



Upcoming Events

March 10

BOE Business/Budget Discussion #4
 6:00 pm MS/HS Library

March 17

BOE Business Meeting
 7:00 pm MS/HS Library

March 18

Parent/Teacher Conferences
 1/2 day for students. K-5 dismiss at
 11:30 am, 6-12 dismiss at 11:47 am

March 24

BOE Business/Budget Discussion #5
 6:00 pm MS/HS Library

March 31

BOE Business/Budget Discussion #6
 6:00 pm MS/HS Library

Check our website for the current sports schedule. Spring sports are in full swing with Tennis, Baseball, Track and Softball.



Sounds of the Season—Janine Rochler

Fourth and Fifth Grade Band and Choral students performed for their families and friends at the December 15th Holiday Concert at Ellis. The crowd was greeted by small trios and quartets of students playing holiday music.

Fourth Grade band students did a wonderful job explaining and showing the audience how their instruments are put together to create the correct sound. They played a variety of songs that demonstrated all of the music and instrumental skills they have learned so far this year.

Fifth Grade Band and Chorus students showed off their talent by performing a variety of winter and holiday songs. The progression of their skills was a focal point of the program and they performed beautifully!



Fraction Sundaes—Audra Misuraca

Students from Ms. Misuraca's third grade class had a great time creating fraction sundaes. They brainstormed their favorite flavors and created sundaes with 12 scoops. This hands-on activity was an introduction to their fraction unit.



Award-winning Playwright, Suzanne Bradbeer visits GCS—Susan Toohey



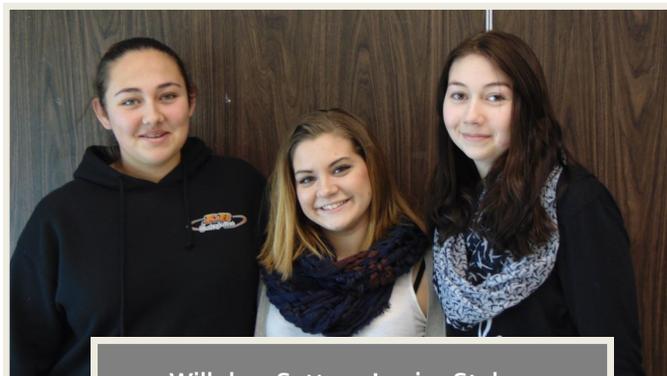
On January 21st, Ms. Toohey’s Ninth Grade ELA class and Ms. Raskopf’s Theater Class were thrilled to host award-winning playwright, TV, and children’s book writer, Suzanne Bradbeer. Ms. Bradbeer opened her visit fielding questions from students, such as, “Where do you get your ideas?”, “What themes do you like to write about?” and “How do you motivate yourself to continue writing?” Bradbeer answered all questions with humor and grace. She then proceeded to comment on the student scripts sent to her, noting some elegant, intriguing scenes. To conclude, volunteer students had fun acting out scenes written by their peers. Bradbeer offered some suggestions for continuing with these scripts and took comments from the audience. All in all, students felt inspired to be creative and appreciated the visit from this esteemed writer.

Writing Contest—Susan Toohey

Young playwrights who submitted scripts to be judged in the upcoming writer's contest sponsored by Capital Rep!



Sarah LePage and Grace Statham



Willobee Sutton, Jessica Staley,
Riley Smith

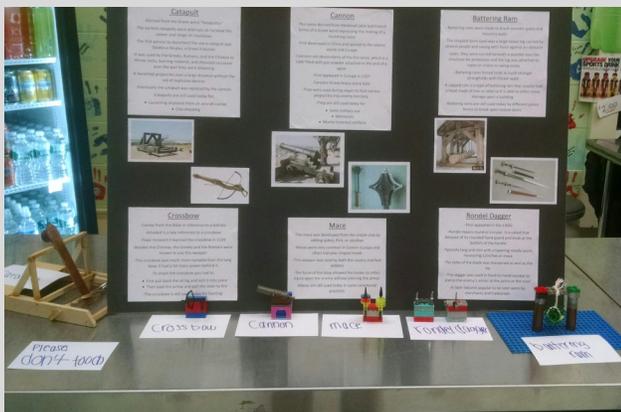
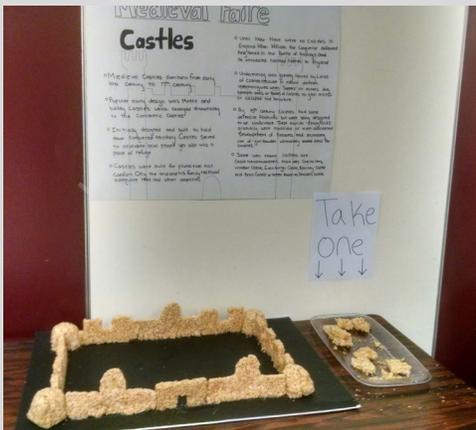
The Capital Repertory Theatre sponsored the second annual contest in which five contest-winning plays will be professionally mounted on their stage, with costumes, props and a set designed and build by their production team. The Summer Stage Young Acting Company, a troupe comprised of up to 20 young aspiring actors, will perform the plays. Best of luck to our young playwrights!

Family Math Night At Elementary School—Karen Overbaugh

On March 11th, the annual Family Math Night will be held at Scott M. Ellis Elementary School from 6 to 8 pm. Students in grades 2 through 5 and their parents will enjoy an exciting night of math exploration and learning. All of the activities provide an educational and fun evening for all, while addressing learning standards. Families will be able to work with iPads to solve problems, practice skills and make the connection between technology and math. Interactive white board explorations in math will allow students and parents to participate while using technology in an interactive environment. Many hands-on games and activities that teach strategies and skills will complete the evening for all. Family Math Night, coordinated by Ms. Brandon along with many faculty members, has become a popular and well-attended school event. Hope to see you there.

Medieval Faire Freshman Night—Brian Thela

Mr. Katagiri's Global 9 and Mr. Thela's AP World classes together hosted their annual Medieval Faire on January 28th. Students displayed their comprehension of the Middle Ages in Eurasia between 800-1500C.E. Many of the people, ideas, technologies and catastrophes from the period that had a great impact on the world today were represented. After choosing a topic of interest, students conducted research to construct a physical project that represented the topic. Students proudly displayed a wide range of historical projects from castles to seize weapons. The Social Studies students and teachers would like to thank the parents and members of Buildings and Grounds for their support in launching this successful event!



The 88th National Convention—Chenoa Cox

On our trip we stopped at Lamb Farms, Inc., Lincoln Electric Facilities, the North Coast K-9 Dog Training Facility, the Wilson Factory and the United States Air Force Museum before finally getting to our destination in Louisville, Kentucky.

We had quite a few students participate in competitions. I was part of the Agricultural Issues along with Ashley Gifford, Samantha Case, Emily Lewis and Dylan Butler. While we did not win the competition, we were awarded a Bronze Team award. We had fun walking around the convention and visiting all the different booths. Of course we also collected a fair amount of little goodies that ranged from draw-string bags to stress-ball chickens. Visiting the FFA Shopping Mall was fun and we splurged on gifts for our family, friends and, of course, ourselves. Some of the speakers we heard were Rick Risby, Amberley Snyder and Brad Montague. They were all very moving and motivational speakers. We were also able to hear the National FFA Officers' speeches as well.

This trip showed me more about the world of agriculture and engineering that FFA gives to students. I came back home with exciting and interesting stories to tell my family and with a newfound pride for being a member in a corduroy jacket.



Hannay Reels Tour—Mark Cunnan

On Friday the 12th of February, my family and I took a tour of Hannay Reels in Westerlo NY. Hannay Reels is the world's largest producer of hose reels. They produce reels which are used for everything from garden hoses to ocean going oil tanker ships. Their most common products which we see locally would be the reels on fire trucks and the big ones on the back of fuel delivery trucks.

Hannay Reels was born in Westerlo, NY a little over one hundred years ago. It began as a small one/two man operation working out of a small garage. The original Mr. Hannay (Clifford) was a mechanical wizard and built whatever the local people needed him to. He eventually created his first hose reel and from there the business flourished into the multi-million dollar corporation it is today.

My family and I were first given a tour of the sales area where we saw a dozen or more sales people on phones taking orders from around the world. We were then taken onto the production floor where we saw raw steel transformed into various parts that would be cut, stamped and welded into a raw product. It was then painted, wired and plumbed into a finished product. We saw crated reels sitting in the shipping area that were headed for places like Australia and South America.

We next headed over to the museum part of our tour, which was given to us by the great great granddaughter of Clifford Hannay. Her name is Elaine Hannay Gruener and her son attends Greenville Central School. The history of the company is chronicled in this building and it includes examples of early devices created by Clifford up to present-day products. There are hundreds of photos highlighting both company and Hannay family history. The tour was fantastic and I highly recommend it. The museum is open by appointment only which can be arranged by contacting Mrs. Gruener. If anyone is interested, I can provide you with her information.



How to make the most of parent-teacher conferences—Posted At : January 28, 2016 2:18 PM | Posted By : admin Related Categories: Elementary, Early Learners, Middle Years By JoEllen Gardner—submitted by Caroline Caputi

Does the thought of sitting down with your child's teacher make you squirm in your seat like a second grader? It shouldn't, but it is surprising just how many adults find the face-to-face meeting with a teacher an uncomfortable experience. The purpose of parent-teacher conferences is to inform parents about their child's progress and to strengthen the home-school partnership. These meetings can be crucial to establishing a strong communications bridge between the most important people in a student's life and promoting a positive attitude toward school for students and families. Preparing for the parent-teacher conference can be as important for parents as it is for educators, or more so. In some cases, the schedule may only allow for 15 to 20 minutes with the teacher. To make the most of that time, it can help to take a few minutes beforehand to determine how you can help guide the conversation and ensure that the most important topics are covered. It also pays to be mindful during the conversation and proactive afterwards to keep the dialogue going throughout the school year.

In creating a productive parent-teacher relationship, here are some simple things you will want to consider: Talk to your child first. The day before you are scheduled to meet with the teacher, talk to your child about specific concerns related to school work or his or her relationship with the teacher and classmates. Ask your child about what he or she enjoys most or dislikes about being in the classroom. Reassure a child who may be nervous about your meeting that it is a conversation you are looking forward to. Write down your questions. There are plenty of online resources that can help you with what questions you should be asking of your teachers. They can be found here, here and here. However, if you don't jot some of them down ahead of time, you risk being sidetracked by the conversation once you reach the classroom. Be on time. Whether it is before or afterschool or during a formal teacher-parent conference, a teacher's time is especially limited and must be shared with dozens of families (or more). Respect their time by arriving on schedule. Re-introduce your child. No matter how well a teacher may know his or her students, the truth is no one knows your child the way you do. Share an example or two of what you think makes your child happy, or anxious, or simply unique. This insight can be extremely valuable to a teacher and can sometimes breathe new life into the parent-student connection. Take notes. You won't remember everything your child's teacher has to say. Bring something to write with and on. Make it about the student.

A 2010 study from the University of New Hampshire Parent Today: How to make the most of parent-teacher conferences found that the teacher-parent conference is often less about the student and more about parents and teachers getting the chance to evaluate one another. Try to remember to keep the focus on your child and resist the urge to spend time proving you are a "good parent." Just being there says a lot. Continue the conversation. The most significant factor in a student's success is parent involvement, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Once you have established a relationship with your child's teacher, you will want to keep that rapport going throughout the year. Set a time to follow up with an email or phone call regarding your child's progress and/or make plans to meet again.

JoEllen Gardner has been a communications specialist with the Capital Region BOCES Communications Service since 2011. She has three grown sons. By her own estimates, she has survived nearly 85 parent-teacher conferences.

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Greenville HS Masterminds Club—Chris Drumma

The Greenville HS Masterminds Club hosted a Masterminds Meet on February 25th at the High School. Masterminds is a trivia based club that plays a jeopardy style game with other local schools. The next meet will be held at Bethlehem Central School on March 24th.

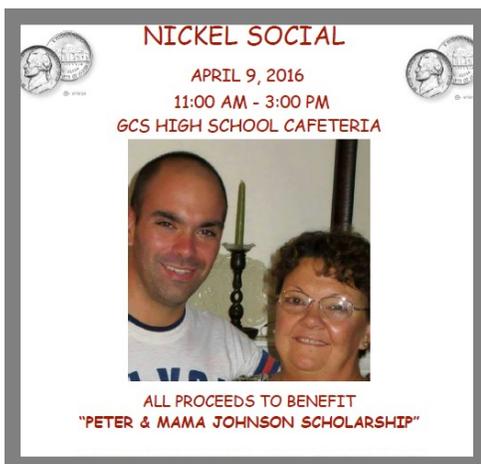
My Engine Program and Hero Project in the MS ACCES Classroom—Hinde Morelli

This winter, my MS ACCES class is working with two great resources at Greenville: Occupational Therapist Lorri Gardner and Speech & Language Pathologist Kelly Fagan. “MS ACCES” is an acronym for Middle School Adolescents Creating Character in the Educational Setting. This program is designed to help middle school students focus on improving behavior in order to be more successful in school and life. Ms. Gardner and Ms. Fagan are both conducting educational programs with my students that focus on teaching self-awareness and self-discovery. They will use what they learn to give back to Greenville MS and the community.

Occupational Therapist Lori Gardner started out the six-week “My Engine” program in ACCES by teaching body-awareness and having each student create his/her own personal speedometer. This is a good visual to help students express whether or not they feel low energy (tired), high energy (hyper) or in the middle (just right). She then introduced methods for trying to keep our engines running just right. They include tools that help students get out their energy in productive ways such as “fidgets” like wiki sticks or foam sponges. Other items that provide sensory input to help regulate our bodies include things such as gum, tic tacs, plastic straws, and licorice. For some students, moving around is needed and she will teach us next time about these kinds of important “brain breaks.” With her help, we hope to keep all student engines operating at maximum potential!



Speech Therapist Kelly Fagan is also helping out the ACCES classroom by visiting weekly and guiding our “Hero Project.” We are reading the book *Wonder* and discussing bullying at school – different kinds of bullying and how to address it. With Kelly’s guidance, the group is getting ready to start their own hands-on project where they will create a video educating others about how to take a stand against bullying in our school. The class has finished the brainstorming stage and is now ready to start planning the video. When finished they will show it to other students at Greenville Middle School. Through this project, MS ACCES students are learning that their words and actions have immense power to change people’s lives and their own. After this video project, the class plans to do some work in the community by helping out a local food pantry or soup kitchen.



Project-Based and hands-on learning activities such as these get students actively involved in their learning and excited about the impact they can have on others. Lori Gardner and Kelly Fagan are helping them do this by providing their professional expertise in our classroom setting, and we feel very lucky to be able to benefit from their knowledge and experience.

“Outside the Lines” Annual Art Show—by Wendy Doney

Greenville students from kindergarten through twelfth grade have had artwork chosen and submitted to be a part of the annual “Outside the Lines” art exhibition once again. Each year, students from around the county have work chosen to be submitted and shown, exhibiting the talent that Greene County holds.

We are pleased to announce that over forty works will be displayed from Greenville and hope that the community will come out to see the great work these students have done. Artwork will be on display at the Greene County Council on the Arts gallery on Main Street in Catskill.

The show will run from March 5th – April 16th. The opening reception was on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 2-4 pm.

Please support our very talented students by stopping by and seeing their work on display!



Scripps National Spelling Bee—Brian Reeve

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is held annually in the middle school for the purpose to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives. In January, all middle school students had an opportunity to participate in the local level of the Scripps National Spelling Bee during their ELA classes. The following grade level winners then competed in the Grades 6-8 Spelling Bee on January 14: Grade 6 – Sydney Ahrberg, Keira Baitsholts, Victoria Bucci, Mackenzie Danaher, Joseph Domermuth, Taryn Silk, MacKenzie Smith, Kevin Smith, Simon Uht, Annalise Vereen; Grade 7 – Manuel Calvo, Quinn Collins, Tess Fitzmaurice, Tess Herwick, Sydney Hummingbird, Gavin Metcalf, Stella Miller, Joseph O’Connor, Skylar Pettit, Ryan Russell; Grade 8 - Zachary Blakeslee, Brandon Feit, Sky Hunt, Baillie Kappel, Adam Park, Justin Pine, Kaitlin Silk, Riley Uht, Luke Watkins and Rachel Shelburne. All the students did a great job during the spelling bee! Congratulations to Rachel Shelburne who won the spelling bee overall!

Rachel represented Greenville Middle School at the Capital Region Spelling Bee at Proctors Theater on February 2. Rachel did a fantastic job representing Greenville as 1 of 116 students from 66 school districts. Great job Rachel!

Save the Date

The High School Musical this year is

CURTAINS

April 15, 16 & 17

Tickets will go on sale late March

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The Maroon Report

Current and past issues are found on the Greenville website. Click on High School/The Maroon Report to view current and past issues

(You can also click on The Maroon Report above to be brought to the website)

Scott M. Ellis students Jump Rope for their Hearts—Eileen Kiefer & Justin Bruce

Students at Scott M. Ellis Elementary in Greenville, NY jumped at the chance to fight heart disease and stroke, our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers. On February 12th, Scott M. Ellis Elementary hosted its 20th annual Jump Rope For Heart event to raise money for the American Heart Association, which funds lifesaving heart and stroke research and community and educational programs for our youth.

Jump Rope for Heart teaches students how physical fitness benefits the heart and shows them that volunteering can be a fun and positive experience for the whole community. The need to educate children about the importance of physical activity couldn't be timelier. According to recent studies, about one-third of children ages 2 to 19 are overweight and obese.



“By including physical activity into their daily routines, kids can significantly reduce the onset and burden of heart disease,” said event organizer Eileen Kiefer “By raising money through Jump Rope For Heart, we are preventing heart disease and obesity for the next generation of Americans. Kids are literally jumping into a heart healthier life while becoming passionate about raising money for other kids with sick hearts.”

For over 32 years, Jump Rope and Hoops For Heart has raised more than \$810 million for the fight against heart disease and stroke. 252 third through fifth graders at Scott M. Ellis raised \$21,705.00 this year, and \$199,006.32 over the past 20 years.



March 2016

Scott M. Ellis Elementary

Meal Prices

Breakfast \$1.75
Lunch \$3.00
Milk \$.60

Students who do not have money for their meal will be given a PBJ & Milk

**Everyday
Breakfast**

**--All Breakfasts include
100% Juice or Fruit & Milk**

WG Plain Bagel w Cream Cheese
WG Mini Maple Pancakes
WG Jiffy Pancake on a stick
WG Bakery Muffin
WG Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
Trix Yogurt w/ Graham Crackers

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Vegetable:

Crisp Tater Tots

Fruit:

100% Fruit Juice Slush & Assorted Fruits Galore

Daily Choices

Trix Yogurt or String Cheese Sticks w/ WW Dinner Roll or PBJ Sandwich

Vegetable:

Vegetarian Beans Or Green Beans

Fruit:

Assorted Fruits Galore

Daily Choices

Trix Yogurt or String Cheese Sticks w/ WW Dinner Roll or PBJ Sandwich

Vegetable:

Honey Dill Carrots

Fruit:

100% Fruit Juice Slush Assorted Fruits Galore

Daily Choices

Trix Yogurt or String Cheese Sticks w/ WW Dinner Roll or PBJ Sandwich

Vegetable:

Steamed Broccoli Or Corn

Fruit:

Assorted Fruits Galore

Daily Choices

Trix Yogurt or String Cheese Sticks w/ WW Dinner Roll or PBJ Sandwich

Vegetable:

Green Romaine Salad

Fruit:

100% Fruit Juice Slush & Assorted Fruits Galore

Daily Choices

Trix Yogurt or String Cheese Sticks w/ WW Dinner Roll or PBJ Sandwich

Fat Free Chocolate Milk.....1% White Milk.....Fat Free White Milk available daily. Menu subject to change without notice

March Meal Calculator

22 Breakfasts= \$33.00
22 Lunches=\$55.00

1
WG Pasta w/ Marinara Sauce & Mozzarella Sticks

2
WG Chicken Nuggets w/dipping sauces & WG Mini Hot Pretzel

3
Hot Meatball WG Submarine

4
Fresh Made WG Pizza! Pepperoni or Cheese

7
Parent Conferences K-12 - ½ day Dismissal ES: 11:30 am MS/HS: 11:47 am

8
Golden Grilled Cheese WG Sandwich

9
WG Chicken Nuggets w/dipping sauces & WG Mini Hot Pretzel

10
Nacho style Taco w/ Salsa & Sour Cream

11
Fresh Made WG Pizza! Pepperoni or Cheese

14
Hamburger or Cheeseburger On a WG Roll

15
Chicken Patty on a WG Roll

16
WG Chicken Nuggets w/dipping sauces & WG Mini Hot Pretzel

17
Ham & Cheese or Turkey & Cheese WG Sandwich

18
Parent Conferences K-12 - ½ day Dismissal ES: 11:30 am MS/HS: 11:47 am

21
Brunch for Lunch Mini Maple Pancakes w/ Breakfast Sausage

22
Sloppy Joe on a WG bun

23
WG Chicken Nuggets w/dipping sauces & WG Mini Hot Pretzel

24
Grilled Cheese & Bacon WG Sandwich

25
Fresh Made WG Pizza! Pepperoni or Cheese

28
Hot Dog on a WG Roll

29
Macaroni & Cheese

30
WG Chicken Nuggets w/dipping sauces & WG Mini Hot Pretzel

31
Nacho style Taco w/ Salsa & Sour Cream



March Greenville Middle School/High School Menu

Wake Up Sunshine!



Breakfast is Ready

Make it a Breakfast Meal: \$2.00
Entrée/Juice or Milk

**Available Daily:
Bagels & Cream Cheese**

Monday:

Hot Apple Turnovers

Tuesday:

Waffle & Sausage Sandwich

Wednesday:

Hot Cinnamon Rolls

Thursday:

Fresh Baked Scones

Friday:

Jiffy Pancake on a Stick

Express Station

Day Starters:

Mega Muffins-
Assorted Donuts

Perpetual Goodies:

Fruits - Cheese Sticks-Trail Mix-Gourmet Cookies- Hummus- Yogurt
Parfait- Granola Bars -Nuts- -Chips-Hot Pretzel-Grab & Go Snacks

Beverages:

Frozen Slush Juice-Milk Shakes- Coffee-Hot Tea-Sparkling Ice
Arizona Rasp Tea-Arnold Palmer Half & Half-Bottled Water

Mid-Day Delights:

Pre-Made Wraps:

Turkey BLT Ham & Cheese Buffalo Chicken

Open from

7:00 am to 3:00pm

THE MAIN EVENT

Look for Daily Specials in Addition to the Menu
Including Entrée Salad of the Day or Turkey or Tuna on Wheat

March 1- Baked Chicken Breast w/ Rice Pilaf & Green Beans

March 2- Fillet O' Fish Sandwich w/ Peas

March 3- Chicken Nuggets w/ Black Beans & Rice

March 4- Pizza Friday's: Slices and Salad

March 7- Parent Conferences K-12 ½ day
Dismissal: ES 11:30 am/ MS/HS 11:47 am

March 8- Roast pork, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Corn

March 9- Grilled Cheese & Bacon Sandwich w/ Green Beans

March 10- Popcorn Chicken bowl w/ Mashed, Corn & Gravy

March 11- Pizza Friday's: Slices and Salad

March 14- Nacho Style Taco w/ Salsa Sour Cream & Green Beans

March 15-- Golden Breaded Fish on a Roll w/ Peas

March 16- Hot Meatball Submarine & Green Beans

March 17- Baked Potato Bar w/ Ham, Broccoli, Cheese Sauce, & Much More!

March 18- Parent Conferences K-12 ½ day
Dismissal: ES 11:30 am/ MS/HS 11:47 am

March 21- BBQ Riblet on a Kaiser Roll- w/ Cole Slaw

March 22- Sloppy Joe w/ Veggies & Dip

March 23- Double Dog Day w/ French Fries

March 24- Philly Style Steak & Cheese Sub w/ Corn

March 25 - Pizza Friday's: Slices and Salad

March 28- Ravioli, Garlic Bread & Side Salad

March 29- Mac & Cheese w/ Broccoli

March 30- Chicken Breast Parmesan w/ Pasta & Broccoli

March 31- Mixed Italian or Turkey Submarine w/coleslaw



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