



Once on This Island at GCS High School

During the weekend of April 29th thirty-six students took the stage at Greenville High School to present *Once on This Island*. Professionals from The Schenectady Light Opera Company (SLOC) attended one of the performances to consider the production for the High School Musical Theater Award Program. After reviewing dozens of shows from Schenectady, Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schoharie counties from October through May, *Once on This Island* placed third overall. In addition to this incredible honor, five students were nominated for Best Performer Awards including: Sydney Carella, Kacee Womack, Marta Kelly, Nate Bowman and Sarah McNally. A special thanks to Sean Stewart, Sara Statham, Casey Gannon and Sandy Arnone who offered their time and talents to support the production. Congratulations to all the students, parents, and community members who contributed to our award-winning musical production!



“Young at Art” Show

Come celebrate the arts with our very talented GCS student artists. Our annual “Young at Art” student exhibit will be open to the public from June 4th through June 17th at the Greenville Community Center/Art Gallery at the Town Library. The opening reception will be June 10th from 3-5 PM. Please come and leave a note to our student artists in the guest book.

Coaches Versus Cancer at GCS

The GCS Varsity Baseball and Softball Teams hosted Coaches vs. Cancer benefit games Friday May 6th at GCS High School raising \$248 for the American Cancer Society.



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Survive the Drive Presentation

The Greenville High School in collaboration with our MS/HS PTSA hosted an afternoon assembly titled *Survive the Drive* on Thursday, May 19th for grades 9-12.

SurvivetheDrive® is a program designed and led by nationally known presenter, Mr. Bob Green. It is intended to educate teenage students about automotive safety and violence prevention. SurvivetheDrive® educates drivers of all ages, particularly vulnerable and inexperienced teenage drivers, about the often hideous and everlasting results of inattentive driving. He focused the students on the detrimental activities of texting, reading, drinking, phoning and any other activities that may impede safe driving.

SurvivetheDrive® motivates and informs teenage drivers to understand their own vulnerability and imprint safe driving attitudes, behaviors and techniques. Their goal is to save lives and make communities safer environments in which to live and work.

This mission aligns with our high school's goal of providing experiences for students to raise their awareness about safe driving practices. It also compliments our character educational opportunities that occur throughout the school year.

Thank you to the MS/HS PTSA for their coordination and sponsorship of this event!



GCS Middle School Announces National Junior Honor Society Inductees

On Wednesday, May 18th, eighteen wonderful students were inducted into the Greenville Chapter of The National Junior Honor Society. The five pillars of the National Junior Honor Society are scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship. The following inductees have already demonstrated their commitment to these honorable standards:

Urja Bhatia, Tyler Biernacki, Carly Bryan, Chenoa Cox, Erin Crawley, Bryan Drossel, John DuBois, Ashley Gifford, Jacob Gorneau, Alyssa Hopkins, Taylor Huemmer-Harnett, Brittany Johnson, Madison Kappel, Sean McAneny, Taylor McGuinness, Bethany Overbaugh, Kristen Silk, Elaina Spahmer



The ceremony was well-attended by parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, and family friends of the inductees. The induction was lead by our chapter's president, Bethany Mitchell and she did a wonderful job in her role. Mr. Reeve, the guest speaker and the Middle School Principal, delivered a heartfelt speech to the candidates. The ceremony was opened and closed by Mrs. Fisher, the NJHS advisor. Students that are currently in the National Junior Honor Society played a significant role in the ceremony and the reception as well. The current members are:

Caroline Bobrick, Rachel Coe-Scharff, James Herbstritt, Carly Johnson, Jaymey Kuykendall, Olivia McAneny, *Bethany Mitchell (president), Julianna Rauf, Zoe Rudloff, Catherine Sielaff

Tammy Sutherland Recognized as NYSASBO's Outstanding Member of the Year

The New York State Association of School Business Officials, NYSASBO, Capital Chapter has recognized Tammy Sutherland as their outstanding member for 2010-2011. This recognition is given annually to a member who exemplifies the honor, commitment, and dedication of the school business officials within the chapter. Ms. Sutherland began working at Greenville Central School District in 1986, serving first as the Treasurer for ten years and then continuing as the Assistant Superintendent of Business for the past fifteen years.

Ms. Sutherland was praised for her work over the last eleven years, first as a Trustee and then as the Chairperson with the RCG Health Insurance Trust. This trust serves 23 school districts in Rensselaer, Columbia and Greene Counties. Since 2006, the trust has distributed over 10 million dollars in Blue Shield Dividends back to the districts based on their contribution surpluses.

In recognition of Ms. Sutherland's outstanding work, the scholarship committee will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a student from Greenville Central School District. Through an application process, seniors planning to pursue a post-secondary course of study in business, finance, and/or education are eligible for the scholarship. The winner of the scholarship will be announced at the High School Awards Banquet. Congratulations Ms. Sutherland for this well-deserved recognition!



Birds of Prey Visit Scott M. Ellis

On May 3rd students in the first and second grade Multi-age classes enjoyed a presentation by bird expert Beth Bidwell from the Wildlife Institute of Eastern New York sponsored by the Elementary PTA. Ms. Bidwell brought five birds of prey: the peregrine falcon, Cooper's hawk, red-tailed hawk, barred owl and the great horned owl. The children watched the birds closely, asked many questions after her presentation, and learned about the special adaptations that make these birds specialized predators at the top of their food chain. All of the birds were hit by cars while hunting for their prey and could not be rehabilitated for release back into the wild due to the extent of their injuries. For more information on the program visit www.wildlifeinstitute.org

GCS High School Students Participate in Art Exhibit

Artwork by Garianne Sheridan and Tracy Flynn were selected for the Questar III High School Student Art Exhibit. Garianne won third place for her painted plaster titled Puzzled and Tracy entered a gothic house model and a collage representing the aftermath of the tsunami in Japan titled And Then it was Quiet.



First Annual Lemonade Day for Greene County

On May 1st seventy-seven GCS students participated in the first-ever Lemonade Day in Greene County. Students enrolled with families to participate in the event and received a backpack with materials on being an entrepreneur. All aspects of creating and running a business were incorporated into this hands-on project including creating a business plan, finding investors, creating the lemonade, making the stand, hiring staff and customer service. Students were encouraged to repay their investors, donate to charity and place their earnings in a savings account.

The best tasting lemonade contest was held on April 23rd with seventeen stands represented throughout the county. Erin Sprague and Makayla Peseka won with their Sour Power Drop Lemonade with the prize being a new iPad. Congratulations to all our GCS students who participated in this wonderful event.



“The Ever After” at Scott M. Ellis

Fifty fifth grade students collaborated to bring “The Ever After” to life at Scott M. Ellis. The book was written by Nathan Harstwick and music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur. “The students did an outstanding job memorizing lines, staging and performing the music. It was a pleasure to work with so many dedicated individuals,” stated director Alicia Lewis. Special thanks to Jan Lucente, Sue Mahoney, Nobalee Monkell, Christine Wegrzyn, Carla Panzarino, and Edward Cox for their efforts with the show and thank you to each and every student, parent and friend who helped to make the set look fabulous.



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 play several word games. Students always look forward to this annual donation.



Athletics at GCS

Nicole Wickham has been selected as the East Region Player of the Week by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association for the week ending May 16th. Nicole pitched a perfect game against Maple Hill striking out 19 of the 21 batters she faced. She followed that effort with a complete game shutout in an 11-0 win over Hudson. For the season the junior right-hander is hitting .429 and a .22 ERA. Congratulations to Nicole and the entire GCS softball team.

The GCS track team is very competitive this year earning 36 medals at the Fonda Relays and breaking eleven school records including 4 x 1600 with a time of 20:38:4 (Tim Crosby, Ryan McGuinness, Patrick Ostoyich, and Casey Yeomans); the Sprint Medley Relay with a time of 3:48 (Bradley O'Keefe, Ryan McGuinness, Tim Crosby, Patrick Ostoyich); the Distance Medley Relay with a time of 13:44 (Ryan McGuinness, Bradley O'Keefe, Tim Crosby, and Patrick Ostoyich); 4 x 400 Relay with a time of 3:32:21 (Patrick Ostoyich, Ryan McGuinness, Bradley O'Keefe, and Tim Crosby); the 4 x 100 Relay with a time of 45:9 (Tim Crosby, Bradley O'Keefe, Marcel Dupuis, Ryan McGuinness); 100 Meter Dash with a time of 11:1:16 (Bradley O'Keefe, a 20 year old record); 1600 Meter Run with a time of 4:31.38 (Patrick Ostoyich, a 26 year old record); the 4 x 200 Freshman and Sophomore relay with a time of 1:48:10 (Brett Yeomans, Casey Yeomans, James Cramer, Jared Deluca); the Sprint Medley Relay for Freshmen and Sophomores with a time of 1:51:94 (Cadey Yeomans, Brett Yeomans, James Cramer and Bayley Kuykendall); the 4 x 100 Freshman and Sophomore relay with a time of 52:8 (James Cramer, Bayley Kuykendall, Brett Yeomans, Jared Deluca), and the 4 x 400 Freshman and Sophomore relay with a time of 4:11 (Brett Yeomans, Casey Yeomans, Jared Deluca, and Bayley Kuykendall).

Patron Conference Champions include Patrick Ostoyich for the 1600 Meter, Ryan McGuinness for the 800 Meter and Heather Carl for the Pentathlon.



IB Math Courses

The IB Math Studies SL course and the IB Mathematics SL courses are currently offered as part of the IB Programme at GCS High School. The IB Math Studies LS is a two-year program available at Standard Level (SL) and is intended for students with varied backgrounds and abilities to build confidence and encourage an appreciation of mathematics. The curriculum for this course concentrates on real-world applications of math and requires students to produce a project, a piece of written work based on personal research, guided and supervised by the instructor. The project provides an opportunity for students to carry out a mathematical investigation in the context of another course being studied, a hobby or interest of their choice using skills learned before and during the course. The Math Studies class will be starting a PBL unit on Finance. Students will be expected to collaborate in teams of 5 to research and develop a financial plan and present this plan to the class incorporating various technologies.

The IB Mathematics SL course is also a two-year program available at the Standard Level (SL) with the New York State mathematics courses of Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra II/Trigonometry and their associated Regents examinations acting as the IB preparatory curriculum for students in grades 8 through 10. The Mathematics SL class will be studying topics in Matrices, Vectors, and Probability in the 4th quarter and will also be completing a portfolio task at the end of May. The second of two internal assessments, the modeling task, is designed to give students an opportunity to experience the beauty, power and usefulness of mathematics through mathematical modeling. Students will use their problem solving skills to develop a model to solve a specific question and will then test the validity and discuss the limits of their model. The task gives students a chance to not only use technology, but to reflect on the limits of technology in problem solving. The tasks allow students to focus on skills such as problem solving, communication, manipulating data, and using appropriate forms of technology.

Illustrating Nature

Several Greenville High School Art Students participated in a Minds On Workshop titled *Illustrating Nature* on May 10th. The students visited the Huyck Preserve in Rensselaerville and created illustrations based on nature drawing techniques inspired by the natural surroundings and live animal models.

