



Greene Central School NEWSLETTER

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Superintendent's Message

Graduation is once again just around the corner. The 2015-2016 school year has been a wonderful year and, I trust, will provide us all with many fond memories. Our faculty and staff have done an amazing job providing our children with an exceptional educational experience. Our children continue to exceed expectations in so many ways. Academic achievements, artistic performances, athletic successes and countless other accomplishments both in and out of school have made 2015-2016 a truly wonderful year.

BUDGET UPDATE

This year's budget development has again posed considerable challenges. Despite what was touted as significant increases in state aid to schools, the net increase to Greene was still not enough to cover cost increases. We continue to look to find options to reduce costs and will need to utilize district reserves to balance our budget. Please be assured that we are committed to maintaining current programming for our children as well as exploring options to expand and/or improve what we are able to offer. The world around us is changing at a dizzying pace. Schools must evolve and change as well. Doing so with the limitations provided by current funding mechanisms proves to be increasingly difficult. Throughout these trying times, our faculty and staff, administrative team and Board of Education have worked diligently to find creative options to address changing needs within our fiscal limitations.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Early work on Phase II of our current project is underway. The bulk of this work will take place over the summer and should not impact summer programming or access to our buildings. Some of the major components for this summer's work include renovation of the Auditorium, Kindergarten Wing, MS/HS Locker rooms and the replacement of MS windows and storefronts. Additionally, we will see improvements for the Pool heating and air circulation systems. Other various items will be addressed as part of our on-going effort to maintain quality facilities. Work is expected to be completed for the start of school.

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Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Superintendent's Award Recipients Announced

Greene Central High School proudly announces its Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Superintendent's Award recipient for the graduating Class of 2016. It is with great pleasure that the high school recognizes **Kathleen Diane Hanrahan** as its Valedictorian, **Kileen Marie-Price McLeary** as its Salutatorian, and **Alexandra Riley Thompson** as its Superintendent's Award recipient for the 2016 senior class.



Kathleen Diane Hanrahan, the daughter of Joseph and Margaret Hanrahan, is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2016. Throughout her high school career, Kathleen has participated in many activities. She has been a member of Concert Band, Student Council, Marching Band, Field Hockey, and Yearbook for four years. She has participated in Interact, Honor Society, Jazz Band and Basketball for three years. She has been involved with Track and Field, Academic Challenge, and Book Club for two years. In addition, she has been involved with the National Technical Honor Society and Softball for one year.



Kileen Marie-Price McLeary, daughter of Kathleen McLeary and Robin Price, is Salutatorian for the graduating Class of 2016. Throughout her high school career, Kileen has participated in numerous extracurricular activities, including Chorus and Select Chorus, Student Council, and Footlights since 9th grade. She has also been a member of Interact and Honor Society since 10th grade. She was a member of Envirothon for one year and participated in Odyssey of the Mind for two. Kileen has also held leadership positions for some of these clubs, including Treasurer for Student Council and President for the Gender-Sexuality Alliance. Outside of Greene, Kileen has been involved with

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Congratulations to all our students for your hard work this year. A special congratulations to our graduates must be extended as well. I wish you the best as you move on with your lives, whether it be to college, the military or the workforce. I trust that your experience here at Greene has prepared you for what lies ahead.

Thank you to our dedicated faculty and staff members who have given so much to help make this a successful year. Your dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm makes Greene such a special place. Thank you to our Board of Education for your commitment and leadership. And finally, I must offer a special thank you to our parents and community members for your support for all Greene Central Schools does on behalf of our children.

I want to leave you with a quote that has always provided me with perspective and a poignant reminder of what really matters in this life;

*“At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received,
how much money we have made,
how many great things we have done.
We will be judged by “I was hungry,
and you gave me something to eat,
I was naked and you clothed me.
I was homeless, and you took me in.”*

—Mother Teresa

Success isn't about what I can acquire or even accomplish but rather its about how I treat others. What has made Greene and Greene CSD such a wonderful place is not the State titles, it is not our graduation rates or success on state assessments. What makes Greene so special is the compassion, the caring and the self-sacrifice of those who make up our community. It is about putting the interest of others ahead of our own. I feel very privileged to have been a part of this for a short time and I wish you continued success.

With appreciation,
Jonathan R. Retz
Superintendent of Schools

Graduation will be held on Saturday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Middle/High School Gymnasium. Moving-Up Day will be held on Friday, June 3 at 8:00 a.m. in the Middle/High School Auditorium.



Alexandra Riley Thompson, daughter of Michael and Tracy Thompson, is the recipient of the Superintendent's Award for the Class of 2016. Throughout her high school career, Alex has participated in many clubs and sports teams. She has been a member of the Softball team for four years, and a member of the Field Hockey team for three. In addition, she joined Student Council and the National Honor Society for two years; she is currently the Vice President for the National Honor Society. Other than receiving the honor of the Superintendent's Award, Alex was selected to participate in the American Legion's Girls' Leadership Day and the National Youth Leadership Forum in Medicine. She was also awarded the American Chemical Society Outstanding Chemistry Student Award. In the fall, she plans to attend Syracuse University, where she will be majoring in Biochemistry in the pre-medical program.

Valedictorian, cont.

Kathleen has served in several officer positions for these clubs. Her roles included being Treasurer for Yearbook and Honor Society, and Co-President for Academic Challenge. She has also participated in All-County Concert Band for four years and All-County Jazz Band for three years. Besides receiving the honor of being Valedictorian, Kathleen was selected to be a participant in the Women in Science conference at Cornell University, and was awarded the Saint Michael's Book Award, the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal of Honor Award, and the American Chemical Society Outstanding Chemistry Student Award. In the fall, Kathleen plans on attending Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences to pursue her Doctorate of Pharmacy.

Salutatorian, cont.

SPARE Productions, a community theatre with whom she's performed in three musicals, two cabarets, and one play, and the Binghamton University Summer Youth Musical Theatre Workshop with whom she's been cast in three musicals, including The Addams Family Musical as Morticia Addams. Besides the honor of graduating Salutatorian, Kileen has been selected to be a participant in the American Legion Girls' Leadership Day as well as the Congress of Future Medical Leaders. This autumn, she will be attending Sarah Lawrence College in NYC, where she will concentrate on Psychology, Musical Theatre, and Women's Studies.

**Congratulations to Kathleen,
Kileen and Alexandra.
We salute your achievements!**

Student Council

HAPPY SPRING!



It is amazing how quickly the year has gone by. After the New Year began, it seemed like the winter was going to last forever. In lieu of this, Student Council

decided to kick off the spring sports in March with a spirit wear week. During this week, we spent three days during 9th period hosting a Broom Ball Tournament



amongst the first day, the Sophomores; took the win



On the second day, the Juniors challenged the Seniors and what a challenge it was! Seniors took the victory that created the ultimate challenge for the championship game against the Sophomores. The last day we were able to watch an intense game which ended in the Seniors taking the championship! In the end, everyone had fun playing or watching their peers play. It was great fun for all!

Student Council members also engaged in a Leadership Conference hosted by Bainbridge-Guilford High School. The students



were able to engage in interactive activities, were encouraged to come out of their comfort zone, and they were able to learn something about themselves that maybe they hadn't known before.

One of the highlights of the day was meeting The Bread Man. He spoke of what it means to be a leader, how kindness plays a role, and a simple act such as giving a loaf of bread can create a domino effect on the lives that you enrich.



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In April, Student Council hosted the Black Light Dance. The students really enjoy this event and their creativity really shows as they use paint and clothes that glow under the lights. The students had a great time and it was great seeing new faces at this event.



Lastly, we are in the process of choosing our new class officers for the 2016/2017 school year. What an exciting time for all! Stay tuned in the next newsletter for the announcement and introduction of our new Student Council Officers.

In closing, we must provide our utmost gratitude to our outgoing officers who are also seniors: **Matt Carlin**, President; **Jessica Kehoe**, Vice President; **Maria Brown**, Secretary; **Kileen McLeary**, Treasurer. Your dedication and hard work has been most admirable and your efforts will continue to be seen in years to come.

Students of the Second Semester—May 2016



Greene Central High School proudly announces the students who were chosen by the High School faculty and staff as Students of the Semester for the second semester of the 2015-2016 school year.

9TH GRADE

- **Mallory Fowler**, daughter of Jennifer and William Fowler—Greene
- **Kevin Gyurik**, son of Kelly Gyurik—Greene

10TH GRADE

- **Madison Pickard**, daughter of Kim and Ken Pickard—Greene
- **Tommy Tran**, son of Tramy Tran—Greene

11TH GRADE

- **Janelle Camber**, daughter of Amy Harry—Greene
- **Ryan Lohsen**, son of Penny and Larry Lohsen—Greene

12TH GRADE

- **Maria Brown**, daughter of Angela Fiato—Greene and Kevin Brown—McDonough
- **Jordan Harrington**, son of Julie and John Harrington—Greene

Great Job!

Keep Up the Good Work!

Greene competes in 7th Annual SUNY Broome Robotic Competition

On Wednesday, March 16 Greene Central School competed in the 7th Annual SUNY Broome Regional Robotic Competition. The competition was sponsored by STEM Hub. 12 area schools brought a total of 148 students to compete in one of five robotic events.

The competition consisted of five events, the Swept Away Event, the Forklift Event, the Line Follow Event, the Maze Event and the Autonomous Event. Some events had over 30 teams entered to compete. The competition this year was higher than previous years.

Greene took 1st and 3rd place in the Autonomous Event. **Christian O'Neil** and **McCain Rowland** worked as a team to build a quick and agile robot to take 1st in the Autonomous Event. **Austin Savage** and **Gray Reid** took home the 3rd place prize with their unique creation called the Scorpion. The robot had a claw resembling a scorpion.

All the students worked very hard on their projects. The new Maze event provided a tough challenge for **Brandon Horton** and **Zach Westover**. This new event put a strict time limit on programming the robot to navigate a maze all on its own. Zach and Brandon did not meet the time challenge. Zach was very committed to complete his robot, and was able to have his robot navigate the maze all on its own. Too bad it took a couple minutes longer than the strict time limit. Better luck next year.

Joe Tollens and **Kevin Gao** both entered in to the line follow event. Both created working robots that had to follow a line and drop a block in a certain position. Mike Sandway and Lucinda Lee both created robots for the new Swept Away challenge. Mike was successful in completing three rounds before being knocked out of the bracket. **Abby Sands** and **Jack Najarian** both created robots for the forklift challenge where you used your phone to remote control the robot to stack mini pallets.

SUNY Broome ran the event keeping track of scores and teams. SUNY Broome also brought college engineers to judge events and helped to keep the event organized. STEM Hub was the event's sponsor this year providing lunch, T-shirts, and general funding for the event. The event provides an environment for students to showcase their STEM skills related to engineering. The competition also provides an environment where students learn to deal with Success, Defeat, and Stress.

Greene's Robotic club and class is advised by Mr. Leet the physics teacher at the high school. The class and club members this year were **Mike Sandway**, **Zach Westover**, **Christian O'Neil**, **McCain Rowland**, **Brandon Horton**, **Austin Savage**, **Gray Reid**, **Lucinda Lee**, **Abby Sands**, **Joe Tollens**, **Kevin Gao**, and **Jack Najarian**.

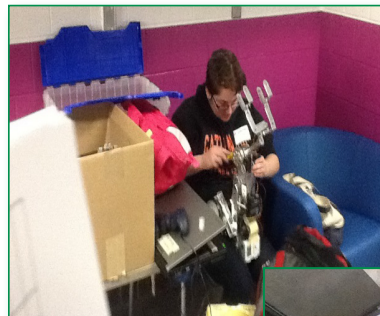
—Ethan Leet, Physics Teacher



Greene Trojan Robotics



Greene High School Robotic Class and Club: front row from left: Brandon Horton, McCain Rowland, Zach Westover, Christian O'Neil; back: Austin Savage, Joe Tollens, Kevin Gao, Mike Sandway, Jack Najarian, Abby Sands, Gray Reid, and Lucinda Lee



Lucinda Lee making some last minute repairs.



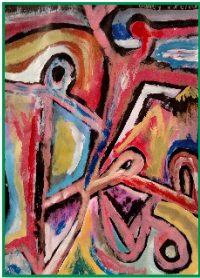
Brandon Horton having his robot automatically finds its way through the Maze.



Jack Najarian stacking mini color coded pallets.

High School Art News

Mr. Turturro says: “A very diverse force coming from the HS art classes this year—wonderful, creative and original works!” Here are just some of the images and artists who created them.



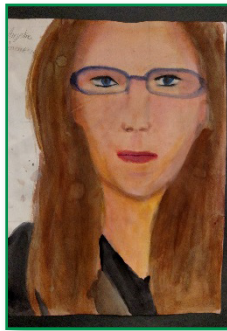
Bailey Wrenche’s
very personal abstract composition



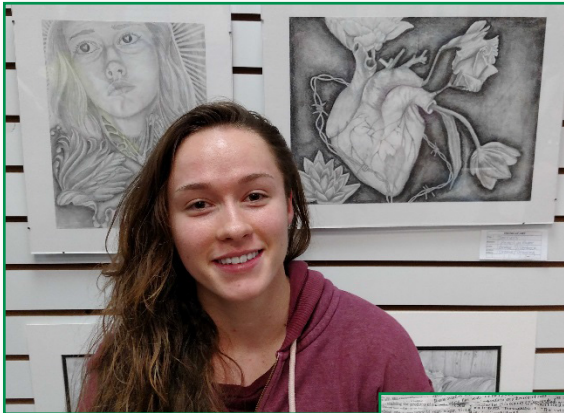
Mallory Fowler’s amazing
original mind blowing portrait with abstraction surround sound!



Eric Repp’s melted
crayon on canvas



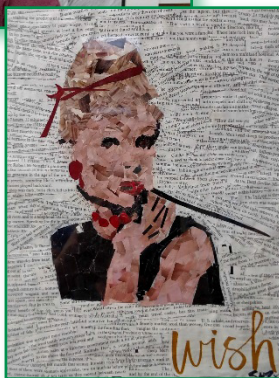
Angelina Grabovetskaya’s
self portrait



Brooke Dillenbeck took second place in drawing with her rendering of a barbed wire heart entitled *Barriers* at the Fasst Gallery in the Oakdale Mall in Johnson city.

Sreydy Ziobro also had two mixed media pieces in the same entitled *Breakfast at Tiffanys*.

—Mr. Turturro



K-12 Student Art Show and High School/Middle School Concerts

An outstanding exhibit of art work created by Greene’s very talented K-12 students will be on display from May 24-27 in the lobby of the High School auditorium. This wonderful exhibit features several hundred two- and three- dimensional pieces, and includes a wide variety of techniques, styles and subject matter. The public is cordially invited to the Exhibit’s opening on Tuesday, May 24, from 5:30-7:00 p.m., which also features entertainment courtesy of our faculty and student musicians.

A Concert, featuring our gifted Middle and High School performers, will follow the Opening starting at 7:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium. The Middle School Chorus will open the show, and will include several soloists and percussive accompaniment. They will be followed by the Jazz Band, playing tunes from yesterday as well as three selections that will be performed during a Music in the Parks competition on June 11. In keeping with tradition this very entertaining concert will conclude with *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, during which the chorus and choir alumni will be invited to join in.

Come out and enjoy this wonderful evening which celebrates the many talents of our students. Admission is free.

The Lightning Thief Comes to Greene



Students in the Greene Central Middle School and High School attended an amazing theater production of *The Lightning Thief*, on March 4. TheaterWorksUSA, a company based in New York City, performed in the Greene auditorium. After the performance, students were able to ask questions and interact with the actors and the director.

The Arts in Education program collaborated with the Oxford Middle School to enhance student growth and learning by providing this aesthetic experience for the students. Each student who attended the performance had previously read the book, *The Lightning Thief*. This was an incredible opportunity to explore this work in a different medium. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who collaborated to make this event possible.

—Mrs. Rapp

Greene Physics



Physics and Robotics Students at Unison Tour in Norwich.

Students taking Physics and Robotics at Greene got a chance to experience the real world of an engineer. Unison, an engineering company in Norwich provided a tour of their facility on Friday, March 4. The tour showed the students the many steps in product development. Unison develops and manufactures many parts for the aerospace industry. The products are first designed in the computer, then mechanical and electrical engineers use powerful software to test the designs. Unison uses a 3D printer to produce parts to aid in the design process. If the computer tests pass and the plastic 3D product is approved, then the real product can be manufactured out of metal. At this point test engineers will take the product and test to validate that the product can handle the vibrations and extreme temperatures the product will see when on the aircraft. The products produced cannot fail when the aircraft is flying. Many lives would be at stake. Unison takes pride in developing and manufacturing products that keep the aircraft flying which in turn keeps people safe.

The students were in shock from the tour. Most didn't realize how hard it is to design and build airplane parts. Many students had their eyes wide open learning how many careers are associated with such a rewarding field as engineering. Students are now aware of engineering opportunities with such a great company so close to home.

Greene Physics owes a big thank you to the team at Unison for taking time out of their busy schedules to put on a tour. We extend a special thanks to our contact at Unison, Jacob Owens for coordinating the tour. Jacob is a 2009 graduate of GCS, a 2011 graduate of SUNY Broome, and a 2013 graduate of SUNY Binghamton. It is Jacob's hope to have inspired at least one student to become an engineer in the field of aerospace in the same way that his father (who worked at Unison for many years) inspired him.

—*Ethan Leet*, Physics Teacher

Greene High School Calendar

MAY

- 10 MS/HS Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 MS/HS Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 End of 35 Week Marking Period
- 20 Progress Reports Available
- 21 Prom and After-Prom Party, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Eligibility Begins
- 30 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 1 Regents Algebra II Common Core Test
- 3 Moving Up Day, 8:00 a.m.
Senior Picnic, Lions Park
- 7-10 Senior Trip to Virginia Beach
- 10 Last Chance Dance, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Last Day Classes for 9-12
Career Academy Graduation, 12:30 p.m.
CTE Recognition Ceremony, 6:30 p.m.
- 14-22 Regents Exams
- 17 End of 40 Week Marking Period
- 23 Graduation Practice, 9:00 a.m.
Baccalaureate, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Senior Dinner Dance
- 25 Graduation, 10:00 a.m.**

**Anyone needing special seating on the floor for Graduation, please notify Mrs. Utter at the High School Office (656-4161, ext. 224).*

Welcome to the Range!



The Archery range that is. Most of the high school student body (Grades 9-12) has had the opportunity to be exposed to and participate in an indoor archery unit in physical education class this semester. In an effort by a program called NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program), our high school physical education staff, Mrs. Petrie and Mr. Paske, were trained by the NASP Group and then were given a full set of compound bows, arrows, and targets, etc. for free. Many students have thoroughly enjoyed the unit and have expressed how much fun they have been having. Thank you and Go Trojans!

2016 National Technical Honor Society Inductees

At the Induction Ceremony held at DCMO BOCES this month, 48 students celebrated their achievement. The Chenango Campus 2016 National Technical Honor Society inductees are: from Sherburne-Earlville: **Olivia Clark, Richard Eggers, Gerald Hicks, Kevin Salvatore**; from Greene: **Garrett Bull, Joel Carlson, Brandon Desmond, Rochelle Moran**; from Norwich: **Ashley Colabelli, Cassidy Davern, Kathleen Hanrahan**; from Unadilla Valley: **Abigail Avolio, Hunter Lakin, Katlyne Gad**; from Greene: **John Daniel Hadac**. The Harrold Campus NTHS inductees are: from Afton: **William McManus, Travis Neumann, Amber Robertson, Brittany Palmetier, Allison Wylubski**; from Bainbridge-Guilford: **Lindsey Barnhart, Shayla Baldwin, Camille Hawkins, Dezaray Ives, Daria Kozak, Emily Palmer, Rebecca Reyes, Hunter Richter, Brandon Sickler, Ray Zukowski**; from Delaware Academy: **Adia Vohs**; from Downsville: **Nikolas Dupuis, Quinnlyn Shields, Hancock, Michelle Brejwo, Molly Thompson**; from Sidney: **Samantha Cunningham, Elizabeth Rawson-Fink**; from Unatego: **Juliette Blanchard, Brianna Burton, Jake DeJoy, Desire Figueroa, Mike Rose, Kristen Sperry**; from Walton: **Madison Hosdal, Alex Morgan, Kali Mullineaux, Alan Rought, and Timothy VanDemark**. The National Technical Honor Society strives to bring well-deserved recognition, scholarship opportunities, and career opportunities to students who excel in one of the 108 career and technical educational fields. Not only do NTHS students embody all the attributes and talent which is in demand today, but the honored students also embrace a clear vision for tomorrow's workforce and their role in it. NTHS understands changes in the industry within local communities and on a global scale.

Career and Technical Education Director, Lee Shaver commented that the students are joining an organization that recognizes their talent and will open new doors beyond our classroom walls. In addition to the student's outstanding commitment to excellence, it is important to recognize hard work, mentorship and support students receive from their teachers and their families.

Board of Education President, Linda Zaczek shared a comment about her experience at the induction ceremony, "I was so impressed by the drive and confidence of our students. With Valedictorians and Salutatorians from home schools being inducted, the diversity speaks of our commitment to provide opportunities for all students." Zaczek also commented that the students inducted shared a common denominator of self-driven discipline. "I applaud the hard work of our students and our staff and celebrate our highest achievement to put students' opportunities first," said Zaczek. The Career and Technical Education program at DCMO BOCES provides multiple opportunities for students to engage with student organizations that complement their academic and technical education. More information about career training opportunities at DCMO BOCES is available at their website at www.learnatboces.com.

Dr. Seuss Day at the Primary School



The Cat in the Hat was back along with Thing 1 and Thing 2 to celebrate Theodore Geisell's 112th birthday March 2nd at the Primary Building. Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Garbarino and Ms. Atwood all joined in the fun by dressing as the silly characters from many of Dr. Seuss' stories.



Students joined in on the fun by participating in Red and White Day, Silly Sock Day, Wacky Outfit Day, Backwards day and Hilarious Hair Day.

Joining us for the fun were our honor students from the high school. They came to UPK-3rd grade to read their favorite stories and spread the word about how much fun reading can be! The students really enjoyed meeting them and can't wait for them to return again someday soon!

Students were also treated to prizes at morning program for participating in a sock decorating contest. The prizes included books, pencils and treats.



GCS Family STEM Night

On Wednesday, March 23 Greene Central School hosted STEM Night at the Intermediate Campus. There were over 400 parents and students in attendance. There were over 20 hands-on activities for students and their parents. There were many cross-curricular activities from ELA, Math, Art, Music, Engineering, Science, and Technology.

The younger K-5 students got a chance to try many activities with their parents. The students were so excited to work on projects with their parents. The parent-child time spent at STEM Night is very important. Thank you to the parents that took time to bring their young ones to the event.

The event also brings the older students from 6-12 together with the younger students. The younger students love getting a chance to work with the older students. For a brief moment the younger students can be a “big kid too”.

The student to student interactions help to make a closer community here in Greene. The student to parent interaction helps to promote that education is important. STEM Night provides a nice event for the Greene Community to come together.

Thank you to the Intermediate for hosting the event. Thank you to the teachers that put together activities for Greene’s younger students. Thank you to the district for the support in hosting the event. Thank you to Greene’s Community for attending the event. See you all next year.

—Ethan Leet, Physics Teacher



Parents working with their children at STEM Night.



High school students working with younger K-5 students to make Slime.



A proud student showing off his creation.



Mr. Tallman playing Math Card games with students.



Students focused on the task at hand.

Student Citizen of the Month February

3RD GRADE



*Andy Hillier—Mrs. McCall
Alexandria Veninsky—Mrs. Whittaker
Bella Begley—Mrs. Russ
Jack Prindle—Mrs. Erickson
Kloden Rapp—Mrs. Browning*

4TH GRADE



*Chyanne Ives—Ms. Sanderson
Ryan Milk—Mrs. McDermott
Michael Pratt—Ms. Hunter
Jazmine Garcia—Mr. Eggleston*

5TH GRADE



*Grayson Flanagan—Mr. Tallman
Alex Decker—Mrs. Novitsky
Martin Guzman—Mrs. Giannetto
Absent: Cora Bolster—Mr. Komperda*

Special Area Students of the Month for February



*Art: Alexis Clark, Dawson McGraw, Garrett Whitney
Music: Elias Fleming, Trevor Ketcham, Michael Conrad
Computer: Alexandra Walts, Joel Vielandi, Payton Yahner
Math: Dante Ondrusek
Reading: Lillian Kemp
Library: Audra Doll
Band: Taylor Tynon
Chorus: Emma Rice
Girl's PE: Hunter Osman, Harlee Montgomery, Paige Roe
Boy's PE: Owen Barry, Landon Nelson, Robbie German*



State Audit of Procurement Procedures

DCMO BOCES SAVED DISTRICTS MORE THAN \$770,000 IN PROCUREMENT OF SCHOOL FOOD

The Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES received an excellent review in an audit of its Procurement of School Food service managed by the Cooperative Purchasing Service.

The audit was conducted by the Office of the State Comptroller Division of Local Government and School Accountability for the period of July 1, 2014-October 28, 2015.

The state found districts in the service have saved more than \$770,000. The amount saved is likely to be much larger, since the savings stated is only for 12 schools sampled and is for a small amount of items available on the bid. This management service allows more than 60 school districts to cooperatively join together to secure pricing through an aggregate bid process.

“The hard work and dedication of our staff continues to deliver dramatic tax savings to the schools we serve,” said DCMO BOCES Board of Education President Linda Zaczek. “This service allows districts to purchase much desired healthy food options, and secure the pricing and advantages of large volume purchasing. This audit process is resounding confirmation of the dedication and commitment of our Cooperative Purchasing team.”

According to the audit, the Cooperative Purchasing Department, which is part of DCMO BOCES, is responsible for managing the food procurement process. The bid process includes bids for all general foods, including milk, ice cream, bread, and produce. The audit conducted only took a snapshot of the services’ efficiencies.

Auditors tested 30 of the most requisitioned items across all six zones, equating to 180 offered items. This is a small

sampling of the overall service because there are more than 1,300 items offered in the food, milk, and bread bids, according to DCMO BOCES Purchasing Clerk Robin Winchester. The participating districts are geographically split into six zones within the state to better facilitate the pricing of products, transportation, and delivery.

Two districts from each zone were sampled. The audit compared the cost of food purchased by districts through the DCMO process, to what it would have cost if the OGS state contract had been used. Of the 12 districts sampled, the BOCES service had an estimated purchase of \$1,654,430. The OGS estimated prices were \$2,424,759, giving districts that used the BOCES service a savings of \$770,330. The audit showed the service saves an average of 31.33 percent over the OGS contract.

“It shows how BOCES provides services that are effective and saves taxpayers money,” said Deb Bestwick, Purchasing Agent for the Cooperative Purchasing Service. “It’s exciting to have those savings verified and acknowledged by the State.”

Within the DCMO BOCES coverage area, 15 of 16 component schools are using the service. The BOCES’ food bid pricing is secured on a six-month cycle, with the milk, ice cream, and bread pricing being secured for an annual period.

“I’m ecstatic it worked out so well,” said Winchester, who works primarily on the food procurement service. “We knew we were saving money and we are pleased the audit verified the savings that the Service provides our strategic partners.”

To see the full audit, please visit: <http://goo.gl/TlyO6U>.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Greene Central School, in partnership with the community, will inspire students to learn the skills and behaviors necessary to become productive citizens.

- *Provide quality programs to prepare all students with skills and knowledge to become responsible citizens, productive workers, and lifelong learners.*
- *Provide safe, quality facilities, which enhance the programs for the District's students and community.*
- *Ensure long-term fiscal stability in order to provide the necessary programs and facilities to educate the children of the Greene Central School District.*
- *Communicate effectively with all members of the community to promote quality education in the Greene Central School District.*