

# e:news

#### 2009 Homecoming Information

Greenville's 2009 Homecoming weekend is scheduled for Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The festivities begin with Spirit Week at the High School as students demonstrate their school spirit by participating in a variety of "themed" days. Friday afternoon marks the kick-off of Homecoming weekend with a High School Pep Rally. Students and staff can compete in the annual Pie in the Face fundraiser or cheer on their friends at the Battle of the Bands. Girls' soccer and modified volleyball teams compete at 4:00 pm and later in the day everyone can relax next to the bonfire before evening activities begin.

Friday evening hosts a variety of events for all ages. Students in grades three through five can show their creativity at the Student Activity Night held at Scott M. Ellis Elementary. High School students can dance the night away at the year's first Student Council Dance. The evening ends with a community concert featuring the *Michael Benedict Jazz Vibes*. The concert is free and starts at 7:30pm in the High School auditorium.

Saturday begins with a buffet breakfast sponsored by the Greenville Educational Foundation held at the Scott M. Ellis Cafeteria. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children under ten. All proceeds benefit the Greenville Educational Foundation. Please note that *reservations are required* for the breakfast. Please reserve your seat before October 1<sup>st</sup> by e-mailing Karen Overbaugh at Overbaughk@greenville.k12.nv.us.

Saturday at 9:00 am, Superintendent Cheryl A. Dudley will hold a Community Forum at Ellis Elementary. Parents and community members will hear from national speaker Jack Agati on "Raising Responsible Children". Rounding out the morning are campus tours, volleyball, and soccer games. The festivities end at noon with a field dedication ceremony in honor of Coach Donald Mabee.

For a detailed schedule of events please visit our website at <a href="https://www.greenville.k12.ny.us">www.greenville.k12.ny.us</a>.





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### Helping 6th Graders Prepare for a New School Year

This summer, forty-five incoming sixth graders participated in a summer program to help make their move from Scott M. Ellis Elementary to Greenville Middle School a little easier this fall.

The main goal of the transition program is to help students feel more confident about moving to a new school by helping them become familiar with their new environment. Specifically, students learned how to prepare for the rigorous academic classes in the Middle School.

Class assignments and projects were designed to improve skills in English Language Arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. The program also focused on improving study skills and development of good study habits.

Student Kyle Schultze proudly presents his poster on Mount Marsabit in Kenya. For this project students researched a specific volcano to determine facts such as its location, height, and date of last eruption. After completing their research students made posters and presented their findings to the class. According to teacher Susan Hollywood the students greatly enjoyed this project!

# Small Addition Creates Big Opportunities at Elementary School

This fall students at Scott M. Ellis Elementary can expect to see a small yet meaningful change on the south side of the school. The two story building now features an elevator accessible from inside the building and the south parking lot. The project was approved by district voters and funded using EXCEL (Expanding our Children's Education and Learning) Aid from 2006. EXCEL Aid provides funding from NYS for certain types of school construction projects. The addition was completed early this summer.

The elevator and the hallways surrounding it make the school more accessible to students and the community. In the past individuals with issues of mobility and accessibility had to walk outside the school building to move from one level to another. According to Principal Peter Mahan, the addition of the elevator has eased access to the second floor and created quicker and more accessible routes to the library, cafeteria, art, and music classrooms. Students, teachers, staff, and administrators are grateful and excited for the opportunities this addition provides.



#### GREENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT





#### **Greenville Welcomes New Teachers and Staff**

From August 17<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup> new teachers and staff at GCS were welcomed to the 2009-2010 school year at the annual Summer Institute. Participants arrived eager and ready to learn about the District and meet with current teachers and staff. The ten day orientation offered various workshops and trainings. Topics included curriculum mapping, accessibility, and how to effectively use 21st Century tools and skills in the classroom.

New faces in the Middle School include Principal Brian Reeve, Special Education teacher Kristi Bullis, and Teaching Assistant Audrey Hynes. New to the High School are Teaching Assistant Faith Bowers, Social Studies teacher Benjamin Katagiri, and Guidance Counselor Nicole Susser. Also joining the District are MS/HS School Psychologist Michael Flagg and Elementary Teacher Michael Neary.

## **Students Creativity on Display**

Greenville students displayed their artwork at the annual District Art Show which was held in early June at the All Art Matters building. For the seventh year students in grades K – 12 participated in the annual end of year event. According to teacher, Sean Stewart, the goal of the program is to bring the art work of our talented students into a community venue. By holding the event in a community building he also hopes to foster a positive relationship between the art program and the community.









# Programs Relocated to Middle and High School from Questar

This school year some of our Middle and High School students formerly attending Questar III programs in Rennselear and Columbia counties have been relocated to our Greenville Central School District campus. This was accomplished by utilizing space formerly occupied by Head Start in the High School and by relocating some existing music classes to the modular, so that each school now has a classroom dedicated for the two classes for special education programming. With these classrooms, nine students who formerly were in attendance at an out-of-district school site will now be able to attend school with their classmates here at Greenville CSD.

The classrooms provide a convenient and comfortable space for students to learn and develop the skills they need to be successful in school and in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. With appropriate modern instructional technology, students will be supported by a special education teacher and teaching assistant. In addition, they will have access to a full-time School Psychologist.

According to Pupil Personnel Services Director, Lisa Knowles, having these programs on campus will result in a more personalized environment, closer monitoring of student progress and flexibility in programming. Having the students on campus will also provide them opportunities for participation in extra curricular activities and social integration within their home school community.

Initially, the District planned to relocate special education programs from out-of-district locations whenever possible over a span of several years. With the use of this classroom space at this time faculty, staff, and administrators are pleased to offer on-site programs to some of our students earlier than expected.

## **Reminders from the Transportation Department**

In mid-August families should have received postcards in the mail informing them of 2009-2010 bus routes and student pick-up times. The Transportation Department at GCS would like to remind families that students should arrive at the bus stop five minutes before their scheduled pick-up time and that someone should be available to meet their child at the end of the day.

In addition, note that scheduled pick-up and drop-off times may change throughout the year as students move, enter, or leave the District. If you have any questions regarding transportation please contact Transportation Supervisor Karen Morin at (518) 966-5070 ext. 463 or Doreen Duncan, Head Bus Driver, at (518) 966-5070 ext. 461 between the hours of 8:00 am and 1:00 pm. More information regarding transportation is available at <a href="http://www.greenville.k12.ny.us/transprt/">http://www.greenville.k12.ny.us/transprt/</a>.

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#### **Summer Learning Academy at Greenville**

A trip to Park Playhouse in Albany was the highlight of this year's Questar III Summer Learning Academy where students received the support they need to be successful learners next year.

From July 7<sup>th</sup> to August 14<sup>th</sup> students from Greenville Central School District and around Greene County participated in the Summer Academy, which is hosted at Scott M. Ellis Elementary. The program is designed to support academic and social progress for students with a twelve month Individual Education Plan. A total of thirty-two students ranging in ages from five to twenty years old attended the six week program.

This is the second year Greenville Central School District has hosted the Questar III program. According to Pupil Personnel Services Director Lisa Knowles, hosting the program at GCS is ideal for local students who comprise the majority of participants in the program. "It eliminates the need for daily transportation to an out-of-district site and allows parents the opportunity to visit for special events," Knowles explained.

This year's program included several field trips to local businesses as well as a day at Park Playhouse in Albany. Curriculum and support services included music, adaptive physical education, occupational, physical, and speech therapy.

#### **Reminders from Food Service**

Greenville Central School District would like to remind parents that a free or reduced meal plan is available for those families that qualify. Parents who may be eligible for free or reduced prices on school meals for their children are encouraged to apply. Parents can apply anytime during the school year. For more information on income guidelines and an application please visit the Food Services page on our website here, <a href="http://www.greenville.k12.ny.us/foodsvcs/">http://www.greenville.k12.ny.us/foodsvcs/</a>. Registration for this program is completely confidential.

Greenville Central School District offers a meal pre-payment program which is available to all students. For more information on the MyNutriKids program please visit their website at <a href="http://www.mynutrikids.com/">http://www.mynutrikids.com/</a> or contact our Food Service Director, Mr. Paul Ventura at (518) 966-5070 ext. 429.