



Greene Central School

NEWSLETTER

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Superintendent's Message

It's that time of year again. We are in the home stretch and beginning the process of bringing closure to another school year. Congratulations to our graduates this year. As a school and community we wish you the best as you set out to start this next phase in your lives. Whether you are off to the workforce, military, college or trade school, our thoughts and best wishes go with you. Our faculty and staff have done an amazing job in preparing you for what's next and this preparation, together with a positive spirit, hard work and persistence will bring you continued success.

The 2014-2015 school year has once again been marked by so many wonderful achievements. Academic growth, amazing artistic performances, athletic successes, community outreach and countless other accomplishments both in and out of school have made 2014-2015 a truly wonderful year.

As I reflect on this year, I want to offer everyone my assessment of Greene Central School's health or position.

From a fiscal perspective, Greene remains very healthy. We have addressed the fiscal challenges of the past six years in a reasoned and responsible manner. It has been difficult and has required that we make some very difficult decisions. We lost staff that were highly valued and existing staff was asked to do more than ever. Thank you all for pulling together and allowing us to weather these trying times. As a result of our approach, Greene has been able to maintain essentially all of its programming and remains fiscally strong and well positioned as we move forward addressing the challenges of the 21st Century.

Academically, in what was also a very volatile and changing environment, Greene has remained a leader in the Southern Tier. Our children at all levels are well prepared for and perform well on New York State assessments. We cannot and will not rest on our laurels however. Our dedicated administration, faculty and staff are constantly striving to keep up with changes and ensure that we provide the best possible educational experience for our children.

We are very proud to note the significant advancements and implementation of instructional technology across the District. Over the past five years, we have seen the introduction of interactive white boards in each classroom as well as

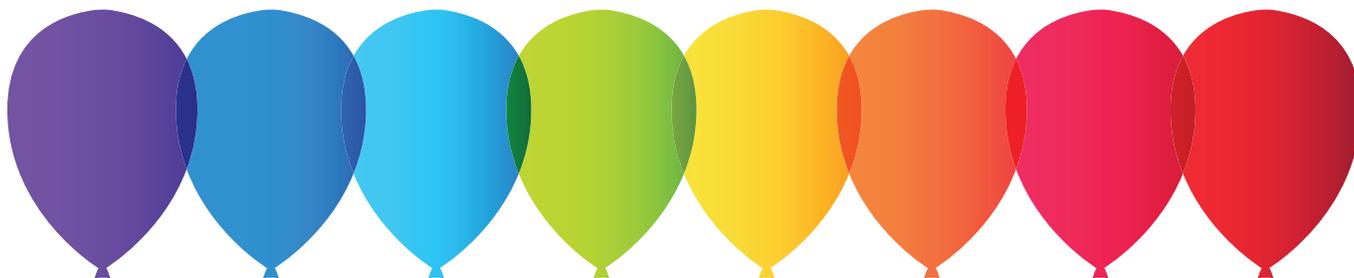
other technology that is utilized by staff and students. The rate of technological change is staggering but is something that we must strive to keep up with. Greene's approach has provided our staff with the tools they need to maximize their effectiveness but also offers our students the experience and practice they need to navigate this 21st Century technologically rich environment.

I want to publicly thank our Buildings and Grounds leadership and staff for maintaining our facilities as well as they have. I am very proud of our school and would never hesitate to show off what we are so blessed to enjoy. Our current capital project is moving forward as scheduled and will further address District needs.

Greene is an amazing school and community. For those of us dedicated to the educational process and children, this has been an extremely challenging time. In addition to reduced funding, we have also had to respond to drastic changes in curricula, testing and the evaluative process. The current school year has challenged us on many fronts but we have weathered these challenges and have grown stronger from the experience. Thank you to everyone for your part in making this a successful year.

In Education,
Jonathan R. Retz
Superintendent of Schools





Congratulations Class of 2015!

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 2015. It is with great pleasure that the high school recognizes Kyra Ann Yanusas as its Valedictorian, Michael Eric Anderson as its Salutatorian, and Adrienne Rae Trass as its Superintendent's Award recipient for the 2015 senior class.



VALEDICTORIAN

Kyra Ann Yanusas, daughter of Christopher and Anna Yanusas, is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2015. Throughout her high school career, Kyra has participated in many activities. She has been a member of both Band and

Chorus for four years. She has participated in the Marching Band, Academic Challenge, and Odyssey of the Mind for three years. In addition, she joined the Honor Society, Envirothon, and Mixed Select Chorus for two years. Kyra has served in many officer positions for these clubs. She has been the Secretary and President of the Band, the Secretary for the Honor Society, the Secretary for Envirothon, and the Vice President for Academic Challenge. She has also been the spot operator for Footlights Productions all four years of high school. Besides receiving the honor of being Valedictorian, Kyra was selected to be a participant in the American Legion's Girls' Leadership Day and was awarded the American Chemical Society Outstanding Chemistry Student Award. In the fall, she plans to attend St. Bonaventure University, where she will major in Biology in a pre-medical program.



SALUTATORIAN

Michael Eric Anderson, son of Mitch and Christine Anderson, is the Salutatorian of the Class of 2015. Michael has taken part in a number of activities throughout his high school career. He has been a member of Honor Society, Interact, and was the Vice-President of Ski Club for one year. Michael also participated in Varsity Soccer and Varsity Tennis throughout high school, and

was team captain on the soccer team during his senior season. In the fall of 2015, Michael will be attending Rochester University to pursue a currently undecided major.



SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD

Adrienne Rae Trass, daughter of William and Kristie Trass is the recipient of the Superintendent's Award of the Class of 2015. Adrienne has been involved in many activities and clubs throughout her high school career such as Student Council, Interact, Class Officer, National Honor Society, and backstage for Footlights. She participated in Field Hockey and Tennis.

She went to the Girls' Take Charge Conference and The American Legion Girls' Leadership Day. In the fall, Adrienne will be attending Syracuse University for Chemical Engineering.

Congratulations to Kyra, Michael and Adrienne. We salute your achievements.

Graduation will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the middle/high school gymnasium. Moving-Up Day will be held on Friday, May 29, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the middle/high school auditorium.

Congratulations!



Greene Trojan Robotics

HS Hosts Regional Robotic Competition



GCS students from left, Mike Willard and Christian O'Neil

Wednesday, March 25, Greene Central School hosted the Regional SUNY Broome Robotic Competition. The competition was sponsored by Raymond. Nine area schools brought a total of 92 students to compete in one of four robotic events.

The competition consisted of four

events, the Head to Head Event, the Remote Control Forklift Event, the Line Follow Event, and the Autonomous Event. The Remote Control Forklift Event was created by the Robotic Committee in honor of the main sponsor of the entire completion, Raymond Corporation. Some events had 28 teams entered to compete. The competition this year was higher than previous years.

Greene took 1st place in the Autonomous Event. The team leader for that event was **Liam Allport**, a senior at GCS. In the Head to Head event with 28 teams, Greene placed 7th. In the Remote Forklift Event, Greene just fell short of making the podium by only a couple of seconds.

The turnout of schools and students made for a great competition. The event was made possible by the support of

Raymond. Raymond provided t-shirts, goodie-bags, lunch, and judges. Many Raymond engineers took time to judge the different events. THANK YOU to our supporters at the RAYMOND Corporation.

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. Overall the high school students got to interact with future engineers as well as engineers working at Raymond. This interaction helps to foster excitement in the high school students to want to take on a STEM related career.

Greene's Robotic club is advised by Mr. Leet the physics teacher at the high school. The club members this year were, **Liam Allport, Mike Sandway, Zach Westover, Christian O'Neil, Alex Sandway, Orion Bryan, Patrick Mulderig and Wyatt Silvernail.**

—Ethan Leet, Physics Teacher



Head to Head Competition Board in the Auditorium of GCS



Senior Liam Allport at the SUNY Broome Robotics Competition.

Poetry Reciters at Morning Program



In the month of April we celebrate poetry. Several students in second grade worked with Mrs. Merwarth to select and memorize a poem. These students stood in front of the whole school and recited their poems at Morning Program! **Ella Gaylord** and **Kloden Rapp** were selected to represent Greene at the Binghamton Poetry Recitation. They did a fantastic job!

Sadie Sexton

Student Citizens of the Month

March

3RD GRADE



*Absent: Chyanne Ives — Mrs. Browning
Gabby Cascun — Mrs. Russ
Sharon Bickford — Mrs. Whittaker*

April

3RD GRADE



*Rachel Repp — Mrs. Browning
Cherish Nowalk — Mrs. Russ
Derek Renfer — Mrs. Whittaker*

4TH GRADE



*McKenzie Scott — Ms. Hunter
Benjamin Kehl — Mr. Komperda
Alex Decker — Mrs. McDermott
Rowan Barrows — Ms. Sanderson
Garrett Whitney — Mrs. McCall*

4TH GRADE



*Nicole Marks — Ms. Hunter
Madison Pavlovich — Mr. Komperda
Corey Swift — Mrs. McDermott
Taylor Tynon — Ms. Sanderson
Sydney Rideout — Ms. Sanderson
Amy Hillier — Mrs. McCall*

5TH GRADE



*Muebetcel Adiguzel — Mrs. Giannetto
Cooper Klumpp — Mrs. Novitsky
Kasey DaCosta — Mr. Tallman*

5TH GRADE



*Absent: Samantha Darling — Mrs. Giannetto
Adreana Romano — Mrs. Novitsky
Michael Bergholtz — Mr. Tallman*

Intermediate School Special Area Student's of the Month

MARCH



*Art — Lindsey Hoyt,
Jaida Cook, Shannon Quarella*
*Music — Anthony Sergi,
Peydon Fowler, Mya Leach*
*Computer — Billie Kinney,
Isabella Tierno, Trenton Rapp*
Math — Damien Hitt
Reading — Chyanne Ives, Alec Mills, TJ Wiggins
Chorus — Adreana Romano
Library — Mubetecel Adiguzel
Band — TJ Wiggins
*Girl's PE — Lindsey Hoyt,
Lydia Duman, Anjouliena Rose*
*Boy's PE — Colin Colgan, Clayton Leonard,
Christopher Palmiter*

APRIL



*Art — Christopher Boyle,
Robert German, Chris Palmiter*
*Music — Christopher Boyle,
Maeric Barrows, Davin Miller*
*Computer — Rilee Soper,
Michael Swift, Sarah Sexton*
Math — Ryley Taft
Reading — Elizabeth Williamson
Chorus — Kasey DaCosta
Library — Rowan Barrows
Band — Isabell Figueroa
*Girl's PE — Alexis Horner,
Cassie Butler, Carsyn Puglisi*
*Boy's PE — Andrew Erickson,
Bradley Genter, Riley Howerter*

Junior Prom



Greene High School held their Junior Prom on May 2, at the Genegantslet Golf Course. The Juniors and the Seniors had a wonderful time at the ball where they danced the night away. The theme for prom this year was *Midnight Masquerade Ball* and was planned by the Class of 2016. In addition to DJ services by Power Alley of Vestal, Sideline provided musical entertainment during dinner. Members of this band include: Trevor DeJager, Jon Healy and Michael Mulderig. The prom committee would like to give a huge thank you to the Golf Course for letting them use their facility and for providing an excellent dinner buffet.

— Brynn Marker, Secretary of the Class of 2016

2015 Prom Court (left to right): Cole Nelson (Senior Prince), Kristy Haskell (Senior Princess), Joe Phillips (Prom King), Maggie Weeks (Prom Queen), Brian Leone (Junior Prince), and Taylor Wahlers (Junior Princess)

Iditarod Competitor Visits Third Graders



Kim Darst, a 2009 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race competitor, visited third graders in February. She brought along one of her sled dogs in training, J.C. Kim shared a power point presentation of her experiences on the 1,000 mile Iditarod trail in Alaska. Students learned about the physical preparation needed for a musher and their dog team, the supplies that must be purchased and dropped off at various checkpoints along the trail, and the dedication to each individual sled dog. Students were excited to follow this year's Iditarod race after gaining firsthand knowledge from Kim's presentation. Special thanks go to fifth grader, David Hughes, who was instrumental in bringing this exciting presentation to our third graders.

Chemists Celebrate Earth Day Illustrated Poetry Contest



National Poetry Month and Earth Day are celebrated in April. Broome Community College honored both celebrations by holding an illustrated poetry contest for students in grades K-12. Students were asked to write a poem and illustrate it using the theme *Climate Science: More Than Just a Weather Report*. All kindergarten classes were studying Weather and Seasons. This was a perfect opportunity for the students in Ms. Poirier's *Scrambled Eggs* to learn about poetry and use their knowledge about weather to write a poem. All poems were entered into the contest. **Paxson McCumiskey** won First Place and **Leland Wood** won Second Place. Each received a gift certificate from Barnes and Nobles.

Arts in Education at Greene Primary School

This month Greene Primary School had their final visit with Jo Mish, the teaching artist. All year long the students have been learning about dance. Each month we took a look at a different culture and how they use dance to celebrate, communicate and tell stories. Mr. Mish visited our students three times this year. Each time he came with anecdotes about specific cultures and instructed the students in a few dances from that region. In January he taught the students about the Asia and focused on the Coal Miner's Dance and Tinikling, a Philippine Stick Dance. In April he showed us European dances, such as the Shepard's Hay Jig and Karsi Bar. This May we focused on South America and Mexico and learned about the Mexican Hat Dance and Canivalito. The students were very engaged and worked hard to learn the new dances. Students also learned that Dance is an art form and movement is so important!



Mr. Mish pictured above with the UPK PM class.

Moe's Supplies a Fiesta at Greene Primary!



Ella Donnelly and Joseph Monticello from Mrs. Mack's Class.

ture and the holiday Cinco de Mayo. Then they were able to sample the two salsas provided by Moe's on Front Street. The students sampled and graphed their favorite kind. In the end we found that both were *muy delicioso!* Thank you Moe's!

In celebration of Cinco de Mayo, Moe's donated enough salsa and chips to feed the Kindergarten students at Greene Primary! The students began their fiesta by learning a little about the Mexican cul-



Chips and Salsa from Moe's

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 had entries in 2 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:

PRESENTATION (POWERPOINT) WINNERS

Level I

- 1st Place—*Ititarod*, by **Molly Cornell** and **Jonah Browning**
- 2nd Place—*The Puppy Bowl*, by **Lindsey Holt** and **Isabell Pezzino**
- 3rd Place—*History of Dance*, by **Billie Kinney** and **Rachel Repp**

DESKTOP PUBLISHING WINNERS

Level I

- 1st Place—*The Dragons that Learn to Fly*, by **Camric Williams** and **Dayani Lora**
- 2nd Place—*Volleyball*, by **Gabrialla Cascun**, **Russell Moore** and **Willow Rose**
- 3rd Place—*Basketball*, by **Alexis Horner** and **Trevor Ketcham**

Level II

- 2nd Place—*Rocks and Minerals*, by **Aiden Pickard**
- 3rd Place—*Beware of Children*, by **Jakob Cook**

Congratulations again to all of the students who competed, you are all winners in my book!

—Holly Mohr

Greene High School Calendar

JUNE

- 2 Common Core ELA Regents @ 8:00 a.m.
- Common Core Geometry Regents @ 12:00 p.m.
- (No school for high school students not taking those regents)
- 3 HS/MS Chorus Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
- 9-12 Senior Trip to Virginia Beach, VA
- 12 Last Chance Dance @ 8:00 p.m.
- 15 Last Day of Classes**
- 16-24 Regents Exams
- 21 Baccalaureate @ 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Graduation Practice @ 9:00 a.m.
- 26 Senior Dinner Dance @ 6:00 p.m.
- 27 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)**

