



Fifth Grade Advancement Ceremony at Scott M. Ellis

Fifth grade students at Scott M. Ellis Elementary School participated in an Advancement Ceremony on June 22. Individual students were recognized for their academic and extra-curricular achievements and all students received Certificates of Advancement. Students were also welcomed to the Middle School by their new Principal, Mr. Reeve.

Awards were presented in the following categories: NYSSMA, Physical Education Student of the Year, Perfect Attendance, Math Awards, Art Student of the Year, Spelling Bee, Ernest Bell Scholarship Award, State of New York Office of the Comptroller, President’s Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement and President’s Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence.



Eighth Grade Graduation at GCS Middle School

Family and friends filled the High School Auditorium at Greenville on June 23rd as Eighth grade students participated in their graduation ceremony. All students received certificates from Mr. Reeve, Middle School Principal, and individual students were recognized for their academic achievements in specific subject areas, the Triple “C” Award and the New York State Comptroller Achievement Award. National Junior Honor Society President, Emily Mitchell, also spoke to her classmates expressing her reflections on her academic journey from entering Kindergarten and their efforts and successes through middle school. During the ceremony students also viewed a slide show of photos taken during their three years in the Middle School and received a welcome from the High School Principal, Mr. Laster. Congratulations to the class of 2014!

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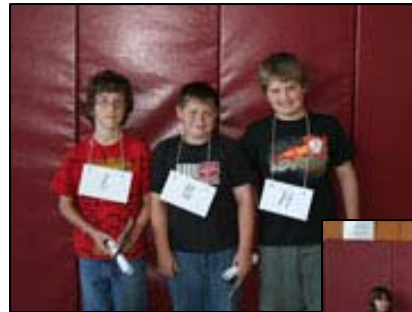


High School Senior Recognized as Outstanding Business Education Student

During an awards ceremony held in May, Greenville High School senior, Makayla Warren was recognized as an Outstanding Business Education Student by the Capital District Business and Marketing Educators' Association (BMEA). The event honoured thirty-nine students from the Capital Region who each received a plaque, flowers and school supplies for their freshman year in college. Seen here is Makayla with President of the BMEA Richard Heim. Congratulations Makayla on your accomplishment!

Fifth Grade Spelling Bee

Eighteen students from Scott M. Ellis competed for the title of top speller in the annual 5th grade spelling bee on June 11. The eighteen semi-finalists competed in twelve rounds until the top three spellers were determined. Daniel Mackey is this year's winner, Lucas Makely placed second with Paul Pisarri in third. Semi-finalists included Justine Albin, Colleen Corrigan, Scott Davis, Elizabeth Duker, Sean Fox, David Gonzalez, Hannah Holznagel, Joseph Knight, Daniel Mackey, Lucas Makely, Joan Marie McAneny, Asya McMullin, Genevieve Palmer, Abby Peters, Paul Pissari, Zachary Snow, Quinn Turon and Liam Williams. Congratulations to all of our spelling bee participants!



Sixth Grade Science Classes Participate in CSI Lab

Sixth grade students in Ms. Conroy's science classes participated in a three-day laboratory experiment to solve a "mock CSI investigation" using deductive reasoning. Students analyzed crime scene evidence through a variety of lab stations to identify the individual responsible for a murder. Students were given details collected from investigators regarding a variety of possible suspects as well as forensic evidence including footprints, wooden blocks, dirt, lipstick prints and fingerprints found at the scene. This laboratory experiment incorporated the application of skills developed throughout the school year.

Fifth Grade Students Attend Minds On Young Writers' Day

Fifth grade students spent May 21 refining their writing skills at the Rensselaerville Institute's Minds On Young Writers' Day. Students attended four Civil War themed sessions on poetry, scene development, character development and revision. Presenter Reggie Harris taught students several quotes they can use to help them with their writing techniques such as, 'a writer writes from observation' and 'writers have to slow things down in their minds'. Students continued their work at school by creating personal writing projects in class.



Community Garden at Greenville High School

Students of Ms. Kehrer's Plant Science and Landscape Design classes planned and planted a campus garden. Community member, Mr. Bower donated his time and effort to build six raised beds for the garden which offers a variety of vegetables and large flower urns. The students grew a portion of the vegetables from seeds in the greenhouse with the remaining plants being purchased through a grant from the PTSA. This project has incorporated many students, multiple departments, faculty and staff including the buildings and grounds department.

Elementary Students Visit Pine Bush Preserve

First and second grade multiage students spent a day at the Pine Bush Preserve learning how living creatures depend on their environment. To prepare for the day representatives from the preserve came to Scott M. Ellis to help students plant wild lupine seeds in the classroom. Students took care of the seedlings for four weeks and then planted them in the sandy soil found at the preserve. Wild lupine are essential to the life of the endangered Karner Blue Butterfly, a species that thrives at the preserve. While at the preserve students also walked along nature trails and visited the Discovery Center where they were encouraged to touch, listen, look and interact with the displays as they completed an interactive scavenger hunt.





Sixth Grade Students Create Medieval Diaries

During the month of June students in Ms. Carlton's sixth grade English class created medieval diaries as a research and writing assignment. Students researched medieval topics, developed fictional medieval characters and then created historical fiction diaries based on their research. Students bound their diaries, created covers and then stained the pages using tea bags, to create an aged look.

Students at Scott M. Ellis Learn About Bees

On May 24 first and second grade multiage students attended a presentation on bees and beekeeping given by retired Greenville Faculty Association member and beekeeper Mr. Ronconi. Students learned about the items we use everyday that are made from bee products including candles and honey. Mr. Ronconi brought beekeeper clothing, tools, and fresh honey for students to see, feel and taste. Students also viewed a live bee hive then located the queen. This enrichment opportunity was funded by a grant from the Greenville Educational Foundation.



Spring Athletics at GCS

On June 9 Greenville High School held its annual Spring Sports Picnic and Awards Night to recognize individual players for their outstanding efforts during the season. Coaches presented plaques to students receiving the Coach's Award and Most Valuable Player (MVP). All seniors received special recognition and a plaque to honor their athletic achievements.

Coach's Award recipients included Ross Bentley, Edward Welsch, Thomas LoPresti, Alexandria VanAuken, Eamon Collins, Jenna Schlenker and Kaela Koerner. Most Valuable Player awards were given to Steven Nevis, Scott Fox, Heather Carl, Lauren Finch, John Hicks, Patrick Ostoyich and Jaime Staunch. Congratulations to all of our athletes for another great season!



1000 Book Program at Scott M. Ellis

Congratulations to first grade students Jessica Wank and Troy Wank for completing the 1000 Book Program at Scott M. Ellis Elementary School. The program promotes literacy at an early age by challenging students to read 1000 books with their parents before the end of first grade. The program is free and books are provided by the school. For more information on the 1000 Book Program please contact Ms. Konas at konasse@greenville.k12.ny.us.



Greenville CSD Music Students Attend Jazz Concert

On June 4, Jazz trombonist Luis Bonilla and his all-star quintet performed at GCS for instrumental and choral students in grades five through twelve. The quintet performed various songs from their newest album including favorite, *Luminescence*. After the performance students asked questions about the instruments, the music and what it is like to be a jazz musician. Thank you Mr. Benedict and Planet Arms for arranging this performance.

Elementary Students Complete Pennies for Peace

Since November students at Scott M. Ellis have been participating in the “Pennies for Peace Program” allowing them to donate pennies towards the purchase of supplies for schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan. To help students celebrate their accomplishments throughout the year they attended an assembly where all their pennies were collected and they heard from guest speaker Chief Warrant Officer 2, William Accuosti of the Army Reserves. Mr. Accuosti recently served in the Middle East and graciously answered questions from students and spoke to them about the schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan.



Latin America Day at Ellis Elementary

On May 28 students at Scott M. Ellis celebrated Latin America Day by participating in hands-on workshops about the culture, arts, sports, dance and food that exist in Latin America. Students sampled Latin American cuisine during lunch and then attended an interactive performance by Alex Torres and his orchestra.

During the performance students practiced the Latin inspired dance steps they learned in the workshop. They learned about traditional Latin American musical instruments and had the opportunity to join the orchestra on stage. Students enjoyed this day of interactive, hands-on learning.

6th Grade Science Classes Learn about Endangered Species

Students in Ms. Conroy's 6th grade science class recently attended a presentation on endangered species given by Beth Bidwell from the Wildlife Institute of Eastern New York. Students learned about many types of animals, asked questions and were able to see live animals including a red-tailed hawk, snapping turtle, Bard owl and black-rat snake. Thank you Ms. Bidwell for visiting!



Third and Fourth Grade Multiage Classes Visit Plimoth Plantation

The third and fourth grade multiage classes took a field trip to Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth, MA on June 3. Students met with Native Americans in Hobbamock's Homesite and the Village of Plimoth where they asked questions, listened to stories and watched the natives cook and complete daily chores that were essential to survival during 1627. Students also toured the Living History Museum and Mayflower II where they were able to see first hand the living quarters of both sailors and pilgrims during their voyage to the New World.

The 3-4 Team would like to thank all the community members and parents who helped make this trip possible through fundraising and volunteer efforts.

Greenville Board of Education Recognizes Faculty

During the June 14 Board of Education meeting several faculty members were acknowledged for their dedication to the District. Marianne Augstein retires with twenty-eight years of service to the children of Greenville Central School District as a bus driver and custodian. Gloria Bear retires with twenty-eight years of service and Kathleen Nelson retires with thirteen years of service to the children of GCS as Elementary Teachers. Additionally, thirteen faculty members were acknowledged for receiving tenure including Janine Martin, Barbara Brandon, Brian Hostash, James McElwey, Margaret Robertson, Karen Rosenberg, Barbara Drasby, Ellen Stahlman, Tracy Bensen, Michaela Kehrer, Jose Roselli, Brian Thela and Julie Hallenbeck. Congratulations to all these dedicated individuals.

