



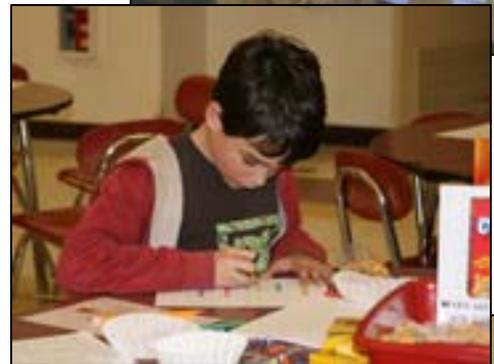
### **Math and Science Family Nights Held at Scott M. Ellis**

Third and fourth grade students and their families spent the evening of March 30 exploring concepts of mathematics at Family Math Night. Participants rotated through three different math related workshops which included math games such as Connect 4 and Fraction Bingo, art projects that taught symmetry and graphing, and Make and Take activities such as learning how to measure with beading and clay dough.

In the Computer Lab Ms. Nelson invited students and parents to explore interactive math Websites to assist in learning math using visual aids. During the Promethean workshop Ms. Hollinde helped students understand the relationship between physics and math through interaction with a website that simulated the launching of a trebuchet, or medieval siege weapon. Everyone enjoyed this evening of math enrichment activities!

On April 21 approximately sixty students in grades three through five attended the fourth annual Family Science Night. A series of science-based investigations focused on chemistry, physics and biology, were created for students to complete with their families. Six stations were created and families received directions for each as they moved from one experiment to the next.

This event involved the collaboration of many individuals including PTA members who served refreshments and assisted with the activities, teacher and staff volunteers who created the activities, donated refreshments and acted as Lab Assistants. Thank you everyone for helping to make this evening a success!



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### **Sixth Grade Students Attend Minds On “What A Character” Day**

Several sixth grade students from Ms. Carlton and Ms. Lounsbury’s classes at Greenville Middle School enjoyed a day of exploration and imagination at the Rensselaerville Institute on April 15. The Minds On “What a Character” workshop was led by published author Alice Lichtenstein.

Greenville students were joined by students from Cairo-Durham Middle School as they explored the skill, detail and imagination necessary to create and develop strong fictional characters. As the day progressed, the rooms of the Institute filled with original and fascinating characters, brought to life through stories and skits written and performed by the students.

### **“The Yellow Dress” Visits Greenville High School**

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month students at Greenville High School attended an assembly in March called “The Yellow Dress”. The Yellow Dress is produced and directed by Deana’s Education Theater and was presented by Columbia-Greene Domestic Violence.

This one-woman dramatic play was based on multiple stories of young women who were victims of dating violence. The program included a discussion with students on how to recognize the early warning signs of abuse, how to help friends or family members who are victims and how to utilize available community resources.

The assembly, part of the High School’s Character Education series, was recommended by the HS Building Level Team.



### **Superintendent Parent and Community Forum**

The Superintendent Parent and Community Forum scheduled for May 1, 2010 has been rescheduled for June 12, 2010 from 9:00-11:00 AM. The topic for this forum is SchoolTool and the use of the Parent Information Portal.



### **World-Renowned Storyteller Liz Weir Visits Scott M. Ellis**

On Friday, April 23 fifth grade students spent the morning with world-renowned storyteller Liz Weir, a professional storyteller from Northern Ireland, who works with all age groups promoting the art of storytelling.

Students listened intently as Ms. Weir shared stories of Irish history and folklore. Students listened to stories about the country of Ireland and its history. Ms. Weir encouraged students to ask questions and to share some riddles with her and the rest of the audience.

### **Middle School Student Organizes Musical Instrument Loan Program**

Seventh grade student Rachel Coe-Scharff is working with Greenville Friends of Music to organize a musical instrument donation and loaner program. The program will provide musical instruments to school aged children in need of an instrument for participation in school band programs. When the student leaves the Greenville CSD music program or no longer needs the instrument it will be returned, cleaned and loaned to another student.

Donations to the program can be made to the Greenville Friends of Music or Ms. Wegrzyn at the Elementary School. For more information please contact Ms. Anna Papadakis at (518) 929-1235. The music programs at GCSD would like to thank Rachel for her dedication to the field of music and for taking the time to create this program!



### **Regents Review 2.0 Filmed at GHS!**

High School Social Studies teachers, Mr. Albright and Mr. Siebrecht, have been selected to be the Social Studies teachers for the Regents Review 2.0 Series.

Staff from Regents Review 2.0 spent the afternoon of March 31 filming the session in Mr. Albright's high school classroom. Members of the MS/HS Video Club assisted with the filming as grips and technical assistants.

Mr. Siebrecht's Regents review session for Global History and Geography will air on Thursday, May 13 from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. on WMHT. Mr. Albright's review session for US History and Government will air on Friday, May 14 from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. on WMHT. These sessions and others can be found on the Regents Review 2.0 website, <http://www.regentsreviewlive.net/rrl/social.html>.

### Elementary Students Explore the Public Library

Each Wednesday fourth grade students in Ms. Brandon's class visit the Greenville Public Library as part of their English Language Arts curriculum.

Visiting the Public Library on a regular basis helps students learn how to comfortably navigate the library and its resources. Students look forward to this weekly visit and would like to thank Library Director Ms. Flach for her support!



### FFA Members Participate in Agriculture Literacy Day

Members of the Greenville High School FFA Chapter visited kindergarten classrooms at Scott M. Ellis on March 29 for Agricultural Literacy Day. This year the agricultural theme was trees and to help the kindergartners learn about trees FFA members read them a book called, The Tree Farmer. The older students also led the kindergartners in several interactive activities. Students were taught how to tell the age of a tree by looking at the rings in its trunk and how many different types of food grow from trees.

FFA members who participated in the program were Chris Albergo, Johanna Albert, Dan Andreson, Alana Brandon, Cynthia Chesbro, Andrea Esposito, Henry Gifford, Mackenzie Higgins, Brittani Kane, Erin Kane, April Lane, Brad O'Keefe and Brendan O'Keefe.

### Greenville Rotarians Donate Dictionaries to GCS

Third grade students at Ellis Elementary were presented with new dictionaries donated by the Greenville Rotary. During the donation assembly Principal Peter Mahan explained the role of Rotarians and that they fundraise to give back to their local communities. Students were then challenged to use their dictionaries to locate and read the definitions of some familiar character education words such as respect, fairness and responsibility. Students always look forward to this annual donations.



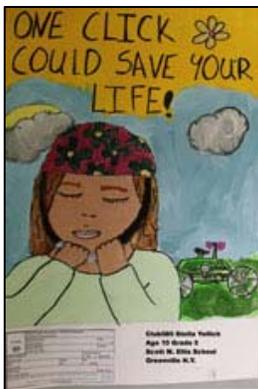
## GCS Students Perform *Anything Goes* and *Wonderland*

The sound of music filled the hallways at Ellis Elementary and Greenville High School during the month of April as students attended final rehearsals for two school musicals. Fifth grade students performed *Wonderland* for their families and classmates while high school students performed *Anything Goes* over the weekend of April 23.

*Wonderland* is a musical based on the book, *Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll. This year's cast included many talented young actors, singers and dancers. Hannah Holznagel played Alice, Joseph Knight, the Red King, Scott Davis, the White King, Evelina Welch, the Red Queen and Kennedy Foster, the White Queen.

This year's High School musical, *Anything Goes* tells the age-old tale of boy-meets-girl and the complications that ensue. The show was set aboard a cruise liner during the 1930's to one of Cole Porter's magical scores. The musical set was designed by high school senior Jonah Coe-Scharff.

The talented high school cast included Stephanie Bouillon, Jonah Coe-Scharff, Cody Evans, Phil Hill, Marta Kelly, Sarah McNally, Chris Rodriguez and Nora Snyder.



## 5th Grade Student Wins AAA Hudson Valley Poster Contest

Congratulations to 5<sup>th</sup> grade student Stella Yelich for winning the AAA Hudson Valley Annual Traffic Safety Poster program! Each year AAA's Poster program calls for students in Kindergarten through grade 12 to create posters that illustrate traffic safety slogans and aim to reduce traffic and pedestrian accidents. Each is judged on illustration of proper traffic safety practices, originality, creativity, visual impact and relevance.

Stella's poster promoted seat belt use with the slogan, 'One click could save your life' and was chosen from 250 entries for her age group. Stella's poster is displayed on the [AAA website](#) and in their *Going Places* magazine. She will be honored at an awards ceremony this spring.