped off in the front office anytime up until the event. Have a tree full of apples and need a hand? Crosbie is willing to come help pick 'em! He can be reached at [cwalsh@gvsd.us](mailto:cwalsh@gvsd.us)

Looking to roll up your sleeves to help? That is mighty kind of you – very community oriented! You can sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4DACA62AA3F85-gvcs> we need help setting up, cleaning up, or picking up pumpkins, bales of hay, and more!

**The final planning meeting is this Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 – 4:15pm.** Please meet in the foyer at GVCS.

Have questions? The one, the only Mrs. Olivia Pritchett can be reached at [opritchett@gvsd.us](mailto:opritchett@gvsd.us)

## **Sports Updates!**

### **Girls Basketball**

10/14 – 12/13

Coach Russ

[russyokon@msn.com](mailto: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**

[aezell@gvsd.us](mailto:aezell@gvsd.us)

## **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!

## **Psssst...**

The playground is coming...!

Prepare to slide! Swing! Hop! Climb and Ziiiiiiip Line!

Wheeeeeeeee!

This week...!



## **Dates! Be In The Know!**

**11/8 – Fall Family Festival**

**11/11 – Veteran's Day, No School**

**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**

**1/27 – 31 – Student Led Conferences**

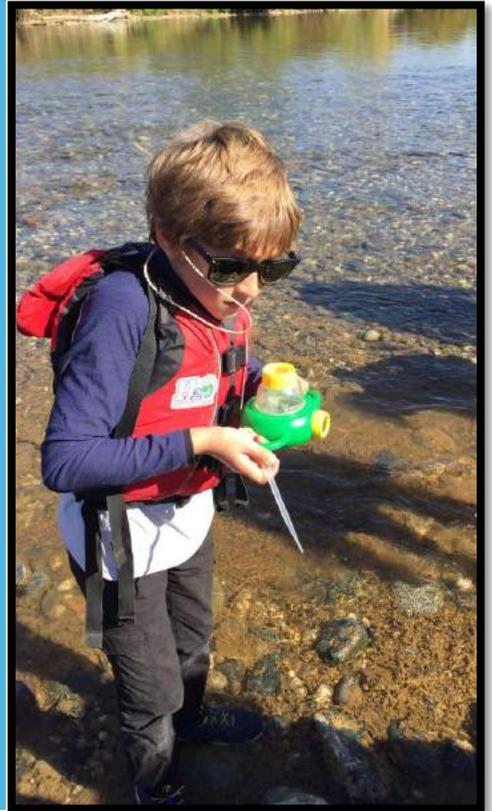
## An Expanded View of Student Achievement

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