



Homecoming 2010

Students, faculty, parents and community members participated in a variety of Homecoming activities throughout the week of September 27th. During Spirit Week High School students demonstrated their spirit with a variety of “themed” days. Students in grades nine through twelve participated in a Pep Rally on Friday, October 1st during 9th period where sports teams were introduced, the Jazz Band performed and faculty members competed in a series of athletic contests.

Friday afternoon continued including basketball, the climbing wall, battle of the bands, board games and food. The annual “Pie in the Face” contest with administrators and teachers raised \$250 to benefit “Caring Together” in memory of Allyson Benjamin. Evening events included an Activity Night at Scott M. Ellis Elementary where students played basketball, chess, bingo, painted pumpkins and painted faces and dances for High School and Middle School students.

Saturday began with a buffet breakfast at Ellis Café with proceeds benefiting the Greenville Educational Foundation. Additional activities included a Superintendent’s Community Forum featuring Beth Bourassa on “Current and Legal Issues in Education”, campus tours, athletic games and a field dedication in honor of Coach James MacTavish. Homecoming activities concluded with a Beatle Tribute Band Concert sponsored by the Tri-Music Honor Society in conjunction with the Greenville Education Foundation.



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The Ride for Missing Children at Greenville Elementary

Students at Scott M. Ellis had the opportunity to greet, talk with and learn from participants in the Greater Capital District Ride for Missing Children. The Ride for Missing Children, an event that honors the memory of missing children, raises public awareness for missing and exploited children, educates children on safety, and raises funds to support missing children poster distribution. On Friday, September 24th several hundred volunteers biked 100 miles starting and ending in Albany, NY. Greenville CSD was honored to be one of several stops along the route.

While at the school bikers took a short break to eat lunch and prepare for the remainder of their tour. The stop included a safety presentation for students focusing on teaching children how to safely ride a bike using protective gear and to be aware of their surroundings. Students also learned about general safety precautions they should take while biking in their communities.



Middle School Students Explore Cells

As part of a unit on cells and microscopes, students in 7th grade science learned how to make and stain microscope slides. By scraping the inside of their cheek with a toothpick students harvested cells and stained the cells with crystal violet to create their own slides. This lab allows students to view their cells in relationship to other types of cells that were previously examined. Using this method, students are also able to see important parts of human cells, such as where genes are contained.

High School Photography Class Visits Corning Plaza

On October 14th students enrolled in High School Photography classes went on a photo excursion to the Corning Plaza in Albany to photograph the architecture. Students also toured the State Museum to view the 9/11 exhibit which is titled "Landscapes of NY". The group photo shows students posing between two Corinthian columns at the State Education Department.



Congressman Scott Murphy Visits Greenville High School

Congressman Scott Murphy visited the Greenville High School on October 5th to meet with faculty and students regarding the significant partnership joining the business community with education. Larry Cosenza, Ph.D., founder and Chief Science Manager for a small Bio Tech incubator business C2 Biotechnologies, has established a research lab at the Greenville High School with support from the Greene IDA, Questar III, and State Senator James Seward. This pilot project called the Greene Commercial Center creates a hybrid “Innovation Center” joining business, secondary and community college education, and community organizations in a business incubator environment. High school students, Andrew Fishlinger, Travis Cichoki and Stephen Nevins participated in a paid internship during the summer and actually discovered a polymer which has the potential to produce a biodegradable plastic. The students are in the process of applying for grants to continue their research with Dr. Cosenza. C2 Biotechnologies, funded with a US Energy Grant, has joined with the Greene IDA utilizing a Senator Seward member initiative and partnered with the Greenville School District. “This model of interacting with students and educators as a regular practice during research and development activities is extremely attractive and beneficial. Incorporating students into my regular course of conducting experiments is helpful and provides a level of education hard to replicate in the classroom,” explained Larry Cosenza, Founder of C2 Biotechnologies. High School Principal, Michael Laster, commented “This incubator business partnership has allowed us to provide authentic scientific opportunities in the emerging field of Biotechnology to our students on campus during and after school. I look forward to future student opportunities that are modeled after this small beginning.”



Athletics at GCS

The Lady Spartans Volleyball Team was proud to participate in the first annual “Coaches verses Cancer” game held at Cairo-Durham CSD. “It was an honor to be included in such a worthy cause,” stated Coach Justin Bruce. Greenville defeated Cairo-Durham 3 games to 2, and has a current Patroon Conference record of 11 wins and 1 loss. Round Top Knit and Screening donated Benjamin Brigade warm-up t-shirts to Greenville’s JV and Varsity volleyball teams for the event.

The Boys’ Modified Soccer team has 5 wins and 1 loss midway through the season and is playing well together with every player contributing to our success. Coach Herbstritt invites everyone come out and support modified sports and enjoy a great soccer game.

Congratulations to our Varsity Girls’ Volleyball, Boys’ and Girls’ Soccer, and Boys’ and Girls’ Cross Country teams for being eligible to participate in the Sectional Play-off Season.





National School Bus Safety Week at GCS

National School Bus Safety Week took place October 18th through 22nd with the theme of *Cross in View, It's the Right Thing to Do*. This year faculty and bus drivers met with students in small groups to answer key questions about safety followed by a large-group discussion with Ms. Schrader. Students were also provided the opportunity to ask questions and share ideas regarding their daily bus rides.

Commended Students in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program

Greenville High School students Emily Bobrick, Kerry Brown, Marta Kelly and Dixie Ouellette have been named Commended Students in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal, Michael Laster, to these seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2011 competition for the National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2011 competition by taking the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

"Recognition of high-achieving students is essential to advancing educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "As demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program, the young men and women named Commended Students represent some of the most academically talented students in our country. We sincerely hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success".



Cyber-bullying Presentations at GCS Middle School

Middle School Students at Greenville have the opportunity to attend presentations on various topics throughout the school year including the dangers of tobacco use, alcohol and drug education, bullying, cyber-safety, grief and loss, treating others with respect, handling peer pressure and making responsible choices. The Addictions Care Center of Albany presented the topics of Cyber-bullying and Alcohol Awareness to our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in September and October.



Greenville Team Making Strides for Breast Cancer

Greenville walkers donated \$850 to the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides for Breast Cancer" campaign. Shown from left to right are Brynda Shultes, Alenore Cusick, Ashley Seager, and Kara Morris. Over 10,000 walkers were present for the annual event held at Albany's Washington Park on Sunday, October 17, 2010.

US History Comes to Life at GCS High School

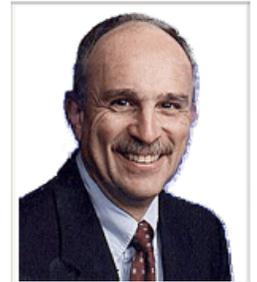
Students in Mr. Albright's AP/IB US History Classes participated in a simulated "Press Conference" on September 28th. The date of the "Press Conference" was June 25, 1787, just months after Shays' Rebellion. Students were given the roles of Daniel Shays, Jason Parmenter, attorney Caleb Strong, Governor James Bowdoin, General Benjamin Lincoln, George Washington, Samuel Adams and Thomas Jefferson. The rebels and their attorney attempted to justify their actions while the prosecution described why the trial of the rebels was critical to maintaining law and order for our country. Students not assigned a specific role, participated as the press and prepared several questions for both sides. After the press conference news articles were written describing the event. The simulation provided students the opportunity to make meaningful connections between Shays' Rebellion and the Constitutional Convention.



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Superintendent ~ Parent and Community Forums

Superintendent Dudley meets with GCS parents and community members to hear views about and suggestions for our schools. In addition for this year several special presentations have been scheduled for parents and community members on topics relevant to the District and our students. These are scheduled for Saturday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and will be held at Ellis Elementary School Café.



November 6 Jack Agati The Goals of Misbehavior

Identifying the goals of a child's misbehavior is a necessary first step in successfully managing those misbehaviors. This program is designed to help participants distinguish between first time behaviors and recurring, purposeful ones. The goals of this session are to help the participants understand why misbehaviors occur, distinguish between the various goals of misbehavior (attention, power, etc.), determine each goal by using three identification techniques, explore the elements used in power struggles and how we can effect changes in those situations .

Sixth Grade Readers' Theater

During the 2010-2011 school year, the Middle School English Language Arts faculty are incorporating concepts and instructional strategies from The Continuum of Literacy Learning by Fountas and Pinnell. One instructional strategy used in sixth grade this month is Readers' Theater. Readers' Theater instills a love of reading and storytelling in the classroom as well as building reading fluency with stories that are humorous, multicultural and often contain a valuable life lesson. Students did a great job with this animated and engaging reading activity!



GCS Middle/High School PTSA Meeting Featured Presentation on Drivers and Insurance Impact

The Greenville MS/HS PTSA held a meeting with guests NYS Trooper Rich Amedure and Grapeville Insurance Agency representative Lori Ostrander to discuss the regulations around new (teen) drivers and the insurance impact.

