



Greene Central School NEWSLETTER

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Superintendent's Message

We will soon come to the end of another incredible (and incredibly busy) school year here at Greene Central School. I am so proud to be able to serve the wonderful students, teachers, faculty, staff, parents, and community members. Thank you for all you do to make coming to work here such a pleasure.

Academically, we believe this to be another stellar year. We await the results of our external examinations such as the 3-8 Math and English Language Arts state tests. In the high school, we will soon begin the Regents exams and final exams to conclude the 2016-2017 school year. I want to take this opportunity to thank our students, the Greene Central School faculty and staff, and our families for all the excellent work in achieving an incredibly successful year.

We look forward to our summer work which will be to prepare for the exciting launch of the 2017-2018 school year in September. This preparation includes the finalization of technology plans and curriculum to update and/or replace current technology through the New York State SMARTBOND program. This program set aside 1.4 million dollars for technology, safety and security, and other technology infrastructure at Greene Central School. Schools across the state of New York must submit these comprehensive technology plans to receive their allotted funding sources.

It is our intention to develop the SMARTBOND plan collaboratively and begin to undertake the process. We expect that parts of this technology plan will take nine months to a year to reach final state approval, while a few items must be secured this summer. These items will need to be purchased by the district and we will be reimbursed once New York State gives the final approval to our submitted proposals.

Soon we will have given our graduation speeches and offered our congratulations with wishes for a lifetime of success and happiness for our graduates. We wish their dreams to come true, and their pride and commitment in what they do will lead them to excel in their future beyond Greene Central School. We are proud of them, we love them and wish them the very best in the next chapter.

I thank the Board of Education for the opportunity they have given me. I look forward to the 2017-2018 school year with great optimism and excitement.

To the students, faculty and staff of Greene Central School, I express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for your support and efforts on behalf of our students.

Have a safe and wonderful summer.

—Mr. Gordon Daniels, Superintendent of Schools

Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Superintendent's Award Recipients

Greene Central High School proudly announces its Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Superintendent's Award recipient for the graduating Class of 2017. It is with great pleasure that the high school recognizes **Katherine Nicole Anderson** as its Valedictorian, **Nicole Christine Flohr** as its Salutatorian, and **Jessica Lynne Ketzak** as its Superintendent's Award recipient for the 2017 senior class.



Katherine Nicole Anderson, daughter of Mitchell and Christine Anderson, is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2017. Katherine has participated in many sports and extra-curricular activities throughout her high school career. She has been a member of the Varsity Field Hockey and Track teams for four years and has danced competitively at Step Up and Dance for fifteen years. She has also participated in Rotary International Interact and Student Council throughout all of high school and has been a member of Honor Society for two years. Katherine has served as captain of both the field hockey and track teams, as well as President of Interact, Vice President of Honor Society, and Secretary of the Class of 2017. In addition to receiving the honor of Valedictorian, she was selected to participate in Girls' Leadership Day at the New York State Capitol in 2016. She has also received academic honors including Faculty Key Awards for Earth Science, Global Studies, and U.S. History as well as the 2016 American Chemical Society Award. In athletics, Katherine is a six-time MAC Scholar Athlete, four-time Section Four Field

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Hockey Division One All-Star, three-time New York All-State Field Hockey Player, three-time Field Hockey MVP, two-time Track MVP, and three-time Track and Field State Qualifiers participant. She has also participated in USA Field Hockey's Futures Training Program for six years and was selected in the summer of 2014 to take part in the AAU Junior Olympic Games in Des Moines, IA. In the coming fall, Katherine plans to attend Colgate University, where she will pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree and continue her field hockey career.



Nicole Christine Flohr, the daughter of Kevin and Lori Flohr, is the Salutatorian of the Class of 2017. In addition to her academic career, she has been a part of several clubs and teams during high school. She has been a member of the swim, basketball, and track teams for four years and held a captain position on each team her senior year. Nicole has also

been involved in Student Council and Interact for four years, as well as being the Class President. Other activities she has been a part of include National Honor Society, the Greene Community Scholarship Fund Committee, and Yearbook. She has held leadership positions in nearly all of the clubs she was involved in. Other honors Nicole has received include the Citizenship Award, Student of the Semester, and the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. Nicole plans on attending Lebanon Valley College in the fall to major in Global Studies and Politics. She hopes to one day work for a government or international agency.



Jessica Lynne Ketzak, the daughter of Craig and Kristal Ketzak, is the Superintendent's Award recipient of the Class of 2017. Throughout her high school career, Jessica has been very involved in clubs and activities. For all four years of high school, Jessica has been a member of Footlights as well as the Treasurer, she has also participated in Softball. She has been a Student

Representative for the Greene Community Scholarship Fund, participated in Field Hockey, and has been a member of Student Council for three years. Additionally, she has been the Class of 2017 Treasurer for three years. For two years, Jessica has been involved in Select Chorus and Yearbook. During her senior year, Jessica has taken on the position of Yearbook President and she has been a member of National Honor Society, acting as the Treasurer. In the fall, Jessica plans on attending SUNY Brockport to pursue her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

Congratulations to Katherine, Nicole and Jessica. We salute your achievements.

Graduation will be held on Saturday, June 24, at 10:00 a.m. in the Middle/High School gymnasium. Moving-Up Day will be held on Friday, June 2, at 8:00 a.m. in the Middle/High School Auditorium.

Citizen of the Month

MARCH



3rd Grade—Elias Sepulveda-Kiefer, Mrs. Browning; Jade Smith, Mrs. Erickson; Liam Griffin, Mrs. Russ; Christopher Hine, Mrs. Whittaker



4th Grade—Amanda Galla, Mrs. Giannetto; Taylor Badger, Mrs. McDermott; Zabelle Straniero, Ms. Sanderson; Andy Hillier, Mrs. Melly



5th Grade—Gabby Cascun, Molly Cornell, Cherish Nowalk, Aidan Pettitt

MARCH SPECIAL AREAS



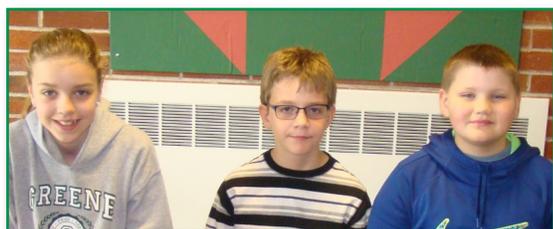
Art—Lillian Funnell, Nora Fey, Derek Renfer; Library—Madison Harrington, Cali Knapp, Audrey Sullivan; Reading—Camric Williams; Math—Paris Stiglich; Music—Isabella Clinton, Keeli Roe, Chris Boyle; Band—Russell Moore; Computer—Johanna Trepa, Shanna Krupp, Rachel Repp; Girls PE—Audrey Johnson, Sara Dominguez-Acevedo, Joie Burns; Boys PE—Troy Braman, Nick Holt, Chris Boyle

Citizen of the Month

APRIL



Steven Bergholtz, Mrs. Browning; Troy Braman, Mrs. Erickson; Kristofer Neudel, Mrs. Russ; Trenton Drew, Mrs. Whittaker



*4th Grade—Hunter Osman, Mrs. Giannetto; John Komperda, Mrs. McDermott.
Not pictured: Caden Gregware, Ms. Sanderson
Mason Cummings – Mrs. Melly*



*5th Grade—James Fox, Rachel Repp,
Jewlissa Vielandi, Jonathon Westcott*

APRIL SPECIAL AREAS



*Art—Kayden Moore, RC Nowalk, Cherish Nowalk;
Library—Shane Rideout, Taylor Rose, Marcus
Coulter-Shafer; Reading—Elias Sepulveda-Kiefer;
Math—Tanner Randall; Music—Jade Smith,
Paris Stiglich, Audrey Sullivan; Band—Zabelle
Straniero; Computer—Brooke Hill, Lincoln Youngs,
Andrew Erickson; Girls' PE—Taylor Crissell,
Emmaline Harris, Taryn Jenks; Boys' PE—Keegan
Waltz, Brian Mills, Noah Donnelly*

Raymond® Encouraging STEM Careers

The SUNY Broome College Physics students from the Greene Central High School worked in Raymond® Test Lab Wednesday, March 29. The focus of the STEM event was to have students interact with engineers. Each engineer would tell a story of how they became an engineer at Raymond®. The stories would inform students about college choices. The stories let students know that a path to a career can take some twists and turns. As long as you follow a path that works for you, then you will be happy in the end. The Raymond® engineers are happy with their career, they take pride in their company, and they are proud and excited to share their experiences with younger students. These are great qualities that can be applied to any career.

The students saw firsthand how engineers use physics to design, build, and manufacture lift trucks. Students got a chance to take measurements and perform calculations similar to those actually performed by engineers at Raymond®. Thank you to the Raymond® team for helping to make GCS students ready for STEM related careers.

—Ethan Leet, Physics Teacher



*SUNY Broome College Physics from Greene
High School with Raymond® engineers.*



*SUNY Broome Physics students taking measurements in
Raymond Test Lab with the help of Dan Driscall and Chida
Matada two of Raymond's engineers.*

Discovery Night

Wednesday, March 22, Greene Central School hosted Discovery Night at the Intermediate Campus. There were over 400 parents and students in attendance. There were over 100 staff and students that provided activities for younger students and their parents.

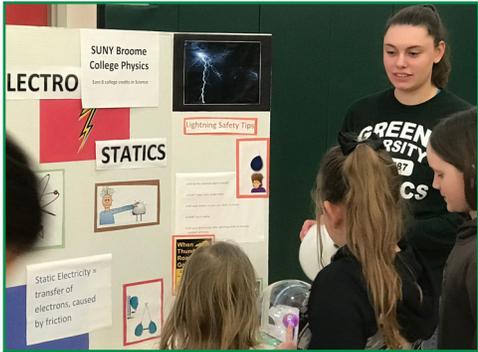
This year there were a lot more High School and Middle School students hosting activities for the younger Intermediate and Primary students. The younger students seem to respond very well to working with the older students. The older students got a chance to give back to their community.

Discovery Night brings all community members together. Parents and family members did activities with their chil-

dren. Parents and family members got a chance to work with teachers. Teachers got a chance to reach more students than in their normal class setting. 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. Discovery Night is a fun educational evening for the entire community.

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.

—Ethan Leet, Physics Teacher



Read to Ride

The Intermediate building is once again having bikes donated by Kay Borne for our *Read to Ride* reading incentive program. Each child will get a chance to win a new bike and helmet with every 10 books they read. Along with the bikes, there will be smaller prizes donated by the PTO, Mrs. Borne and Greene Central School. Please encourage your son or daughter to keep reading. The winners will be drawn on field days in June.



K-12 Student Art Show and MS/HS Concert

An outstanding exhibit of art work by Greene's very talented K-12 students was on display from May 24-26 in the lobby of the High School auditorium.. This wonderful exhibit featured several hundred two- and three-dimensional pieces, and includes a wide variety of techniques, styles and subject matter.

A concert by the High School/Middle School Choruses and Jazz Band followed the opening starting in the high school auditorium. A combined song and dance medley with music from the Broadway show *Newsies* was featured, with Junior **Natalie Doller** choreographing the dance selections. Graduating seniors were recognized, and the evening concluded with *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

All enjoyed this very entertaining evening celebrating the many talents of our students.

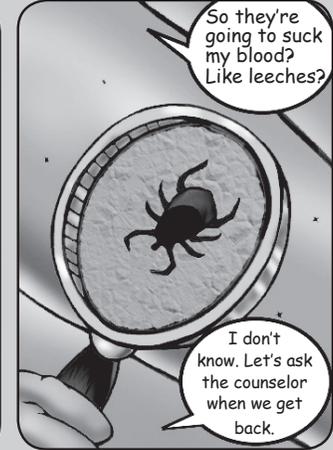
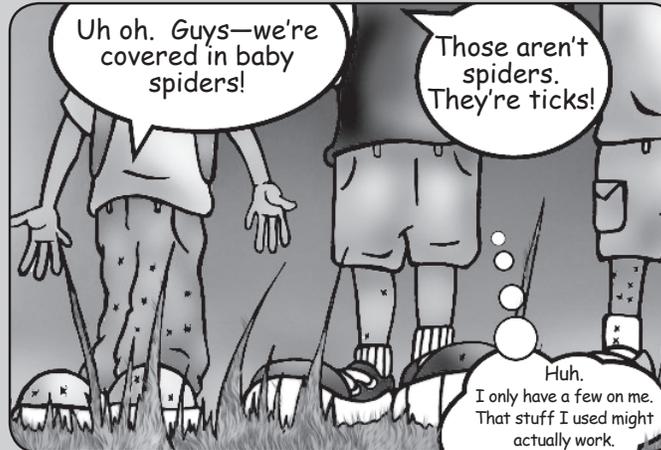
Primary Student Art Work Featured in Davinci Exhibit

The talents of Greene's Primary School students were on display from May 6-29 as part of the daVinci Student Art Show at the Broome Public Library, Binghamton. This outstanding annual exhibit features exceptional art work from a number of school districts in New York's Southern Tier. An opening reception was held May 6 to honor these young artists along with their families & teachers. If you're in the vicinity of the library, be sure to stop in- you'll be astounded by the caliber and variety of work on display in this beautiful facility.

Congratulations are extended to these student artists whose work is on display: **Kaydance Callahan, Cooper Flanagan, Molly Harris, Ian Johnson, Dawson Kimble, Madelyn LaFave, Sherman Ludolph, Gabe Merrill, Lilliana Roth, Melanie Specht, Hailey Thompson, and Aayden Veninsky.**



Don't Let a Tick Make You Sick!



Keep ticks away!

- Wear repellent on your bare skin or wear clothes that have repellent built-in.
- Check for ticks at the end of each day.
- Take a shower too! It will help wash off the ticks you can't see.
- Change clothes. Don't put on your old clothes that might have ticks still crawling on them.
- Avoid taking short cuts through thick brush and grass.

Hey Grown-Ups!

- Make sure that the repellent you're using contains 20% or more of the active ingredient (like DEET).
- Help younger kids apply repellent and keep it away from eyes, mouth and hands.

Illustrations courtesy of: Jerome Mayo

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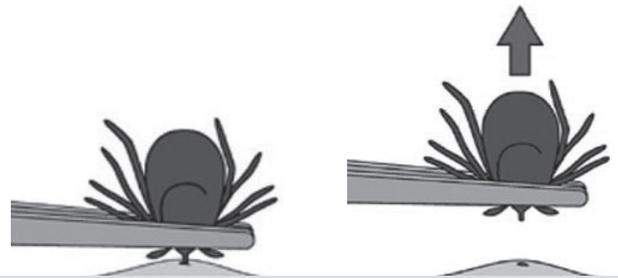


Prevent Lyme Disease



- Wear repellent
- Check for ticks daily
- Shower soon after being outdoors
- Call your doctor if you get a fever or rash

www.cdc.gov/Lyme



how to remove a tick

1. Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
2. Pull upward with steady, even pressure to remove the tick. Avoid twisting or jerking.
3. Clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, iodine scrub, or soap and water.

Notes:

- Remove the tick as soon as possible.
- If tick mouth parts remain in the skin, leave them alone. In most cases, they **will fall out in a few days.**
- Don't use nail polish, petroleum jelly, or a **hot match to make the tick detach.**
- If you develop a rash or fever within **several weeks of removing a tick, see your doctor. Be sure to tell the doctor about your recent tick bite, when the bite occurred, and where you most likely acquired the tick.**

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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.

Welcome

Board of Education Members Elected in May, 2017

NICK DREW (THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING 2020)

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