



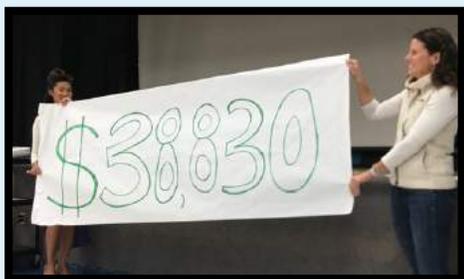
The HOWL

*Grace Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*



12/9/19

“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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Model United Nations

Last year, GVCS jumped into participating in the Gold Country Model United Nations program along with students from other middle schools.

Students represented the Côte d'Ivoire under the leadership of M.J. Ashford – Huenergardt at the state wide MUN.

This year's delegation president is GVCS 8th grader, Fiala Noyes. Congrats Fiala! Interested in learning more?

Come with your middle school student on Wednesday, December 11th, 6:30-8pm at Emmanuel Episcopal Church's Buck Hall, located at 235 S Church St, Grass Valley.

There will be weekly meetings in downtown Grass Valley, beginning Thursday, January 9th at 4:30pm, at 240 Mill Street. There are two weekend conferences: Training Conference: March 14-15 in Woodside, and MUN Summit: April 23-26 in Los Angeles.

While making every weekly meeting isn't required, it's important to be able to attend both conferences.

For more info:

<https://www.calymca.org/programs/model-united-nations/>

For questions please email: mjdirect@gmail.com

Biggest Walk A Thon Ever!

We are so excited to announce the most financially successful Walk-a-thon ever! Our school raised \$38,830.00! These funds will help with a much needed renovation of the MPR, including an AV make-over! Special shout outs must go out to:

Lap Winners: Eleni K with 44 laps, Daniel C with 42 laps, Jack KC with 42 laps and Luca R with 41 laps.

Most Money Raised by Class: Ms. Danielle's with \$5,193 and Ms. Rachel's with \$3,055

Class Participation: Ms. Jessica with 93% and Ms. Suzanne with 91%

Huge appreciation goes out to all the families that support this annual fundraiser, and to the parents who step up and volunteer for this event, as well as serve on the GVCS Foundation!

Pie the Principal and Hot Coco / Cookie Party to Follow!

Need A Date Night? Time to Shop?

GVCS 8th graders, along with the help of GVCS Staff: Olivia, Ruth & Janel are putting on "Parent's Night Out, Kid's Night In" this **Friday, December 13th from 6-9pm** in the MPR. All GVCS students and their siblings (3 years and up, must be potty trained) are welcome. There will be a movie, popcorn, crafting, coloring and games!

All students must have a signed permission slip. The cost is \$10 ahead of time, or \$15 at the door. Permission slips are available in the front office and can be turned in, along with payment, to their homeroom teacher, or the front office.

There will be pizza for sale, (cheese or pepperoni) but must be pre-ordered on the permission slip, no later than Friday morning. Students may also bring their own dinner/snacks.

Students may come in their PJs, and bring a pillow, sleeping bag, or blanket if they would like to do so. Responsible behavior and attendance in school that day is required.

Thank you for supporting our 8th graders on their quest to head to New York and Washington D.C. this Summer!

Please email questions to: opritchett@gvsd.us, rpurwin@gvsd.us, jsunde@gvsd.us

'Tis The Season to Think of Others

The holiday season is a time to form memories and experiences with loved ones and our community. It can also be a time of stress and financial strain for many. If you know a family who might need some holiday support for their children this season, please share the flyers (attached to this email) from the Salvation Army Holiday Assistance program and the Nevada City United Methodist Church Holiday Assistance program with any local friends or family who may benefit from a local holiday support program and encourage them to sign up their children for one of the programs.

Got Something to Say?

Interested in participating in the **Nevada County Speech Tournament**? There will be a short, informational meeting with more details on **Wednesday, December 11 in Room 12 at 3:10**. This year's topic is "My Perfect Day".

Sports Updates!

Girls Basketball

10/14 – 12/13

Coach Russ

russyokon@msn.com

Boys Basketball

12/16 – 2/21

6th/ 7th – Coach Ben Murphy

b-bmurphy@att.net

7th/8th – Coach Simon
Menesini

pineviewconstruction@gmail.com

Nordic Skiing

First outing 12/11, meet at
7:30 am

Coach Curry rcurry@gvsd.us

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

Academic Talent Search

Get a preview of college this summer! At Sacramento State's Academic Talent Search (ATS), you can discover new subjects, dive deeper into your favorite fields, explore a university campus, and make new friends who share similar interests! **ATS offers 4th-9th graders exciting summer courses in a college setting!** Choose from classes like Acting for Stage and Screen, Beginning Japanese, Fast-Paced Algebra 1, Introduction to TV Broadcasting, LEGO Robotics, The Science of Genetics, and many others.

To join these interactive and hands-on classes, you need to take the School and College Ability Test (SCAT). The test is not pass/fail and only takes an hour, so there's no need to stress! All students who test automatically qualify to attend. The SCAT will be offered at **Grass Valley Charter School in room 22 on Friday, February 21st at 9:00am.**

For more info, please contact **Elissa Spencer** at espencer@gvsd.us. Additional information can be found on the ATS website - go to csus.edu and search for ATS.

Boys Basketball Starting Soon

Coaches will be making the rounds to classrooms Monday – Today! Tryouts will take 12/17 from 6:30 – 8:30pm at the Scotten Gym.

The season runs from 12/16 – 2/21, limited practice availability over Christmas Break, with first games the week of 1/14.

Riddle...

What is smaller than a pack of gum, costs more than you made over a week or two working in the Summer, and is easily lost by your student at school?

Apple Airpods. Yep. Please don't send them in, they get lost. Students get sad.



Dates! Be In The Know!

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