The Walk-A-Thon is on Friday, October 4th - only two weeks away, so it is time to get those pledges in and volunteer while spots at the bubble station are still available!

How you say? Glad you asked! You can use the pledge sheet attached to this edition of the Howl, or go here: https://pledgestar.com/gvcs/

Looking to check off that bucket list “Bringer of Bubble – Machine Joy”, as well as many other tasks? Please volunteer here: https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2937202/false#/invitation

You can also reach out to the amazing Olivia via email to volunteer, opritchett@gvsd.us

Thank you in advance, we could not do it without you!

Please remember to drop off and pick up your student at the Fairgrounds the day of the event.
Spirit Day at Charter – This Friday!

This Friday is the first Spirit Day of the year! What better way to start, than with a classic! Show your school spirit with your best Crazy Hair!

Student Council will be around to celebrate each student in their crew for the best, crazy hair – and yes! The mighty spirit trophy will be awarded at our Community meeting on Friday to the Crew with the most participation!

Third Grade to the Lava Beds!

Our intrepid third graders are heading out on a grand new adventure to the Lava Bed National Monument this week!

Last week they tackled the basics of camping, practicing setting up tents in the MPR so that they can be prepared for their adventure!

While at Lava Beds, students will be learning about the geology that formed this amazing landscape while doing some spelunking! We look forward to hearing more about their adventures upon their return! They are sure to face challenges while wiggling and worming their way through the caves and tubes!

Happy spelunking!
**Sports Updates!**

**Cross Country**
8/19 – 10/11
Coach Curry rcurry@gvsd.us

**Girls Basketball**
10/14 – 12/13

**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.
This Friday only – From 12:45 - 3:30pm at the Penn Valley Pump Track. Must RSVP by 9/25.
Got MTB questions?
Contact Coach Telford: redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net

Contact Mr. E with Sports Qs aezzell@gvsd.us

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**PIZZA!**

Finally! One day a week you can skip packing that lunch for your kiddos!
Student Council will be selling pizza starting this Thursday (and every Thursday there after) 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.
Pizza is then distributed at lunch-time!
Yum!

**Cross Country**

It is a busy week for XC! Get the scoop below.

**Tuesday:** Skyridge XC Meet – 800 Perkins Way, Auburn. First race starts at 4PM and is approximately 1 mile. Races are every 15 minutes thereafter. Seventh & Eighth grade girls and boys run at the same times.

**Wednesday:** No morning practice, XC Meet at Ready Springs for 4th – 6th graders only.

**Thursday:** Team Pictures at 3:15 (bring clean jersey) and practice until 4:00pm.

Team members, keep your eyes open for emails from Coach Curry for more info!

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**Dates! Be In The Know!**

10/4 – Walk –a-thon (pick up & drop off at Fairgrounds)
10/10 – All Parent Meeting
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
11/18 – 11/22 – Middle School Intensives
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.

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