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*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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Back to School Night!

Yep, it is this Thursday! You knew that already, but in case you didn't, here is the scoop!

For our pre-K families we kick things off from 5:00 - 5:30pm, for our K-3rd graders things are rocking and rolling from 5:30 - 6:15pm, then the whole school gathers in the MPR from 6:15 - 6:45pm.

This is a good time to get the latest scoop from folks like the **Parent Leadership Group** (aka: the parents who make the magic fundraisers happen and the money rain), **Crew 24** (aka: the too much fun parents, in charge of planning some too much fun events).

From 6:45 - 7:30 it is time for some middle school magic for 6th - 8th grade families. This is complicated and is a test.

Sixth grade parents, report to your child's homeroom teacher, Tracey (Rm 20) or Meg (Rm 18).

Seventh Grade (this is the tricky bit, so notepads out). Ms. Cormia's parents go to Ms. Parks (Rm 23) at 6:45pm, at 7:00pm go to Nicole (Rm 32), at 7:15pm head to Ms. Cormia's (Rm 21).

Mrs. Park's parents go to Nicole (Rm 32) at 6:45pm, at 7:00 pm go to Ms. Cormia (Rm 21), at 7:15 head to Mrs. Parks in (Rm 23). Now you can feel like a 7th grader on your first day of school!

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8th Grade – meet your teachers in the woods for Back To School Night. Not actually. Please report to your child's homeroom, Ben York (Rm 17), Anderson (Rm 19), they will divide you appropriately for meeting your Math teacher.

Fieldwork Donations!

Did you know that we have had thirteen days of school, and in those thirteen days, we have already had nine days of fieldwork school wide!! Ropes course trips, Backpacking, and those mountains were calling to our 2nd graders! These experiences are cornerstones of GVCS and we could not do it without your generous support. We ask for the following donations to support such experiences: k-2 at \$100, 3rd –5th at \$200, and 6th -8th at \$400. Donations can be made online via various payment options including installments.

<http://www.grassvalleycharter.org/ExpeditionDonations.html>

Please contact Cissy with any questions, 273 – 8723.

Into the Woods & Out of the Woods & To School By BTSN!

Anderson's Crew kicked off the school year as only our 8th graders do, by heading out to Grouse Ridge for a 4 day, 3 night backpacking trip. Leading up to the trip students learned about water filtration, cooking on backpacking stoves, how to pack a pack, map and compass orienteering, and more!

The crew set out from Grouse Ridge to Glacier Lake, with some side exploration of the Black Buttes. Day two found them deep in a crew challenge of using a map and compass to travel a specific course through Five Lakes Basin. Students were in small groups and had to practice the qualities of Crew, Perseverance, Responsibility and Self Discipline in order to be successful.

By day three it was time to move camp, so the class packed up and headed to Island Lake, where Fall Creek Mountain called them to its summit!



Day four they packed up, and hit the trail as only kids do when they are headed back to the car after a backpacking trip!

Kudos to the parents (Paul & Rob) who rallied to help make this trip happen as parent chaperones.

In addition this trip involved several staff – Anderson, Crosbie & Beth. Extra appreciation goes out to Ben for taking a day away from his crew and to Morgan, our new Adventure Teacher for jumping in feet first! Ben's Crew heads out next week!

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:

New to MTB Club Parent Meeting and Bike Tune Up, 9/10 at 5pm, GVCS Staff Room.

First Ride, 9/17.

Contact Mr. E with Sports
 Qs

aezell@gvsd.us

Mountain Bike Club

The GVCS MTB Club is about to start cranking! The MTB Club is open to all 5th – 8th graders without a parent, and 4th grade and below with a parent.

Students need a functional mountain bike, helmet, glasses, gloves, water bottle and 2 spare tubes. **New to MTB Club Parent meeting and bike tune up on 9/10 at 5pm in the GVCS staff room.** All paperwork is due by end of day on 9/10. First ride is 9/17.

If you have questions, please contact Coach Tanya (redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net) and Coach Mitch (mitch@sfdirtlab.com)



Do your Kids have you Pulling Out your Hair?

Interested in adding more tools to your parenting toolbox? The **Nurtured Heart** focuses on learning techniques to actively recognize children for positive behaviors and consequently build children's sense of self worth.

Our very own school counselor, Regina Curry is a certified Nurtured Heart Trainer and wants to share the ingredients to her secret sauce with you, our GVCS parents! The **course begins on September 9th** and runs for 6 consecutive Mondays from 5:00-7:00pm in the Staff Room. The cost is \$25 per person (or family) and covers the cost of the workbook and light refreshments.

You must sign up by September 5th to participate.

To sign up, or if you have questions about the Nurtured Heart Approach, send an email to Regina Curry (aka: the ninja of NHA) at rcurry@gvsd.us.

Dates! Be In The Know!

9/5 – Back to School Night

9/9 – Nurtured Heart Parenting Class

9/17 – Picture Day

10/4 – Walk –a-thon (pick up & drop off at Fairgrounds)

10/10 – All Parent Meeting

10/21-10/25 – Fall Break

11/1 – Staff Professional Development, No School

11/11 – Veteran's Day, No School

11/18 – 11/22 – Middle School Intensives

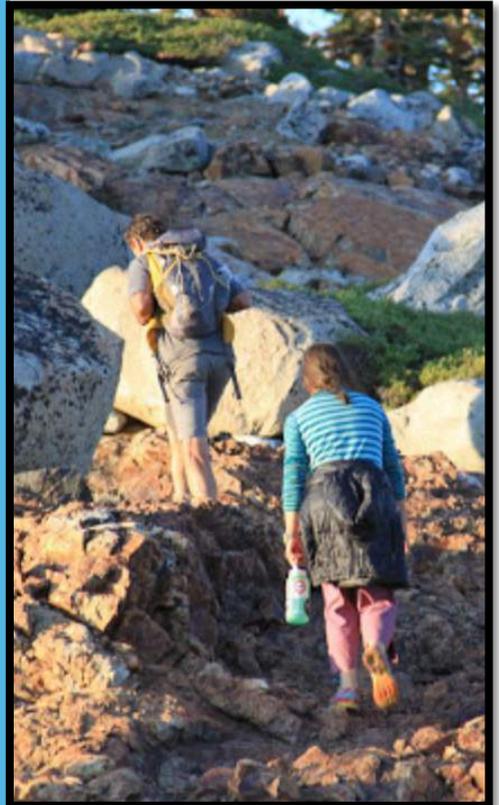
An Expanded View of Student Achievement

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