



The 83rd Annual Commencement at Greenville Central School

Greenville Central School held the 83rd annual Commencement ceremony on Saturday June 25th with 100 students receiving their diplomas. Valedictorian, Emily Bobrick, and Salutatorian, Kerry Brown, both spoke to their fellow classmates expressing gratitude for the past thirteen years together and spoke eloquently of their future potential in the world. In addition to the graduating seniors, Martin Darling received an Honorary Equivalency Diploma from his district of residence, Catskill, with his granddaughter Ashleigh Brandt. Mr. Darling was eligible to receive this honorary diploma as a veteran of the United States Army serving in peace time. Several students were acknowledged for their receipt of graduation awards held at a prior ceremony and High School Principal, Mr. Laster, thanked the many area businesses and community members who provided the many student scholarships. The class of 2011 received their diplomas from Mr. Wilton Bear, Jr. President of the Board of Education and Ms. Cheryl A. Dudley, Superintendent of Schools. Congratulations to the Class of 2011!



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Eighth Grade Graduation

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. 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 High School Principal, Mr. Laster.



Fifth Grade Advancement Ceremony

Fifth grade students at Scott M. Ellis Elementary 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.

Kindergarten Experiences Honest Weight

Members of the Honest Weight Food Co-op of Albany, NY visited our kindergarten classes on June 14th. Students constructed fruit and vegetable sculptures consisting of animal wagons, starbursts, lady bugs, silly faces, and caterpillars. After sharing their favorite fruits and vegetables, students had the opportunity to eat their creations. Funds from the Challenge Program made this event possible.



Our School Environment Project

Students in the IB Biology and IB Environmental Systems and Societies classes collaborated to complete their Group 4 Project. The Group 4 Project of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme for the sciences requires students to work together to select a topic, complete research on the topic, and present their research to other students and faculty. Students selected the overall category “Our School Environment” and within small groups, they selected their research topics which included air quality, microorganisms, nutrient content of school food, soil quality and water quality. Through research and experimentation students presented their findings to faculty and their peers with posters that explained their process and results.



Math, Science and Golf in Tech Valley Day

Thirty-seven students in grades five through eight participated in the Tech Valley Youth Golf program at Rainbow Golf Club on Thursday, June 6th. Tech Valley Youth Golf (TVYG) brings the character-building game of golf to youth throughout Tech Valley and provides a forum to meet and compete in a fair way with other youth with similar interests. Students learned the physics of golf and had the opportunity to practice applying physics and mathematics in estimating distances, selecting the right golf club, and on the putting green.

Fifth Grade Spelling Bee at Ellis

Students in fifth grade participated in classroom spelling bees with the top fifteen spellers competing on June 10th. Caeley Bachman, Cody Bryan, Riley Connors, Allie Cullen, Elise DuBois, Milton Edmonds, Quinn Heron, Madalyn Krasney, Nick Miller, Paul Mitchell, Donal O’Flynn, Faith Schatzel, Hanna Smith, Ethan Spring and Emily Vetere were given words in advance of the spell-off and their classmates and audience members cheered throughout the competition. The top three spellers were Cody Bryan, and Paul Mitchell with Caeley Bachman as the overall winner. The goal of this process is to improve spelling and word study as well as to prepare students for participation in the annual Scripps Spelling Bee at the Middle School. Congratulations to all our fifth grade students for their efforts to improve their spelling.



Fourth and Fifth Graders Participate in Math Olympiads

Twenty-two students in grades four and five enrolled in the 2010-2011 Math Olympiads and were among the 105,000 students worldwide to participate this year. Students participated in twice-monthly practice sessions and completed five monthly contests from November through April. The children worked very hard to solve unusual and difficult problems, practiced problem solving strategies, and thought creatively about mathematics. Congratulations to our 2010-2011 Math Olympiads: Autumn Brennan, Will Connolly, Josette Content, Chloe Cox, Bergen Criswell, Elise DuBois, Jackson Dushane, Milton Edmonds, Olivia Gorneau, Morgan Hallenbeck, Dan Mahoney, Lenore Mardas, Lydia Mardas, Nick Miller, Keenan Mulholland, Aidan O'Connor, Brooke O'Keefe, Olivia Otero, Bridget Rose, Peyton Russell, Hannah Smith and Victoria Wilson.

While all these "mathletes" have received Certificates of Participation for their hard work and success, several have been recognized with national awards for excellence in the Elementary Division of the Math Olympiads including two team certificates for placing among the top 20% of all elementary teams and within the top 20% of all fourth and fifth grade teams. Several fifth graders also shared the top three spots including a three-way tie for first place between Peyton Russell, Milton Edmonds, and Daniel Mahoney. Elise DuBois and Hannah Smith achieved second place and Olivia Gorneau and Morgan Hallenbeck earned third place. The difference between first and third place was just three points! For their outstanding achievement these students received a silver pin, which is awarded to the top 10% nationwide. In addition, an embroidered felt patch is awarded to those in the top 50% of all participants nationwide. Twenty students from Scott M. Ellis earned this honor.

Our students have responded to this challenge with eagerness and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all for their hard work and success.



Community Service at GCS Middle School

On Monday June 13th members of the Middle School Student Council walked to the Greenville Food Pantry to learn about this wonderful local resource. Mr. and Ms. Soldner graciously offered to teach the students about the operations of the food pantry and the importance of serving the local community. While there, students packed several bags of food and did other errands for the food pantry.

The Greenville Food Pantry is located in the front of the Town Park. It is open on the second and fourth Wednesday and it is run by volunteers. The Middle School Student Council held a food drive earlier in the year and donated over 100 items to the food pantry.

Career Fair at Scott M. Ellis

“How I Got Here” was the title of Career Fair at Scott M. Ellis which provided the opportunity for fifth grade students to learn about careers in a variety of fields including veterinary science, civil engineering, masonry, construction, dentistry, CAD design, environmental toxicology, medicine, social work, costume design, culinary arts, small engine repair, pharmacology and fire fighting. Presenters shared their educational background, personal interests that led them to choose the career, and insight into the daily activities of their profession. Students were prepared with various questions and were actively involved in the discussion of each workshop. “The Career Fair was organized in response to the need for students to see the connections between education and their future. It is hoped that students will apply what they learned from the presenters to their own lives as they dream and plan for their futures.” says elementary guidance counselor Erin DuBois. Special thanks to our presenters Robert Sielaff, Sam Rothe, Julia Wilkinson, Slater Hubicki, Katrina Mancini, David Mancini, Julianne Baumann, Jason Sonnelly, Martin Kelly, Jennifer Raskopf, Dawn Hynes, Christopher Hynes, Jason Krasney and David Bader who graciously shared their time and talents with our fifth grade students



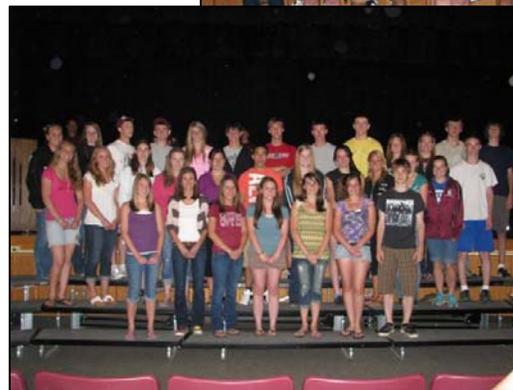
Ellis Elementary Chess Club News

The Ellis Elementary Chess Club has had an exciting spring with a visit this past month from John McManus of the LaSalle School in Albany. Mr. McManus is a well-known Chess Instructor who also organizes a highly respected series of Chess Tournaments accessible to children of all ages in the Capital Region. He spent an afternoon speaking to the Chess Club about ethical play, strategy, development of opening moves, possible game endings, and other informative topics. The students thoroughly enjoyed his presentation and were also delighted with his very positive comments regarding the structure and technical development demonstrated in their play.

In late May, both chess clubs held their annual Chess Extravaganza. The students engaged in recreational play on a 12' by 12' chess board upon which they acted as live chess pieces. This special activity promoted team building skills, strategy, and shared decision-making opportunities. The chess board was provided by a generous grant funded by the GCS PTA/PTSA last summer.

Athletics at GCS High School

The High School Athletics Awards Night was held on Friday, June 3rd to celebrate the many successes of our High School Athletes. Students were recognized for Most Valuable Player, Scholar Athletes, and were selected for Coaches Awards. The following Seniors were also acknowledged for their consistent efforts throughout their High School years: Johanna Albert, Michael Amedure, Michael Blake, Ashleigh Brandt, Kerry Brown, Sydney Carella, Daniel Carl, Douglas Colletti, Timothy Crosby, Andrew Fishlinger, Tracy Flynn, Scott Fox, Tyler Greco, Scott Goodfellow, Bonnie Harvey, Morgan Haskin, John Hicks, Michelle Jackson, Kain Klob, Stephanie Kraker, Samuel Kudlack, Connor Lynch, Rita Lord, Ryan McGuinness, Sharon McKay, Sarah McNally, Ryan Murphy, Stevin Nevins, Bradley O'Keefe, Kelly Olmsted, Patrick Ostoyich, Lea Postel, Christopher Rodriguez, Dylan Rogers, Michael Sanchez, Jessica Schonning, Melissa Silvia, Douglas Stover, Kristina Vitale, William VonAtzingen, Edward Welsch, TalorAnne Young. Congratulations to all our Spring Athletes!



Healthier You at Scott M. Ellis

On Thursday, June 16th thirty-one fifth grade students presented the Healthier You Workshop Stations. Participants researched the health benefits of their foods, and prepared samples for their fifth grade classmates. The stations included: Yummy Fruit, Granola and Yogurt Parfaits with homemade granola, Whole Wheat Pancakes with Berry Sauce, Homemade No-Bake Energy Bars, Cool Veggie Pizza Spread, Quinoa or Whole Wheat Pasta and Veggie Salad, Homemade Bean and Hummus Dips, Make Your Own Trail Mix, Cookies-n-Cream Cupcakes and Whole Grain Brownies. Recipe booklets were provided for everyone and students also experienced a display entitled "Fast Food Check" which showed bags holding the fat, sodium, and sugar content of some very popular fast food items.

