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GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Upcoming Events

- January 1**
Holiday Recess—School Closed
- January 2**
School Reopens
- January 8**
BOE Meeting
6:30 pm MS/HS Library
- January 15**
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
School Closed

The Greenville Central School District would like to wish you a Happy Holiday



Three GCS Musicians Excel at All-State

by Jon Meredith

Hannah Smith, Isabelle Caffero and Josette Content attended the 2017 NYSSMA All-State Winter Conference in Rochester, NY. They were chosen to participate in the Treble Chorus and Symphonic Band. Isabelle auditioned and was selected from a pool of over 2,300 singers to participate in the Chorus. Josette, a junior, was 1 of only 18 trumpet players chosen for the Band from over 200 who auditioned. Hannah was selected for one of the highly competitive mallet percussion spots; out of the 50 students who auditioned only 2 were chosen for the Band. These 3 musicians performed in the Eastman Theatre to an audience of nearly 2,500 people.

Congratulations to these outstanding musicians for their dedication, passion, accomplishment, and hard work!



Greenville CSD Student Wins Girl of Merit Award

Tess Herwick was honored at the Desmond Hotel on December 3 as a "Girl of Merit" through Girls World Expo.

Tess was nominated for this award because she has proven herself to be an exceptional member of the community through her actions, activities and leadership. Tess is a positive influence on others and leads by example.

Congratulations to Tess and her family for this honor!



STEM Projects in 6th Grade Social Studies by JoAnn Simmons



Students completed project work for the unit on the Iceman which incorporated activities from Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.



Magic of Christmas by Jon Meredith

On December 3rd, The Capital District Youth Chorale (CDYC) performed with the Albany Symphony at The Palace Theatre at their annual Magic of Christmas concert. Three GCS singers participated as members of CYDC: Baillie Kappel, Rachel Shelburne, and Emily Vetere. The concert featured Christmas classics, sparkling holiday favorites, and a special visit from Santa Claus and fun family activities before the concert. Congratulations Baillie, Rachel, and Emily for another wonderful performance with CDYC!

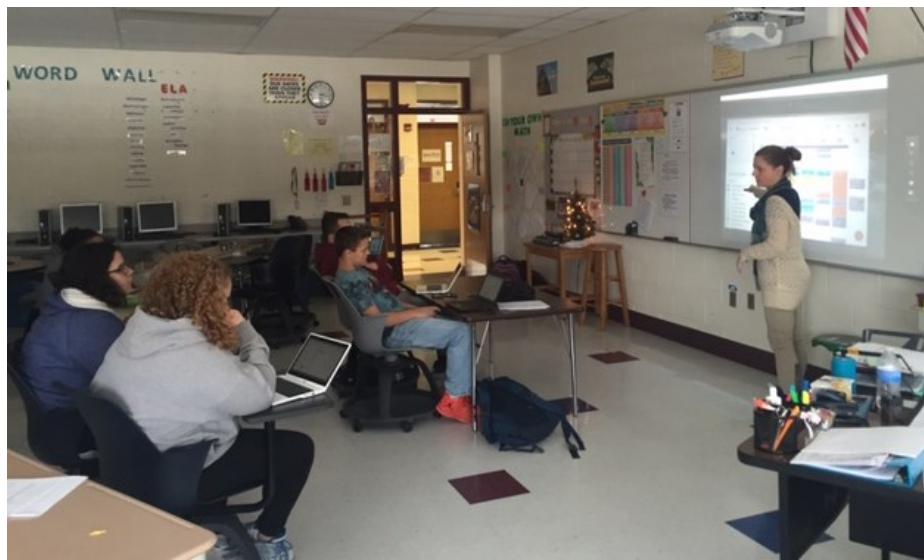


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Dramatic Play by Alison Thela

Dramatic play is one aspect of purposeful play that is so important for all children to engage in. When children participate in dramatic play they learn problem solving skills, self-regulation, social and emotional skills, and it enhances their cognitive abilities.

When children pretend to be different characters, they have the experience of "walking in someone else's shoes," which helps teach the important moral development skill of empathy. I would like to thank the Scott M. Ellis PTA for awarding us the PTA Grant that funded dramatic play outfits to share in our Kindergarten classrooms.



Using Google Calendar

by Susan Hollywood

Vikki Hawkins presented a mini-lesson to a small group of 8th grade students on the many uses of Google Calendar.

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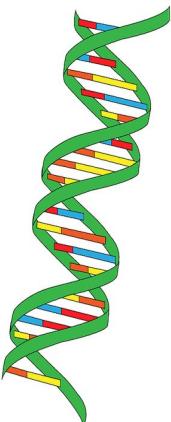
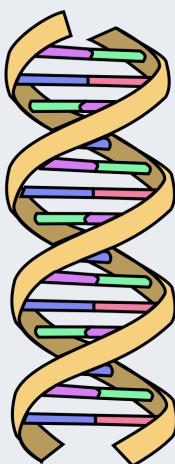
7th Graders Explore DNA by James Hutchins



On November 15th, ten (10) 7th graders, accompanied by their science teacher Mr. Hutchins, traveled to the Carey Center in Rensselaerville to participate in a hands-on activity exploring the DNA molecule.

Students learned about and discussed the structure and function of DNA. Students got a closer look at DNA as they modeled, extracted and isolated real DNA from a bananas. Students assumed the role of a forensic molecular biologist and used hi-tech equipment such as micropipets, minicentrifuges, and electrophoresis units to determine whose DNA was left behind at a crime scene.

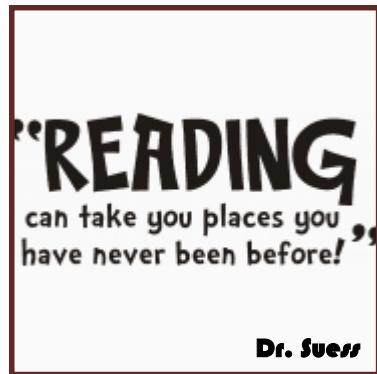
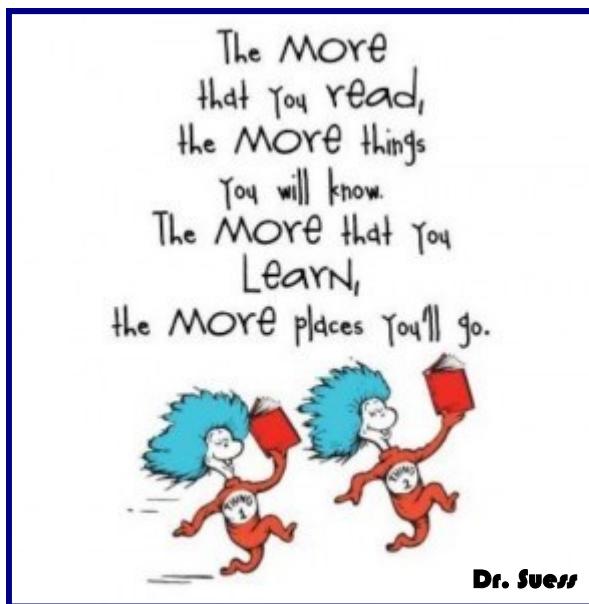
The workshop was sponsored by NextGen Immersions. Thanks to Alison and Richard Miller for leading a fun and engaging workshop for our students.



Student and Staff Picks at the MS/HS Library



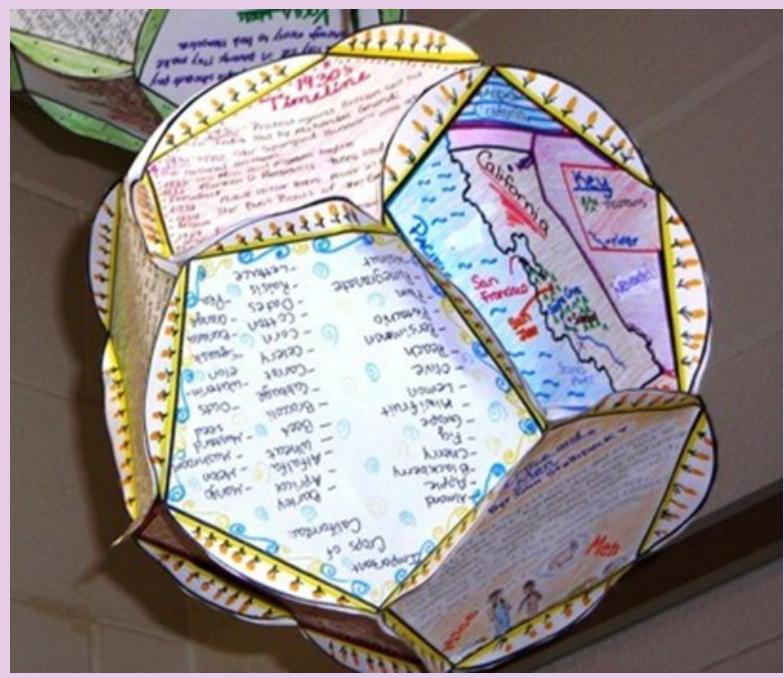
Students in Mrs. Palmer's Young Adult Literature acted as library staff recently and recommended reads for high school students and faculty/staff. These titles are on display in the MS/HS Library. Similar to bookstores, students selected their books, wrote up a summary, rated the book out of five stars and gave recommendations for what type of readers would enjoy the books. Throughout the school year, students will continue to read and recommend more titles and display them in the MS/HS Library as well. Visit the MS/HS Library and select a book you'll know you will enjoy reading.



The MS/HS Book Club is now in full swing! Starting in September, book club members have met most Tuesdays after school to select titles and discuss what they are reading with each other. Additionally, book club members have done some craft projects such as decorating bookmarks and making Bloom book balls. Both Middle School and High School students are able to participate.

The MS/HS Book Club is Back

by Nancy Lockwood, Jackie Moylan and Melissa Palmer



Greenville Athletic Corner by Denise Wickham

Girls Basketball by Brian Haller

The Greenville Girls Varsity Basketball team presently stands atop the Patroon Conference with a record of 5-0. Led by seniors Ava Fitzmaurice, Kaitlin McGuinness, and Victoria Rauf, the girls continued their winning ways when they played undefeated Rensselaer on December 13th. Come watch our Lady Spartans as they continue their quest for a Patroon Conference Championship this season.

Boys Basketball by Dane Carpenter

In the Middleburgh Tip-off Tournament the Greenville Varsity Basketball team came in second place, defeating Bishop Gibbons and losing to Middleburgh in the Championship game. The JV boys won the Middleburgh tournament beating Middleburgh in the Championship. Both teams play over December break in the Berne Knox Westerlo tournament on December 27th and 28th.

Boys Volleyball by Glenn Evans

We are three weeks into our matches and the Boys Volleyball teams are off to a good start. The Modified Boys are one-and-one; losing a close match to Cairo-Durham and beating Catskill. They are learning to work together as a team, learning a new offense, and serving extremely well. The Varsity team is two-and-three, beating Cobleskill-Richmondville and Coxsackie-Athens, losing a close match to Catskill, and losing to Voorheesville and Germantown, despite playing well. It is early in the season and I am excited for the improvements both teams will make as they continue to work hard in practice and in matches.

Are you following Greenville Athletics?

If you are not doing so already, follow Greenville Athletics on Twitter at @AthleticsGCSD.



Wrestling by Gene Rodriguez

Our first weekend at Bethlehem tested our core group with great matches all around. Eighth grader Vincent Davis took third place in a tough 99lb bracket while Joe Mancini went 7-1 taking 2nd place and Aidan Cullen took 1st with a 7-0 record. The team continued the start of its season with solid wins over both Rensselaer and Cairo-Durham. Week two of the season brought the Spartans to another two day tournament in Colonie where Co-Captains Joe Mancini and Aidan Cullen both went undefeated racking up 7-0 records against some tough competition from Section 2, Long Island as well as Vermont. Aidan Cullen also surpassed the previous Greenville record of 98 varsity wins by Greenville wrestling



Joe Mancini

alumni, and former captain, Josh McIlhenney. He hit a career milestone of 100 wins and was also named the MOW (Most Outstanding Wrestler) of the tournament. On Saturday of week three the grapplers spent their day at Ravenna where they battled 5 teams from Sections 2, 4 and 9. Seniors Joe Mancini, Ian McIlhenney & Sophomore Aidan Cullen went undefeated on the day while fellow senior Cameron Baitsholts had a breakout day going 4-1 with some tough battles. Both eighth graders Vincent Davis and Cole Flannery stepped up and had great battles as well. We battle Taconic Hills next on Jan 4th.

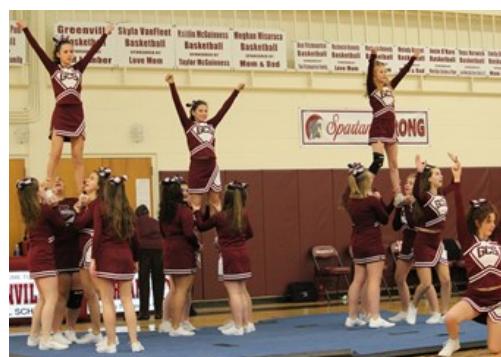
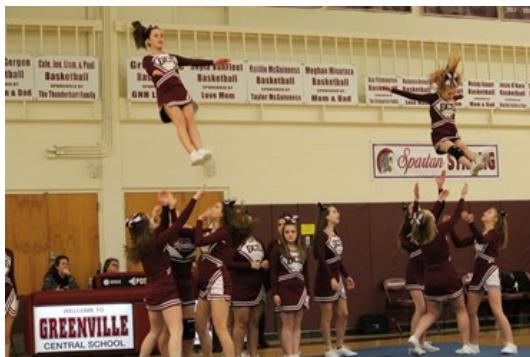
Aidan Cullen



Greenville Athletic Corner - continued

Cheerleading by Lynn Hughes

Our new uniforms are due in shortly and our new competition mats have arrived. To date, we have been able to sing the Alma Mater and cheer at a Varsity Girl's and Boy's game, as well as a wrestling match and a Boys Volleyball game. The girls are very excited for this season. We are entered in our first cheer competition, January 28, 2018. We hope to bring home the "Gold." We continue to look forward to your "crowd" support and as always we remain "Spartan Strong."



Senior College Signings

The athletic department is planning to have a celebration in May for all student athletes who have signed to play at the college level. Please have athletes report signings to the Director of Athletics so a complete list can be developed. The following Greenville student athlete has recently been added to the list of students who are signing to play collegiate athletics:



Liam Krasney will be attending SUNY Cortland and participating on the baseball team. SUNY Cortland is a Division III State University in New York. Liam will be majoring in education.

Fitzmaurice & Ackerman Join the 1,000 Point Club at Greenville

Ava Fitzmaurice earned her 1,000th point during an away game at Coxsackie-Athens on Friday, December 1, 2017. Ava is the all-time leading scorer at Greenville who has now reached another milestone in her Lady Spartan Basketball career. Ava is the first female basketball player from the Greenville CSD to earn 1,000 points in her high school career.

Cole Ackerman earned his 1,000th point during a home game against Rensselaer on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Cole joins an exclusive group in Spartan basketball history to accomplish this milestone. After the game at Chatham on 12/20/17 Cole is the lead scorer for Greenville boys basketball, a title that was held by John Huemmer at 1,035 points scored in his High School Career. Great job Ava & Cole, you are *Spartan STRONG!*



Greenville Athletic Corner - continued

Wesley High School from Australia Visits Greenville CSD

On December 9, 2017 Wesley High School visited Greenville CSD and participated in basketball scrimmages at the JV Boys, Varsity Girls, and Varsity Boys levels. The Australian teams were traveling on their summer break to play basketball and learn about American culture. It was great to have this opportunity to share some good hoops and culture.



Thank You G.A.A (Greenville Athletic Association)

The Greenville Athletic Association provides many services for our athletic teams. Each student-athlete on a Patroon Conference Championship team receives a Championship Pull-over. The GAA also helps to purchase the Patroon Conference Championship and the Sectional Championship Banners which hang in the HS Gymnasium. Thank you GAA for all of your support.

If you would like to get involved in the GAA please contact Eileen Kiefer at kiefere@greenville.k12.ny.us.

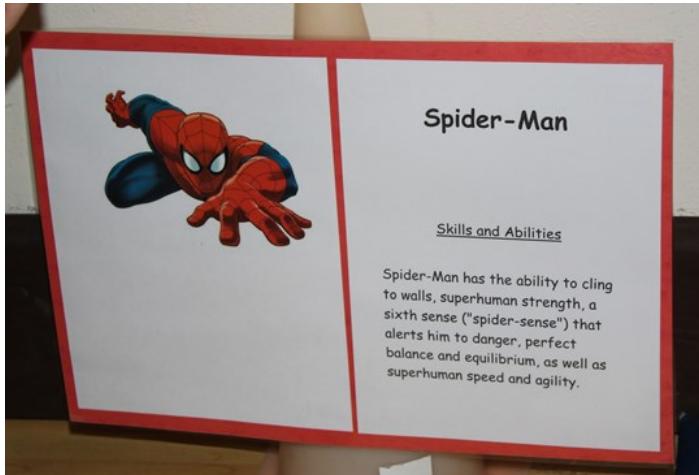
Physical Education News at Scott M. Ellis Elementary

Are you a superhero? Do you know any superheroes? The Greenville elementary students are learning about being a superhero and what skills superheroes possess during physical education classes. Mr. Bruce, Mr. Haller and Mrs. Kiefer have designed a wonderful training course where students work on balance, climbing, crawling, rolling, stamina, arm strength, agility, and so much more. At each station students work on skills that will help them develop their overall fitness. Students were also greeted by some of their favorite superheroes; Spiderman, Iron man, Nightcrawler, Batman, Thor and Wonder Woman to name a few.

Can you see the resemblance in the photos on the next two pages?

Greenville Athletic Corner - continued

Spiderman - Ability to Cling to Walls & Objects



Wonder Woman - Strong & Powerful



The Beast - Superhuman Strength & Speed



The Nightcrawler - Agility, Flexibility & Balance



Nurses Corner



Friendly Reminders from your Nurses

- Remember to get your flu shot.
- If your child is getting a physical please send a copy to school.
- If your child needs medications we must have an order from your physician.
- Remind your child to eat well, rest, and to wash his/her hands to battle the germs of winter.

Please take time to enjoy the holidays & stay healthy!

From, Nurse Debbie Mackey & Nurse Karen Gardiner