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*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*

1/13/20



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**GVCS
FAMILY SERVICE DAY
Thursday 1/30/20 5:00-7:30 PM**



“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”

GVCS Family Day of Service

Crew 24, GVCS parent group extraordinaire is kicking off a day of service for our families to come together and support others in our community who could use a helping hand.

On Thursday, January 30th from 5:00 – 7:30 pm in the GVCS MPR you can contribute to a founding design principle of EL Schools, that of Service & Compassion. Help us help our community & start the new year with service! For one night only work alongside other charter families in a school wide drive to support local nonprofits

How can you help?

See below for the needs of each nonprofit agency

Hospitality House: New or gently used blankets or sleeping bags and/or socks for men and women

Interfaith Food Ministry: Canned or boxed nonperishable foods

Continued: Day of Service

The Karing Closet: New or gently used clothing & shoes for infants through teens. Also new or gently used backpacks, duffel bags, or reusable shopping bags with a kid-friendly design. Clothing should be clean, comfortable and in good condition - school- appropriate outfits, pajamas, jackets or sweatshirts (also NEW socks and underwear). Shoes should be clean and have a lot of life in them still - Converse, Vans, & other basic styled tennis shoes are preferred.

Partners Family Resource Center: Children's books. Also new or gently used coats, jackets, socks & gloves for infants through adults

We will be sorting, collating and boxing goods in preparation for delivery. Additional volunteers will be needed to help deliver items shortly after the work day.

BOXES! Save lots of them for us to use!

Join us: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 5080F4DACA62AA3F85-gvcs1](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4DACA62AA3F85-gvcs1)

Questions? Contact Olivia (opritchett@gvcsd.us) or Laura (lines530@yahoo.com)

Got STEAM?

The Nevada County STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) Expo will be held on Saturday, March 28th at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. There are various opportunities for project submission, including group (2-3 students) and individual projects. Grass Valley Charter School may submit a total of four projects for grades K-8. If your student is interested in submitting a project please contact **Sue Muir** at smuir@gvcsd.us by **Thursday, February 13th** (see TechTest Jr exception below). A spot in the competition representing GVCS will be given on a first-come-first-serve basis. If you'd like to learn more about the event and the categories visit the county website at www.nevcoexpo.org. You may also contact Sue Muir in person (Room 12) or via email with questions.

Like Solving Problems?

The TechTest Jr. is a math-based exam that focuses on problem-solving and critical thinking skills. It is offered to 5th - 8th graders from all schools in Nevada County. The event also includes tours and demos, providing the students with a glimpse of what life in the high-tech industry is like. This competition will take place at the following locations:

Grades 5 and 6 at AJA Video on Thursday, February 27 and Grades 7 and 8 at Telestream on Tuesday, February 25.

GVCS may register two students and one alternate per grade level in grades 5-8 for this offsite exam. If your student would like to participate please contact Sue Muir at smuir@gvcsd.us by 1/31/20. Space will be given on a first-come-first-come basis.

Sports Updates!

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

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**

aezzell@gvsd.us

Boys Basketball

The season is about to kick off this week, come on out and support our students!

1/15 – GVCS vs Ready Springs at 5pm, Mt Saint Mary

1/16 – GVCS vs Clear Creek at 4pm, Seven Hills

1/21 – GVCS vs Chicago Park at 4pm, Chicago Park

1/22 – GVCS vs Yuba River at 5pm, Mount Saint Mary

1/23 – GVCS (8th) vs Seven Hills (8th) at 5pm, Seven Hills

1/23 – GVCS (7th) vs Grizzly Hill at 6pm, Seven Hills

1/28 – GVCS vs CC at 6pm, Seven Hills

More Dates to Follow!

Academic Talent Search – Update!

Are you signed up to take the qualifying exam for Academic Talent Search? Good news! The test is no longer needed to apply for ATS. The test scheduled for February 21st at 9am has been cancelled, but you'll still be able to take classes at Sacramento State this summer!

Haven't heard of ATS? It's a summer program where you can discover new subjects, dive deeper into your favorite fields, explore a university campus, and make new friends who share similar interests! Choose from classes like Acting for Stage and Screen, Beginning Japanese, Fast-Paced Algebra 1, Intro to TV Broadcasting, LEGO Robotics, The Science of Genetics, and many others.

For more information, email ats@csus.edu.

Playground Supervision

Wow, the kids sure do love the new playground! Unfortunately there is no supervision before or after school. Please do not drop off your student before 8:15am. Additionally, if you are meeting your student at the playground for pick up, you must be there by 3:00pm. Thank you for helping to keep everyone smiling and having fun!

Dates! Be In The Know!

1/17/20 – End of First Semester

1/20 - No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/27 – 31 – Student Led Conferences (1/2 days all week)

2/14 & 2/15 - Presidents' Days

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