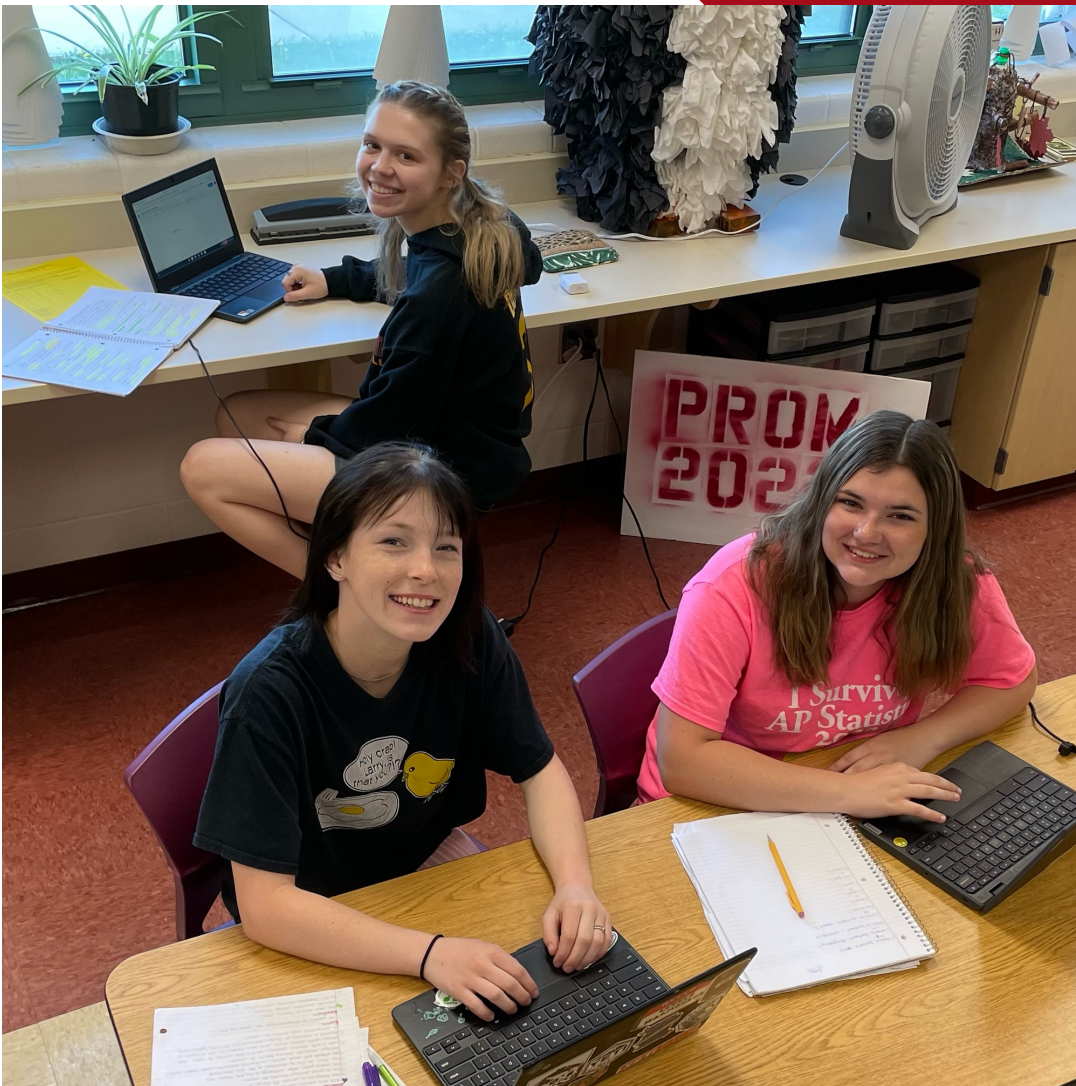


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**SPRING
2022
DISTRICT
UPDATE**

Members of the Class of 2022 working on their Senior Research Paper

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear G-A Family and Community Members:

This is the time of year when we reflect on all that we have accomplished throughout this school year. We feel very fortunate that we were able to hold school each day of the week and that teachers and students were in the classrooms together.

We knew that there would be a great deal of learning missed as a result of the virtual learning and other impacts of the pandemic on our students mental health, habits of learning and doing school. Despite that, our staff dug in and asked: how do we help students make up lost time and meet their social and emotional needs as they return to school? I am proud of the work they have done and I will challenge anyone to get to know what we have here at G-A that puts students first. We are a **SMALL school**, in two small towns, with very **BIG hearts**.

Here are 40 reasons a family should consider raising their children here and attending Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools:

1. Every student K- 8 gets STEAM education
2. Intro to Computer Science and AP Computer Science courses in High School
3. Community S.T.E.A.M. partnership with Eaton Cummins Joint Venture
4. Physical Education Classes for K-12
5. All 4th grade students get Swimming lessons at the Sherman Lake YMCA
6. All 5th grade students get a STEAM experience called STARBASE at the air national guard base
7. K-8 Art programming, with robust High School Art program in multiple mediums
8. Music education, grades K-5 and Choir 9-12
9. High School Marching Band and other performance band opportunities, grades 6-12
10. Small class sizes K-12 where teachers get to know their students well
11. Supportive and engaged PTO called AFGAK (Adults for Galesburg Augusta Kids) K-12
12. Youth Athletic Coordinator
13. Summer athletic camps led by High School Varsity teams
14. Whole Child District Focus
15. Gold Award through MASCD for Whole Child Initiatives
16. Counseling services contracted from area therapists through 31N6 State funds
17. Academic intervention times designated in K-7 to help support all students in Math and Reading
18. Family Advocate/School Liaison at each building to connect and support families
19. Annual field trips:
 - a. 3rd grade trip to the local fire department
 - b. 3rd grade trip to Dairy Farm to learn life cycles and MI Economics
 - c. 3rd grade to Lansing Capital - Culmination of our MI studies
20. Junior Achievement & FIRST Robotics Teams

21. CTE, Early Middle College, Dual Enrollment, AP Classes, Math and Science Center
22. Capturing Kids Hearts at the High School
23. Student Council, National Honor Society, Jr Honor Society
24. Five quality preschool programs, to meet the needs of our early learners
 - a. Tuition-based three year-olds
 - b. Tuition-based four year-olds
 - c. Two individual GSRP classrooms
 - d. Early Childhood Special Education
25. Career Exploration and Readiness K-12
26. Before and After School Care and Summer Care
27. High School Career Champions providing innovations in Career Development
28. OT, PT, Social Work and Behavior Support Specialist supporting students with additional needs
29. Brand new playground at our middle school
30. One to one devices for all students
31. District School Nurse
32. Work Based Learning
33. Well maintained buildings
34. Soon to have a new classroom solely dedicated to STEAM education and project based learning
35. New Athletic Stadium on site at our High School, well kept tennis courts and softball and baseball fields
36. Soon to have a multi-purpose addition to the High School for during the day academic programming, after school practices for various groups, and for community use
37. High level of participation in our youth wrestling and football programs
38. Online learning opportunities for credit recovery and alternative courses through MI Virtual University
39. Active Athletic and Music Boosters
40. Education Foundation providing scholarships for graduating seniors

Wow! Our “Small Town / Big Heart” philosophy provides the foundation for all of those growth opportunities for children in our community. If you know of a family who has moved into our community, encourage them to reach out to our district office at : 269-484-2000. We would be happy to answer any questions they may have.

Enjoy family, friends, and the summertime weather. Encourage your children to get outside and play, keep physically active, pick up a book and read and perhaps pick up a new hobby. There is a lot of learning that can take place over the course of one’s summer.

Thank you for sharing your children with us.

Sincerely,
Ms. Wendy Maynard-Somers



BOND PROJECT

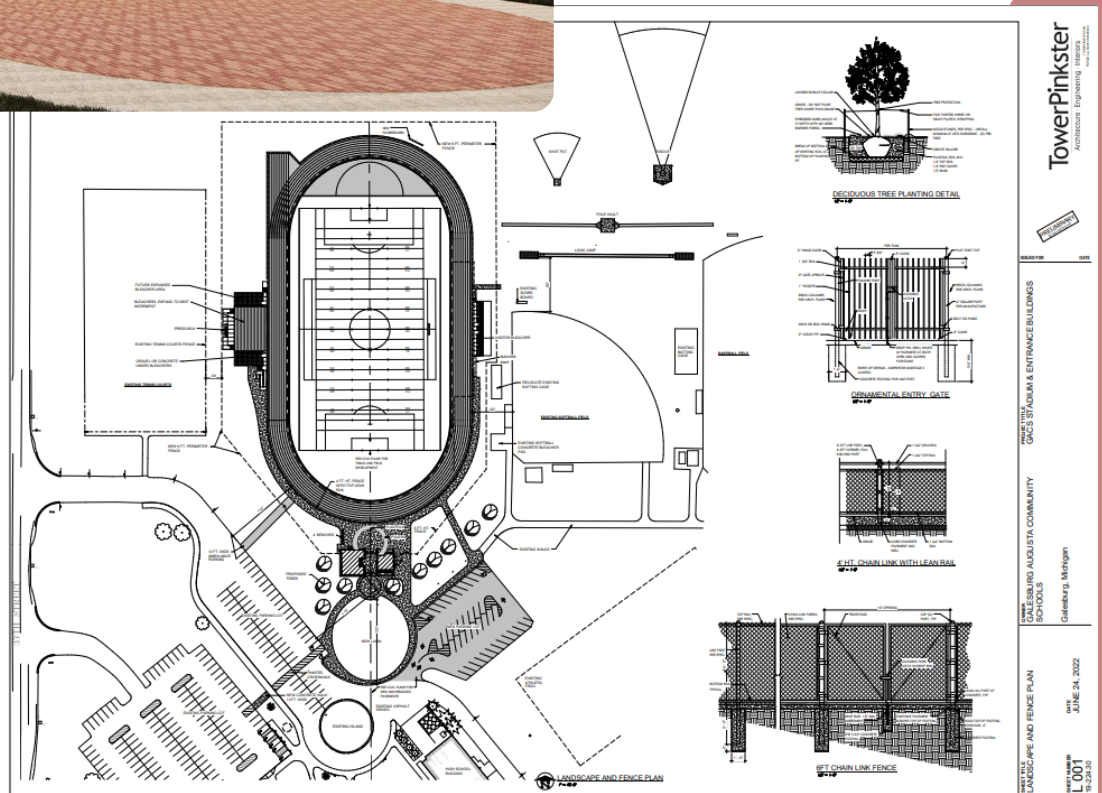
Bond Facilities Update:

We are all anxious for ground to be broken later this fall at both the Primary School and the High School. We currently have a committee helping us design the new stadium that will go behind the high school, in between the tennis courts and the softball/baseball fields. I am super excited about being able to watch our first home track meet in the spring of 2024!

The multi-purpose facility at the High School will be the last project constructed. We are almost at the end of the Schematic Design phase. We have a committee who has been meeting and setting the vision for what we hope this addition, along with some renovations inside the building, will bring for several areas of programming. Once the 3D vision of this space is completed, a cost analysis will tell us if we are within budget. Once we are within budget, the Board will approve the designs, and we will then move into the detail Design Development phase.



*Naming the Stadium: The name of the stadium has **not yet been chosen**, nor has the Ram logo for the front entrance to the stadium.*



Additionally, there have been many hours spent on the Schematic Design of the additional 4th grade classrooms and the STEAM classroom addition. We have also designed the stop and drop loop behind the Primary School and the safety vestibule for our PreK students, as well as our before and after school care programs.

Our CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS for the Primary School projects are SAFETY, LONG-TERM IMPACT, EXCITEMENT and ENGAGEMENT, FLEXIBILITY and ADAPTABILITY for future use. Our committee feels we have accomplished that.

In the fall of 2023, the 4th graders will be able to move back to the Primary School and the 8th graders back to the Middle School. Below is a view of a 4th grade classroom and the STEAM room for the Primary.



Primary School Addition

Our timeline should allow us to break ground at both the Primary School and High School in late fall. Surveys and soil borings are already occurring at each sight.

The supply chain hiccups across the globe and inflation have required us to get creative so that we meet the promises to our community and fall within the budget we have for the projects. Our architects from Tower/Pinkster have truly been amazing in asking for our vision and then finding ways to cut back but still meet our overarching goals.

Soon, Triangle Construction will apply costs to the detailed designs (things such as mechanical/electrical/plumbing systems, structural layouts, etc.,). Being at or below budget needs to occur before we can go out to bid on these projects.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I want to thank several teachers, coaches, administrators, and community members for helping shape this important project. A special thanks to the architects at TowerPinkster for leading us through this exciting journey.

HAPPY Retirement



Bob Brennan has been teaching various subjects at Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools for 24 years. In his time at G-A, he has taught 2nd grade, 3rd grade, technology, Art, and STEAM. Over the last 7 years, Bob has been so flexible from year to year, moving from Technology, to art, to STEAM, and finally back to art! We can't thank him enough.

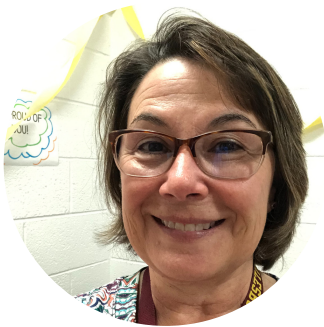
Thank you Mr. Brennan for taking the time to listen, encourage, and share with your students and fellow teachers. You have made a real difference in the lives of the students you taught. Congratulations and many warm wishes for a happy retirement!

Cheryl Fryer started working in the district in 1990. She was hired as a secretary at the Intermediate School in Augusta, and in 2005 moved to Central Office. For the past 17 years Cheryl has ensured staff received their paychecks, bills were paid, and State reporting was done accurately. Phillip Heasley has worked alongside Cheryl in the business office. These are his words as he reflects on their time together: "The integrity of the district's finances depends on attention to details (sometimes very small details).

Cheryl's consistent attention to those details and the high standards she sets for herself has helped ensure the financial stability of the district for many years. Her skills in the areas of pupil accounting, payroll, and benefits administration will be greatly missed! It's been a pleasure to work with her. Thank you Cheryl!!"



Kim Delfsma is a shining example of "home grown"....she has lived in Augusta her entire life, graduated from G-A in 1979, and raised her two children here. Kim Delfsma has been an employee of the district for 29 years. She started at the Primary as a Title paraprofessional, moved to the Intermediate School as a special education paraprofessional for 17 years, and is closing out her career at the middle school as an at-risk ELA paraprofessional. One of the things she has appreciated most about her time here at G-A is being part of a school family and the "family atmosphere" that she has experienced throughout the years. She finds it amusing that her husband is super jealous of how much she enjoys her job and has "fun" at work. Her retirement plans include traveling to Alabama to spend time with her daughter, son in-law, and grandkids and traveling to Las Vegas more often to see her mother. Kim will be sorely missed at G-AMS!



We want to acknowledge all of the hard work and dedication of Patti Groetsema over the past 23 and a half years. Patti has served as a Paraprofessional, Attendance Officer, Summer School Coordinator for the High School, Guidance Office Secretary, Student Council Advisor, and Senior Trip Coordinator. Her passion for the students and connection to this community is something that will be greatly missed. Although her retirement is well deserved and an exciting new adventure, her absence will be felt at the high school. Thank you for all you have done for the students, this building, and this community, Patti. Congratulations!!



PRIMARY SCHOOL

This spring, volunteers from Eaton Cummins have been helping our 2nd grade classrooms through the Junior Achievement program. Volunteers come once a week for five weeks to teach a lesson on economics. The 2nd graders have been learning about jobs in the community, goods vs services, manufacturing, quality control and taxes, by simulating the process of making donuts, getting paid, and paying taxes.



Each of the third grade classes had the opportunity to visit Lockshore Farms during the month of May. Farmer Bas taught the students all about cows, including how to care for them, and the processes necessary to get dairy from the farm to our tables. A couple of our favorite highlights included getting to bottle feed the calves and experiencing a baby cow being born!



PRIMARY SCHOOL

Early Childhood Special Education

Eastern Service Area of KRESA is creating a continuum of Early Childhood Special Education Services. Galesburg-Augusta was selected as the site for the Early Childhood Special Education Inclusion Classroom. This program will be called L.E.A.P. which stands for Learning Experiences for All Preschoolers. Joan Bell and Patricia Schuring will be the teachers running this program. In addition, the local school districts will also be running the Speech Sprouts program. Speech Sprouts is a combination of speech services, social-emotional learning, and occupational therapy. This program will provide a bridge between the general education preschool classroom and special education services. This is a very exciting opportunity for our students and we are very excited that G-A was chosen as the inclusion site. This is a testament to our amazing Galesburg Augusta staff Joan Bell, Patricia Schuring, Sarah McCollum, and Shaun Sportel and their willingness to be flexible and create an environment for more students to flourish.



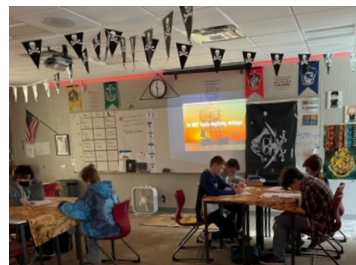
MIDDLE SCHOOL

STUDENT SUPPORT / FAMILY LIAISON



We are completing year two, using the mood meter in the middle school to help students identify their feelings and process them effectively. Students are given the opportunity twice daily to let us know how they are feeling and why they think they are feeling that way. They are also given an opportunity to check in with Mr. Korinek or Mrs. Washburn that day. We have seen amazing growth as our students are learning that all feelings are okay and that we all experience a variety of feelings on any given day. We emphasize that we can't choose our feelings, but we can choose how to respond to them. As we normalize expressing our feelings, it opens so many conversations including strategies to appropriately respond to adverse feelings and being empathetic to those who may feel differently than ourselves. Take time this summer to regularly check in with your kids and their emotions. You will be glad you did!

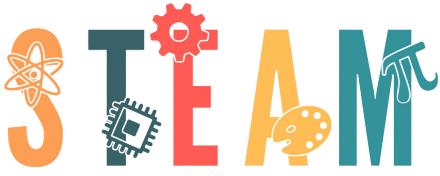
In preparation for the "dreaded" state tests, 7th graders in Mrs. Way's English class went on a "treasure hunt," as they learned how to decode what a question is asking. Mrs. Way took key words in the questions and hid them on cards around the room. Students worked in groups and deciphered riddles so they could hunt for the clue. Once they found the key words, student could fill in the question and then read the informational passages, highlighting where they found their answers in the passage. Students had to get 80% of their passages to receive the treasure at the end. Mrs. Way reported they loved this activity and she was amazed by their focus and great discussions as they problem-solved and worked together to find their answers. 100% of the students made it to the treasure (Hershey gold nuggets and a special coin they could show me to have some "free time" for the remainder of class.)



Middle school students enjoyed a brisk morning walk during our annual Walk To School event on May 26. Mr. Merasco organized the event, having students walk from the Augusta McKay Library to the middle school. More than 125 students participated and approximately 25 adults. What a great way to start the day, get some exercise, and take in some fresh air!

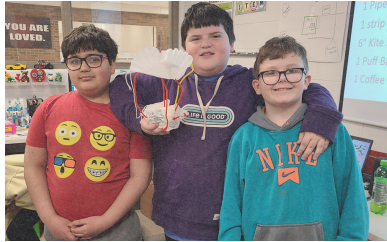


MIDDLE SCHOOL



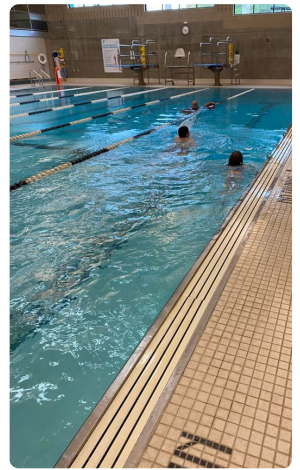
with Mrs. Latinga

It has been a great year for STEAM. Lots of exciting activities and projects were accomplished. Students participated in hands-on activities and learning experiences, including: The Put Put Challenge, medical center simulations, rocket launches, landing pods, and more!



4th Graders Took the Plunge!

With the help of an endowment left to Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools, all of our 4th grade students were provided an opportunity to partake in swimming instruction at the Sherman Lake YMCA. Students participated in three sessions. The first session focused upon basic water safety skills. The second and third sessions introduced elementary swimming strokes. All sessions were facilitated by certified YMCA swim instructors. Session took place from May 17 - June 1, 2022. Our students had an amazing time!



S.T.E.M FAIR EDUCATION DAY BATTLE CREEK BATTLE JACKS: All 6th and 7th Grade Students



Through the generosity of our district's Community S.T.E.A.M Partnership with Eaton Cummins Joint Venture our 6th and 7th grade students attended the Battle Creek Battle Jacks STEM Education Day at the C.O Stadium in Battle Creek. Our students spent their morning filled with S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) activities pregame. And the ballpark was filled with educational booths for our students to learn about what local companies/businesses do and how it involves S.T.E.M. Following the S.T.E.M Fair our students attended a thrilling Battle Creek Battle Jacks Baseball game.



Introducing Principal Newton



A Message from Principal Lindsey Newton:

“I am most excited to get to know the students and teachers. I became an educational leader to lend a hand and an active listening ear. Not just to hear others, but to help and create action and support around needs. I am eager to engage with the Galesburg-Augusta Community to partner and create & maintain opportunities for both G-A schools and our students. Thank you for this opportunity to be G-A’s High School principal. Relationships, high expectations and dedication can bode some pretty amazing results.”

Education:

- Doctorate in Education/Organizational Development-GCU
- Master’s degree in Educational Leadership -GCU
- Bachelor’s degree Elementary Education -Olivet College
- Bachelor’s degree in Fitness Management -Olivet College
- Associates degree -Lake Michigan College

Leadership Experience:

- Four years as an Instructional Dean/Asst Principal
- Seven years as Principal with grades ranging from Kindergarteners to Seniors

Goals: Partner with G-A students, families, staff and community to support and maintain a strong community of engagement, school pride and spirit, positive culture, and academic/career success.

Next Steps: Over the summer Newton will be holding focus groups on certain topics to learn more about G-A High School. Focus groups will include teachers, students, & AFGAK. Topics include safety procedures, behavior/social emotional learning, academic successes and areas of growth, traditions/school spirit, daily life of the school systems in place. Communication to come on dates and times.

Q& A with Principal Newton

Dream Vacation: The Netherlands to see where my Oma grew up

Who Inspires Me: My mom...but also ALL Moms! ;)

Favorite Restaurant: Buffalo Wild Wings

Hidden Talent: I have a special whistle to call for my boys

Favorite Movie: A League of Their Own

Book Recommendation: Reality Based Leadership -Cy Wakeman

Go to Snack: Beef Jerky, but I really want Chips and Cheese

Person I’d Like to Meet: Michael Jordan

Favorite Actor: Kevin Costner

I Cheer for: The Detroit Tigers!

Fun Fact: Played basketball and softball in college.

Most used Emoji: ☀️ I send a lot of early morning texts... it’s important to start the day and conversation with a Good Morning & check-in first.

Favorite Song: “Hold on for One More Day” Wilson Phillips

Favorite Quote: “Faith is taking the first step without seeing the entire staircase” -MLK Jr.

Greatest Fear: Being stuck in an elevator

Family: Married to husband Jason with two boys, Dekker (6) & Kuper (5). We have a small dog named Harlow.

HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Kauffman has done an outstanding job with many projects in the library. There have been 115 new titles added, rearranging shelving for more books to face outward for intrigue, and so much more. Students are able to give feedback on titles they would like to see in the library as well as suggestions to improve the library. He has goals to continue to make it a fantastic place to enhance our students' engagement with literacy.

More fun stats as of March 24th:

- 2301 Checkouts
- \$21.50 of fines read off
- 2905 total books in circulation



Congratulations to the Galesburg-Augusta High School Symphonic Band on earning straight Division 1 (Superior) ratings at MSBOA District Band and Orchestra Festival on Thursday, March 10, 2022! The band performed two pieces - New Forest March and Byzantine Dances - at Mattawan High School for a panel of three judges, who provided constructive feedback and a rating. The band earned a Division 1 rating, the highest rating possible, from all three judges. This was the band's first Festival performance since the pandemic started, making this achievement even more noteworthy. Congratulations to our high school band students for their hard work and outstanding performance!



HIGH SCHOOL

Prom



Congratulations to Galesburg-Augusta freshman, Jaidyn Klimp, on her 3rd place finish in the 400m run at the Regional Track/Field event, qualifying for the MHSAA finals. Jaidyn was also undefeated in Long Jump up until her last go at Regionals. She individually, and as a team, has had multiple top three placements in the 200 meters dash, 400 meters dash, Long Jump, and 4x200 meters relay we well. Jaidyn finished 12th in the D3 400 meters dash at the MHSAA Track and Field State Championships on June 4th, 2022.



HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations
CLASS OF



Angelica Aguillon
Kara Bajo
Dakota Bowling
Joshua Brown
Caleigh Cadwell
France Cameron
Dylan Coburn
Blake Conklin
Dylan Davis
Samantha Demott
Charles Dow
Logan Elwen
Marc Gower
David Harris
Megan Hubbard
Mina Kiser
Andy Mathews
Ryan McCallum
Casey Murray
Bradley Ontis
Mariah Provost
Haylie Reeves
Nicholas Sacchetti
Seth Schuyler Jr.
Jenna Stewart
Josie Towery
Josephine Wagar

Abigail Apsey
Erik Beatty
Bo Brady
Heath Bruinekool
Scott Cadwell
Sean Chapman
Avery Coleman
Ethan Conklin
Raymond Davis
Emma Dieterman
Skye Druba
Alayna Ewert
Azlynn Green
Andrew Hickey
Alyssa Johnson
Isaac Knight
Audley Maxwell
Gavin McJunkin
Ashton Norman
Bryson Ouding
Taylor Provost
Alexander Rios
Robert Sanchez
Tylar Snead
Jakob Taylor
Robert Trites
Ashley Wilkerson

Riley Baird
Halie Bowen
Morgan Bresson
Allysen Burrill
Lorena Camarillo
Chase Clifton
Gavien Coleman
Joy Connors
Kaitlyn Deloy
Alexis Dolph
Kaleb Dunn
Lukas Gillette
McKenzie Griffith
Ryder Holroyd
Devan Jones Jr.
Avery Labrie
Eric McCallum
Ethan Meyers
Cherilynn O'Neil
Emilee Pollard
Melina Ragotzy
Donte' Roberts
Rylie Sanderson
Kathryn Standley
Auddie Terry
Devon VandeBiezen
Ashlyn Wing

Honor Roll

Morgan Bresson
Allysen Burrill - NHS President
Avery Coleman
Joy Connors
David Harris - Valedictorian
Eric McCallum
Ryan McCallum
Cherilynn O'Neil
Emilee Pollard
Kathryn Standley
Jenna Stewart - Salutatorian
Josie Towery - Class President
Josephine Wagar





Learn more about the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools Foundation at www.g-aschools.org/page/gacs-foundation

Supporting our G-A Students

2022 Scholarship Recipients

Bob Adkins Memorial Scholarship

Avery Coleman

Bonine Scholarship

Josephine Wagar

Burge-Tindall Scholarship

Morgan Bresson

Kathryn Standley

Doris Born Memorial Scholarship

Samantha DeMott

Forrester Memorial Scholarship

Alayna Ewert

GACSF Scholarship

Alayna Ewert

Griffin Scholarship

Allysen Burrill

Megan Hubbard

Helen Houvener Scholarship

Josie Towery

Hester-Duggan Scholarshp

Josie Towery

Howard Scholarship

Josephine Wagar

Innovation & Technology Scholarship

Ryan McCallum

Jim Chase Memorial Scholarship

Samantha DeMott

June McNeil Scholarship

Samantha DeMott

Lanny Becker Memorial Scholarship

Alayna Ewert

Lioness Scholarship

Alayna Ewert

Lions Scholarship

Eric McCallum

McGinnis Scholarship

Megan Hubbard

Plein Endowed Scholarship

Allysen Burrill

Plein Scholarship

Josephine Wagar

Susan J. Martin Scholarship

Avery Coleman

VanSickler Scholarship

Eric McCallum

Gerald Inman Student Scholar Award

Kaylin Wetzell

Dexter Frie

Addison Walden

Carter Simmons

Elessa Callender

Brian Stoddard

Piper Weenink

Hayden VanderCook



The Education Foundation also gives out Teacher Enhancement Grants up to \$500 for those eligible staff who apply. This past school year, 20 grants were awarded for a total of \$8,913.00. Ms. Olivia Fox, a 1st grade teacher at our Primary School, received a grant.

Here is her letter of thanks to the Board of the Education Foundation:

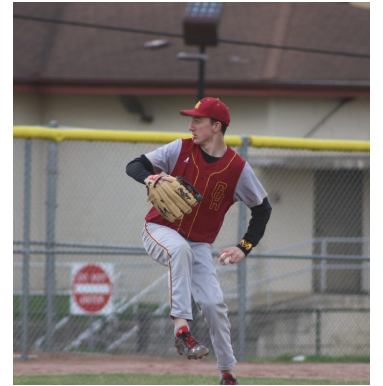
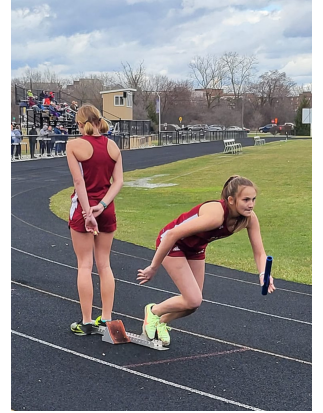
To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for supporting my classroom this year. Through the Education Enhancement Grant, I was able to purchase loads of math manipulatives. These included things like ten frame whiteboards, dice, math building toys, rubber band board, and many more things. We opened the rubber band boards for our shape unit in math and students would have to replicate shapes and play guessing games with their partners. Students begged to get these things out because they made learning more engaging and fun. These things will be used for many years to come.

- Olivia Fox, 1st Grade Teacher



ATHLETICS



G-A Rams
SPEED  
& AGILITY
 CLINIC

Grades: Incoming 6th-12th graders


Dates: Every Tuesday and Thursday, from June 14th through August 4th

Time: 10:30-11:30 AM (Rain or shine, but not thunderstorms)

Where: The G-A Primary School football field

Participation Fee: \$20

Free lunch served in Primary cafeteria after each session



If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Woodard at 269-217-8230.
 Please bring completed form with you either to Primary School or to your first day of the Speed & Agility Clinic.

Child's Name: _____ Grade in Fall 2022: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

T-Shirts will be provided to those that attend 75% or more of the sessions.

Shirt Size: Youth Small: ____ Youth Medium: ____ Youth Large: ____
 Adult Small: ____ Adult Medium: ____ Adult Large: ____

I, the undersigned parent/guardian, do hereby give my permission for my child to participate in the Galesburg-Augusta Speed & Agility Clinic, June 14th - August 4th, 2022. I understand, as a condition of admittance for the child, and on behalf of the child, that I hereby release the Galesburg-Augusta Schools and coaching staff from any and all liability from injury or illness, mental or physical, suffered by the camper during or related to camp unless caused by willful or gross negligence by the person or entity against whom the claim is made.

 Parent or Guardian Signature

 Date

Youth Volleyball Camp

Grades 3-8 (as of Fall 2022)
 August 2-4, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
 G-A High School
 Coach: Jonica Klimp 269-547-7807

Rocket Football Camp

Grades K-8 (as of Spring 2022)
 August 2-4, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
 G-A High School Football Field
 Coach: Chuck Hadley 269-447-0474

MEET UP and EAT UP™

Meet Up & Eat Up is happening at the Primary School this summer!

June 20 - August 19

Breakfast will be served from 7:00am until 8:30am.

Lunch will be served from 11:00am until 12:30pm.

Please note: We are going back to the traditional summer food service where congregate service is mandatory (no meals will be sent home.)

Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under, or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a state or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, and there will be no discriminations in the course of the meal service.



SUMMER SAFETY

Although summer is just around the corner, consider these safety tips to ensure the summer months are spent without mishaps!!!

1. Sunscreen—making sure you are applying sunscreen often including your ears, nose, lips, and tops of your feet—SPF 30 or higher is best.
2. Ticks—be sure to check your body after you've been out in the woods—deer ticks are as small as the tip of a pencil so be mindful of areas that are warmer than others such as—in between toes, in belly buttons, in and around your ears, and around the nape of your neck. Be mindful of how to take them off—grab as much of the tick's body as possible with tweezers, lift away from the skin until your skin "tents." Using backward pressure wait until the entire body—head and all—is free from your skin. Tick removal don'ts—don't pull the tick out quickly, don't twist and pull the tick out as the head will remain in the body and you'll get an infection, and don't use a lit match to touch the tick as you'll burn your skin.
3. Swimming—be mindful of the undertow at big lakes and oceans as well as the temperature of the water as you can drown—even if you're a strong swimmer—the colder the water the more difficult to keep your head above the water. Swimming in groups or with a friend can help if an emergency arises.
4. Safety behind the wheel—more drivers are on the road in the summer, especially with the price increase for flights. Be aware of your speed, leave early to avoid traffic, and don't speed to your destination.
5. Stay hydrated—during the hot months it is especially important to drink plenty of water—8-12 cups a day or more. Caffeinated drinks such as pop, coffee, tea, and many energy drinks can dehydrate you as can sweating. Foods with high water count include melons, lettuce, and cucumbers. Signs of dehydration = fatigue, muscle cramping, constipation, and headaches.

Have an awesome summer, be proactive, and stay safe!!!

— Nurse Nancy

Galesburg Charleston Memorial District Library

Summer Reading & Special Events



The 2022 Library Reading Program is free and open to all GCMDL patrons - children, teens and adults. Reading logs are available beginning June 21; participation can begin anytime before August 6. There are five prize levels, plus a grand prize drawing. Reading logs must be presented to staff at the library on or before August 20 to receive prizes.

Special Events

- "Under the Sea" Wednesday, July 13, 2:00 pm -- Concert featuring songs about ships, oceans & more!
- Tyler's Exotic Animals Petting Zoo Wednesday, July 27, 1:00 pm -- Fun, educational, and "hands-on."
- Picnic in the Park Saturday, August 20, 11:30 am -1:00 pm -- Share food and fun with library friends.

Story Times and Crafts (Pre-K - 4th grade)

- Something's Fishy! Thursday, July 7, 12:00 pm -- Goldfish stories and taste testing, plus a cool jellyfish craft!
- Pirate Party! Thursday, July 19, 11:00 am -- Avast, ye Matey! Pirate stories and DIY spyglass!
- Pearl Diving Keychain Craft Saturday, July 23, 11:30 am -- "Dive" for pearls to create a unique keychain.
- Pirate Treasure Hunt! Thursday, July 26, 11:00 am -- Talk like a pirate as we explore for treasure!
- Mermaids! Saturday, July 30, 11:30 am -- Create an ocean in a bottle while enjoying mermaid stories.
- Ocean Suncatchers Tuesday, August 2, 1:00 pm -- Keep summer memories alive with a special suncatcher!

Family-friendly Activities (Ages 6+)

- Hold My Water! Saturday, July 16, 11:30 am -- We'll be making edible water pods... the future is here!
- Escape Room Sunday, July 17-- Do you have what it takes to escape the Bermuda Triangle? Call to reserve a time!
- Trivia Night - Ocean Edition Thursday, July 21, 6:00 -8:00 pm -- Show off your "smarts," for fun & prizes.
- Shipwreck! Tuesday, August 16, 7:00 pm -- Author/shipwreck hunter shares story of Michigan wreck.

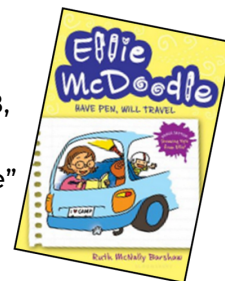
Wednesday Crafts

1:00 - 2:00 pm &
5:00 - 6:00 pm

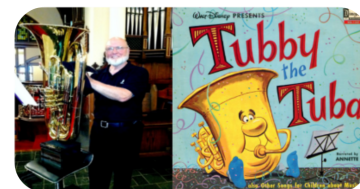
Painting Rocks—July 11
DIY Maracas & Drums —July 18
Bird Calls—July 25
Echolocation—August 1
Clucking Chickens—August 8
Cardboard Guitar—August 15

Wonderful Wednesday Programs

Author/Illustrator Ruth Barshaw—Wednesday, July 18,
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Sketch along with the creator of the "Ellie MacDoodle"
series!



Tubby the Tuba—Wednesday, July 25,
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Join our very own "Tubby the Tuba,"
Dr. Fritz MacDonald, for a lively re-telling
of the classic tale!



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Upcoming Dates to Know

First Day of School: Monday, August 29
Holiday Break: December 26 - January 8
Spring Break: March 24 - April 2



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