



**Fifth Annual Quiz Night**

Greenville Middle School held its fifth annual Quiz Night on Friday, March 2. Thirty-five teams of three came out to match wits with fellow middle school students. During the four rounds, students were asked a variety of academic and pop culture questions. Ms. Moylan acted as emcee for the evening, with the assistance of Ms. Hollywood, Ms. Kudlack, and Ms. Lewis. The competition was fierce but friendly. The Super Team of Brittany Johnson, Sean McAneny, and Jacob Gorneau placed first for the second year in a row. Taking second place was the dynamic team of John DuBois, Kennedy Foster, and Emily Fagan. The sensational team of Paul Bear, Lucas Makley, and Quinn Turon took third place. Congratulations to the winners and all who participated in Quiz Night.

Quiz Night was made possible by our PTSA who graciously furnished prize money and delicious food as they have for the past four years. Thank you, PTSA.



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### College and Career Readiness Day

Greenville students in grades kindergarten through twelve participated in a first-ever College and Career Readiness Day on March 19, 2012. While workshops were differentiated to meet the needs of our students, the focus for the day was clearly preparing students for their futures.

High School students began their morning with a keynote by Mike Russo, Director of US Government Relations and Regulatory Affairs, from Global Foundries. Mr. Russo shared an overview of Global Foundries, the importance of students gaining a deep understanding of science and math, continuing their education and 21<sup>st</sup> century job skills including critical thinking, problem-solving, communication skills and flexibility. Following the presentation students participated in various workshops on topics including workplace behaviors, mock interviews, creating resumes, finding job leads and interviewing techniques. Career exploration breakout sessions were also available for high school students.

Middle School students started their day with a presentation on careers as they relate to Holland's six personality types. The day continued with a series of workshops focused on careers in the areas of teacher/nutritionist, pilot, animal cruelty investigator, and veterinarian. Columbia-Greene Questar III teachers spoke with students regarding opportunities through Vocational Education and Mr. Walker, school counselor from Tech Valley, discussed the opportunities available for students attending Tech Valley. Another session shared the importance of volunteerism as an approach to gaining career experience for the future as well as the concept of giving back to our local community. Students were provided journals and throughout the day they wrote about what they learned and identified some potential career paths. The day ended with the Director of Admissions and the Director of Career Counseling outlining course availability and majors at Hudson Valley Community College.

Elementary students in grades kindergarten through fourth worked with classroom teachers to learn about careers and our fifth grade students participated in a series of career topics with local professionals. Presenters included a CAD designer, physician, social worker, dental hygienist, pharmacist, mechanical engineer, veterinarian, contractor, law enforcement officer and fireman.

This event would not be possible without the combined collaboration and commitment of the K-12 GCS Guidance Counselors. High School counselors Kenneth Landversicht and Nicole Susser, Middle School counselor Michelle Fisher and Elementary counselor Erin DuBois began planning for the College and Career Readiness Day in July of 2011 and the success of the event was due to their efforts.



**GCS Hosts Tri-Valley FFA Career Development Event Competitions**

On March 3, 2012 the Greenville FFA chapter brought many members to the Tri-Valley FFA Chapter for district Career Development Event (CDE) competitions. FFA members competed in a variety of contests including: Prepared Public Speaking, People in Agriculture, Job Interview, Extemporaneous Speaking and many more. The Greenville FFA members worked very hard to prepare for these competitions, with many members placing in the competitions. Ashley Gifford placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Jr. Prepared Public Speaking, Amanda Terrell placed 1<sup>st</sup> in People in Agriculture, Jessica Scarlatta placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in People in Agriculture, Carly Estep placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Extemporaneous speaking, Kelsey Gardner placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Extemporaneous speaking, Cynthia Chesbro placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the job interview competition, Megan Terrell placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sr. Prepared Public Speaking and Samantha Case placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Creed Speaking. Honorable mention was earned by Bailey Licata, Grace Chesbro, Claudia Anderson, Morgan Hallenbeck, Ethan Cunnan, and Emily Statham. The members who placed in the top 6 will move to the sub-states CDE competition held in Oxford, NY on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to all who participated.



**Math Night at Scott M. Ellis**

Family Math Night was held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at Scott M. Ellis Elementary School with students in grades two through five and their parents enjoying an exciting evening of math exploration and learning. Each of the various activities provided an educational and fun evening for all. Families were able to work with iPods to solve problems, practice skills and make the connection between technology and math. The Promethean board explorations in math allowed students and parents to participate while using technology in an interactive environment. Hands-on games, activities, and make and take projects taught strategies and skills completing the evening. Family Math Night, coordinated by Barbara Brandon and many faculty members, has become a popular and well-attended school event.





### Peer Mediation Training

Several students in grades eight through twelve received training in Peer Mediation on March 6<sup>th</sup> from Peter Glassman and Sarah Rudgers-Tysz. Mr. Glassman is the former Executive Director of Mediation Matters in Albany and he is currently in private practice. Ms. Rudgers-Tysz is the current Executive Director. Peer Mediation is a conflict resolution process that provides students the opportunity to resolve their issues peacefully by developing their own mutually acceptable solution. A peer mediator is a neutral party who has been trained to facilitate this process. The training provides students with improved skills in active listening, dispute resolution, and contract writing. Michelle Fisher advises our Peer Mediators and organizes this annual training for our students.



### Jump Rope for Heart

Scott M. Ellis Elementary students participated in our 16<sup>th</sup> annual Jump Rope for Heart raising money for the American Heart Association. By jumping rope and securing sponsors, students raise money for the fight against heart disease and stroke while learning about the seriousness of heart disease and stroke and the importance of living a heart-healthy lifestyle.

This year the elementary third, fourth and fifth grade students raised \$11,509 and in our sixteen years of participation have raised \$134,755.65. Special thanks to Bryant's Grand Union Market for donating fresh fruit for the 197 children that participated in the event.

### Athletics at GCS

Our spring varsity and junior varsity sports began in earnest at the beginning of March, and we are excited about the prospects of the upcoming seasons. We are looking forward to a special baseball game on April 17<sup>th</sup> that will be played In Cooperstown, New York on the Doubleday fields. This is a beautiful facility that is located in the center of baseball history. Our team will be playing Catskill High School, and the team is very excited. Hopefully, some of the fans will have the opportunity to make the trip, watch the game, and explore the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The athletic department and all of our spring sports teams are looking forward to seeing you at games and matches.

### **Dental Van Visits Scott M. Ellis**

Columbia Memorial Hospital and the Greene County Rural Health Network with approval from the New York State Department of Health will provide dental services to all GCS students in grades kindergarten through fifth. A form will be sent home with your child in April, upon returning the completed form to school your child will be seen by a registered hygienist and licensed dentist.

Services will vary according to the needs of each child. Children who have their back molars will be able to have sealants applied to prevent decay. Children can have their teeth cleaned and all other services they may need. (Orthodontic services are not included in this program.)

There are no out of pocket expenses for these dental services, with Medicaid, Child Health Plus or your private insurance company being billed for the service. If your child is not covered under a program of insurance, they are still eligible to receive dental services. Remember, there is no out of pocket expense.

The Dental Van will be here beginning in mid-April, so watch for permission forms. Please feel free to call the Health Office at 966-5070 ext 320 if you have any questions.

### **Bopitude CD Release Concert**

The Greenville Central School District will host a benefit concert for the Greenville Education Foundation. This jazz concert will also serve as a CD Release Concert for Greenville High School's band director Michael Benedict's most recent professional recording.

Michael Benedict & BOPITUDE featuring Gary Smulyan will perform in concert at the Greenville High School auditorium on April 6 at 7:30PM. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students. Reservations can be made by calling 518-966-5070 ext. 439. Seating is reserved and limited.

Michael Benedict & BOPITUDE is a jazz quintet that released their first album in May, 2011. The album gained national attention and was ranked #49 in August, 2011 for national radio play for a jazz recording. The album was on the nominating ballot for the 54<sup>th</sup> annual GRAMMY Awards. Its members include Michael Benedict-drums, Bruce Barth-piano, Brian Patneau-tenor saxophone, Chris Pasin-trumpet and Mike Lawrence-bass. The new recording, Five and One, will be released on April 6 and feature Gary Smulyan. The baritone saxophonist is a four-time winner of the Down Beat Critic's and Reader's Polls and a multiple winner of numerous other official polls including the Jazz Journalists Award for Baritone Saxophonist of the Year. He is a six-time GRAMMY award winner for his work with B.B. King, Joe Lovano, Dave Holland and the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra. Five and One will be released on the Planet Arts label. Planet Arts and associates have extensive experience in designing and administering arts education and outreach programs and a wealth of creative and pedagogical resources to assist in the development and implementation of arts education projects.



The Greenville Middle and High School Jazz Ensembles will perform a warm-up set at the beginning of the concert.

This concert is funded by the Walenta and Clark Insurance Agency and the Tri-M Music Honor Society. All ticket sales from this concert will go directly to the Greenville Education Foundation.

The mission of the Greenville Educational Foundation is to strengthen and enhance the experience of students in the Greenville Central School District by sponsoring program innovations for students and supporting superior teaching and educational leadership. Passionate about excellence in education, the Foundation actively seeks the involvement of individuals, families, businesses and friends of Greenville in all of its initiatives and efforts.