



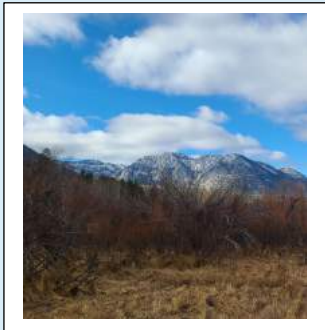
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*Grass Valley Charter
An EL Education Mentor
School*



11/22/21

“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



Taylor Creek!

Last week, Kindergarteners went on a Mystery Trip to Taylor Creek near Lake Tahoe to kick off their case study about salmon life cycles, habitat, and stewardship.

They didn't know where they were going until they worked together with their field crews to solve the mystery! Then they visited several stations run by our amazing parent volunteers to learn about each stage of the salmon's life cycle and what they need to survive and thrive.

At each station they collected a "puzzle piece" to complete their field guides, which we will refer back to as we deepen our learning in the classroom.

All along the way, students observed the spawning kokanee salmon, their redds (nests), and "zombie fish," or the fish at the end of their life cycle. (Continued pg 2)



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We even saw evidence that bears have been feasting to get ready for hibernation!

Big thanks to Beth, Suzanne, and Siobhan for organizing the trip, to all the families who helped prepare their kids, and of course to our chaperones for making our learning come alive!



Book Fair, A Note From Ms. Ruth

I am so happy to announce our Fall Book Fair! The Book Fair will be held from **Monday, Nov. 29th to Friday, December 3rd.**

Your child will be able to come during their recess, lunch recess, and normal weekly library time. We will not be able to have parents join us at this time.

I will have a Spring Book Fair. Weather permitting, we will have it outside and be able to invite families to join us in the future.

There is an option to do eWallet, you put money on your eWallet and it shows up on my computer and your child can spend that much money. You may also buy books online. Simply go to schoolacstic.com/fair This is where you can shop online and/or set up your eWallet. The students may pay with cash, check, or credit card.

2nd & 5th Grade recess and lunch recess are on Mon. and Wed.

3rd & 4th Grade recess and lunch recess are on Tues. and Thurs.

Look Sharp!

GVCS apparel is on sale, in order to secure the sales price we need to sell 250 items in our storefront.

The store closes on November 26th. Please use this link to order your family's charter swag.

<https://www.customink.com/g/que0-00ch-4ayj>



Sports

A quick reminder of expectations and requirements related to covid for all individuals attending indoor sports events.

Please wear a mask at all times.

We are following CDPH guidelines for schools, which can be accessed here (section 16) <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2021-22-School-Year.aspx> in addition more info from the American Association of Pediatrics (see, "When should face masks be worn") can be found here,

<https://www.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-interim-guidance-return-to-sports/>

Lastly, we ask that you show up as Crew and support this request. Do not force volunteers and school staff to have to enforce this requirement.

Be kind, courteous, crew and keep the attention on the kiddos who are out there working hard!

Sports for the Year!

Girls Basketball (6th – 8th Grade): 10/11 – 12/16

Games: 11/30 vs YRC @ Mount Saint Mary's – 5pm, 12/1 vs Magnolia @ Magnolia @ 5pm, 12/6 vs YRC @ Chicago Park – 5pm, 12/7 vs LG @ LG – 4pm, 12/9 vs Ready Springs @ RS – 4pm. Final Tournament @ NU, 12/14 -12/16.

Boys Basketball (6th – 8th Grade): 1/3 – 2/25
Track (4th – 8th): 3/28 – 5/27

Girls Volleyball (6th – 8th Grade): 2/28 – 4/29

Be In The Know

11/24 - Minimum day

11/25 & 11/26 – Thanksgiving Holiday, No School

12/20 - 12/31 - Winter Break

1/3/22 - School Resumes

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