



The HOWL

*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*

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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



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Our 6th graders adventured to the great Lassen Volcanic National Park to explore the geothermal features and climb a volcano!

Students braved the stinky Bumpass Hell, where fumaroles and mid pots emit their pungent aromas. Crews also learned about the historic last eruption in 1915 and how it created a 12 foot mudflow!

In addition, a “solo” walk was braved by all through the lava tubes of Subway Caves.

Lastly, students hiked the steep face of Cinder Cone and ate lunch atop this iconic volcano. Of course, staying in the Manzanita Lake Cabins was a highlight and turned out to

be of great benefit, as the weather gave us its assortment of rain, cold, almost snow, sun and everything in between!

Welcome back volcanologists!



As the Songbird Flies...

Fourth Grade students from Lindsey's crew took an early morning hike to learn about mist netting and bird banding migratory birds.

The Crew was guided by experts from Gold County Avian Studies, the State Park and Bear Yuba Land Trust. Students learned about migration, bird adaptations, the impact of humans on the environment and were able to help release many different kinds of birds!

The living classroom of Bennett street meadow was a most excellent classroom!



You Can Tell By The Way I Use My Walk... A – Thon!

Yes, indeed! It is that time of the year, a bit brisk and the strong desire to keep moving, stay warm and raise some money to do something awesome for our school! The goal this year, give a much needed facelift & A/V make over to the MPR!

The Walk-A-Thon is on Friday, October 4th – That is this Friday!!!

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@gvcsd.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.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Drop off on Friday, October 4, is at the Nevada County Fairgrounds, at 8:30 am GATE 4
- Pick up is also at the Fairgrounds at 12:30 pm. (Note: student MUST be signed out before leaving - if your student is going home with a friend please let your teacher know.)
- Kids should wear good walking shoes and wear sunscreen.
- Bring a labeled water bottle!
- Bring pledge sheets & funds raised. We will count laps and return sheets to you the following week for additional collection of pledges.
- If your child has allergies, make sure your teacher is aware of these allergies, and consider bringing an appropriate snack for them.

Sports Updates!

Cross Country

8/19 – 10/11

Coach Curry
rcurry@gvsd.us

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:

Rides on Tuesdays from
 3:00 – 5:30pm.

Got MTB questions?
 Contact Coach Telford:
redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net

Contact Mr. E with Sports
 Qs

[aezell@gvsd.us](mailto:aezzell@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. Pizza is then distributed at lunch-time!

Yum! Thank you Student Council!

Cross Country Happenings!

Wednesday, October 2, Union Hill Meet at Union Hill School for **5th-8th graders only first race at 4pm**; 4th graders should run 2+ miles on their own (*this is a change in schedule as Empire Mine is having sewage issues and the meet cannot be held there this year*).

Tuesday, October 8, Ready Springs Meet @ Ready Springs for 4th-6th graders (*rescheduled*). ALL are welcome to attend! No practice for 7th & 8th graders, but run 3+ miles on your own

Wednesday, October 9, Miner's Mile @ NUHS for 4th-8th graders. This is our last meet

END OF SEASON PARTY at 12:35PM on the GVCS field on Friday, October 11!!! A Google sign up sheet will be sent out to bring an ice cream topping to share. I'm a gal who knows how to give recognition and I can't wait to go on and on about your kids greatness, so be sure to show up. Siblings and grandparents are invited to join!

Dates! Be In The Know!

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

10/10 – All Parent Meeting: Math Night 6pm

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

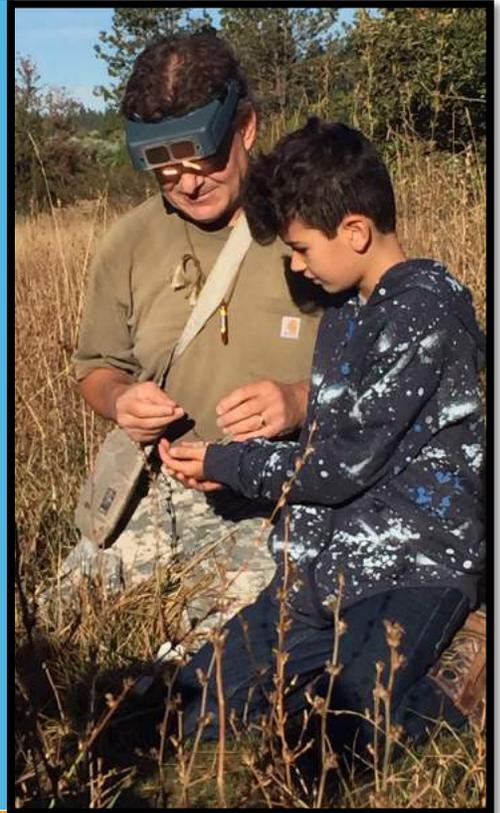
An Expanded View of Student Achievement

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.



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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