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JUMPING INTO THE END OF SCHOOL



Mrs. Carter/ GVMS News

Eighth grader Kylene Mascioli placed 3rd in long jump at the GVMS Invitational track meet on April 17th. She jumped 12.9 feet. For the track spotlight on Mascioli see page 14.

Continuation to Higher Learning

By Sierra Trani

Congratulations to all of our eighth graders that will be moving on to the high school next year! To celebrate the end of their middle school years, Grand Valley Middle School has an annual eighth grade continuation. It will be held on May 25th, at 6 p.m. in the GVMS gymnasium. This year, Assistant Principal Dana Speakman will be organizing the continuation that marks the end of middle school, and the beginning of high school.

All students, staff, and community members can come to the continuation. When attending the continuation, you should wear the proper attire.

"Students should dress nice. No holey jeans and things like that," Speakman said.

Also keep in mind that you're required to be here the day of continuation, or you can not attend.

Moving on to high school is a big deal, since how you do in high school can affect the rest of your future life. Continuation is the final event you will have as a middle school student.

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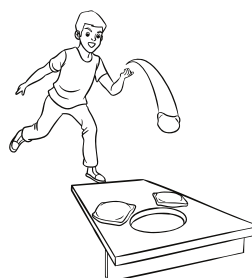


Tuesday, May 9th

- 5th graders @ GVMS from 8:30-12 p.m.

Thursday, May 25th

- Last day of School!
- GVMS Activity Day at 8:30 a.m. - Lunch
- Awards Ceremony at 2:45 p.m. @ GVMS
- 8th grade Continuation at 6 p.m. @ GVMS



Features

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Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Tustin

By Hayden Skeen

Born on July 27th, 1996, Caitlyn Tustin is the World History and Spanish teacher at GVMS. She also teaches Exploring World Cultures and is the after school club coordinator. “[I feel] really honored. You guys have done so well with the newspaper and the spotlights you've done so far, I'm honored to be a part of it,” Tustin said.

Tustin was born in Grosse Pointe, Michigan but mostly grew up in Grand Blanc, Michigan. While growing up Tustin was active in a lot of sports. “I was a powerlifter and cross country runner so track was a sweet sport that married those two,” Tustin said.

She is married to her husband Max Tustin who teaches music at an elementary school in New Castle. Both she and her husband are followers of Jesus. She also has one brother who works on a ranch. She doesn't have any pets but would be open to the idea of having one, someday.

Tustin moved to Parachute in August of 2020, when she was offered a job teaching at GVMS through a job fair at her university. “I had previously explored teaching at a school in Bulgaria or at the school I had student taught at in Michigan but COVID shut both those doors, (and I'm so glad it did)” Tustin said.



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Mrs. Tustin and her husband Mr. Tustin.

NEWS BRIEF

Love's Update

By Morgan Hoyt

Have you been wondering what's going on with Love's Travel Stop? When is it going to open? What can we expect to see throughout the next month? The town manager of Parachute Travis Elliott can help answer these questions.

The truck stop is not likely to open this month. “The majority of construction is expected to be complete by the end of the month of May or early June, but the store won't likely open for another month to allow for them to stock the store, train new employees, etc,” Elliot said.

Many people are excited about the new food options that Love's is bringing.

The truck stop will include two fast food options, “McDonald's and Chester's Chicken,” Elliott said.

The Parachute community is going to be experiencing delays and closures as Love's finishes construction.

“Community members can expect to see a lot of construction activity near the intersection of CR300 and Cardinal Way over the next month. Love's and their contractors will be paving the new street and making intersection improvements. Motorists should expect slight delays and temporary closures,” Elliott said.

Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Spies

By Melanie Rodriguez

David Spies is a seventh grade Science teacher, and currently, he is also teaching PE at Grand Valley Middle School.

Spies feels honored to be in our teacher spotlight. "The kids are pretty rad, the staff is pretty great, and the school has a lot of neat stuff going on," Spies said.

Spies has taught all contents. He has been teaching for 11 years, and this is his 10th year teaching at our school. He comes to work every day and helps make kids' lives better. Spies gets to help them make a future for themselves. Knowing that he can change the life of one person for the better, motivates him to work hard. "I feel like nothing is more honorable than serving my country by helping kids live their dreams," Spies said.

He likes to hunt, fish, trap, hike, forage for mushrooms and plants, blacksmithing, kayaking, learning, reading, exploring, making cool stuff, and spending time with his awesome wife and daughter. His proudest accomplishment is being a teacher, a husband, and a father. He has one kid, Eliza (6). His favorite color is green, olive drab or any earthy colors. Spies' birthday is January 9th, 1983.

"I have lived a very rich and interesting life, traveled the world, and seen more stuff than most people will ever see," Spies said. "And I STILL love here the best."



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Mr. Spies' family at The Palette in Grand Junction. From left to right: Julie Spies, daughter Eliza Spies, and Mr. Spies.

Spies served in the United States Army. He served four years active in service and four years inactive in service.

"Active duty means I reported to an Army base every single day for four years. Inactive means I went to college, but I was still technically in the Army, and they could recall me to service whenever they needed me," Spies said.

The scariest thing that happened to Spies was when he was in two wars. "I will not traumatize you with the details of my life but a milder one is that the hummer I drove was blown up in Afghanistan," Spies said.

Spies tries not to get peeved, but his biggest pet peeve is when people don't treat the people or the staff with respect and kindness. His favorite quote is, "If you look for the light, you will often find it... but if you look for the darkness, it is all you will ever see."

Colorado National and State Parks



Mrs. Carter

A view from a hiking trail along the drive at the Colorado National Monument in Grand Junction.



Mrs. Carter

Arches National Park in Moab, Utah.



Ms. Johnson

Mesa Verde National Park in southwest Colorado.

By Jonathan Clark

Colorado is full of fun things to do, and places to go. Many of these places are protected by the government. Places protected by the State are called state parks. Parks protected by the Federal Government are called national parks. National parks tend to be much larger than state parks, not only in size but also visitors. National parks are much more popular than state parks and also known better.

There are many national parks in and around Colorado. Many of them are famous and easy to recognize. In Southwest Colorado, there is a city of ruins called Mesa Verde. Mesa Verde is a group of Ancestral Pueblo buildings built into a cliffside. Once you get to Mesa Verde, there are many trails and paths you can walk on. You can even go into some of the buildings.

Another national park, although in Utah, it is a relatively short drive to get there. In Moab, Utah there is Arches National Park, which is full of many different naturally formed arches. The Arches are very fun to go to and the short hikes are fun to hike up. You can also drive through the park and see almost all the attractions through your car window without having to hike. The hike is always worth it though, as you can get closer, and even underneath some of the arches.

A national park, much closer to Parachute, is Colorado National Monument in Grand Junction. It is also easy to just drive through, and although it does not have many new things compared to the last, the cliff side you drive on gives a great view around. And there are also very short hikes that are very close to the road, where you can get out and enjoy the view.

Fun Summer Activities



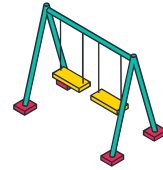
By *Ethan Terrazas*

Since summer is right around the corner, here are a bunch of many fun and affordable things to do. For example:

- Go to the park

You could go to the park and play on the playground, swing on swings, go on a walk, skate around, or even take your dog to have fun. Some of these parks are right here in your backyard. For example:

- Beasley Park
- Community Park
- Parachute Dog Park
- Parachute/Battlement Mesa Parks and Recreation Center
- Turkey Trail Park



You could also:

- Swim at your community pools



Take a chance to splash in your local community pool. You could take swimming lessons, dive, slide on slides, or even just swim and have fun! For example, our Grand Valley Recreation Center is our community pool! You could also visit the Rifle Metro Pool!

You could:

- Volunteer

You could volunteer at your local park, pool, forest, and other places, and do outdoorsy stuff like:

- Maintaining Structures
- Cleaning up Litter
- Improving Wildlife Habitats



Or visit places like:

- Denver Botanical Gardens

The Denver Botanical Gardens is a public garden located in the Cheesman Park neighborhood of Denver, Colorado. This is a park that contains a conservatory, a variety of theme gardens and a sunken amphitheater, which hosts various concerts in the summer.

These are some ideas to have a great summer!



GVMS Happenings

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GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS



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Eighth grader Jonathan Clark took 1st place, seventh grader Gabe Wallberg took 2nd, and eighth grader Jackson Rugaard took 3rd place in the final round of GVMS's first Geography Bee. Sixth graders Tanner Hunt and Coleman Moore participated in the final round.

"CRAZY CUTS" CAST SWEEPS THE CROWD



Mr. James/ GVMS News

GVMS Theatre students perform "Crazy Cuts" at GVMS on Friday, May 5th. "The students performed well, and I am very proud of what they've done," Theatre teacher Josh James said.

HIGH SCHOOL NERVES

By Keirra Medina

High school: the social, fun, inclusive, future school. High school is meant to help students prepare for the world ahead of them. While you go through high school, you learn the social skills to work with others and to have fun with the future ahead of you.

Eighth graders Sierra Trani and Trey Hawkins are both ending their middle school experience and are ready for their new adventure. Although, they both have very different fears about why they are going to high school.

"I'm nervous about a lot of things," Trani said. "The main thing I'm worried about is that I don't know many teachers and upperclassmen at the high school. Also, I'll be in a math class with older students."

Hawkins has different fears than Trani when it comes to moving up to the high school.

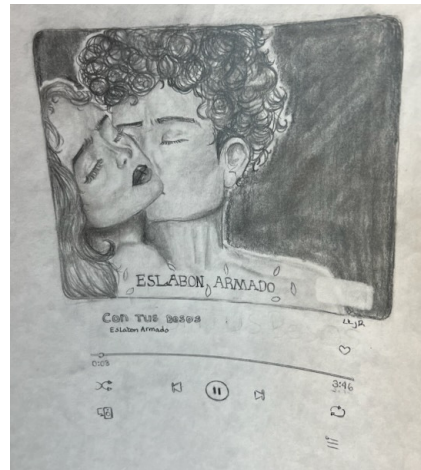
"My biggest fear for high school is the fact that keeping your grades up is a lot harder," Hawkins said.

Teachers are here to get you ready for high school, and better your understanding of what you learn in middle school. Middle school teachers work hard to prepare every student who walks into their class for high school and beyond.

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High Quality Work

By Sierra Trani



Advanced Art

Art Projects
By: Eighth
grader Laurisa
Rangel



Praise for Laurisa's Art:

- "Every art project Laurisa Rangel has done so far this semester has been superb and a clear example of high-quality work," Art teacher Ingrid Harris said.
- "I took my time with [them], and I put effort and feeling into [them]," Rangel said.
- "I like the lighting, texture, and shading," seventh grader Natalie Cortez Cardoza said.
- "It looks quite realistic and it looks pretty," eighth grader Cybil Gonzales said.

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**Yearbook****Cup Throwing Game**

By: Eighth grader Isaiah Ramirez

Praise for Isaiah's game:

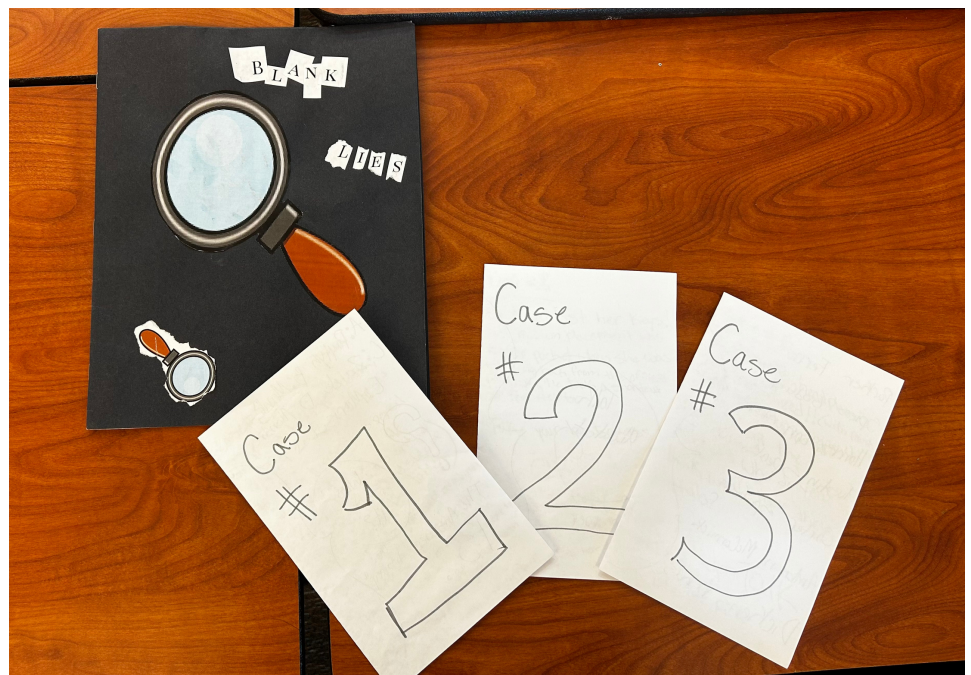
- "A lot of trial and error went into creating his game. I thought it was very creative how he was able to stack all the cups using tape and make it a playable game. The students seemed to really enjoy playing it," Yearbook Advisor Kirsten Knox said.
- "I put effort into the assignment, and I completed everything that was required," Ramirez said.
- "It's high quality work because it looks silly, goofy, and fun. It looks like a fun game to play," eighth grader Jonathan Clark said.
- "It looks like it took a long time and lots of effort," eighth grader Tim Botkin said.

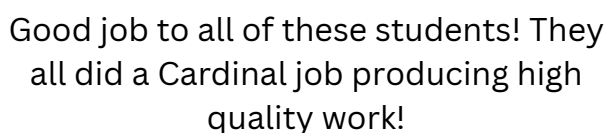
Yearbook**Case File Game**

By: Seventh grader Paytyn Easley

Praise for Paytyn's game:

- "She put so much effort into creating her escape mystery game. It was very creative, and the students enjoyed playing it," Yearbook Advisor Kirsten Knox said.
- "I think this piece was chosen because of the creativity. I did work hard on it, but I messed it up a little in the process," Easley said.
- "It looks well done, and it's obvious she put work into it," eighth grader Kiesha Kracht said.





GREEN HALL TEACHERS ROCKIN' THE '80s



Angelica Romo Ruiz/ GVMS News

Green Hall teachers Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. Tustin, Ms. Knox, and Mr. Spies wearing their '80s attire for Throwback Thursday!

What is happening in Math?

By Estrella Valdez Hinojosa

As the school year comes to an end, Math teachers are trying to educate the students as much as they can.

Shelley Parker teaches sixth grade Math. Her classes will cover Algebra topics, such as solving one and two step equations as well as inequalities. They will also be doing a unit on data and statistics.

Parker believes that Math is so important in life. She also believes that common sense has a huge place in Math.

“A huge part of having common sense comes from making sense of the world through numbers. Even if there is a specific math topic that you may not see how you will use in the future, learning how to solve problems and organize your thoughts is necessary for surviving in the world. Math teaches you those things,” Parker said.

Zachery Dickens teaches sixth grade math to seventh and eighth graders. They will be covering solving equations and inequalities.

7TH GRADERS TEAM BUILD, TIE DYE, & PROBLEM SOLVE



Nicole Loschke

Seventh graders went to the GV Challenge Course on Tuesday, April 25th. One group was in the gym participating in team building activities while the other group was in the cafeteria tie dyeing shirts and making paracord bracelets. After an hour of fun, they switched activities. After lunch, students watched *The Lorax* and then went outside to the low elements on the challenge course for more team building exercises.



Mr. Ferro/ GVMS News

GVMS News Editor-in-Chiefs Sierra Trani and Jonathan Clark.

Farewell GVMS News

By Sierra Trani and Jonathan Clark

We've loved every moment of our role as Editor-in-Chiefs of *GVMS News*. But as we are both eighth graders, this is our last year at GVMS, and we won't be running the paper next year. We have enjoyed being a big part of the first year GVMS has had a newspaper. Thank you to all of the writers that have put effort into their work and made our newspaper possible, thank you to our readers, and most of all thank you to Mrs. Carter. Without her, Journalism wouldn't even be a thing. Journalism has been so fun, we've loved creating and publishing our articles. It's made us better writers and pushed us to be more responsible. This year, it was during first period. So, it was a great start to both of our days, to be in the zone of writing about different topics, interviewing different teachers, helping with layout, etc. We will both miss it so much. To the Editor-in-Chief(s) of next year, don't mess up. Just kidding, I'm sure the newspaper next year will be amazing. Goodbye *GVMS News*, we loved being the Editor-in-Chiefs.

Jokes

"What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish? Swimming trunks!"

"Why can't basketball players go on vacation? They would get called for traveling!"

"Where do sheep go on vacation? To the Baa-Hamas!"

"What kind of tree fit in your hand? A palm tree!"

"What animal is always at a baseball game? A bat!"

"Where do math teachers like to go on vacation? Time square!"

"What do you find in the middle of the ocean? The letter E!"

"When do you go at red but stop at green? When you're eating a watermelon!"

"What's the best day to go to the beach? SUN-day!"

"Why are there pop-tarts but not mom-tarts? Because of the pastryarchy!"

"What did the tie say to the hat? You go on ahead and I'll just hang around!"

"What three candies can you find in every school? Nerds, DumDums, and Smarties!"

"Did you hear about the angry pancake? It flipped!"

"Why did the kid throw a clock out of the window? He wanted to see time fly!"

"Can February march? No, but April may!"

"Why is a baseball team similar to a muffin? They both depend on the batter!"

"I was going to tell you a chemistry joke, but I knew I wouldn't get a reaction!"

"Why did the baby strawberry cry? Because his parents were in a jam!"

"Did you hear about the carrot detective? He got to the root of every case!"

"Have you ever seen Mt. Rushmore without the faces? It was unpresidential!"

Created by 8th graders Sierra Trani and Keirra Medina



Sports

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Athlete Spotlight: Kylene Mascioli

By Aimar Jimenez Zaragoza

Eighth-grader Kylene Mascioli has been doing track and field for two years now. Her main events are the 200m dash, long jump, 200m hurdles, and 4x100 relay.

"My favorite event is probably the 200m hurdles. I don't have a specific reason, but I am good at them and it's not too hard," Mascioli said.

When she was a seventh grader, she ran the 200m hurdles in 33.75 seconds putting her first on the GVMS leaderboard for seventh grade girls 200m hurdles. "I felt amazing when I beat the record, and I was shocked. Hurdles were not my main event whatsoever, I mainly focused on long jump. I never even practiced hurdles, so when I knew I beat the record, I was shocked. I am going to work towards beating the record for the 8th grade 200m hurdles as well."

At the Rifle High School track meet on April 7th, Mascioli placed fifth for the 200m hurdles with a time of 37.83 seconds. For the 200m dash, she placed sixth with a time of 31.85 seconds. For long jump, she placed fifth with a jump of 11.11 feet.

While at the GVMS Invitational track meet on April 17th, she placed first in the 100m and 200m dash with a time of 13.8 seconds and 30.24 seconds. For long jump, she placed third with a jump of 12.9 feet. In the 4x100 relay, her team placed second with a time of 1:01.78, and then for the 800m medley relay, her team placed second with a time of 2:21.

"She has potential to overtake the record for the 200m hurdles and the long jump," Coach Micah Amborn said.

Mascioli is determined to do her best at each track meet.

"During a race, I think about just beating all the people I am running against," Mascioli said.



Ms. Knox/ GVMS News

Eighth grader Kylene Mascioli running the 200m dash at the GVMS Invitational track meet on April 17th. Mascioli took 1st place with a time of 30.24 seconds.

This mindset allows her to push herself against her competitors.

"At the same time, track is all about beating your own personal records (PRs)," Amborn said. "That, for me, is the best part of track; individual improvement."

Mascioli currently is ranked fifth for the 200m dash GVMS Track Records with a time of 37.83 seconds. She also is the third fastest GVMS track athlete for the 100m dash with a time of 13.8 seconds.

"I ran faster than last year, and I placed higher in my events," Mascioli said. "It feels good to be on the GVMS Track Records leaderboard. It shows the effort that I put in this season paid off."



Ms. Knox/ GVMS News

Left: Seventh grader Chase Price's 4x100 relay team placed second at the GVMS Invitational track meet on April 17th with a time of 59.81 seconds. Right: Seventh grader Chase Price placed third in the high jump at the GVMS Invitational track meet.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: CHASE PRICE

By Josh Vashus

Seventh grader Chase Price is a track athlete who is working hard and having fun. He wants to place well, so he puts in the work.

This is Price's first year in track. "I joined because my friends told me to and [to] turn into a jumping machine," Price said.

Price's events this year are the high jump, long jump, 100m dash, and the 4x1 medley relay. This season he is focusing on the high jump.

For high jump, our school record is 5' 3," and Chase is determined to beat it.

Next year he will probably do track, but it's not guaranteed.

For track, Price is going to need good cardio even for the 100 meter dash. "[My cardio is] mid. I can do about one and a half laps [without stopping]," Price said.

Price is a multi sports kid, but he doesn't think he will choose track over other sports like football.

Because of this crazy weather, the track team has been having to do inside and outside practices. "I like inside practice more [because of the warmth]," Price said.

Eighth grade social studies teacher Micah Amborn is the track team's head coach. "One of the reasons track is the best is because it is all about setting personal goals and improving your personal record. It is a team sport, but it is highly individualized," Amborn said. "I believe that Chase has great potential to win some races and make great improvements this track season. I also think that he is a leader within the seventh grade class."

Since this is a team sport everyone has to offer something to the team. "Chase brings energy to our track squad. He is also athletic enough to compete against the best that any of the other schools have to offer," Amborn said.

Price suggests he's best at the high jump, but Amborn says long jump.

"I [also] think that Chase will play an important part in the seventh grade boy's 4x100 [relay]," Amborn said.

Like with any sport, hard work pays off.

"Chase is a great example of an athlete that has great potential and it is up to him (and all my athletes) to work hard in order to unlock their greatness," Amborn said.



Journalism is not like English Class

By Sierra Trani and Jonathan Clark

As the Editor-in-Chiefs of *GVMS News* we have had a huge responsibility in Mrs. Carter's Journalism class. Our role as Editor-in-Chiefs is to guide the other student journalists, help with the paper layout, and we make up for articles that are needed in the paper. This means that we write multiple articles for each paper.

Mrs. Carter teaches English, but she is also in charge of the Journalism class. Mrs. Carter is absolutely amazing, in our personal opinion. We have first hand seen how important this newspaper is to Mrs. Carter, so if you aren't going to put in your best effort and take your job seriously, don't join Journalism. However, if you do work hard, you will have fun writing about topics you enjoy and interviewing different people.

At the begining of the year, we learned LQTQ format, the ethics of Journalism, and how to properly interview people. You may think that Journalism is like your English class, but it is not, there is a specific format that you must use, and there are many more rules of ethics that you must follow. There's also certain ways you must interview people, including how to write a proper email.

"The Addams Family" Musical Critique

By Morgan Hoyt

You might know, GVHS recently performed their musical "The Addams Family." I was lucky enough to be able to watch all of the performances.

The first performance I got to watch was their practice performance at GVHS for the Bea Underwood Elementary School students. I was sitting a couple of feet away from the stage, yet I couldn't hear anything because the microphones were not working. I also noticed that some of the cast members who have been doing the musical since January were struggling with their dances, lines, and songs. I do know that people did quit the musical, so they had people joining two weeks before the show. The cast worked really hard, and overall, the practice show was decent.

The first ACTUAL show night was absolutely amazing! I was able to hear everything. The director, Abbey Beaton, cut some songs because people didn't know the lyrics. I was really proud of everyone for trying so hard to complete this musical. I really have nothing to say they needed to work on for this show night. This performance is proof that hard work pays off.

The final show night had some struggles. The microphones were on and off, and some cast members were forgetting cues, lines, etc. Although, I was happy about the improvising that was going on. The cast really pulled a great show together despite the difficulties.

I'm proud of how everyone did. Each show showed progress.



Provided

From left to right: GVHS junior Clifford Dobbs (Gomez Addams), GVMS seventh grader Hayden Skeen (Bride Ancestor), and GVHS junior Kaelee Sabata (Wednesday Addams) performing in "The Addams Family" musical on Friday, April 14th.

YOUTH SUMMER
GOLF CAMP

June 14 & 15 - 9:30-10:30 ages 5 thru 10
June 21 & 22 - 9:30-10:30 ages 5 thru 10

July 12 & 13 - 9:30-10:30 ages 11 thru 16
July 19 & 20 - 9:30-10:30 ages 11 thru 16

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A session
You can sign your kid up for both sessions

To register
Spots are limited
10 kids per session
Call 970-285-9480
or
Email gvrccsports@pbmnpd.org

Drop your Kids off for an hour
of golf lessons by Golf Professional
Mary Ochs

2023 Summer Reading Challenge

Are you up for a challenge?

Join us and try to read 1,000 minutes this June and July, and help with our collective challenge of reading one million minutes as a community!

Every time you read you help meet those challenges and help us reach our goals.

You can earn prizes by tracking your reading with the Beanstack app or with a bookmark from your local library.



Special Events

June 6-8: Magic with Amazing Dave
June 13-15: Puppets with Out of the Mud Theatre
June 20-22: Acrobatics & Storytelling with Salida Circus
June 27-29: Tap Dancing Workshop with Mr. Tap
July 3-7: Ice Cream Social
July 11-13: Yoga & Storytelling with Diane Laughlin
July 18-20: Music with Pint Sized Polka
July 25-27: Beatboxing Workshop with Mr. Kneel

All Together Now

How to Participate

The Summer Reading Challenge begins June 1 and runs through July 31.

It's free and open to all ages.

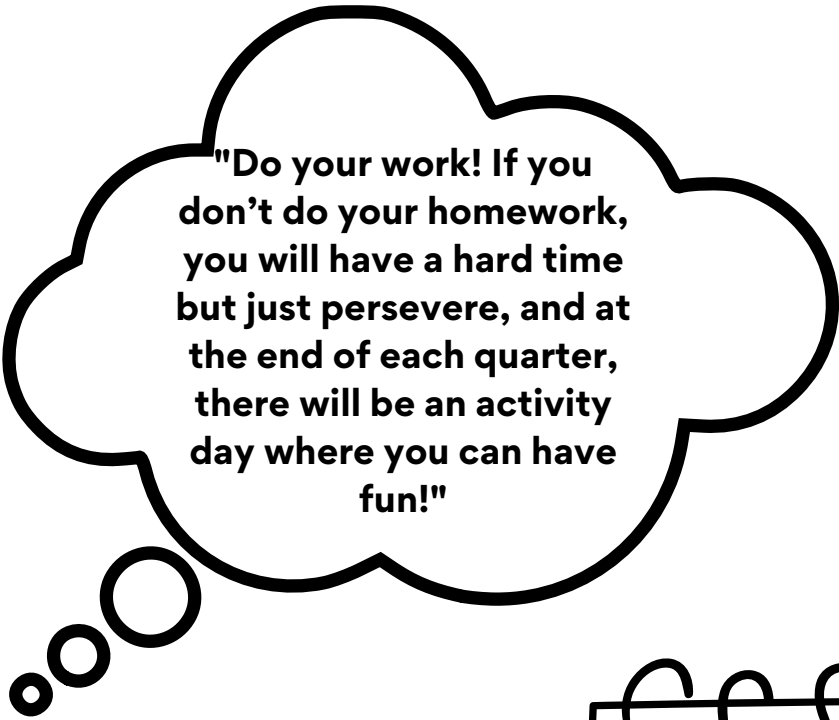
Visit your local library or our website to sign up.



www.gcpld.org/summer-reading

Advice for Upcoming

The shift from elementary school to middle school is an exciting adventure! *GVMS News* asked the current sixth graders and sixth grade teachers to give advice to the upcoming fifth graders. We also asked an eighth grader to offer some advice.



"Do your work! If you don't do your homework, you will have a hard time but just persevere, and at the end of each quarter, there will be an activity day where you can have fun!"



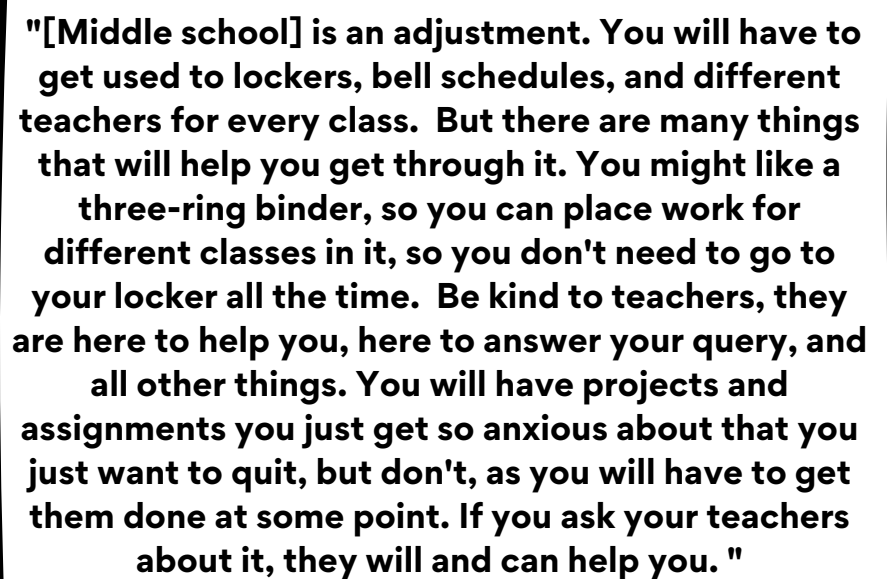
"Stay positive!"

"Ask questions!"

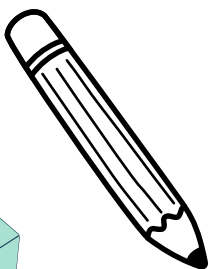
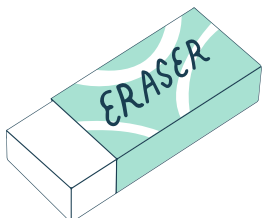
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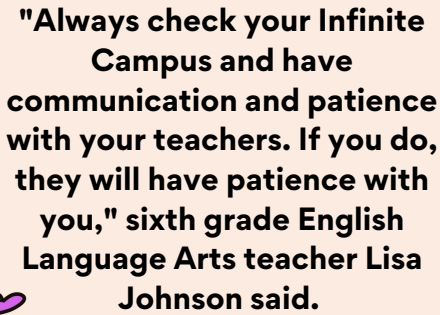
"Bring a pencil to class!"



"[Middle school] is an adjustment. You will have to get used to lockers, bell schedules, and different teachers for every class. But there are many things that will help you get through it. You might like a three-ring binder, so you can place work for different classes in it, so you don't need to go to your locker all the time. Be kind to teachers, they are here to help you, here to answer your query, and all other things. You will have projects and assignments you just get so anxious about that you just want to quit, but don't, as you will have to get them done at some point. If you ask your teachers about it, they will and can help you. "



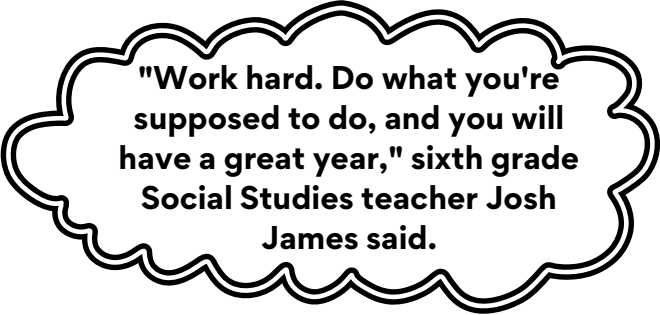
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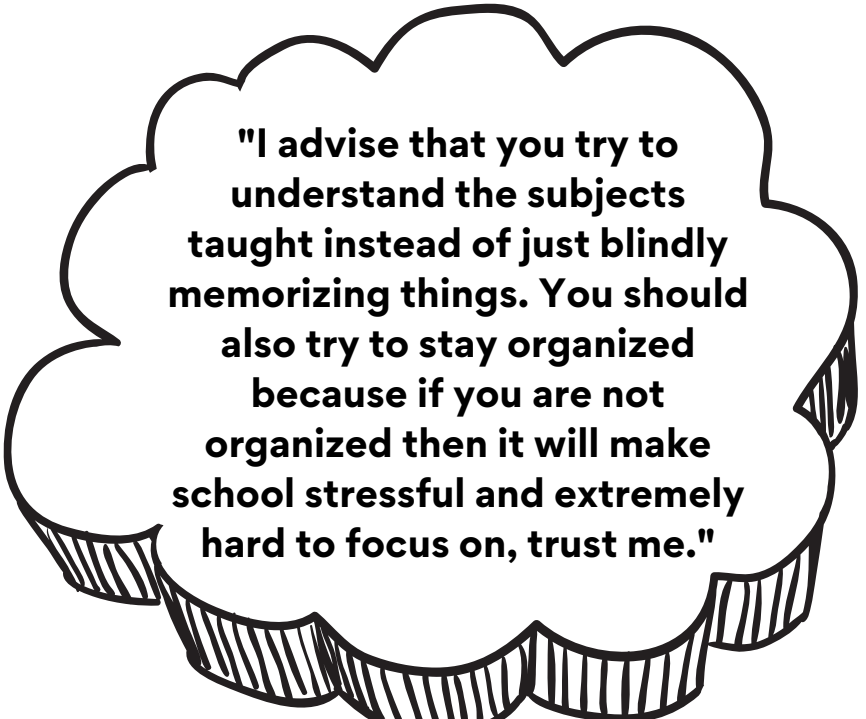
"Always check your Infinite Campus and have communication and patience with your teachers. If you do, they will have patience with you," sixth grade English Language Arts teacher Lisa Johnson said.



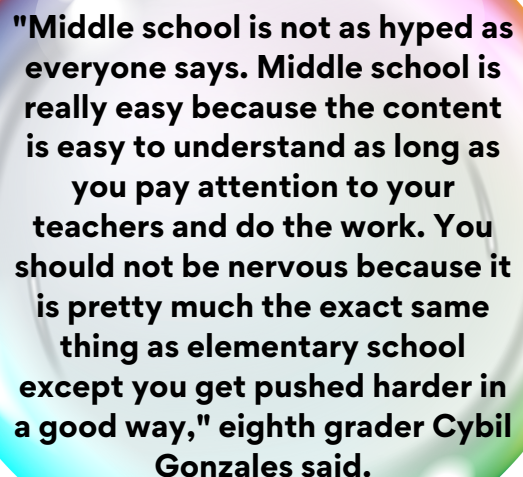
"Memorize your locker code and schedule as some kids did not for the first half of the school year and it just makes it really hard. [Also], do your work."



"Work hard. Do what you're supposed to do, and you will have a great year," sixth grade Social Studies teacher Josh James said.



"I advise that you try to understand the subjects taught instead of just blindly memorizing things. You should also try to stay organized because if you are not organized then it will make school stressful and extremely hard to focus on, trust me."

"Middle school is not as hyped as everyone says. Middle school is really easy because the content is easy to understand as long as you pay attention to your teachers and do the work. You should not be nervous because it is pretty much the exact same thing as elementary school except you get pushed harder in a good way," eighth grader Cybil Gonzales said.

GVMS 6th GRADE BAND, CHOIR, & UKULELE VISIT CFL & BUE



Nicole Loschke

Photo above: Eighth graders Isabel Ruona, Zalas Richards, Waylon Panter, and seventh grader Gabe Wallberg playing the ukulele for elementary school students on Thursday, May 4th.

Photo left: Sixth graders Kyria Chan (left) and Kaydance Reynolds (right) playing their flutes for elementary school students on Thursday, May 4th.

CONTINUATION

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"It is a step in maturation and recognizes the fact that students are growing up; they are moving from childhood into the world of young adults," eighth-grade science teacher Tom Ferro said.

Students also agree that the continuation is an important event.

"[Continuation] will be fun as a memory and help the eighth graders realize this year is done and maybe help some mature more," eighth grade student Nadia Snyder said.

Another eighth grade student, Zalas Richards agrees that it's important.

"[It's important] to recognize all the accomplishments of your middle school years," Richards said.

Awards will be given out to those who have reached academic success, plus citizenship awards. It's important to recognize the students that have worked hard throughout the school year.

During continuation, six students will be chosen to have roles. One for the introduction, one to thank staff, one to thank teachers, one to thank students, and two to read names. Also, by teacher selection, some students will be chosen to give speeches. They will be given a guideline on how they should prepare their speech.

Also, a special thanks to Ms. Knox and her yearbook class. Each eighth grade student will be responsible for their own slide in a slideshow that will be shown during continuation. The yearbook crew will be making the final touches.

"I am so proud of every single one of my students, so I'm happy that I get to celebrate this transitional time with them," Knox said.

Eighth grade continuation is the final closure to your middle school years. You are getting older and maturing. At the high school, you will be expected to act like a young adult.

"Cherish the memories you've made so far. You're quickly becoming an adult," Speakman said.

PARKS

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One last national park close by is Dinosaur National Monument. This place is on the border of Colorado and Utah, and is around a very small town called Dinosaur. This Park is very cool and full of fun things to do. Dinosaur National Monument is a huge wall full of Fossils, mainly Dinosaur bones, and show you how the bones are dug up and what they look like before being put in a museum. There are also many paths, where you can look at Native American petroglyphs or carvings in the rocks.

Very close to Parachute, are three state parks. Rifle Gap, Harvey Gap, and Rifle Falls are each amazing in their own right. Neither of them are very big or take a while to finish. Rifle Gap is a huge reservoir, or lake, where you can boat, swim, fish, and many more. A state park closer to Silt is Harvey Gap State Park. It is a lot like Rifle Gap, Harvey Gap is a huge lake that is very good for boating and paddleboarding. Rifle Falls is also very cool. It is a few huge waterfalls that you can get close to. You can even go into a bunch of caves scattered around the park.



Mrs. Carter

Harvey Gap State Park in Silt.

Whether you are at a State or National park you have to follow the rules and regulations on where you are. You also should behave right, as other people are trying to enjoy the park too. Make sure that wherever you go, you come prepared and bring snacks and lots of water for the hikes. Each of these parks can take more than an hour or two, depending on your pacing.

MATH

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“My hope is also to teach the relationships between variables in order for students to write equations, graph equations, and writing equations from graphs,” Dickens said.

Dickens’ loves teaching math. “I enjoy teaching math because Math to me is a puzzle, and I enjoy when things come together when the Math is done right.” Dickens said.

Misty McCormick teaches seventh grade and eighth grade math to seventh and eighth graders. McCormick is hoping to cover some Geometry and Statistics for both seventh and eighth grade Math this quarter.

Math was hard for McCormick growing up. She struggled but never gave up as she is known now as a Math teacher. “I failed math in elementary school. The teacher had to pull me aside to let me know I would be going to a different math class the next day,” McCormick said.

Scott Carpenter also teaches Math. He will cover Graphing Functions, Trig Ratios and finding Compound Interest in Algebra 1. In Algebra 2 he will cover more complex Trig Ratios, Logarithms, and Polar Coordinates.

Carpenter teaches Sierra Trani and Tyler Palcer. Since they master middle school math, they have their own teacher who teaches them a high math level.

Carpenter has moved to middle school from high school. “I moved to teaching middle school Math to expand my opportunities in education. Middle school students have unique challenges and opportunities,” Carpenter said.

Math can be difficult to many people. Try your hardest and never give up. Learn at your own pace.

TUSTIN

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A few things Tustin likes about teaching is the students and connecting them to cultures and people different than themselves. As well as getting to be innovative and creative everyday.

There are also things she dislikes about teaching such as aspects that distract her from actually getting to teach her students. “Sometimes there is paperworks or are boxes to check that I don't super enjoy. But if they mean I get to also do the aspects of teaching I enjoy - I'll take it,” Tustin said.

Tustin originally thought she would go to a small Christian school for college but eventually ended up going to Michigan State University, then later went on a long missions trip to a bunch of cool places. “After college I did an 11 month Christian mission trip to 11 different countries where I got experience tutoring and teaching in Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia and South America,” Tustin said.

Tustin's proudest accomplishment is all the times she was brave even when she was scared. “I'm proudest, I think, of the times I was brave and took a leap even when I was scared and didn't fully know what was ahead,” Tustin said.

One of Tustin's biggest regrets is not wearing her retainer at night while in high school. “Instead of having straight teeth that my parents paid for. Now as an adult I had to do a similar process again and this time I had to pay for it,” Tustin said.

A few things Tustin likes to do in her free time is she loves playing board games and Mario Kart with her husband and friends. She also likes getting creative like painting or finding gifts for other people, and hiking. “So hard to choose,” Tustin said.

The things that inspired Tustin to become a teacher are when she was in 8th grade helping her peers understand what was going on in her algebra class, as well as tutoring other kids in math. “Through those experiences it just confirmed for me I wanted to be a teacher,” Tustin said.

JOURNALISM

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Journalism is very different from writing normally. You don't need to write a eighteen page essay to get a good grade. Most articles are about a page long, and do not require you to go out of your way to make sure you get it done. Also, the shorter introductory paragraph, or lead, the better. Along with this, you get to interview other people and meet new people. It is also very fun to be a part of the newspaper and see what you wrote published for everyone to see.

Journalism will look slightly different next year, but there will still be an Editor-in-Chief, managing editor, copy editor, news editor, news writers, feature editor, feature writers, sports editor, sports writers, opinion editor, and opinion writers.

It's somewhat difficult to get into journalism next year, but it is entirely worth it. To start you must ask Mrs. Carter for an application. The first step of your application requires you to get two teacher recommendations. The second and probably easiest step needs you to rate yourself 1-5 on the following areas: responsibility, timeliness, cooperability, reliability, and attitude. The last step will require you to write a two paragraph statement on why you should be in Journalism. These paragraphs must be at least six sentences long or else you will not be considered for next year.

After reading all that, you're probably wondering if it is really worth it to join Journalism. The good thing about Journalism is that you do not have to do much as long as you work hard to meet article deadlines. Also, Mrs. Carter rarely assigns homework if you work hard in her class. It is also good if you like drawing, as cartoonists get there drawings put in the newspaper. Journalism is also very good if you want something in the school to change. The school lunches have seen tons of improvement and the concessions have come back because of an article published in the newspaper.

If you are interested in Journalism then the application is definitely worth it. Journalism has been our favorite class this year and for an hour or less of work, it can be yours too.

NERVES

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“The eternal math teacher struggle. I did not cover all the math I wanted this year. But those students that worked hard will be just fine,” seventh and eighth grade Math teacher Misty McCormick said.

The CRISP (Collaboartion, Responsibility, Inquiry, Service, and Perseverance) habits are an important aspect to preparing middle school students for high school and beyond.

“I wish I could have instilled the importance of keeping up with school work in all the students,” eighth grade Science teacher Tom Ferro said.

Trani and Hawkins may have their nerves about moving on to the next chapter of their lives, but they are ready to begin the next chapter.

“I think I'll do okay at the high school,” Trani said. “I’m already good at getting my assignments done, and doing good on them too. I think the first couple of weeks will be rough,” Trani said. “Just because I don’t know my way around the school and what my classes will look like. But, all in all, I think that once I get the hang of it I will be just fine.”

Hawkins on the other hand feels ready but sounds more confident about being ready for high school.

“I feel ready for high school because not gonna lie I’m pretty good at middle school and high school is just middle school and more,” Hawkins said.

Trani and Hawkins may feel ready to leave and grow up, but the teachers are still going to miss the kids when they leave them for high school.

“I have really enjoyed my classes this year,” McCormick said. “I have some eighth graders students that really stepped it up and worked hard to truly understand what was being taught.”

Like McCormick, Ferro has enjoyed his classes this year.

“I have been teaching for a long time,” Ferro said. “There are some students that I certainly will miss. I tend not to dwell on that fact. Instead, I think about all the adventures that await students in the future.”

Trani and Hawkins believe that it is important to bring your middle school habits up to the high school, and a good personality.

“Just being motivated to do well on your work and knowing that it will affect your future is a really good mindset in my opinion,” Trani said.

Hawkins has a different opinion from Trani on what kind of habits from middle school would be best helpful for high school.

“Having super good friends . . . will help a bunch,” Hawkins said.

McCormick would like to give a word of advice to the students to better prepare themselves for what's to come in their future.

“You are going to love that high school gives you a bit more freedom,” McCormick said. “With freedom comes responsibility so stay on top of your classwork and enjoy the next few years.”

Ferro has a different piece of advice from McCormick, to get the students ready for what's to come.

“My advice for students would be to keep up with school work, keeping up is easier than catching up,” Ferro said. “Also, try and experience as much as school can offer you and have fun doing it.”



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