



Greene Central School NEWSLETTER

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Superintendent's Message

It seems incredible that this school year is more than half over already. To date, we have used all emergency snow days and are recouping two days to help ensure that, as a district, we don't fall below the required 180 school days. Should that happen, we would lose critical state aid.

We are currently developing the 2017-2018 school year budget. We have a cloudy picture at this time. It will become clearer as we get closer to April 1 when the governor's budget proposal becomes finalized.

Greene Central School is excited to welcome Mrs. January Pratt as our new Primary School Principal. Mrs. Pratt was selected to fill the vacancy created by Mrs. Shelly Richards' departure in November, 2016. Mrs. Pratt comes to Greene from the Newark Valley Central School District where she served as a third grade classroom teacher for fifteen years. She brings great enthusiasm and excitement to her new position. Welcome to Greene Central School, Mrs. Pratt!

The Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES has hired a new District Superintendent, Mr. Perry Dewey. Mr. Dewey comes from Madison Central School where he served as the Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Dewey has spent a lot of time visiting the component school districts trying to assess our strengths and weaknesses as he develops an entry plan. He has begun to build relationships and enhance professional development opportunities while reviewing programs and offerings at the two BOCES centers. We anticipate a positive and productive experience as BOCES looks to thrive under its new leadership. Welcome to Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES, Mr. Dewey!

Ethan Day, our current Board of Education President, announced his resignation from the board at their February 15 meeting. There has been a recent development in his business that will require he travel extensively over the next two years. Ethan has served the Greene Central School District since 2010. He is a graduate of Greene Central School and has family throughout our district. He brings great passion and commitment to the duties of a member of the Board of Education and has provided exceptional leadership and guidance throughout his terms. We wish him great success and thank him profusely for his heartfelt service. Good luck and best wishes!

The Board of Education will discuss the course of action to be taken with Ethan's departure. It seems most appropriate to wait until May 16 when the budget and seats for the Board of Education are voted on. At that time, openings will be for two (2) three-year seats currently held by Mrs. Karen Hendershott and Mr. Tim Crumb, and one (1) two-year seat to fill the remaining two years of Ethan's term. The individual who receives the third highest number of votes in the election would be seated immediately to fill the vacancy left by Ethan's departure. Those two individuals receiving the top two number of votes would be seated beginning on July 1, 2017.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF SOME IMPORTANT DATES SURROUNDING THE SCHOOL BUDGET PROCESS:

- April 17—Board Vacancy Petitions Due to Board Clerk by 5:00 p.m.
- May 8—Annual Budget Hearing in the MS/HS Auditorium—6:30 p.m.
- May 16—Budget Vote and Board Member Election—11:00 a.m.– 8:00 p.m.

I look forward to the reappearance of green grass and the smells of spring. Fresh air and open spaces always make me smile. Spring will be here before we know it!

—Mr. Gordie Daniels
Interim Superintendent of Schools

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our webpage, Twitter
and Facebook for the most
current information!**



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Welcome to Greene



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I just wanted to write a quick note and introduce myself to all of you. As you may have heard I am the new Greene Primary School Principal! I come to you with 15 years of primary school experience as a first, second, third and AIS fourth grade teacher. I have also worked as a

Reading Coordinator and as the Chief Information Officer. All of my educational experience has been with the Newark Valley CSD. I am very excited to make this big change in jobs and to join the Greene staff. I am looking forward to getting to know all the students, faculty, parents and community members.

Although I worked in Newark Valley for many years I actually live in the town of Owego, which is located in Tioga County. It is a little bit of a hike to get here but my commute has given me the opportunity for quiet time and choice over the music in the car. I am a mom of three great kids (who usually control the radio); Mason, age 15, Tanner, age 12 and I have a girl, Sawyer, age 6. They keep me very busy volunteering and watching their many sporting activities; football, lacrosse, swimming and gymnastics. I am also a wife of 18 years to Michael Pratt, who is an avid hunter. He has been very supportive of my career in education.

As I was leaving a classroom of students to take this new position my third graders asked why I wanted to become a principal. I was immediately able to reply, "I love teaching but I am only able to impact about 20 kids a year, if I become a principal I can influence hundreds of students, their parents and many teachers". So, I am now here, ready to get to work and do a great job for Greene Primary. If you have not met me yet please feel free to introduce yourself at morning program, stop by the office or send me a quick email (jpratt@greeneccsd.org).

Sincerely,

January Pratt, Greene Primary Principal



Student Council

Student Council has had a relatively quiet few months following Homecoming, Food Drive, Adopt a Family and pep assemblies; however, there is much more to come in the next few months!



We added a new dance to our schedule upon our return from break—the New Year’s Dance. With a little of the New Year’s flare, everyone had a great time.

Moving forward, Student Council is working on additional ways to bring positivity to our school and increase morale during our long months ahead without a break. Though the positivity ideas will not be released at this time as Student Council would like to keep it anonymous, it is sure to be fun for all.



Additionally, we will be hosting a Trivia and Bingo during 9th period on March 15 to bring a little fun to our long month. At the end of the month, we will also be including a Pillow Polo tournament over the span of three days. This will be a fun competition between the classes. Student Council organized this event last year and with the outpouring of compliments, we decided to keep this as tradition to kick off our spring sports.



In April, a select number of Student Council members will be attending a leadership conference hosted by Bainbridge-Guilford. Last year, we had 13 members attend and we are hoping for just as many, if not more!



Elections will begin in April after the break. Student Council will choose the top three candidates to run for President and Vice President. The student body, grades 8-11, will vote for their officers after these candidates have been able to speak in front of all students. It is a great opportunity for these young individuals to discuss and demonstrate their leadership and work on their speaking skills. All of our candidates did a great job last year. We are looking forward to a great election this year!

We are looking forward to a great spring ahead! Though it will be busy, there is much fun to come and it all will be exciting. Stay tuned!

STUDENT COUNCIL

President—Keirsten Frair
Vice President—Marissa Pavlovich
Secretary—Amanda Walker
Treasurer—Nicole Hatfield

GCS Footlights Drama Club presents *Once Upon a Mattress*

Footlights is proud to announce its upcoming performances of the musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*. Performances will be held Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 26 at 3:00 p.m. Please come out and show your support for the GCS Footlights cast as they perform in the newly refurbished Greene High School Auditorium. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens (children 4 and under are free). Those interested in ordering tickets ahead of time can visit <http://www.greencsd.org/FootlightsDramaProduction.aspx> for the ticket order form or inquire through the GCS Footlights Facebook page. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Rehearsals and set construction are in full swing as the GCS Footlights cast prepares to transport the audience back to a fictional medieval kingdom in 15th Century Europe. *Once Upon a Mattress* is a family friendly show that is packed with side-splitting shenanigans. After this hilarious take on Kings, Queens, Princesses and Jesters, you'll never look at fairy tales the same way.



Scale model of the elaborate set design by Mr. Steve Boel.



Set construction is underway in the Greene High School Auditorium. Amanda Walker and her father, Larry, work on the castle courtyard.

Students of the First Semester February 2017



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 first semester of the 2016-2017 school year.

9th Grade: **Gabrielle Nowalk**, daughter of Tammie Robertson and James Nowalk—Greene; **Logan Barnett**, son of Lanette and Tyson Barnett—Greene

10th Grade: **Bryanna Kinney**, daughter of Micki Kinney and Bruce Kinney—Greene; **Isaac Hadac**, son of Tara Whitaker—Greene and John Hadac—Oxford

11th Grade: **Mary Borchardt**, daughter of Susan and Timothy Borchardt—Greene; **Brandon Horton**, son of Laura George and Ronald Horton—Greene

12th Grade: **Nicole Hatfield**, daughter of Julie and Roger Hatfield—Smithville Flats; **Grayson Delaney**, son of Rebecca and Martin Delaney—Hillsboro, MO



Painted Elephant in the Room by Grace Wentlent

Citizen of the Month for December

3RD GRADE



*Madison Harrington—Mrs. Browning
Arie King—Mrs. Erickson
Kiley Simpson—Mrs. Russ
John Begholtz—Mrs. Whittaker*

4TH GRADE



*Parker Flanagan—Mrs. Giannetto
RC Nowalk—Mrs. McDermott
Keaton Browning—Ms. Sanderson*

5TH GRADE



*Andrew Erickson
Trevor Ketcham
Adam Merwin
Rilee Soper
Tanner Sodan*

Citizen of the Month for January

3RD GRADE



*Johanna Tropa—Mrs. Browning
Marissa Kenyon—Mrs. Erickson
Micheal Slater—Mrs. Russ
Bryon Decker—Mrs. Whittaker*

4TH GRADE



*Kenley Jenks—Mrs. Giannetto
Abby Yahner—Mrs. McDermott
Kenzie Button—Ms. Sanderson
Mason Cummings—Mrs. Melly*

5TH GRADE



*Noah Donnelly
William Dunlap
Taryn Jenks
Russell Moore*

CONGRATULATIONS

STUDENT CITIZEN FOR DECEMBER SPECIAL AREAS



Art: Audrey Johnson, Jazmine Garcia, Isabella Pezzino
Library: Jaxson Calice, Ella Gaylord, Russell Moore
Reading: Meria Demuth
Math: Alexis Horner
Music: John Bergholtz, Savannah Nowalk, Camric Williams
Band: Nickolas Flynn
Computer: Lillian Funnell, Brian Mills, Jonah Browning
Girls' PE: Camren Ives, McKenna Slater, Dayani Lora
Boys' PE: Austin Viall, Kegan Evans, Braeden Goerlich

SUPER!

STUDENT CITIZEN FOR JANUARY SPECIAL AREAS



Art: Shawn Pixley, Claire Flanagan, Gabby Cascun
Library: Anavai Beebe, Elizabeth Criddle, Cayla Decker
Reading: Brian Mills
Math: Landon Nelson
Music: Makenzie Soto, Tristan Donnelly, Ryan Milk
Band: Carter Mowatt
Computer: Brooke Williams, Parker Flanagan, Alexis Horner
Girls' PE: Billie Leet, Sidra Root, Audrey Sullivan
Boys' PE: Keegan Waltz, Max Kovalev, Ian LaFave



March is Music in Our Schools Month

Greene Central School Music Department will be hosting the Spring All County Festival on March 10 and 11. Music students

and teachers from the Association of Chenango Area Music Teachers (ACAMT) will be gathering for rehearsals Friday evening and all day Saturday, culminating in concert at 3:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. This concert is open to the public with ticket prices \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

Performing ensembles will be: the Elementary Chorus (grades 4 & 5), Junior High Band (grades 7-9), Swing Choir (grades 10-12) and Senior High Band (grades 10-12). Our very own Greene graduate, Kasey (Heisler) Porter will be guest conducting the Swing Choir at this event! We look forward to welcoming her home as she shares her talents with our young musicians.

—Mrs. Boel



10 minute figure drawing of Danie Doller
by Maddie Doll

Barbie Physics

Wednesday, January 4 SUNY Broome Physics students performed an energy physics lab involving Barbie. Using only rubber bands the students needed to predict the number of rubber bands needed to have Barbie safely bungee jump from the second floor stair well.

The students would measure the max drop distance for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 rubber bands. The students then created a graph of Drop Distance vs. Number of Rubber Bands. The graph was then analyzed for a linear trend. The formula created would help them to calculate and extrapolate the number of rubber bands needed. They then would tie up that many rubber bands and got one test to see if Barbie would survive the jump.

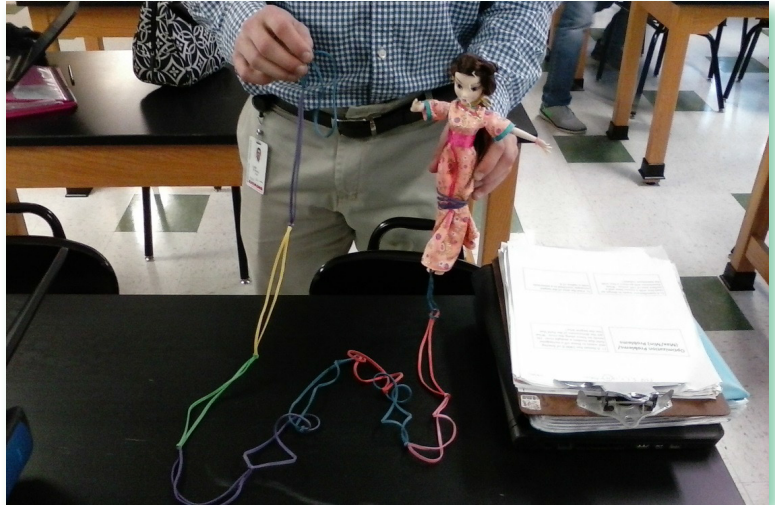
This lab has the students collect data, analyze the data and then apply what they learned from the data. A direct use of science. This lab helps to prepare students for STEM related college fields as well as career fields. The main need for scientists today is being able to apply what they learn from a science experiment. This helps to create new materials for engineering, new medicines for the medical field, new ways to scan people in the hospital.

The Barbie Lab helps to build the analytical skills needed for today's high demand STEM career field. The students also made use of video to help measure Barbie's max drop distance since it happens so fast. A technique that is being used more and more in the science field, video analysis. Students used Excel spreadsheets to create the graphs. The graphs would create a linear line equation. Students needed to know how to apply the Physics and Math content to the real application of Bungee Jumping. Having the students apply the math to something tangible that they can see and have in their hands helps them to understand complex concepts like Physics even better. Thank you to Barbie for helping to develop tomorrow's science minded citizens.

**** No Barbies were injured in this experiment.****

—*Ethan Leet*, Physics Teacher

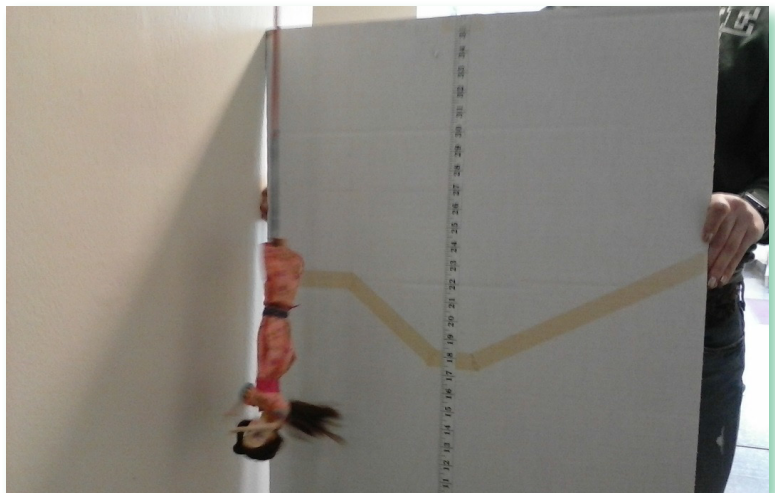
**Thanks
Barbie!**



Physics Barbie with her calculated Bungee Cord Length



Barbie ready to test her Bungee



Barbie at her max drop length captured on film.



10 minute drawing of Tiffany Johns by Grace Wentlent



A portrait by Morgan G.



And finally the Painted "Eye on the Prize" by Brooke Dillenbeck

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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.*



*One example of some great figure drawing going on in the High School Art room.
This 10 minute figure drawing of Conner Grant was done by Claire Nolan.*