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# GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS

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As a cooperating partner of the community, Greenville Public Schools will assure all students the education necessary to participate as responsible citizens in an ever-changing world.

## GPS New Superintendent – Wayne Roedel



Wayne Roedel, GPS Superintendent  
— Photo Courtesy of Cory Smith, Daily News

Greenville Public Schools - A **GREAT** place to be!

In my short time as the superintendent of Greenville Public Schools, I have felt nothing but love and respect from individuals I have interacted with. This warm welcome and pleasant reception have left me with not only feelings of adoration, but also a sense that I have found the right place in Greenville to settle down and call this wonderful community "home".

I began my educational journey as a science teacher and coach, traveling through several cities as I worked to become the best teacher possible and strove to win state championships in the sports I coached – football and track. I would like to say that during

this time, I learned how to work with, learn from and lead students, athletes, parents, and colleagues. We lived, laughed, and loved together as we tried to be the best version of ourselves, fighting for what we loved to do.

In year 17 of my career, I turned my attention to educational leadership roles and was hired as the assistant principal at Fowlerville High School. Eventually, I worked my way into the superintendent position at Fowlerville Community Schools and was blessed to lead the district for the last nine years. When we moved to Fowlerville, my wife Lisa and I knew we might be there for some time. Our children, Olivia, Emma, and Grace, were just starting school, and

we believed that having a K-12 experience in the same district gave each of them the greatest chance at success. It is a joy to be a parent and watch your kids succeed and fail as they learn about life in a safe and caring school environment. All three are now graduates of Grand Valley State University (almost – Grace is a senior) and have become successful adults. My wife Lisa and I consider that a big win. Lisa is currently an elementary principal in the Plymouth Canton School District and will be working hard over the next six months to find a similar position in the greater Greenville area. Lisa and I have purchased a home in Greenville and are looking forward to moving in by mid-December.

This is what I know so far about Greenville Public Schools - the district is filled with loving and caring staff throughout the entire organization. What a blessing it is to the community to have a place where students can learn valuable life skills and be supported by a Pre-k through 12 system where that staff wants nothing but success for the children in their care. I look forward to working with all those who have a vested interest in the district's success. As the success of the school grows, so does the success of the community. Let's all work together to create a community we can be proud of – **Go Jackets!**

**GET TO KNOW**

- CHILDREN'S CORNER**  
Averages over 500 students and 180 hours of care per week!
- FOOD & NUTRITION**  
Over 18,728 meals served per week!
- CUSTODIAL**  
3,250,000 square feet of cleaning and maintenance per week!
- TRANSPORTATION**  
10,785 miles of safe transportation to and from school per week!
- ACADEMICS**  
An average of over 8,000 hours of instruction delivered per week!
- ATHLETICS**  
Over 4,000 hours of coaching per season!

**GREENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**We all live by these core values:**

- INTEGRITY
- COLLABORATION
- COMPASSION
- RESPONSIBILITY

**MEET THE YELLOW JACKETS**  
WEDNESDAY • NOVEMBER 30 • 7:30PM  
GREENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - NORTH GYM



# GPS is PROUD of our PARTNERSHIPS!

## Career & Technical Education (CTE)

By: Kelly Roney & Marc Nelson, GHS CTE Instructors

Greenville Public Schools' Career & Technical Education program is fortunate to have many partnerships with local businesses. The GHS CTE program consists of the following courses: Metals & Machine Tool, Welding, Marketing, Construction Trades, Woodworking, CAD, and IT Essentials. Some of the business partnerships that add value to these programs include:

- Greenville Tool & Die provides guest speakers, volunteers, work-based learning, and project-based learning opportunities for CTE students.
- Frugthaven Farm and Junior Achievement have worked with the Marketing program to hone entrepreneurial skills, culminating in student-operated popup shops at the Farm's spring market.
- The Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce works with the Marketing program to gather business volunteers from all over the community to participate in a mock interview experience.
- Later this year, the Machine Tool and Welding programs will be working with the City of Greenville on a service learning project to expand the features of the skate park at Veterans Memorial Park. Students in the Computer-Aided Design classes and Welding program are also busy collaborating on the designs for these features.
- Construction Trades is making waste receptacle shelters for Shanty Creek Condominiums as a service learning project.
- Other partnerships for materials and tools have been formed with True Value Hardware, Big L, and Milwaukee Tools.
- Several of our CTE programs are articulated with Montcalm Community College and other colleges and universities.
- Many additional businesses serve on program advisory boards. The input from businesses ensures that GPS CTE students learn the skills needed in their respective fields.

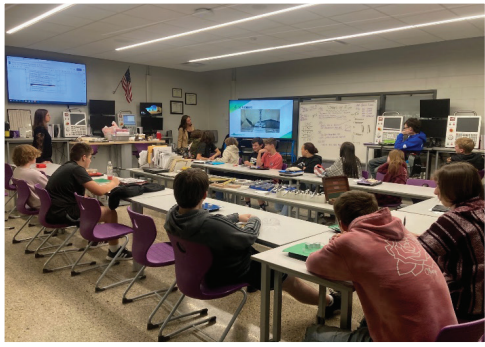
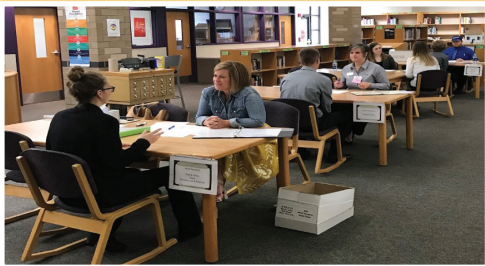


Photo of Greenville Tool and Die representatives presenting to the Machine Technology Students



Pink & Frillo's, Chemical Bank, and Culver's are among several businesses interviewing marketing students during the annual career interview day.



Marketing popup shop at Frugthaven Farms

## Experiential Learning at GHS

By: Kelly Roney & Jenna Olenack

We currently have partnerships with 23 businesses throughout the Greenville, Lakeview and Rockford areas.

**Work-Based Learning (WBL)**  
**Focus:** To establish partnerships with local businesses to teach students with special needs the skills needed to become successfully employed.

### Skills Taught

- Punctuality & Accountability
- Monthly Work Goals
- Collaboration & Teamwork
- Job Performance Feedback
- Observations every 30 days

### Fall 2022 Participation

- 41 students who participated in Levels 1-4 of WBL provided 275 paid and unpaid working hours per week.

### Work Study

**Focus:** To establish working partnerships with local businesses, including Jacket Depot (school-based enterprise), where students hone employability and occupational skills needed in today's workforce.

### Skills Taught

- Communication skills
- Problem solving & critical thinking
- Idea Generation
- Customer service
- Each student learns skills that are specific to their occupational area

### Fall 2022 Participation

- 43 students provided 450 paid and unpaid working hours per week.

## Career and College Readiness



By: Amanda Butler, Career Development Coordinator

Career readiness activities are in full swing across GPS! Elementary students completed a career exploration activity, while middle and high school students completed their first of three Educational Development Plan (EDP) activities. EDPs are individualized career development plans that allow students to explore their specific interests and consider variables when deciding on a career path. It's great to see students light up when they see the endless possibilities!

Each month, there has been a new career field focus at the high school level. For October, Health Care was the career zone, while November will focus on careers in STEM-related fields. Guests from the community have been tremendous partners in sharing their areas of expertise with our students.

Lastly, Jacket Job Shadows are underway. Senior students participated in a job shadow in a field of their choice. This has been an excellent opportunity for students to "try it before they buy it." Many students joined Mrs. Butler, Career Development Coordinator, and Junior Achievement representative Nate Blue on tours across several industries to explore options they may not have otherwise considered. We are grateful for Junior Achievement and the many opportunities they offer our students!

**efg** EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF GREENVILLE  
Beyond the Basics

The Education Foundation of Greenville (EFG) was established in 1991 to raise funds for teacher grants and student scholarships at Greenville Public Schools. Several EFG fundraising events are held at the Greenville Performing Arts Center throughout the year, including Hark Up! Christmas, OUR3 Variety Show, and Dancing with the Local Stars.

For more information about EFG or to donate, please visit [www.efgmi.com](http://www.efgmi.com).

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT [GPAC.LUDUS.COM](http://GPAC.LUDUS.COM)**



### HARK UP! CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 7:30pm



### OUR3 DON'T STOP THE MUSIC VARIETY SHOW

Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 7:30pm



### DANCING WITH THE LOCAL STARS

Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 5:00pm



# ACADEMIC CORNER

## Professional Development

Greenville Public Schools has professional development one to two times a month for a half day at a time. While we know this means families have to make different plans for their children these days, the wealth of learning for our staff is powerful and impacts each GPS student as well. Check out a few of the things that occurred during our half-day on October 19, 2022:

- Secondary teachers and paraprofessionals, in partnership with Corewell Health, learned about Blue Envelope so every school employee, from teachers to coaches and administrators, knows how to respond to a student who may express thoughts of self-harm.
- Transportation, custodial, and food and nutrition staff partnered with social workers, behavioral specialists, and other professional staff to learn how to use positive behavioral supports and student relationships to build culture.



## M-STEP

The 2022 M-STEP data embargo was recently lifted this fall.

Unlike most of the state of Michigan, Greenville Public Schools trended upward, coming through the COVID pandemic.

This is a testament to our students, staff and administration coming together and persevering through difficult times. In addition, we extend a heartfelt thank you to our community who rallied around our students and staff during this difficult time.

### M-STEP AT A GLANCE

2022 M-STEP percentage of students at or above proficiency for Greenville Public Schools, Montcalm Area Intermediate School District and statewide.

#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

GPS ELA 2022 M-STEP score at or above proficiency (% increase or decrease from 2021)

3rd Grade	58.1% (+5.4%)
4th Grade	53.7% (-1.6%)
5th Grade	54.2% (+4%)
6th Grade	49.4% (+11.5%)
7th Grade	44.9% (+5.8%)
8th Grade	68.3% (+0.5%)

MAISD ELA 2022 M-STEP score at or above proficiency (% increase or decrease from 2021)

3rd Grade	46.2% (+4%)
4th Grade	44.8% (+2.6%)
5th Grade	42.8% (+3%)
6th Grade	33.2% (+1.5%)
7th Grade	37.3% (+4.2%)
8th Grade	56.5% (-4.8%)

Statewide ELA 2022 M-STEP score at or above proficiency (% increase or decrease from 2021)

3rd Grade	41.6% (-1.2%)
4th Grade	43.4% (-0.8%)
5th Grade	43.1% (-0.6%)
6th Grade	37.6% (-1%)
7th Grade	37.7% (-3%)
8th Grade	59.7% (-3.9%)

#### MATHEMATICS (MATH)

GPS MATH 2022 M-STEP score at or above proficiency (% increase or decrease from 2021)

3rd Grade	59.6% (+9.2%)
4th Grade	48.5% (+4.2%)
5th Grade	40.4% (+11.4%)
6th Grade	31.9% (+9.6%)
7th Grade	30.7% (0.0%)
8th Grade	42.8% (+12.2%)

MAISD MATH 2022 M-STEP score at or above proficiency (% increase or decrease from 2021)

3rd Grade	47.9% (+7.3%)
4th Grade	37.2% (+5.2%)
5th Grade	26.4% (+4.7%)
6th Grade	21.0% (+0.9%)
7th Grade	27.0% (+2.0%)
8th Grade	32.2% (+7.1%)

Statewide ELA 2022 M-STEP score at or above proficiency (% increase or decrease from 2021)

3rd Grade	41.5% (-0.8%)
4th Grade	36.7% (+0.2%)
5th Grade	30.0% (+0.4%)
6th Grade	28.4% (-0.2%)
7th Grade	30.2% (-2.1%)
8th Grade	36.2% (+0.2%)

— Info Box Courtesy of Cory Smith, Daily News

## Early Childhood Education Matters! Basic Needs



Dr. Tim Bartik is a senior economist at the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, a non-partisan research organization in Kalamazoo, Michigan. His research has focused on policies to promote local economic development, including business incentives and local education and training policies. Bartik received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1982.

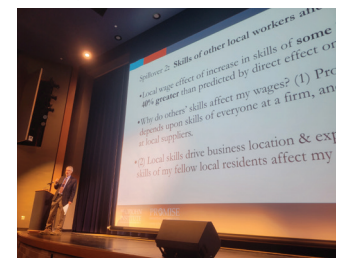
On Tuesday, October 25, 2022, Greenville Public Schools had a presentation by Dr. Tim Bartik on how high-quality early childhood education can not only benefit child participants and their parents but can also have "spillover benefits" for all local residents.

- **Peer effects** in education
- **Adult earnings spillovers:** Other local residents' skills affect local business productivity and local growth



- **Reduced crime**
- **Boost in tax revenues and reductions in transfers** due to higher **parent earnings**
- **Intergenerational benefits**

For more information, please scan the QR code or visit [www.gpsjackets.org/article/886072](http://www.gpsjackets.org/article/886072)



# SAFETY IS A TOP PRIORITY AT GPS

During the summer of 2022, GPS was busy installing several safety features throughout the district. With the additional ESSER COVID funds (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds), GPS was able to install The Smart Boot Lockout System in every school across the district. This will provide a barricade for each classroom/office door and a light and sound alert system that

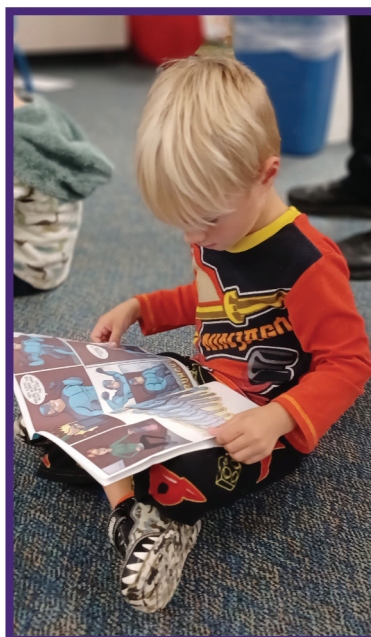
will provide an extended level of security throughout the district. LockOut President Rob Couturier recently trained all GPS staff and students. Joining him was The Boot's mascot, Bobby the Boot, who helped present the serious subject appropriately for our youngest students.

GPS also is in the process of installing a new public address system in each building which will be fully implemented

in January 2023. This system will provide an emergency button that staff can access through a mic system they use around their necks. During an emergency, staff will simply press the security button to initiate help and support for their classroom including their location.

In addition, GPS secured a contract with the City of Greenville Public Safety Department for a School Resource Officer

(SRO) servicing all our schools. We are thrilled to have Officer Josh VanderMeulen, who has nine years of law enforcement experience, join us as additional safety support this school year as the district's SRO. He will focus on mentoring and building positive relationships with our students.



— Photos Courtesy of Cory Smith, Daily News



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Visit [www.gpsjackets.org](http://www.gpsjackets.org) for calendar updates & individual school activities throughout the year.

December 1	MS Choir Holiday Concert	7:00pm*
December 7	"Hark Up!" Concert sponsored by EFG	7:30pm*
December 9, 10	HS Holiday Collage Concert	7:30pm*
December 12	Lincoln Heights Elementary Holiday Concert	6:30pm & 7:30pm*
December 13	Walnut Hills Elementary Holiday Concert	6:30pm & 7:30pm*
December 14	Half Day for all students / Professional Development	
December 15	Cedar Crest Elementary Holiday Concert	6:30pm*
December 19	Baldwin Heights Elementary Holiday Concert	6:30pm & 7:30pm*
December 19, 20	Secondary (MS/HS) Half Day – Exams	
December 20	End of secondary second marking period	
Dec. 21-Jan. 3	No School – Winter Recess	
January 4	School Resumes	
January 18	Half Day all students / Professional Development	
January 20	Baldwin Heights Talent Show	6:30pm*
January 28	OUR3 "Don't Stop the Music" Variety Show	7:30pm*
February 1	Half Day all students / Professional Development	
February 14	Village Green Annual Variety Show	7:30pm*
February 15	Half Day all students / Professional Development	
February 16	MS Band & Orchestra Pre-Festival Concert	7:00pm*
February 17	End of elementary second trimester	
February 20	Mid-Winter Break – No School	
February 22	HS Band & Orchestra Pre-Festival Concert	7:00pm*
February 24	Lincoln Heights Talent Show	6:30pm*
March 1	Half Day all students / Professional Development	
March 7	MS & HS Choir Pre-Festival Showcase Concert	7:00pm*
March 10	End of secondary third marking period	
March 16-18	HS/MS Musical "The Wizard of Oz"	7:30pm*
March 15	Half Day all students / Professional Development	
March 27-31	No School – Spring Break	
April 3	School Resumes	
April 5	Half Day all students / Professional Development	
April 7	No School	
April 10	Baldwin Heights Elementary Spring Concert	6:30pm & 7:30pm*
April 11	Walnut Hills Elementary Spring Concert	6:30pm & 7:30pm*
April 12	Lincoln Heights Elementary Spring Concert	6:30pm & 7:30pm*
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April 15	"Dancing with the Local Stars" sponsored by EFG	5:00pm*
April 19	Half Day all students / Professional Development	

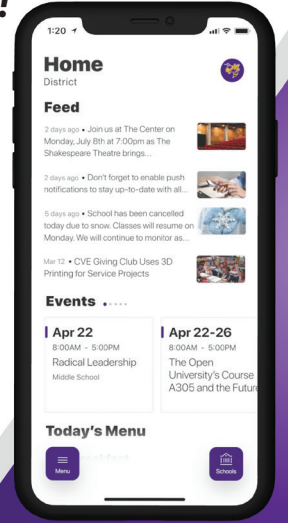
\* Greenville Performing Arts Center

## Don't miss any updates from GPS!

1. Search 'Greenville Public Schools MI' in your phone's app store and download the app.
2. Select 'ALLOW' when prompted on initial download to ensure you receive notifications.
3. Open the app, and navigate to the bottom menu then tap 'SETTINGS'.
4. Ensure your settings are turned on and your organization is selected.

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## SCAN OUR QR CODE!

### GPS App Alerts

If you would like to receive GPS alerts, but do not have a student enrolled, please download the free GPS app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play store.

### GPS Text Alerts

Parents/guardians of current GPS students will receive district and building text alerts (max of 2 per student). If you are not receiving text alerts, please contact your student's school building to ensure your contact information is accurate.

## SCHOOL CLOSING & DELAY PROCEDURES

The decision to close school is made cooperatively by the Superintendent and the Director of Transportation. Although not always an easy decision or a popular one, school will remain open if road conditions are safe for bus travel. Parents always have the option of keeping children home if they are concerned about weather conditions.

When it is necessary to delay or close school due to inclement weather, the decision will be announced as quickly as possible on the district's website, app, Facebook page and the following television and radio stations:

**WOOD-TV 8 · WXMI-TV 17 · WZZM-TV 13 · WWMT-TV 3  
M-106.3 WGLM · WOOD-AM/FM**

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

A licensed before and after school child care and preschool program that provides a safe, enriching environment for children.

### JUNIOR JACKETS:

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8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT:

Baldwin Heights, Cedar Crest, Lincoln Heights & Walnut Hills

OPEN DAILY

6:00 - 8:30 a.m. & 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

For additional information, including rates and multiple child discounts, please visit our website at [www.gpsjackets.org](http://www.gpsjackets.org) or contact Venus Cox, Program Director at [coxv@gpsmi.us](mailto:coxv@gpsmi.us) 616.225.1000 ext. 8700.

## We're an OK2SAY School!

P: 855-565-2729

Text: 652729

[www.mi.gov/ok2say](http://www.mi.gov/ok2say)

**OK2SAY** is a student safety initiative available to Michigan students in grades K-12 that enables students to confidentially report potential harm or criminal activities aimed at students, teachers, staff or other school employees.

The program is operated through a partnership between the Department of the Attorney General, Michigan State Police, state agencies, schools, parents, law enforcement, and community leaders.

Anyone can confidentially submit tips 24/7 using the **OK2SAY** app, online at [www.ok2say.com](http://www.ok2say.com), texting 652729 (OK2SAY), or by calling 855.565.2729.

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERALLY MEETS IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE CENTRAL SERVICES FACILITY, THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00PM. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME.

FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.GPSJACKETS.ORG](http://WWW.GPSJACKETS.ORG).

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## FOOD & NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

Greenville Public Schools serves breakfast and lunch at all of our buildings every school day. The GPS Food & Nutrition Department is pleased to share we have once again qualified the entire GPS district for the Community Eligibility Program (CEP), which means all students will receive a complete breakfast and lunch free of charge for the entire school year. Parents MUST complete and submit the Household Information Report (HIR) through the online registration process. The CEP program only covers complete meals; any extras or add-ons (ala carte purchases) to the meal must be paid for through the students' lunch account. For students bringing lunch from home, milk may be purchased for \$0.50.

- [greenville.familyportal.cloud](http://greenville.familyportal.cloud) is the provider for our student meal deposits. When opening an account, you will need your student's ID number.
- [greenville.nutrislice.com](http://greenville.nutrislice.com) is the department's online menu tool. Download the app at Google Play or the App store - search "School Lunch by Nutrislice".

If a doctor has determined your child has dietary restrictions that prevent them from eating a regular school meal, we will make substitutions prescribed by the doctor at no extra charge. The doctor's statement, including diet and/or required substitutions, must be submitted to the Food and Nutrition Department at the school the child attends.

**Charge Policy:** GPS students who have no money in their account may go into debt on their account up to \$10. At no time will students be denied meals. Students may not purchase ala carte items if their account is not current.

Contact Kate Bradley at [bradleka@gpsmi.us](mailto:bradleka@gpsmi.us) or 616.225.1000 ext. 8219 for more information or questions.

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