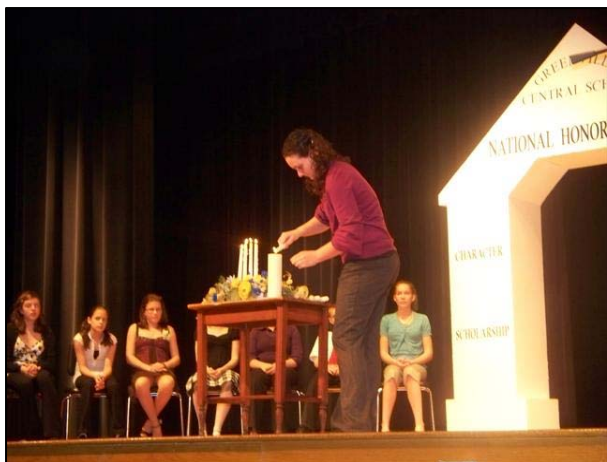




Twenty-one GCS Middle School Students are Inducted into the National Junior Honor Society



Twenty-one accomplished Middle School students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on Thursday April 2, 2009. Those inducted include: Sarah Amedure, Jesse Arnold, Theresa Bates, Kristen Bear, Alexis Bestafka, Kevin Bobrick, Heather Carl, Abigail Duker, Megan Eldred, Rebecca Eldred, Sierra Goodfellow, Caitlin Hopkins, Taylor Lagace, Caroline Lewis, Bailey Licata, Amy Mataraza, Emily Mitchell, Matthew Snow, Jaime Staunch, Megan Terrell, and Elizabeth Van Auken. Members from 2008-2009 include: Danielle Cavalluzzi, Joseph DeTillio, Conor Drossel, David Herbstritt, Mackenzie Kiefer, Kate Kulas, Dylan Latham, Brandon Maxwell, Logan O'Connor, Ashley Rothe, Michael Schonning and President, Mackenzie Kiefer. Students in National Junior Honor Society pledge to uphold the high standards of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Citizenship, and Character. Congratulations to our newest members.

Art Students Receive Recognition for Their Artwork

In March several GCS students were recognized for their outstanding achievements in the arts. The art work of Stephanie Bouillon and Allison Johnson was selected for the Questar III Juried High School Invitational Art Exhibit in the Dwight Marvin Library at Hudson Valley Community College. Stephanie won an honorable mention for her ceramic "challis". Also, student Jesse Staunch won honorable mention for his color photograph at the Capital Region Media Arts Festival at Niskayuna High School. Congratulations to these students for their creative work.



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Award-Winning Author Judy Young Visits Scott M. Ellis Elementary Students

Judy Young, author of several award-winning children's poetry books, spoke to students grades K-5 about being an author with an emphasis on poetry writing. Her presentations featured *R is for Rhyme, a Poetry Alphabet*, which was the 2008 Mom's Choice Award Gold Recipient and Educators' Choice. *R is for Rhyme* also received a 2006 National Association of Parenting Publications Honor Award, the 2006 Missouri Writers' Guild Best Juvenile Book Award and was choreographed for the 58th annual performance by the Tanner Creative Dance Program of the University of Utah. This event celebrated April as Poetry month.

Ms. Young also conducted her Poetry, Write in the Middle of Class Workshop to members of the Greene-Columbia Reading Council at the Greenville Library following the school visit.



Greenville High School Students Perform Heart Surgery

Greenville students enrolled in Living Environment were introduced to the idea of performing surgery when their course instructors, Erin Sharkey and Brynda Shultes, walked in wearing surgical scrubs. The laboratory activity started with students exploring the parts of the heart and studying the pathway of blood flow. After becoming more comfortable with the heart and its basic structure, the students used their surgical skills by replacing a faulty valve, bypassing a blockage in the aorta, suturing a hole in the walls of blood vessels, and repairing a hole in the septum wall.



GCS Middle School Students Participate in Twin County Science Expo

The Twin County Science Expo was held at the Columbia Greene College on Saturday, March 28th from 10 to 2 pm. Students in grades five through eight could enter as individuals or in small groups. This year, Greenville Middle School was fortunate enough to have six projects entered. Jaymey Kuykendall and Mario DeSarno worked together on a “Catapult”, Caroline Bobrick explained “Refrigeration”, Bethany Mitchell, Emily Mitchell and Meg Gardiner investigated “The Best Liquid-Holding Diaper”, “Star Trek and Modern Technology” was the title of the project created by Anna Kelly and Grace Kudlack, Kevin Bobrick presented “Let it Snow” and Kate Kulas shared her knowledge of filoviruses in her project called “Levels of Biosafety and Filoviruses”.

These projects were researched and completed at home and displayed at the Science Expo. Each participant was required to discuss their project and answer questions from the various judges. Kate Kulas took first place for her project in the eighth grade category and won \$100. Congratulations to all who participated in this worthwhile competition.



Field Trip to Five Rivers

All of the first and second grade classes from Scott M. Ellis visited Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar to take part in the Maple Sugaring Program. This is one of the experiences that supports the study of local trees during the Forest Year.

In the fall, different kinds of maple trees were taught. The study was continued with the sugaring process at Five Rivers. Students learned that warm days and cold nights allow the sap to run. So, it is only for a few weeks in the spring that syrup can be made.

Students were divided into groups and led through the process with guides who provided lots of hands-on opportunities to drill trees, hammer in spikes, taste sap and feel the steam coming from the syrup evaporator. The trip ended with the sweet taste of locally made syrup.

Greenville Community and Students Work Together for a Safe Prom

The Greenville Central School chapter of S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) has been working very hard to organize a Post Prom Party for May 16 and 17. The purpose of the all-night party is to provide a safe, drug and alcohol free environment for students to party until dawn. Our goal is to prevent any serious drug and alcohol related accidents from occurring after the prom. Over 100 students attend this event each year. All Greenville juniors and seniors are invited to attend, regardless of whether they attend the prom.

Many parents, community members, businesses and service organizations have generously pledged to donate for this year's event including: Greene County Stop DWI Program, VanAuken Express Inc., Slater's Marketplace, Town Line Auto, Anne Lafferty Realty, Ventura's Catering and Culinary Club, Country Square Wine and Liquor Shoppe, The National Bank of Coxsackie, Greenville Auto and Truck Parts (NAPA), Paul's Pizza and Pasta, Linda and Roy Davies, Modern Metal Fabrications Inc., Grapeville Agency Inc., A.J. Cunningham Funeral Homes Inc., Moosehead Cedar Log Homes, Hydroskill Water Systems Inc., The Greenville Faculty Association, Westerlo Rescue Squad, The Bank of Greene County, Legacy Banks, B and B Forest Products Ltd., Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Co., Oak Valley Logging Inc., Greenville Volunteer Fire Co. Auxiliary, GCS High School Student Council, Greenville Saw Service Inc., and Variety Video. If your business or service organization has not been contacted, or you have not yet taken the opportunity to become part of this combined effort between the school and community, please feel free to join us by contacting James Tyrrell, S.A.D.D. Advisor, at Greenville High School at 966-5190. S.A.D.D. is hopeful that this event will save lives and be great fun!

Scholars at GCS High School

This year there are two Seniors from Greenville who have been selected to attend the annual Scholar's Recognition Dinner in April. Nicole Ostoyich was chosen by the faculty as a distinguished scholar from the Class of 2009. Nicole, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ostoyich of Hannacroix, is ranked as third in her class. She has completed rigorous classes while at Greenville High School and has earned 21 college credits through study at Columbia-Greene Community College. Her activities have included serving as a student representative to the Greene County Youth Bureau, working with the Greene County Council on the Arts and traveling with the People-to-People Organization. Nicole chose Ms. Brynda Shultes as an influential teacher who assisted her during her secondary years. Nicole and Mrs. Shultes will be enjoying dinner at The Desmond Restaurant in Albany as the Greenville High School recipient.

Leahanne Cappelli, a senior at Greenville High School, will be representing Questar III as the distinguished scholar from that Career and Technical Education site. Leahanne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cappelli of Coxsackie earning a ranking of 6th in her class. She has taken a challenging program while at Greenville High School in addition to completing studies in the Academy for Information Technology through Questar. Her technical classes prepare her to design, build, and maintain computer networking systems. In extra-curricular activities Leahanne has been active in Musical events at Greenville as well as having membership in National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. She chose Mr. Michael Knichel as her most influential teacher while attending Questar. Leahanne and Mr. Knichel will be attending the ceremony and dinner in Albany as well.



Pippin at Greenville High School

Greenville High School presented the musical Pippin April 24, 25 and 26. Loosely based on the life of King Charlemagne's son, the musical is one of the longest running shows on Broadway. Written by Steven Schwartz and directed and choreographed by Bob Fosse, this musical first opened in 1972, and ran for 1,944 performances.

This year's musical featured Tom Monkell as Pippin, Sam Dudley as the Lead Player, Jonah Coe-Scharff as King Charlemagne, Marta Kelly as Fastrada, Luke O'Reilly as Lewis, Ashley Gilbert as Berthe, Sarah McNally as Catherine, and Chris Rodriguez as Theo. The musical was directed by Jon Meredith, the set was designed by Elisha Schaefer and Jen Raskopf was responsible for costumes.

Congratulations to all those involved in this very successful production!



GCS Middle School Celebrates Earth Week

During the week of April 20th, students in Anne Marie Conroy's sixth grade science class participated in a variety of activities to learn how they can make a difference to help save our planet. Students read and discussed several articles on ways to save energy in different areas of their home and were encouraged to discuss the articles with each other and their families. They also used old, used paper to create new paper. Students tore the old paper, added water and mixed everything in a blender. A mold was used to screen the newly created pulp and students then removed the excess water to create the new paper. Food coloring, glitter and a variety of colored paper were used to create each unique design. Once dry, students used their designer paper to write a poem. Additional activities for the week included a presentation and research project on endangered animals which was presented to the entire class.



April Board of Education Presentation by Dr. James Baldwin

During the April 13 Greenville CSD Board of Education meeting Dr. James Baldwin, District Superintendent of Questar III presented information regarding Questar III Services and programming. The title of the presentation was "Putting Students First" and highlighted BOCES Services, budget philosophy, planning for the future and the various services Questar III provides to students of component districts. Tech Valley High School was one area of interest for Board of Education members as they had recently visited the program. The complete presentation can be found on the Greenville Central School District website at www.Greenville.k12.ny.us under District, then under Board of Education.

