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“We are Crew, Not Passengers.”



Seventh Grade & Service at Wolf Creek

Stewardship is one of the character traits at GVCS, and Ms. Cormia's & Ms. Spencer's Seventh Graders are both developing, and displaying their stewardship at the Wolf Creek Trail, which runs from the North Star Mining Museum toward the Pine Creek Shopping Center.

These Seventh Graders have been spending time every month caring for the trail in collaboration with the Wolf Creek Community Alliance.

Most recently they propagated native plants, built a Nisenan spiral, spread woodchips, and planted native wild flowers!

Well done Seventh grade and keep up the great work - the community is thankful for your work!



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Black History Month

As Black History Month comes to a close, I am reminded of a favorite quote from Martin Luther King Jr, that resonates with what I believe to be at the core of our work at GVCS. This is an excerpt from “The Purpose of Education” which MLK wrote in February of 1947 for the Morehouse College newspaper.

“It seems to me that education has a two-fold function to perform in the life of man and in society: the one is utility and the other is culture. Education must enable a man to become more efficient, to achieve with increasing facility the legitimate goals of his life.

Education must also train one for quick, resolute and effective thinking. To think incisively and to think for one’s self is very difficult. We are prone to let our mental life become invaded by legions of half truths, prejudices, and propaganda. At this point, I often wonder whether or not education is fulfilling its purpose. A great majority of the so-called educated people do not think logically and scientifically. Even the press, the classroom, the platform, and the pulpit in many instances do not give us objective and unbiased truths. To save man from the morass of propaganda, in my opinion, is one of the chief aims of education. Education must enable one to sift and weigh evidence, to discern the true from the false, the real from the unreal, and the facts from the fiction.

The function of education, therefore, is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. But education which stops with efficiency may prove the greatest menace to society. The most dangerous criminal may be the man gifted with reason, but with no morals...

We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education. The complete education gives one not only power of concentration, but worthy objectives upon which to concentrate. The broad education will, therefore, transmit to one not only the accumulated knowledge of the race but also the accumulated experience of social living.”

- Martin Luther King Jr

Sixth Grade Science Camp

We are so excited that 6th grade Science Camp is a go! This is an annual week-long trip that has become a benchmark of the middle school experience. Traditionally the 6th grade hosts a community gathering and all of us carb load on pasta, as we are not quite able to do this yet, we are looking for a little extra support. Sixth grade has pivoted from carbs, to ... chocolate! If you would like to support our 6th grade crew, please consider purchasing some See’s candy. All donations help to offset the considerable expense of Science Camp, and remember, all of our kiddos will be in 6th grade eventually! Purchase chocolate here: <https://tinyurl.com/mpspbzsy>

Boys Basketball – It's A Wrap!

A big shout out to the student athletes who participated in basketball this season, and huge kudos go out to the coaches, Simon, Will and Ben, for their commitment to getting students moving, and learning the lessons that sports so readily teach. Nicely done Coyotes!

Girls Volleyball – Starts This Week!

Girls Volleyball kicks off officially this week, and will run through 4/29. With a record 28 girls interested in participating we are excited to be fielding two teams and a reserve squad! Practices will take place between 6-8pm at the Scotten Gym M-F, with the exception of game days, schedule for games TBD.

A shout out to Coach Gabe, Coach Tanya, and several other supporting parents for making this happen for all these young athletes!

If you have any questions, please contact Coach Gabe at hunter_1027@yahoo.com, Coach Tanya at redwood_coast@sbcglobal.net or Mr. E at aezzell@gvsd.us

Track Coach Wanted

We are looking for a Track Coach! The season runs from 3/28 – 5/27. If you are interested in supporting young student athletes, please reach out to Mr. E at aezzell@gvsd.us

Sports for the (rest of) Year

Track (4th – 8th): 3/28 – 5/27 (Coach Needed, Contact Mr. E at aezzell@gvsd.us)

MTB Club will be cranking back into gear post daylight savings... More Info Coming Soon!

If you have any questions about sports, please reach out to Mr. E, at aezzell@gvsd.us

Be In The Know

3/21: No School EC Day (formerly known as Snow Days)

4/7: Lifetouch Picture Retakes

4/11 – 4/15: Spring Break

4/18: School IS in session as we used an EC Day in December.

With the return of Fieldwork, a reminder that if you have an early departure, and siblings who are not going on Fieldwork, please arrange for them to be dropped off at 8:15am, or bring them to Before Care, contact Laurie for more information lbeauvais@gvsd.us

If your student becomes symptomatic for CV19 they should not attend school, but please reach out to the office. **If your child tests positive, please keep them home, and call the front office, or email the following information. Name of student, Date of symptoms, Date of positive test and vaccination status of any siblings attending GVCS. Emails should be sent to: the following: rettl@gvsd.us, lduchene@gvsd.us, aezzell@gvsd.us, mcloud@gvsd.us, vbringolf@gvsd.us**

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