

Grass Valley ELEMENTARY



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Staff changes coming for next year

Dear Grass Valley School Community,

It is hard to believe that the school year is less than two weeks away from being finished. I would like to thank the staff, students, parents, volunteers, PTA and our business partners for their outstanding partnership and effort in helping make Grass Valley Elementary a GREAT SCHOOL! It truly takes a community to make a school great.

I want to give a special thank you to the Grass Valley fifth-grade class of 2019. We have a wonderful and talented group of fifth-graders who are moving on to share their talents in middle school next year. Thank you for your effort, leadership, curiosity, motivation and challenges each day, and good luck next year! Remember to always try your personal best, take responsibility for your learning and be accountable for your decisions and you will be successful.

As we work on planning for the fall, we have a few changes to announce. Karen Schrom and Kari Wiest will be moving from teaching third grade to first grade next year. Additionally, Christina Pachinger will be joining us from Skyridge Middle School, where she currently teaches eighth grade. Christina

will be teaching third-grade math and science here at Grass Valley. She taught elementary school for eight years in California before moving with her family to Washington state seven years ago. She decided to stay home and spend time with her two boys for a few years before she ventured back into the work force as a sub in Camas four years ago. She's been teaching eighth-grade language arts and social studies at Skyridge for the past two years.

Also, our associate principal, Melissa Hutton, will be supporting Grass Valley and Woodburn Elementary next year. She will split her time equally between the two buildings.

We would also like to thank teachers Ramón Almeyda, Shannon Larisey, Diana Garcia and Ahna Jura for supporting us in their one-year-only assignments. We wish them all well on their next endeavors.

I hope you have a great summer filled with fun memories for your families. Summer can be a busy time that upends our routines, so try to remember to make time each day to check in and connect with your children.

I look forward to seeing many of you at **Back to School Night on Aug. 29**. Watch your mailbox in mid- to late August for information about classroom placements for the new school year, which begins on Sept. 3.

Regards,

Sean McMillan, principal

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Thank you for a great run!

Dear Grass Valley families,

As I close out my two-year term as the Grass Valley Elementary PTA president, I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who spent time volunteering, coordinating and donating to our PTA. We have grown in membership and have provided most needs with valuable funds as requested.

I proudly served in the role of president, and I especially appreciate the support from Grass Valley parents and staff who helped me lead with a passion to serve all students at GVE. It is

Shout-out to our Art Discovery volunteers

Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers for this year's help with Art Discovery.

The art program at GVE would not exist without dedicated volunteers handling all of the fun instruction in the classrooms. I appreciate all who participated in this amazing program for our children. Looking forward to next year!!

Best,
Stephani Pizzi
Chair, Art Discovery

with utmost gratitude that I leave the PTA Executive Board with a wealth of knowledge and joyful memories I have been so lucky to experience over the years. I cannot end without also thanking an incredible board of women I have served along side of, and I trust our new Executive Board will serve with the same pride and passion.

Cheers,
Melanie

Here are some of the major things that we supported at Grass Valley this year thanks to the generous support of our families:

- Purchased a license for all grades and classrooms to use the Moby Max online learning tool for two years, at a total cost of over \$5,000.
- Donated \$5,000 to the school library to help update and add to the collection.
- Gave more than \$5,000 in learning support grants to our staff.
- Purchased new dolls for the kindergarten classrooms.
- Our annual budget also funds the Art Discovery program, the Winter Blast dance, the Spring Carnival and the Family Movie Nights.

Welcome, new executive board members

The annual PTA election was held at our final meeting on Tuesday, June 4. We're happy to announce our leadership for the 2019-2020 school year:

President Robyn Sheridan

Co-vice presidents Krista Jaramillo and Marian Wong

Treasurer Teresa McLaren

Secretary Shawn Tay

Their terms begin July 1, and one of their first tasks will be to fill committee chair positions for next year. **If you are interested in a specific volunteer role for next year, now is the time to let us know**

by emailing president@gvezebraspta.org.



Let us know how we're doing!

As we look ahead to next year, we're gathering information and feedback about our events and activities. Please take a moment to take our short and simple [online survey](#) about what events you attend or volunteer for. Thank you!

Great options abound for summer reading

This has been an incredible year for our Grass Valley Library. Our collection has grown significantly thanks to the enormous amount of support from our school community. This year, we focused on expanding our collection to ensure that all students could see themselves within the pages of a book. We have added 892 titles through donations, fundraisers and grants. We are certainly putting those books to good use. It's exciting to see a culture of eager readers at Grass Valley and a space that functions as a library rather than a museum of old books. You might be interested to know that we have had 24,306 total checkouts this year. Way to go Zebras!

With that said, all library books are now due back and it is time to utilize other community resources for summer reading. And boy, there are many to choose from. Below are links to summer reading lists created by the American Library Association. The Camas Public Library has many summer offerings as well. New this year, we are excited to introduce the Camas BookMoVan, which will make stops at the elementary schools each Wednesday this summer. (See schedule at right.)

If that weren't enough, we are again partnering with Barnes & Noble. Simply fill out a [reading journal](#) indicating eight books that your child has chosen to read this summer and take it to your local Barnes & Noble this August to receive a free book of your choice.

Finally, I am eager to announce a way to let me continue to share some of my favorite stories with Grass Valley students during the summer months. I hope you and your child will tune in online to hear what we're reading at my house over the break. Be looking for an invitation to view and listen to me read aloud some incredible books each week.

I wish you a wonderful summer with your families. In the words of Marcel Proust, "There are perhaps no days of our childhood

we lived so fully as those we spent with a book." Please don't hesitate to reach out if you are having trouble locating lost books. I'm here to help.

Sincerely,

Erin Linton, teacher librarian

LINKS: Click [here](#) to download a K-2 reading list from the American Library Association, or [here](#) for the grades 3-5 list.

Camas Book MoVAN Schedule Summer 2019

Date	Schools	Times
Wednesday, June 26	Baller Woodburn Dorothy Fox	9-10 am 10:30-11:30 am 12-1 pm
Wednesday, July 3	Grass Valley Lacamas Prune Hill	9-10 am 10:30-11:30 am 12-1 pm
Wednesday, July 10	Baller Woodburn Dorothy Fox	9-10 am 10:30-11:30 am 12-1 pm
Wednesday, July 17	Grass Valley Lacamas Prune Hill	9-10 am 10:30-11:30 am 12-1 pm
Wednesday, July 24	Baller Woodburn Dorothy Fox	9-10 am 10:30-11:30 am 12-1 pm
Wednesday, July 31	Grass Valley Lacamas Prune Hill	9-10 am 10:30-11:30 am 12-1 pm
Wednesday, August 7	Baller Woodburn Dorothy Fox	9-10 am 10:30-11:30 am 12-1 pm
Wednesday, August 14	Grass Valley Lacamas Prune Hill	9-10 am 10:30-11:30 am 12-1 pm

Scenes from the hall



First-grader Andrey W. was ready to take charge after winning the raffle drawing at the Spring Carnival to be Principal for a Day with Mrs. Hutton and Mr. McMillan.

A few important reminders

LOST & FOUND: Remember to check the Lost & Found for any missing items. All unclaimed goods will be donated to charity or discarded over the summer break. The building will be open through June 28.

LAST DAY: Please note that even though the last day of school falls on a Thursday (June 20), we will follow a Wednesday schedule with dismissal at 12:10 p.m.

BACK TO SCHOOL: Save the date for Back to School Night, from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 29. This is the best time to meet your teachers, drop off school supplies and any needed medications, sign up for PTA, turn in paperwork and put money on students' lunch accounts.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Updated lists for each school can be found on the Camas School District website over the summer [here](#).

Volunteers needed for Field Day!

Our annual GVE Field Day is coming up on Monday, June 17, and PE teachers Mrs. Crowston and Mr. Jesse are looking for volunteers to help run all of the fun outdoor game stations, plus set up and clean up the games.

Please visit the [online signup](#) to see if you can help. Remember, all volunteers must have a current [clearance form](#) on file with the school.

Bonus: You'll get lunch while you're there! Just check out the volunteer appreciation event that day in the library from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



A NOTE FROM the NURSE: JUNE 2019

End of Year in SIGHT!



HAVE MEDICATION IN OUR HEALTH ROOM?

- Pick up ANY medication(s) by 11:00 am June 20.
- All medication that is not picked up will be discarded.

HEALTH CARE PLANS FOR 2019-2020:

- Watch the mail for an envelope containing important documents.
- Read over the ECP (Emergency Care Plan) and make any changes or updates.
- If your student requires medication next year, please visit your child's doctor this summer and have his or her physician sign the Medication Authorization form.
- Return all documents and doctor's orders to the School Nurse prior to Sept 3.

IMMUNIZATIONS FOR 2019-2020:

- MANY changes are happening on the immunization front (especially in regards to MMR). Please check this website for updates from the Washington Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Schools/Immunization/ExemptionLawChange>
- We will share more information as it becomes available.

HAVE A SAFE AND SUPER FUN SUMMER!

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**Karen Wight
Janet Bloodworth**

**District RN
Health Assistant**

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Ext: 78075**

CALENDAR

JUNE

<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>BBQ Lunch Cafeteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>School Board Mtg. GVE Library Jazz Choir performs 5:30 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>5th Grade FT State Capitol Olympia, WA All day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>June/July Birthday Lunch Celebration</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>JAZZ Choir Practice Music Room 12:15-1:15 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>Graduation Walk 10:15-10:45 AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>Camas Public Library Summer Reading Prog. presentation 12:00-2:00 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>Student Leadership Team Meeting Room 209 2:40-3:40 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>Kindergarten FT Oregon Zoo 8:15 AM-1:30 PM</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p>FIELD DAY</p> <p>K, 1, 2: 8:30-10:30 3, 4, 5: 12:10-2:10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>Author Visit 4th & 5th Grade 8:30-9:10 AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>Volunteer Lunch:</p> <p>Gr. 3: 11:05-11:45 Gr. 4: 11:15-11:55 Gr. 5: 11:25-12:05 Gr. K: 11:35-12:15 Gr. 1: 11:45-12:25 Gr. 2: 11:55-12:35</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>5th Grade FT GV Park Picnic Lacamas Swim Party 9:00-2:20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>Author Visit 2nd & 3rd Grade 8:30-9:05 AM</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>EARLY RELEASE dismissal at 12:10 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</p> <p>Assembly 8:15 AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>EARLY RELEASE dismissal at 12:10 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>SUMMER VACATION BEGINS!</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>REPORT CARDS MAILED HOME</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>



Attention, volunteers!

Most of you should have received an invitation from a teacher or staff member, but in case we missed anyone: Our annual Grass Valley Volunteer Appreciation Lunch will be held on Monday, June 17, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the library.

If you've volunteered at school in any way this year, whether chaperoning a field trip, helping in a classroom or helping with a PTA-sponsored event, please join us!