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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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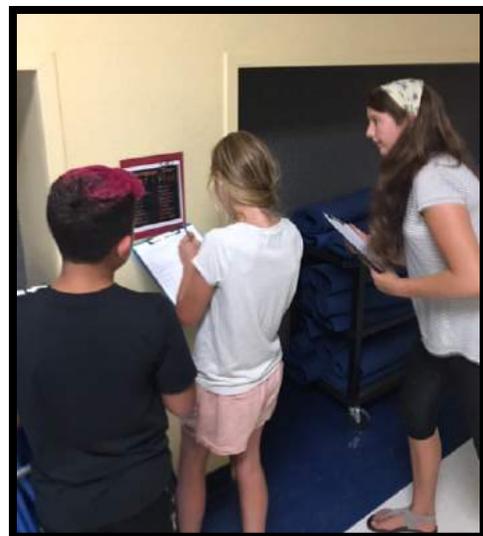
Seventh Grade kicked off their Expedition in style with students doing a gallery walk of photos depicting the Black Plague. This generated all sorts of juicy questions! Students discovered that the plague is still a real threat today, just ask the prairie dogs of Colorado...

Yep, that is right, prairie dogs in Colorado have the bubonic plague and recreation areas have been closed to humans as a result.

Students were hooked with this news and quickly began learning about the ways that the plague is transmitted to humans as well as the role of antibiotics in preventing the scale of deaths as seen in the Middle Ages.

Nothing makes history relevant like a modern day plague outbreak.

Oh, and what about the Knight? That is another tale...



Back To School Night!

A big thank you to all the families that came out to Back to School Night on Thursday to kick off the year properly. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces, as well as meet the newest members of the Charter Family.

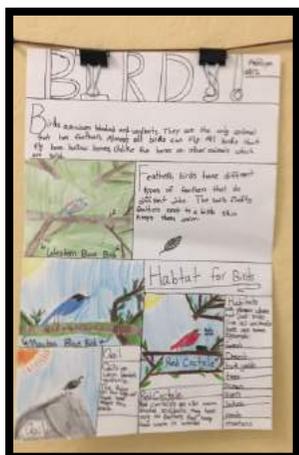
I loved seeing parents engaged with their teachers and experiencing the same crew building as their kids, lots of sharing and ice-breakers were on display. It was great to see so many parent hands go up with thoughtful questions and to volunteer to support fieldwork and adventures, we could not do it without you – and you continue to show up year after year.

It was great to see parents checking out how much work their students have already gotten done this school year!

In particular the 4th grade classification illustrations were super sweet!



A hearty thank you to all our teachers who go above and beyond in so many ways including rocking another BTSN!



Crew 24

Hear ye, Hear ye! Parents who like to have fun, build new friendships, create community and did I mention, have fun? The parent group, Crew 24 is having their first meeting of the year this Tuesday, 9/10 at 3:15pm in the Staff Room. It is being led by the fabulous Olivia Pritchett (I told you it was fun!). They will be brainstorming a Fall Family Festival (replacing the infamously awkward Fall Family

Dance). So if you are interested in being in on the ground floor of something awesome – you know where to be!

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.

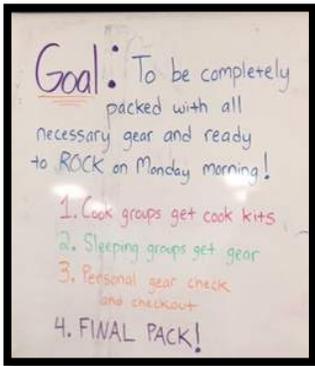
<http://www.grassvalleycharter.org/ExpeditionDonations.html>

Please contact Cissy with any questions, 273 – 8723.

Into the Woods, 2.0!

Ben York's 8th graders are prepared to head on out into the Grouse Ridge area for their Fall Adventure! Packing lists have been sorted, food re-packed, gear issued, backpacks packed and weighed!

We cannot wait to hear how it goes and we wish them a great trip as they depart first thing Monday!



Goal: To be completely packed with all necessary gear and ready to ROCK on Monday morning!

1. Cook groups get cook kits
2. Sleeping groups get gear
3. Personal gear check and checkout
4. FINAL PACK!

Cynthia's 5th Grade Puts the Crew in Ropes!

Cynthia's Crew took to the low and high ropes course this week to build crew and boy did they! Students were awarded with



smiles and cheers a plenty! Nicely done 5th grade, I cannot wait to see this collaboration in action back at school! Kudos go out to the fabulous Adventure Teacher Beth, for working her magic at On Course!



Sports Updates!

Cross Country

8/19 – 10/11

Coach Curry
rcurry@gvgsd.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

aezzell@gvgsd.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)



Dates! Be In The Know!

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

11/27 – 11/29 – Thanksgiving Break

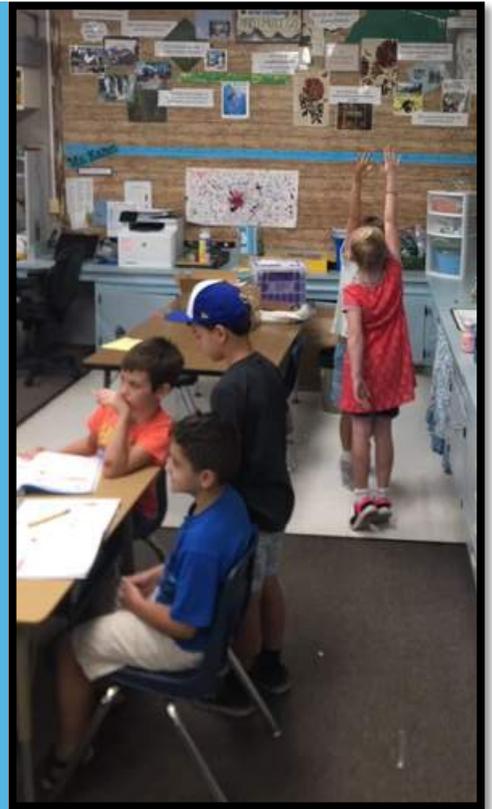
An Expanded View of Student Achievement

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