



Greene Central School NEWSLETTER

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Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Superintendent's Award Recipient

Greene Central High School proudly announces its Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Superintendent's Award recipient for the graduating Class of 2014. It is with great pleasure that the high school recognizes **Anasazi Nicole Acunto** as its Valedictorian, **Lindsey N. Brown** as its Salutatorian, and **Brandon John Davis** as its Superintendent's Award recipient for the 2014 senior class.



Anasazi Nicole Acunto, daughter of Dante and Laurel Acunto, is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2014. Ana has taken part in various activities throughout her high school career. She has been a member of Student Council, Interact, Footlights, and Yearbook for four years; as well as, a member of National Honor Society for two years, and Select Chorus for three years. She has served as the Treasurer of Band, Chorus, Footlights, National Honor Society, and the Class of 2014. She is also Vice President of Interact, and President of Student Council. During the fall, Ana has choreographed and student directed the Middle School Footlights shows for the past three years, in addition to working backstage and helping build sets. She was selected to participate in the Girls' Leadership Conference and Greene High School's 2014 White Face Day. Outside of school, Ana has been dancing at Step Up & Dance for the past fifteen years where she is a competition dancer and an assistant teacher. In the fall of 2014, Ana will be attending George Washington University to study Political Science and International Affairs.



Lindsey Nicole Brown, daughter of Donald and Linda Brown, is the Salutatorian the Class of 2014. Lindsey has participated in numerous activities throughout her high school career. She has been a member of Academic Challenge for three years, Odyssey of the Mind for two years, and National Honor Society for two years. She has been awarded the American Chemical Society Award, Clarkson School Scholar Award, and the MAC Scholar Athlete Awards for both Varsity Soccer and Basketball. She was also selected to participate in the Girls' Leadership Day, White Face Day, and the Women in Science Day at Cornell. After graduation, Lindsey will be attending Binghamton University and major in Biology.



Brandon Davis, son of Paul and Teresa Davis, is the recipient of the Superintendent's Award for the Class of 2014. Brandon has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years. This year he was the vice president of the National Honor Society. He played junior varsity basketball his freshman year and was a captain of the team. He then played varsity basketball his sophomore, junior, and senior year and was a captain of the team his junior and senior year. Brandon was selected to be MAC league first team all-star and was selected to play in the section IV Stars and Stripes Classic. He has also been nominated to attend various leadership programs throughout high school. Outside of school he enjoys fishing, playing basketball, and working on the family dairy farm. Brandon plans on attending SUNY Binghamton in the fall to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering.

Congratulations to Ana, Lindsey and Brandon. We salute your achievements.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Superintendent's Message

It's that time of year once again. Graduation has passed and summer break is underway. The 2013-2014 school year has once again been a wonderful year and, I trust, will provide us all with many fond memories. Our faculty and staff have done an amazing job and continue to provide 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 2013-2014 a truly wonderful year.

Thank you to all District residents who supported our 2014-2015 proposed budget. Despite slight increases, State Aid continues to remain at levels below what we received in 2010-2011. These funding limitations and the implications of the new tax cap legislation continue to challenge our ability to maintain programming, staffing and require the use of reserve funds to balance our budget. We are hopeful that the State's fiscal condition continues to improve and that we may soon return to the levels of state funding enjoyed prior to this recession. Thank you again for your support.

In the short twenty plus years I have been in public education, I have seen considerable change. Change is inevitable, necessary and if done properly can lead to profound and meaningful improvement. Over the past few years, the shift to the new Common Core Learning Standards has been one of the most visible and debated changes facing schools across this nation. While there have clearly been blunders and challenges with the roll out of the Common Core, we have also seen encouraging signs. I have had numerous conversations with our teachers who have shared with me the *amazing things our kids are doing*. The fundamental impetus, in my opinion, driving the move to these new standards, is to raise expectations for our children and prepare them for the challenges of the 21st century. While parts of this shift may be uncomfortable, with time and careful consideration and planning, we are seeing instruction evolving in very encouraging ways. Our children are capable of far more than we can imagine and our teachers and staff have responded to this challenge with professionalism and a sincere commitment to maximizing the benefits of these new national standards. We will have speed bumps along the way, but in this rapidly changing world in which we now live, we have a responsibility to respond and adapt what we do to meet these challenges.

We will shortly say goodbye for the summer and see our graduates off to the next phase in their lives. Congratulations to our graduates, I am confident that you have been well prepared for what is next and I want to wish you all the best. Congratulations also to all our students, faculty and staff for your efforts and success this year and I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer break.

In Education,
Jonathan R. Retz, Superintendent of Schools

GCS Screen-Free Nights Were Fun for All!

The Greene Central School Wellness Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the event. The name may have changed but the fun and prizes stayed the same as many families won prizes including two bikes!



On the evenings of April 24th and 25th students enjoyed art projects, swimming, PE games, a bounce house, health education, and healthy snacks. Over the two days more than 300 of the student body K-6th and their families turned off their screens at home and engaged in some healthy fun. Thanks to John

Carlin and Greene Community Services, PTO, Labor Day Committee, Raymond Foundation and Wal-Mart for providing donations to fund the snacks, prizes, and bounce house. Overall, twenty-four families won a raffle prize with two students going home with a brand new bike.

The Wellness Committee would like to thank the following individuals who made both evenings possible: The coordinator Ryan Starliper; GCS Physical Education teachers Sue Carlin, Tim Paske, Sunnie Williams, and Student PE teachers from SUNY Cortland Francisco DeCristo and Mary Katherine Dugue for their expertise and enthusiasm. Matt Butler's Interact Club for managing the creation station and assisting with the games. Thank you to Mike Platta and the student lifeguards for keeping the pool safe and fun as well as Lisa Unkle and Kris



McDermott for rounding up the donators and organizing the PTO volunteers each night. Thank you to Paula Carhart for conducting mental health screening and to Chris Meenan for her health station on pedometers. And finally, Brandy Stone and her students for organizing the face painting station. This event could not be possible without all your help. The students are looking forward to next year's event.

Congratulations to All Our Media Festival Entries

I am very proud of all the students who entered the DMCO BOCES Media Festival. The Media Festival is a contest where students can enter their technology knowledge and compete against other students from other schools in our DMCO BOCES. The Greene Intermediate School entered 46 entries in 5 different categories for Level I (grades K-3) and Level II (grades 4-6). I am very proud of all of the students who entered a project; they put a lot of hard work into completing their projects. I'm very pleased and honored to announce the following official winners:

VIDEO WINNERS

Level I

Merit Award—Dancing With Friends By: **Ashlyn Button, Emma Rice, Sidney Rideout, Payton Yahner, Cassie Butler, Bryson Salisbury, Liam Flanagan, Maeric Barrows and Clayton Leonard**

Level II

1st Place—Lip Balm By: **Paige Collins, Shelby Holt and Alexandria Brown**

PRESENTATION (POWERPOINT) WINNERS

Level I

1st Place—Winter Olympics By: **Andrea Trifunovic and Emma Retz**
2nd Place (tie)—Puppies and Kittens By: **Michael Swift**
2nd Place (tie)—Frozen By: **Emma Retz**
3rd Place – Tigers and Dogs By: **Sarah Markham and Paul Starliper**

DESKTOP PUBLISHING WINNERS

Level I

1st Place—The Family By: **Emma Retz**
2nd Place (tie)—Sparkle the Friendly Labrador Puppy By: **Andrea Trifunovic**
2nd Place (tie)—Sports By: **Liam Flanagan**
3rd Place—The Friendship Problem By: **Payton Yahner, Nicole Marks and Madison Pavlovich**

PHOTOJOURNALISM (DIGITAL CAMERA) WINNERS

Level II

1st Place—The Snow is Melting and Our Dear Friend Water is Flowing Again By: **Alexandria Brown**
2nd Place—Down By the Creek By: **Alexandria Brown**
3rd Place—Natures Wonderful Sights By: **McKenzie Drew and Kathleen Becker**

ANIMATION WINNERS

Level I

Merit Award—Loom Animals By: **Cassie Butler, Emma Rice, Isabella Tierno and Sidney Rideout**

Level II

Merit Award—Frozen By: **Shelby Holt and Mackenzie Ingraham**
Congratulations again to all of the students who competed, you are all winners in my book!

—Holly Mohr

Student Work Featured in daVinci Exhibit

The talents of Greene's Primary, Intermediate and Middle School students were on display from May 1-June 3 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 3 to honor these young artists along with their families & teachers. The caliber and variety of work on display in this beautiful facility was exceptional.

Congratulations to these student artists whose work is on display:

Primary School—**Anavai Beebe, John Bergholtz, Colin Colgan, Molly Cornell, Elizabeth Criddle, Grazielle Lora, Carter Mowatt, Lily Pecka, Isabella Pezzino, Isaiah Sexton, Sadie Sexton, Gabriel Smith, Alex Stewart**

Intermediate School—**Quinton Pezzino, Alex Pinney, Jessica Unkel, Ashlyn Button, Paige Roe, Victoria Fleury, Isabella Tierno, Lydia Dumas, Chanze Christopher, Maeric Barrows, Maggie Marcheski, Nathan Parker, Ashton Craver, Jarrett Ludolph, Alexandra Brown**

Middle School—**Hunter Quillan**



Primary Student Artists—1st Row: Alex Stewart, John Bergholtz, Anavai Beebe, Lily Pecka; 2nd Row: Elizabeth Criddle, Grazielle Lora, Gabriel Smith, Isaiah Sexton; 3rd Row: Molly Cornell, Carter Mowatt, Isabella Pezzino, Colin Colgan, Sidra Root

Getting a Head Start in Physics

Wednesday, May 21st Physics students traveled to the Primary building to teach science lessons to the 2nd grade students. The senior students worked with small groups of 2nd grade students to provide a hands-on experience with science. The science topics ranged from how rainbows form to electrical circuits along with 2nd graders testing their skills with inertia. Each topic was tailored by the Physics seniors toward the 2nd grade level to get younger students excited about science and math. Having the seniors develop the lessons is a sneaky-way to have the seniors review physics topics for the upcoming Regents exam. Having to teach a topic means you have to master the skill well. The younger 2nd graders look up to the older students and are sometimes more engaged in learning from a fellow older student. Physics day is a win-win for both groups of students involved.

—*Ethan Leet, HS Physics Teacher*



Senior Bradon Davis is showing electrostatic attraction.



Seniors Cameron Race and Kurt Bartholomew having 2nd grade students test their skills with inertia and pulling the table cloth out from under the dishes.

Read, Win, Ride

The Greene Intermediate School was given six bicycles to use as incentive for students to read. The bikes were donated by Kay Borne, a Greene CSD retiree, to help promote reading in our school. With every ten books read, students got the chance to enter the drawing to win a bike; names were drawn during the Intermediate field days on June 23rd. There were two winners per grade level. Special thanks go to Mrs. Borne for her generous donation, and congratulations to the boys and girls!



Hollywood Hits Greene, NY



Left to Right: Ashley Evanchof (Junior Princess), Nicholas Adams (Junior Prince), Lacie Moore (Prom Queen), Michael Gell (Prom King), Garret Hebbard (Senior Prince) and Sierra Stoppkotte (Senior Princess).

Greene High School held their Junior-Senior Prom on May 3rd at the Genegantslet Golf Course. Both of the Junior and Senior classes had a good time dancing the night away. The Prom theme this year was *A Red Carpet Affair* and was planned by the Class of 2015. The prom committee would like to thank the Golf Course for letting them use their facility, the judges that helped with the Dance off, and Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Hastings who have done so much to help put this year's prom together.

—*Allison Stanton, Secretary of the Class of 2015*

STEM Night

On March 27th from 6:30-8:00 the Intermediate School hosted the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Night which was a huge success with about 300 attendees! Students along with their families had the opportunity to participate in many enjoyable activities throughout the evening. Some of the wide variety of activities included making balloon cars, extracting DNA from strawberries, using microscopes to observe different types of cells, planting seeds, designing with iPads, a scavenger hunt, angry birds, making uublick, and the all-time favorite, making SLIME! The night would not have been such a success without the participation of so many of our middle and high school students. It was great to see them teaching the younger students about real-world applications of STEM! An enjoyable night was had by all!



Library News

The Intermediate school library is very proud to announce that the following student's poetry has been selected to be published by the National Schools Project in the 2014-Young American Poetry Digest.

Maeric Barrows—3rd grade

Kathleen Becker—5th grade

Paige Collins—5th grade

Mackenzie Ingraham—5th grade

Jenna LaPorte—5th grade

Andrea Trifunovic—3rd grade

Brei Wells—5th grade

Students are to be commended for participating in this extra activity! Due to their efforts we will receive a complimentary copy of the 2014-Young American Poetry Digest for everyone to enjoy! Congratulations to our young poets!

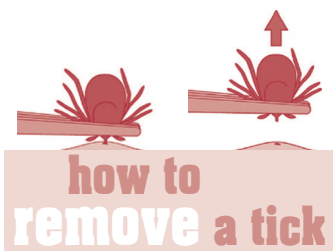
—Mrs. Mohr

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.

Intermediate School Student's of the Month

MARCH



Art—Isabella Tierno, Shaylee VanVorce, Shelby Holt

Music—Liam Flanagan, Dallas Roe, Karina Grabovetskiy

Computer—Andrea Trifunovic, Scout McCumiskey,
Wyatt Ingraham

Reading & Math—Owen Marcin, Victoria Milk

Chorus—Dalton Krupp

Library—Paul Starliper

Band—Sarah Sexton

Girl's PE—Sarah Markham, Mya Leach, Shelby Holt

Boy's PE—Alec Mills, Tyler Taft, Hunter Wells

Student Citizens of the Month

MARCH



3RD GRADE

Slavek Kovalev—Mrs. Browning
 Payton Yahner—Mrs. Erickson
 Nicole Marks—Mrs. Erickson
 Liam Flanagan—Mrs. Russ
 Olivia Byam—Mrs. Whittaker
 Garrett Whitney—Mr. Evans



4TH GRADE

Michael Bergholtz—Ms. Sanderson
 Bailey Smith—Mr. Komperda
 Hogan Ludolph—Ms. Hunter



5TH GRADE

Kylee Peck—Mrs. Giannetto
 Alex Brown—Mrs. McDermott
 Jenna LaPorte—Mr. Tallman
 Jarrett Ludolph—Mrs. Novitsky

APRIL



3RD GRADE

Hanna Collings—Mrs. Browning
 Grayson Flanagan—Mrs. Erickson
 Ginny Spinner—Mrs. Russ
 Andrea Trifunovic—Mrs. Whittaker



4TH GRADE

Chris Palmiter—Ms. Hunter
 Geoffrey Walker—Mr. Komperda
 Isabell Figueroa—Ms. Hunter



5TH GRADE

Molly Flanagan—Mrs. Giannetto
 Emily Milk—Mrs. McDermott
 Dylan Ketcham—Mr. Tallman
 Alex Pinney—Mrs. Novitsky
 Kolbie Cummings—Mr. Evans

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.