



## SUNY Albany President Visits Greenville

The newly appointed SUNY Albany President Dr. Robert J. Jones and a contingent of approximately fifteen SUNY Albany administrators selected the Greenville Central School District as the first school visited on March 27<sup>th</sup> as they began a nine county tour. We had an opportunity to discuss three key points in the way we approach educating children in Greenville Central School District: rigor, relevance and relationships. Preparing students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century demands high interest and rigorous coursework where the application of skills in relevant settings is the norm. This experience in a 9-12 supportive environment helps prepare students for greater success in college and life. Four of our students: Caitlin Hopkins, Sam Debnath, David Herbstritt, and Dylan Latham spoke about what their high school experience had been like and what they plan to do in their futures. SUNY Albany President Jones said, “he was blown away by the focus and drive of the small school”.



Read the rest of the Daily Mail article regarding this initiative.

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## National Junior Honor Society Induction

During the month of February, several wonderful students were inducted into the Greenville Chapter of The National Junior Honor Society. The five pillars of the National Junior Honor Society are: scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship. The following inductees have already demonstrated their commitment to these honorable standards:

Justine Albin  
Nadia Boyea  
Cody Bryan  
Isabelle Caffero  
William Connolly  
Alexandra Cullen  
Elise Dubois

Jackson Dushane  
Jarrett Field  
Olivia Gorneau  
Jack Hummingbird  
Seamus Kappel  
Madison Marcello  
Nicholas Miller

Paul Mitchell  
Genevieve Palmer  
Callie Pflieger  
Peyton Russell  
Hannah Smith  
Jared Spring



The ceremony was well attended by parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, other family members and friends of the inductees. The wonderful induction was led by chapter President, Katherine Koehler. Brian Reeve, guest speaker and Middle School Principal, delivered a heartfelt speech to the candidates.

Students that are currently in the National Junior Honor Society played a significant role in the ceremony and the reception as well. Anne Marie Conroy and Michelle Fisher are Co-Advisors. The current members are:

Olivia Baumann  
Colleen Corrigan  
Malcolm deLong  
Elizabeth Duker  
Julia Evola

Kennedy Foster  
Hannah Holznagel  
Charlotte Hutchins  
Katherine Koehler  
Daniel Mackey

Keri Mahoney  
Evelina Welch  
Alexandra Whitbeck





### Pre-Kindergarten Literacy Night

On Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> Scott M. Ellis Elementary welcomed the Class of 2026 to the first annual Pre-Kindergarten Literacy Night. These future kindergarteners and their families enjoyed an evening of stories read aloud by a group of elementary teachers and Principal Peter Mahan. Along with listening to stories, our future readers made bookmarks and went home with a book of their own, all made possible by a grant from the Greenville Educational Foundation. Parents in attendance had a chance to enroll their child for the Ellis 1,000 Books Program coordinated by Susan Konas. Local preschools and the Greenville Public Library were also in attendance to share information about their programs with pre-kindergarten parents. The Ellis teachers hope to make this cozy evening of reading together a new Greenville tradition.



### High School Band Travels to Disney

The Greenville High School Band recently traveled to Disney World in Orlando, Florida during our Spring break. Seventy-five band students spent three days in Disney where they performed on the Waterside Stage in Downtown Disney. The band, under the direction of Michael Benedict, performed before a very enthusiastic crowd which included many parents, relatives and friends from Greenville. Out of the numerous bands that played, Michael Benedict heard from many that Greenville's performance was the best of the day.



Photo courtesy of Leona Statham

In addition to the performance, the students were able to enjoy the various parks in Disney including Magic Kingdom, EPCOT, Animal Kingdom and Hollywood Studios. The students also had one special dinner at Planet Hollywood on the first night at Disney. Michael Benedict would like to commend the students on their excellent behavior. Many thanks are extended to our chaperones Virginia Benedict, Sara Statham, Erin Upson, Eric Herbstritt, Ann Holstein and Lisa Johnson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3<sup>rd</sup>: PTA-PARP Ice Cream Social 5:30 pm @ Ellis Multi-Purpose Room

May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Family Dance 6:30 pm @ Ellis Auditorium

May 8<sup>th</sup>: Pre-K Math Night 6-7 pm @ Elementary School

May 9<sup>th</sup>: PTA/PTSA meeting 6:30 pm @ High School Library

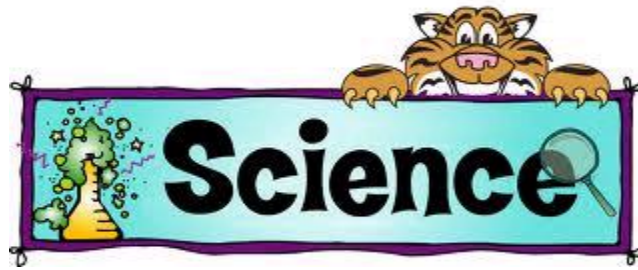
May 11<sup>th</sup>: Prom Coronation 4:30-5:30 pm @ High School Auditorium

May 11<sup>th</sup>: Jr./Sr. Prom 6:00-11:00 pm @ Settles Hill in Altamont, NY

May 12<sup>th</sup>: SADD Post Prom Party @ High School. Doors close at midnight!

May 16<sup>th</sup>: 7:00-9:00 pm Meet the Candidates running for two vacant seats on the School Board

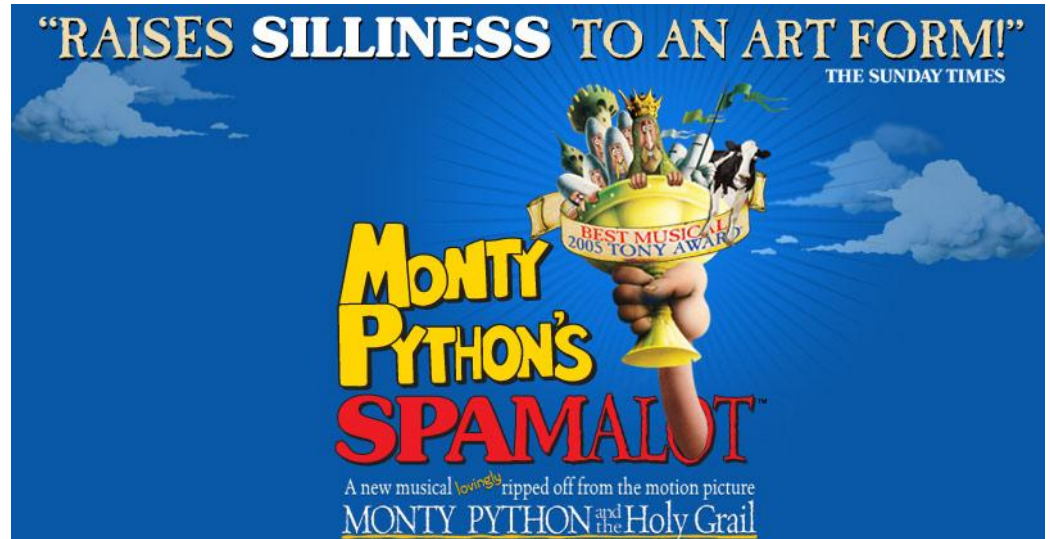
May 21<sup>st</sup>: Budget Vote 1:00-9:00 pm @Ellis Cafeteria



**Ellis Family Science Night**

Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm was Scott M. Ellis Family Science Night.

This annual event is for students in third, fourth and fifth grades. It allows families an evening of science enrichment and discovery. Through a series of challenging investigations, parents and children explored science concepts together.



**High School Musical**

This year's high school musical, Monty Python's Spamalot, opened on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Greenville is among the first round of high schools in the world that received permission to perform this new limited-release show. Spamalot, a musical "lovingly ripped off" from Monty Python and the Holy Grail, opened on Broadway in 2005 and was nominated for 14 Tony Awards – winning three, including Best Musical. The show features many of the familiar characters from the film and many new hilarious additions. This production features the performance and production talents of more than 50 GCS students, under the direction of Mr. Jon Meredith and Mr. Ben Katagiri.



## Regents Review Live

Greater Capital Region Teacher Center is pleased to announce that Regents Review 2.0 will be broadcast again this May by WCNY in partnership with New York State Teacher Centers. During broadcasts, New York State Teacher Centers will be sponsoring Regents Review 2.0 by providing NYS certified teachers to answer student questions via email. Please encourage your students to access relevant Regents Review 2.0 broadcasts on WMHT in May.

WMHT 2013 Regents Review 2.0 Station Schedule-- airing from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. daily:

Monday, May 6: English  
 Tuesday, May 7: Integrated Algebra  
 Wednesday, May 8: Geometry  
 Thursday, May 9: Algebra 2/Trigonometry  
 Friday, May 10: Earth Science  
 Monday, May 13: Living Environment  
 Tuesday, May 14: Chemistry  
 Wednesday, May 15: Physics  
 Thursday, May 16: Global History & Geography  
 Friday, May 17: US History & Government



## Junior FFA Competes in FFA Sub states Leadership Contests!



Congratulations to all Jr. FFA contest participants at the sub district contests March 16. The Greenville Jr. FFA members presented some tough competition for the other participating districts! Members competing in the prepared speaking contest picked subjects that they were passionate about, and portrayed that in the delivery of their speeches. Isabella Antonelli's speech on Pit Bulls pleaded that Pit Bulls are really gentle dogs that turn mean due to their owner's abuse of them. Carley Estep called to reinstate the ban on slaughtering horses as meat. Kennedy Licata expressed her love and expertise in the showing of horses. Victoria Wilson won the prepared speaking contest with her speech on Feline Intelligence, and will be representing Greenville by competing at the FFA State Convention in May.

Carley Estep also came in third for extemporaneous speaking and received a plaque for her achievement. Sam Case also placed fourth in Creed speaking out of thirteen competitors. Jessica Scarlatta and Willobee Sutton competed in the People in Agriculture contest and did an excellent job in a very competitive contest.

Mrs. Lewis is very excited to work with this talented group of students next year! They were great this year.... and with this experience, next year they will be tough to beat!



## MS Workshop Presentation on Bullying

In an effort to increase awareness of the negative effects of bullying, fourteen students in the middle school performed a series of improvisations focused on situations when bullying occurs. This talented group of actors met on Saturdays throughout December and January to learn the basics of improvisation, and then collectively wrote and developed their scenes. Under the leadership of Margaret Hall, who works as Assistant Artistic director for Capital Rep. in Albany, and Kris Raskopf, Theatre Arts teacher at GCS, these students researched and examined this topical problem. Through theatre games and exercises, they put together a solid program for their peers. The presentation began with a filmed video of the students in different situations in the hallways, and was followed by some of the alarming statistics known about bullying. After this, students acted in improvised scenes, followed by a question and answer period with the student audience members. It is hoped that this type of presentation will raise student awareness of this problem and encourage students to take a stand against bullying. In the words of one of the players, "Please be the change you wish to see in the world."



All students in grades 6-8 viewed the presentation in February and it was one the most powerful presentations to students about bullying. The fourteen students also did an elementary version of the bullying presentation for students in grades 3 and 4. The middle school is very proud of Chloe Cox, Morgan Holznagel, Ryan McAneny, William Connelly, Elise Dubois, Taylor McCulloch, Kaitlin McGuinness, Victoria Wilson, Elizabeth Duker, Kennedy Foster,

Hannah Holznagel, Charlotte Hutchins, Daniel Mackey, and Liam Williams for their commitment to promoting a safe environment for all students at GCS Middle School

## Disney Band Trip from a Student's Point of View

*By David Herbstritt, GCS Senior*

This year, many of Greenville's student musicians were taken on an incredibly memorable trip to Disney World in Florida. Although some had had the chance to go to Disney before on family vacations, some of the members of the band had never been to the world-famous park. Others still had never even had the opportunity to go south of New York, which made the trip even more exciting. Students enjoyed themselves, got the chance to play at an outdoor venue in Downtown Disney, and even braved day-long bus rides and the occasional torrential evening downpour in order to ensure that their time over spring break was well-spent.

The trip was financed, in part, by fundraisers over the last four years; many students took part in the annual Cabaret night dinners put on by the High School and Middle School Jazz Bands. For many students, seeing their hard work come to fruition was incredibly rewarding and exciting. Part of what made the trip so exciting was the positive attitude from the students, and everybody who went made a concentrated effort to meet up with the chaperones at designated times, to call people, and to stay organized in order to make sure that logistics could not drag the trip down. After all was said and done, the bus ride home was still rich with laughter and excitement, and the experiences had at Disney will be remembered for many years to come.

