



## Coming Events

### July 1

FFA Horse Show  
8:00 am Horse Show Arena

### July 10

BOE Organization & Business Meeting  
6:00 pm MS/HS Library

### July 22

FFA Horse Show  
8:00 am Horse Show Arena

### August 14

BOE Business Meeting  
6:00 pm MS/HS Library

### August 30

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Locker Day

## Congratulations to the Class of 2017!



## The following students were selected for this year's GCMEA Spring All-County Festival:

**Elementary Band:** Emma Cardamone, Carmela Bucci, Emily Peck, Jessica Lamanda, Ayden Wickes, Payton Benjamin, Ellis Snyder, Ciara Guinan, Nuala Kappel, Mikaela Crawley, Norah Schlueter, Anna Styer, Piper O'Hare, Raymond Henderson, Olivia Robie, Catherine Semaska, Nathaniel Storrs, Kaleb Pettit, Gabrielle Cox, Clara DeLong, Briana Shutter

**Junior Chorus:** Rachel Shelburne, Tess Herwick, Baillie Kappel, Isabella Ross, Brooklynn Fraim, Riley Uht, Cassidy Augstein, Dakota Storrs, John Perez, Christopher Henderson, Hudson Turon, Alex Content

**Senior Band:** Liam Williams, William Connolly, Elise DuBois, Petyon Russell, Josette Content, Ethan Spring, Scott Davis, Autumn Brennan, Lucas Makely, Hannah Smith

Selection to these groups is an honor as they are comprised of the top student musicians in the county. Congratulations to all students, parents and music teachers involved!



## Fifth Grade Musical—by Janine Rochler

Fifth grade students perform the musical "Making the Band". Rock n' Roll tunes from the 1950's through the 80's were celebrated in this upbeat, fun and highly "energetic musical. Bravo to our fifth Grade performers!"



## Second Grade Musical—by Josephine Rufa

Second grade students at Ellis Elementary performed the play Nutz on April 27<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>. They sang the song "Big Bad Squirrels" (squirrels with attitude).



## Theater Production Celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Woman's Right to Vote – by Susan Toohey

The Capital Repertoire Company of Albany visited the high school in February to celebrate and honor the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's right to vote in New York State. The production, entitled *Petticoats of Steel*, documented each State's equality act and was presented to all ninth and tenth graders.

A question and answer session followed the play. Some students volunteered that they had not thought about the subject until this dramatization. The play focused on the legal and political events leading up to the passage of the Equality Act for Women.

## Third Grade Research Project - by Denise Herwick

All third grade classes researched and presented on a European country. Guess where Ms. Herwick's class "went"?!

The children did a fantastic job with their posters, projects, and power points. We also enjoyed European food and music!

Fun was had by all!



## Creative Writing Class Meets with Notable Writers - by Susan Toohey

Our high school Creative Writing class had the pleasure of meeting and interviewing two well-known writers. Prize winning playwright Suzanne Bradbeer visited Mrs. Toohey's Creative Writing class to discuss playwriting technique. The class had written one act plays in and Ms. Bradbeer arrived having read each. She offered her expertise and encouragement during an informal writer's circle.

Ms. Bradbeer's plays have been produced by major theater companies across the nation and her children's books are used to facilitate Head Start programs. She has been reviewed in American Theater Magazine as a notable playwright of our time.

The Creative Writing class was also delighted to meet writer Paul Grondahl at The Carey Institute on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Grondahl was recently honored by other writers in Albany during a "ceremony of all-stars", as a popular editorialist, columnist and biographer. He has held a wide-range of writing jobs, including law magazine editor and columnist for the Albany Times Union. He is now the new director of The New York State Writer's Institute. His full length works include a biography of Theodore Roosevelt, entitled *I Rose Like a Rocket* and *Mayor Corning: Albany Icon, Albany Enigma*, about one of the nation's longest serving mayors.

As a columnist, Grondahl stated that he frequently is drawn to writing about "underdogs" or those facing bullying and other difficult obstacles. He advised students to "do no harm" when reporting and "find the best in humanity".

Ms. Bradbeer and Mr. Grondahl both spoke about opportunities for young writers in the Capital District. The class expressed their gratitude to these writers for taking the time to show an interest in each student's writing and share their expertise and encouragement.

## Annual Family Math Night

-by Barbara Brandon

The annual Family Math Night was held at Scott M. Ellis Elementary School. Coordinated by Ms. Brandon and many elementary faculty members, students in grades 2 through 5 and their parents enjoyed an exciting evening of math explorations and learning. Families worked with iPads to solve problems, practice skills and make connections between technology and math. The interactive white board explorations with Ms. Hawkins and Ms. Asam, allowed students and parents to participate in activities in operations and algebraic thinking and number sense, while using technology in an exciting environment. Families also engaged in many hands-on games and activities that required problem solving and strategical thinking. All activities aligned with the standards, which completed the enjoyable evening.



## Filling Bags to Fight Hunger in our Community - by Audrey Hynes

In a collaborative effort to address issues of hunger in our GCS community Middle School National Junior Honor Society (MS NJHS), High School Interact Club and High School Student Council came together during early June to fill summer bags of groceries that will supplement the Ellis Backpack Program pantry. For MS NJHS members it was an activity that allowed them to address an important need in our school community. The project enabled the MS NJHS members to plan, set a goal, define a timeline and work in collaboration with other groups. HS Interact and HS Student Council assisted the NJHS members in meeting their goals through generous donations, by organizing collected items and by assisting the middle school students in the sorting and delivery process.



Students initially planned to fill 10-15 grocery bags with a specific list of nutrient dense kid-friendly foods including peanut butter, jelly, canned soups, tuna fish, cereal, granola bars, applesauce, as well as healthy snacks. The combined effort yielded over 400 pounds of high quality, nutritious and kid-friendly food, more than tripling the initial goal and providing additional items to stock the program's pantry. The donations will ensure summer nutrition to students in the backpack food program at Ellis Elementary. The groups look forward to collaborating on future projects that positively affect our school and the surrounding community and thank the school community, students and staff for their support.

## Fifth Grade Career Day-by Erin DuBois

On May 19, 2017, Scott M. Ellis Elementary School was the site of the Sixth Annual Fifth Grade Career Day. This program, entitled "How I Got Here!" was created to inspire fifth graders to begin thinking about their futures by exposing them to a variety of careers and jobs.

The 10 presenters, many of them Greenville CSD graduates, represented a range of occupations, from engineering to fashion design. While they described their jobs or careers, the presenters also explained how they arrived at their positions, what level of education was required, and what obstacles they had personally encountered.

Each of the presenters gave four 30 minute talks to small groups of students. Prior to the actual career day, students were allowed to select the presentations they were most interested in attending. Most students were able to attend at least three sessions that were among their top choices.

When asked to reflect on the day, fifth grade students made the following comments:

- You need to learn how to work and cooperate with other people.
- You must know how to problem solve.
- It doesn't matter what job you have, as long as you are happy.
- Safety is important.
- If you don't enjoy your job, there is no point doing it.
- The number one thing ... to remember was that we should be happy with the job that we have when we are older.
- It is important to be prepared for anything that could happen.
- I thought career day was very good. It was interesting to learn about different types of jobs and what you would do in each job. Career Day ... opens your eyes to different types of jobs.
- Career day was better than a field trip!
- I learned that I'll probably need a lot of schooling for almost any job.
- I thought it was a good way to get 5th graders thinking about their future.
- I loved learning about the different careers.
- In my opinion all the careers were great. They were all very interesting. They told us about what they did,



and how they got there.

- This gave me an idea of what schooling I will need.
- I was very surprised how he got there (with his career and the other options he tried.)
- I had an amazing experience, one that I will never forget!!! Today, the presenters gave some life tips like "It all starts with happiness." I thought what he said was meaningful, and very true.
- He inspired me to think outside the box, and to really think about what I could possibly do with my life.
- She inspired me to be creative, and if you mess up, just take a breath and restart!
- Choose what you want to do with your life, and enjoy it!!
- Today was exciting because it was a fun, hands on experience for me. I thought that the presenters were very nice and brave to talk for two hours to groups of kids.
- The proper way to meet people is to be cheerful, nice and polite.

Mr. Ed Volmar and Mrs. Erin DuBois, coordinators of the event, would like to thank the presenters who made the day a success: April Austin, Gina Blenis, Krystle Bryan, Jennifer Raskopf, Travis Smigel, James Bucci, Kim Van

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## Fifth Grade Career Day-continued

Auken, Trent Shaver, Tracy and Brad Churchill. The day would not have been possible without the help of the parent volunteers and the fifth grade teachers who helped the day run smoothly for the students.



## Senior Happenings - by Deb Theiss-Mackey

### Senior Breakfast



### Senior Picnic



### Senior Mischief



# Class of 2017

## Class of 2017 Senior Trip - by Deb Theiss-Mackey

Members of the Senior Class of 2017 left early Friday May 26th and headed to Hershey Park. We spent all day at Hershey visiting Zoo America, Hershey Chocolate World, and riding the many rides throughout the park. The very last few minutes at Hershey all of the seniors and chaperones went through The Hershey Story. When we were through we headed to our hotel for everyone to get a good night's sleep prior to getting up and heading to Atlantic City the next day. When we left Hershey we learned that Hershey High School's mascot is also the Spartan.

On Saturday we headed to Atlantic City to much warmer air. We went to the Atlantic City Aquarium where almost all the students got to pet a sting ray and a shark. We left the aquarium to walk to the boardwalk where students were able to relax in the sand and water, eat lunch and watch the sights.

We wish to thank Principal Hilgendorff, Ms. Dupuis and Ms. Scarlata for joining Nurse Mackey and the students on this memorable trip.



## Baccalaureate Service

by Deb Theiss-Mackey

On Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, seniors attended Baccalaureate service at the United Methodist Church in Norton Hill. The guest speaker was our very own Mr. Evans. He and Pastor Milsom gave messages that hopefully our seniors will remember for their lifetime. The ladies of the church provided refreshments. Thank you to them.



2017 Senior Trip

## FFA Holds End of Year Banquet by Rachael Anderson

On Friday, June 2, 2017 the Greenville FFA held their annual Spring Parent/Member Banquet. The banquet was planned and executed by the Sr. FFA officer team, with assistance from the Jr. FFA officers and all FFA members. The annual banquet is a time for FFA members to reflect on their year of success, thank their families and local sponsors, and say goodbye to graduating FFA members. Thank you to all the families, alumni and community members who attended the banquet, and congratulations to all the FFA members who participated in another success-filled year!



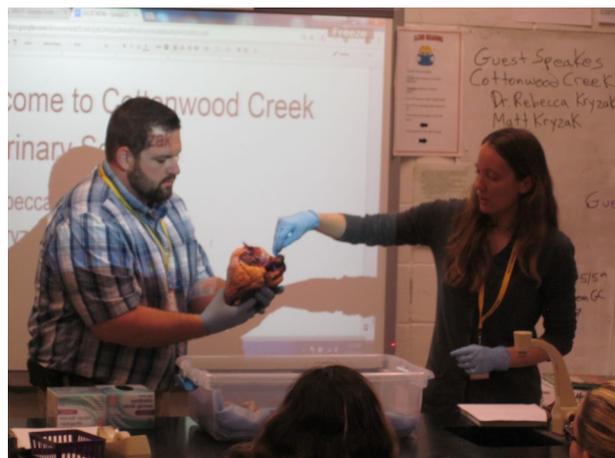
## Cottonwood Veterinary Visits 7th Grade Science —by Jim Hutchins

Cottonwood Veterinary Services visited Mr. Hutchins' 7th grade Science Classes. Dr. Rebecca Kryzak and her assistant, Matt Kryzak, spoke to students about the various purposes of veterinary sciences ranging from companion animal health to public health safety. Dr. Kryzak also discussed the education and training of a veterinarian.

Connecting with the current 7th grade Science Unit on Human Body Systems, they also discussed comparative anatomy and physiology of different animals. For example, they led the students through a comparison of the structure and function of a dog's leg and a horse's leg.

They also brought in organs from a cow and a lamb including hearts, lungs and livers. The students were surprised at the size of the cow's liver- about 20 pounds! Students had the option of donning gloves and exploring the organs first-hand.

Thanks to Dr. Rebecca Kryzak and Matt Kryzak for coming in to visit and providing our students with insights and connections to veterinary sciences.



## Fourth Grade Immigration Simulation-by Bill Kiefer & Pam Asam

As an integral part of our study on Immigration, the fourth grade classes of Ms. Asam, Mr. Kiefer, Ms. Misuraca, Ms. Rosenberg, Ms. Walsh and Ms. Scher took part in a simulation of experiences immigrants had coming into the USA through Ellis Island. On May 26, 2017, the students went back in time to May 27, 1907, the day the greatest number of immigrants (16,050) were processed.

The day consisted of the simulation, ethnic food, games and a parade displaying our individual family's heritage floats. We completed the day with a patriotic ceremony in which the classes recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang patriotic songs. History came alive as we made this as realistic as possible.

During the day of the simulation parents and other adults assumed the roles of Ellis Island personnel such as Immigration Officers and medical examiners. Without their help the event could not have occurred. We were also treated to a wide variety of delicious ethnic foods made and served by many generous parents.

It is because of experiences like these that our students learn about our country's amazing past.



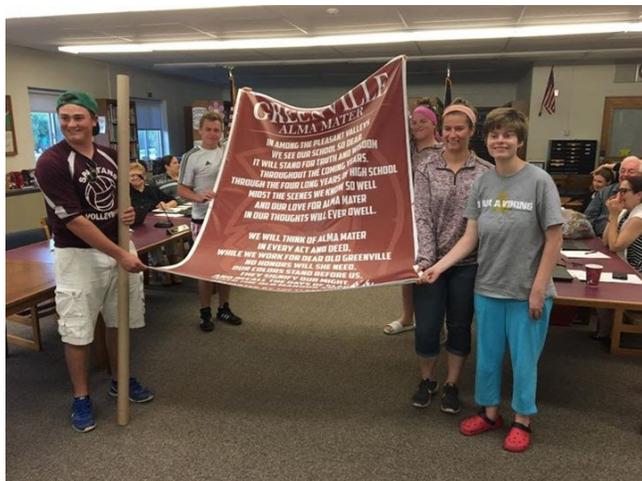
## Seventh Grade Home and Careers-by Melissa Seaburg

My seventh graders are finishing up their sewing projects in these pictures. They learned the basic sewing techniques and applied them while completing the sewing kits. By the end of the unit they all have created their own personal creation.



## Senior Gift to BOE

On Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, seniors presented a gift to the Greenville Board of Education. It is a banner of the Alma Mater to hang in the high school gym. Dan Mackey stated that although the words to the Alma Mater are older than our students the sentiment of them is still reflective of our thoughts today.



## Greenville CSD Alma Mater

In among the pleasant valley

we see our school so dear,

It will stand for truth and wisdom

throughout the coming years.

Through the four long years of high school

midst the scenes we know so well

and our love for Alma Mater

in our thoughts will ever dwell.

We will think of Alma Mater

in every act and deed,

while we work for dear old Greenville

no honors will she need,

Our colors stand before us,

they signify our might,

and recall the days of gladness

‘neath the old Maroon and White.

## HS/MS Student Council Fund Raiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society-Chris Lochner

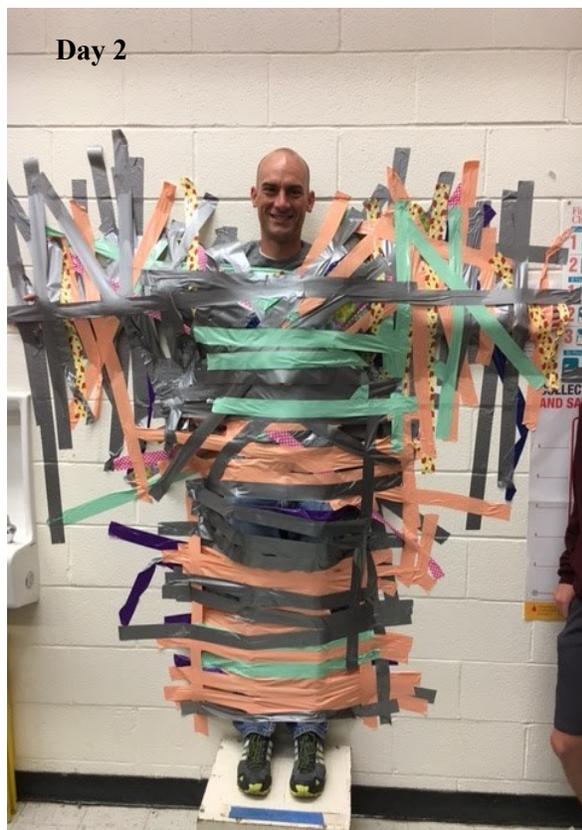
The HS/MS Student Council raised money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. All proceeds collected from box donations, window stickers and duct tape will go directly to the cause. Special thanks to Karen from "Just a Buck" and GNH Lumber for their generous donation of duct tape,

Over \$1,100. was raised within a two week period.

Day 1: Tuesday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ms. DellaRocco - 7 <sup>th</sup> period	\$26
Day 2: Wednesday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Simmons - 5 <sup>th</sup> period Mr. Siebrecht - 6 <sup>th</sup> period	\$45 \$172
Day 3: Thursday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. Fabian - 5 <sup>th</sup> period	\$61
Day 4: Friday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. Hutchins - 5 <sup>th</sup> period	\$68
Day 5: Tuesday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Ms. FitzGerald - 5 <sup>th</sup> period	\$34
Day 6: Wednesday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Ms. Sharkey - 7 <sup>th</sup> period	\$62
Day 7: Thursday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ms. Willoughby - 7 <sup>th</sup> period	\$35
Day 8: Finale Friday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr. Reeve, 5 <sup>th</sup> period Mr. Hash, 6 <sup>th</sup> period	\$145 \$58
TOTAL DUCT TAPE:		\$706
PERSONAL CHECKS:		\$50
GCS MIDDLE SCHOOL (ON-LINE) :		\$150
FACEBOOK ON-LINE:		\$240
TOTAL		\$1,146

Photos from each day are on the next two pages.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Fund Raiser



# GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Day 5



Day 6



Day 7



Day 8



Day 8

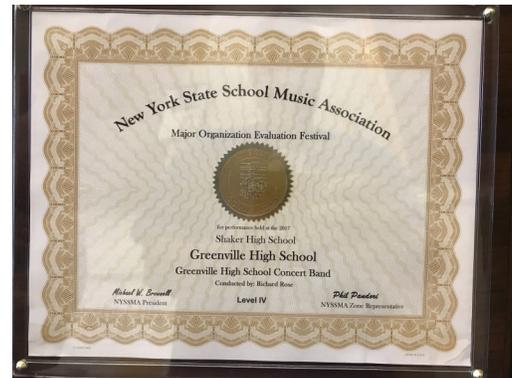


**Annual Flag Day Celebration  
at Ellis Elementary School  
June 16, 2017**



## Greenville Gets Gold at NYSSMA-by Richard Rose

On Monday, April 10, 2017, the Greenville High School Concert Band headed to Shaker High School in Latham, NY to attend the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Majors Ensemble Festival for the first time in nearly a decade. Performing for a panel of judges, the concert band of over forty students prepared three, Level IV pieces to demonstrate their musical and instrumental abilities for a rating. These selections included North Star Overture by John O'Reilly, Anthem for Winds and Percussion by Claude Smith, and Black Watch, also by Claude Smith. After the performance, the students were congratulated on their excellent playing and presented with a gold award and plaque to commemorate their accomplishments as a group. They were also given constructive comments to further improve their abilities as an ensemble, setting them up for future musical success for many years to come.



## Potter Hollow Day – by Pam Asam & Bill Kiefer

On June 9<sup>th</sup> the fourth grade classes had the unique opportunity to experience what life was like attending a one-room school house. Mr. Volmar organized the wonderful day that was initially planned to be held at the Potter Hollow School, but due to the inclement weather was changed back to our GCS Campus.

The day consisted of five sessions. Ms. Mormile, Ms. Cook and Mr. Goodfellow, Potter Hollow alumni, shared their experiences of attending Potter Hollow School back in the day. Mr. Greg Davis demonstrated blacksmithing, Ms. Young shown the craftsmanship of a milliner, Coach Bruce introduced the students to games played from that time period, and finally, Ms. Misuraca and Ms. Hershey and Ms. Cunningham discussed sustainability along with a slide show.

We would like to thank all of these volunteers for taking time out of their busy schedules to share this important past with our students. A special thank you to Mr. Volmar for arranging everything.



## Columbia-Greene Humane Society Project

Ms. Morelli and Ms. FitzGerald's functional skills classes worked on a service project at the end of the year to benefit the Columbia-Greene Humane Society. The students worked with their teachers and Ms. Fagan to plan the project that consisted of both making and collecting donations of food, treats, toys, and other necessities for the animals. The students made toys for the cats and dogs as well as dog treats. The project culminated in a field trip to the new facility in Hudson to deliver all of the things they made and collected. What follows is the personal story about the trip, written by one of Ms. Morelli's students, Morgyn Langlois:



Hello my name is Morgyn. This is my perspective of the Humane Society field trip. When my class was getting ready to go, the class was organizing the dog and cat food/toys into the space on the side of the bus.

### Learning about the Shelter

When the class got to the shelter we unloaded the bus, and brought the dog/cat food and toys inside. The person that works at the shelter gave the class information about the shelter. I learned something about the cats and dogs as well.



### The Dogs in the Shelter

There are a lot of dogs in the shelter. Also the dogs cost a lot of money to get one. I was surprised by that. There was a dog that was nervous. I went around the cages to give the dog a treat. The dog was still shaking... I took the treat back.



The Humane Society was lots of fun.

### The Cats in the Shelter

Before my class went to the cat's room, the person that works there said that there are 3,000,000 cats in the world that don't have homes. Also the cats are for free. I did not know about that until just now. The cats are fun to play with. The cats played with the toys a lot. :-)



## GCS Tech Valley Students Explore China –by Dan Fagan

This year, four Tech Valley High School students originating from Greenville Central School District (Jackson Duchane, Nick Miller, Dan Fagan and Olivia Otero) were able to take a two week trip to China. During this school trip, we visited the cities of Beijing, Tianjin, and Xi'an. We were able to walk a length of the Great Wall, and see the huge warehouses where the Terra-Cotta Warriors are kept. We also visited the Summer Palace and the Temple of Heaven.

One of the more unique things we were able to do that most other tourists would not have access to, is a tour of the High and Elementary schools of Tianjin. Not only that, but each student on the trip was able to live with one of the Chinese students for four days. I had a great time in China, and will always remember the things I saw and experienced there.



## Camp Invention<sup>®</sup> is returning to Greenville!

Imaginations get their rocket fuel at Camp Invention!

An exciting, weeklong summer adventure awaits children entering grades **K-6th** with activities that explore connections between science, technology, engineering, and innovation while sharpening their 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills. Camp Invention allows children to experience real-world problem solving, creative thinking, invention, and teamwork while rotating through several fascinating modules inspired by the Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame. **Greenville Middle School** is pleased to offer the nationally acclaimed program beginning on **July 17, 2017** with **Brian Hostash** serving as Director of the *Launch* program!

Young innovators will:

- Invent their own duct tape creations and pitch them to mock investors
- Explore a distant new exoplanet and design inventions to create the next Earth
- Launch water rockets, build Bubble Blasters, and engineer giant castles
- Create their own personal, ultimate Spy Gadget Alarm Box by taking apart and upcycling everyday machines

All activities give participants the opportunity to explore, discover, and achieve while having fun!

Local educators will facilitate program modules and enthusiastic high school students will serve as Leadership Interns ensuring that one program team member is in place for every eight children.

Every registration includes a complimentary Camp Invention t-shirt. Availability is limited, so visit [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org) or call 800.968.4332 to secure your child's spot today!