



Greene Central School

NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year!

I am very excited about the opportunity to extend my time here at Greene Central School. It has been wonderful to be here working with faculty, students and staff. Everyone has been gracious with their time and support. The Board of Education has extended my contract to include the 2017-2018 school year and I look forward to working with everyone to continue to support the educational needs of our students at Greene Central School.

Mrs. Carole Stanbro has been working at the Primary School since Mrs. Richards left to accept a position with the Binghamton School District. We were sorry to see Mrs. Richards go, however, very fortunate to have the opportunity to secure Mrs. Stanbro for the duration of our search for a new primary principal.

It has been an excellent start to the new school year. Everyone returned with great enthusiasm and optimism for the opportunity to begin a new year with new ideas and new faces in the classrooms.

I find it hard to believe that Regents exams in late January are just around the corner. Time passes so fast! Half of this school year is almost complete.

Reminder

Board of Education meetings—First and third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the BOE conference room.

Bus Vote

FEBRUARY 28, 2017—11:00 AM–8:00 PM

Emergency Reminder

Please notify the appropriate school office if there is any change in your child's emergency contact information. In the event of student illness, injury or an early dismissal, this information may be needed.

Thank you!

There are a few calendar changes we wish to make you aware of—January 27 is now a scheduled staff development day, so there will be no school for students. March 10 is no longer a staff development day—it will be a regular school day for students. These changes were made to accommodate particular training for staff that is only available on January 27.

Congratulations to our fall sports teams. We had great success in all our endeavors and our students represented themselves extremely well. Community support was also wonderful to see and enjoy. We are proud of everyone and their efforts.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has supported my efforts to build trust and relationships with students, faculty, staff and community. It is a privilege to be here and I am very excited about the opportunity to remain a little longer and continue the District's pursuit of excellence in academics.

Best wishes for a terrific 2017.

—Mr. Daniels, Interim Superintendent

Calendar Changes

JANUARY 27—CONFERENCE DAY

MARCH 10—REGULAR SCHOOL DAY

Calendar of Events

JANUARY

16 No School—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

24-27 Regents Exams

27 Staff Development Day (*change from original calendar*)

FEBRUARY

20-24 No School—Presidents' Day Recess

MARCH

10 Regular School Day (*change from original calendar*)

APRIL

10-14 No School—Spring Recess

Outstanding Educator



Each year, local school districts are asked to nominate an educator who has contributed substantially to raise awareness and support career development efforts. An Awards Committee, comprised of School-to-Careers Board Members, selects one educator from the list of nominees to receive the Outstanding Educator Award. A list of past recipients is in your program.

The recipient of this year's Outstanding Educator Award is Evelyn Frair, a business education teacher at Greene High School.

Evelyn is not only the business education teacher at Greene, she also serves as the District's Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) School Coordinator and is the High School Student Council Advisor. Evelyn's dedication is evident by the growth and transformation seen in her students.

Evelyn offers a wide range of business-related courses for the students to choose from including: career and financial management, business law, marketing, entrepreneurship, banking and finance, and web page design to name a few. Since Evelyn began teaching the business program she has continually updated and improved it. Every year, the number of students who sign up for her courses increases due to their popularity and usefulness.

Evelyn works closely with the YAP students starting with the application process, which includes helping students prepare their resumes, complete employment applications, and preparing for interviews. Once a student is accepted in the program Evelyn continues to give guidance and assists with their senior project. Evelyn's students transform from being teenagers to young adults through involvement in the program and she has a large part in this. When asked about Evelyn, her YAP students had many wonderful things to say, one student said; "Mrs. Frair always asks me how my day went and how work is going at Raymond almost every day when I get to school. She truly cares and respects not only us (Youth Apprentices) but everyone she teaches." Another student said; "Mrs. Frair is extremely generous with her time and strives to ensure that things are going well in each student's apprenticeship. She always makes herself available to you; no matter time of day, or how busy she is. She is willing to answer any question, from something silly-like what to wear on an interview-to something more serious. Her answers are always thoughtful, truthful, and most importantly, helpful. Without her guidance, I would've been lost during this first year in the YAP program."

—Melinda Russell, BT BOCES

DCMO BOCES Board of Education Honors Gordon Daniels



At the DCMO BOCES Opening Day event, Greene Central School Interim Superintendent Gordon Daniels received the 2016 Marshman-Hall Commitment to Education Award. The DCMO Board of Education commemorates this special recognition the work of past board members, Dan Marshman and Bob Hall, who devoted their volunteer efforts to advancing educational opportunities for students in the region. Chief Operations Officer Gray Stevens presented the award and shared comments from one of the nominators, Delaware Academy Superintendent Jason Thomson, "This individual was raised in a family of educators and chose to dedicate his life to education. Simply put he is the best of the best . . . Nobody loves his students and staff more than Gordie."

Daniels education leadership journey began in 1975 as a middle school teacher at the Afton Central School where he met the love of his life, Natalie Burgin. Daniels expanded his career with new roles as Physical Education Teacher and then as Athletic Director at Afton where he coached students using his personal sports experience with football, basketball, wrestling, and softball. In 1985 Daniels returned to Greene Central School devoting 22 years as a teacher, Middle School Principal, and later on as a High School Principal. In 2006 Daniels advanced his educational career as the Franklin Central School Superintendent and in 2016 accepted the role of Interim Superintendent at the Greene Central School.

"Thank you for this award and your kind words. I have had the opportunity to learn from several dedicated educators such as my mother, Coach Jim Consagra, Nancy Bromley, and Dr. Michael Pavlovich and a long list of teachers and coaches. Each taught me the importance of honesty, trust, respect, kindness, a commitment to excellence and a love for your students. My wife, Natalie, has been the biggest influence on my life and my career. She has listened, counseled and encouraged me every step. I share this award with each of these incredible educators—I love them all," said Daniels upon receiving the 2016 Marshman-Hall Commitment to Education Award.

DCMO BOCES Board President Linda Zazeck commented, "It is our duty to memorialize Dan Marshman and Bob Hall's contributions to education, and to honor the exemplary work of educators like Gordie who go beyond the call of duty to put our student's needs and opportunities first."

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Student Art Work Featured in UHS Holiday Exhibit



Art work by our talented Primary School students was included in The United Health Services Hospitals Children's Holiday Art Exhibit at General Hospital, Binghamton. The exhibit, which ran from December 18-January 18, highlighted the talents of numerous children from many local school districts. A festive reception was held January 18, to which the children and their families are invited. Our students who had work displayed included: **Trent Hamilton, Lyric Hillard, Zachary Lum, Louise Mendola, Marlee Mowatt, Alaire St. Germain.**

They were recognized at the Primary Building's Morning Program. Congratulations are extended to our student artists!

—Ms. Dajnowski

**OUR CURRENT MENU IS ON THE WEB PAGE
WWW.GREENECSO.ORG
UNDER DEPARTMENTS - FOOD SERVICE.**



In Case Of Bad Weather— GCS Closing Policy

Adverse weather and/or road conditions may cause school closings or delays. Often, a one- or two-hour delay for our buses will allow road crews enough time to sand or clear roads, and provide a much safer transportation situation.

Parents should be advised that our bus drivers are instructed to not travel any road that appears to be in a hazardous condition. Therefore, even when school is in session, isolated groups of students may not receive bus transportation. Parents are asked to please be extremely cautious when having young students exposed to the cold or wind for lengthy periods of time.

In addition to our automated call system, announcements of delays, school closings or early dismissals are placed on our web page at www.greeneccsd.org as well as the District's Twitter and Facebook pages. Please check there first, as some media outlets no longer accept closings and delays because most districts utilize the call system and web page. We will continue to provide snow closing information to area radio and television stations.

IN THE EVENT OF A DELAY

- A) BOCES Occupation School Students-In the event of a one-hour delay in opening, morning BOCES occupational school students will be sent to the area center in Norwich, arriving for class one hour later than usual. In the event of a two-hour delay in opening, morning BOCES students will not be sent to the area center.
- B) Students attending any special class or parochial school will be transported to their respective schools, but with a one or two hour delay in arrival time.

Please keep in mind that if our school day begins with a one-hour delay, depending on the weather one of four things could happen:

- We may open;
- We could go to a two-hour delay, then open,
- We could go to a two-hour delay, then close; or
- We could close.

It is important to continue to watch and listen for updates!

EARLY DISMISSALS

In the event of a forecast that indicates approaching weather that may cause hazardous driving conditions, we may have an early dismissal. In this event, radio and television stations are notified. We urge parents to alert caregivers of this possibility to ensure that younger children are not left at home unsupervised. Parents of elementary children, please contact the school at your earliest convenience with babysitter information, so that the students are loaded properly on their bus.

—Transportation Department

Student Citizen of the Month

SEPTEMBER

3RD GRADE



Brooke Williams—Mrs. Browning
Calvin Wheelock—Mrs. Erickson
Makenzie Soto—Mrs. Russ
Audrey Johnson—Mrs. Whittaker

4TH GRADE



Lincoln Youngs—Mrs. Giannetto
Hunter Becker—Mrs. McDermott
Nadia Brown—Ms. Sanderson

5TH GRADE



**Jaron Hogancamp, Gavin Demars, Kylie Gillette,
Isabella Pezzino, Amber Simpson**

Student Citizen of the Month

OCTOBER

3RD GRADE



Absent: **Marissa Patinka**—Mrs. Browning
Lyndsay Specht—Mrs. Erickson
Jasen Ledford—Mrs. Russ
Austin Viall—Mrs. Whittaker

4TH GRADE



Alexandria Veninsky—Mrs. Giannetto
Savannah Cowan—Mrs. McDermott
Colten Smith—Ms. Sanderson

5TH GRADE



**Billie Kinney, Landon Nelson, Ryan Milk,
Audrey Sullivan, Tim Simmons**

CONGRATULATIONS

Student Citizen of the Month

NOVEMBER

3RD GRADE



Keegan Waltz—Mrs. Browning
Josie Dutcher—Mrs. Erickson
Absent: Madison Wise—Mrs. Russ
Isabella Clinton—Mrs. Whittaker
Logan Genter—Mrs. Melly

4TH GRADE



Aidan Roth—Mrs. Giannetto
Savannah Nowalk—Mrs. McDermott
Alexandrea Walts—Ms. Sanderson

5TH GRADE



Lindsey Hoyt, Carmine Romano,
Willow Rose, Tatianna Wells



Intermediate School Special Area Students of the Month for September



Art—Amber Barabaro, Camric Wililams
Music—Riley Barker, Elias Fleming, Rachel Repp
Computer—Trenton Drew, Kolden Rapp, Austin deHaan
Math—Hunter Osman
Reading—Lazarus Ludolph
Library—Naomi Burghardt, Chris Callahan, Gavin Tefft
Band—Andrew Erickson
Girls' PE—Kendra Ekstrom, Paris Stiglich, Page Sherman
Boys' PE—Isaiah Sexton, Mason Cummings, Colin Colgan

Intermediate School Special Area Students of the Month for October



Art—Calvin Wheelock, Zachary Fleury, Aidan Pettitt
Music—Steven Bergholtz, Sidra Root, Cole Gostinski
Computer—Grace Carpenter, Claire Flanagan,
Molly Cornell
Math—Alex Kehl
Reading—Tranton McLain
Library—Josie Dutcher, Sara Dominguez-Acevedo,
Joie Burns
Band—Lindsey Hoyt
Girls' PE—Makenzie Soto, Tatianna Wells, Keeli Roe
Boys' PE—Kristofer Neduel, Lincoln Youngs,
Gavin Tefft

Intermediate School Special Area Students of the Month for November



Art—**Lazarus Ludolph, Abilene Yahner, Audrey Sullivan**

Library—**Audrey Johnson, Aiden Marcin, James Fox**

Reading—**Savannah Cowan**

Math—**Trenton McLain**

Music—**Billie Leet, Keeli Roe, Landon Nelson**

Band—**Molly Cornell**

Computer—**Josie Dutcher, Jazmine Garcia, Colin Colgan**

Girls' PE—**Lyndsey Specht, Leisl Ludolph, Billie Kinney**

Boys' PE—**Jacob Linger, Alex Stewart, Ryan Milk**

Student Council

It is always amazing how quickly the fall flies by and the New Year is upon us.

Our high school members started this school year decorating the halls with quotes of good character and gave each student positive notes to begin their school year. We quickly fell into planning for our homecoming with a theme from the Summer Olympics.



During the pep assembly, there was an Olympic flare as students competed for a gym floor rendition of a freestyle swim and did you know that tug-of-war was once an Olympic sport? GCS brought it back for one day which included our GCS Staff!

HOMECOMING PARADE



This year, the high school Student Council nominated Interim Superintendent Gordie Daniels as our Grand Marshall. GCS wanted to recognize Mr. Daniels for his commitment to our school and community. After dedicating 22 years of his professional life to GCS, we appreciate his lifelong dedication and willingness to give us more of his time after a very short retirement. Thank you Mr. Daniels!

The freshmen made a “splash” displaying their banner at the homecoming parade.

Soon to follow were the sophomore Tro-



jans dominating the hornets in their beach volleyball game. What a great way to show their support for our Trojans!



The juniors showed their spirit in leaps and bounds as they proudly displayed their banner during the parade.

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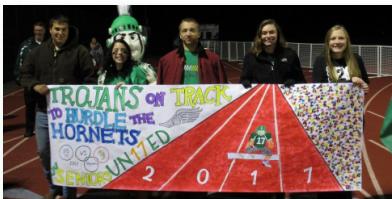
GCS Open to Adult Walkers Beginning October 31

Each year, Greene Central School opens the High School/Middle School complex to adult residents who wish to walk indoors during the winter months. The program is open to all adult district residents who wish to participate. Individuals must complete an Adult Walker Agreement Form available at the Middle School or by calling 656-4161, ext. 247. The buildings are open for walkers from 6:15-7:15 a.m. and 4:00-5:00 p.m. each day that school is in session from October 31 through April 28.

The morning course is 4/10 of a mile and the afternoon course is 1/8 of a mile. Walkers are asked to sign in and out on the sheets provided in the foyer of door #5, and to wear rubber soled shoes. There is no charge to adult walkers, as no additional costs are incurred by the District to run this program.

For additional information, or to obtain an Adult Walker's Agreement, please call 656-4161 ext. 247.

Student Council ROTARY BASKETS



Taking home the Gold was the senior class supporting the Trojan Nation in a race to the finish line. Great job GCHS!

What parade would it be without some royalty? This year's princesses and princes are **Sara White** and **Nathan Hurlburt** representing the freshmen; sophomore princess **Kelsey Wahlers** and prince **Bradley Fasset**; and Junior princess **Kelly Darling** and prince **Gregory Wynter**.



Our Senior Royalty were: **Emma White** escorted by **Kevin Halsteter**, **Keirsten Frair** escorted by **Zachary Orzell**, **Marissa Pavlovich** escorted by **Andrew Brigham**, **Nora Gagnon** escorted by **Race Bentley** and **Alexandra Parker** escorted by **Jacob Arboit**.

Congratulations to our Homecoming King and Queen –

Andrew Brigham and Nora Gagnon!

Congratulations to our Greene Trojans for their Homecoming win against the Harpursville Hornets!



HALLOWEEN



the annual community Halloween Dance. Our student council took on a very active role this year with the Kids Day Out Haunted House. We are not sure who had more fun, the kids or our student council!



Additionally, the Halloween Dance was a success with approximately 200 students in attendance! Our members did a fantastic job at decorating for the community dance and the students came out in their best costumes along with their best ghoulish appearance – some even unrecognizable!



Without wasting any time, student council conducted their annual food drive for the Rotary Christmas Baskets. This year, the high school took on a lofty goal of collecting 2,016 donated food items. This year was a great year to increase our food drive goal: between both the middle school and high school student councils, we were able to collect almost 3,500 food items and exceeded this year's goal! This is a great way for our students to help those in our community during this time of giving.



MOVING FORWARD

Student council is working on several ways to create opportunities for our students to engage with one another. We have added a New Year's Dance, we will be organizing an after school spring sports tournament, adding more spirit wear days and we are discussing student suggestions to promote positivity and unity. It has been an incredibly busy fall, but we are looking forward to making the beginning of 2017 an unforgettable one.



Student Council Officers from left to right:
Amanda Walker—Secretary
Nicole Hatfield—Treasurer
Marissa Pavlovich—Vice President
Keirsten Frair—President

Thank You!

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Greene, New York 13778

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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.



Happy New Year