



Valerie Kappel Recognized as Teacher of the Month

Teacher Appreciation Month ends with a surprise for one of our kindergarten teachers. On May 21st Valerie Kappel was honored as Teacher of the Month by 98.5 the CAT after being nominated by a parent because she inspires a love of reading, preparation for the future, a caring classroom and students making good choices. Bill Williams presented Ms. Kappel with a plaque and shared that many teachers from Greenville Central School District were nominated this year and celebrate all that teachers do on behalf of their students at Scott M. Ellis Elementary School!



High School FFA Members Attend Livestock Judging Clinic

On April 22, 2012 members of the Greenville FFA participated in the 2012 Livestock Judging Clinic held at the Cobleskill Fairgrounds. Members experienced all aspects of judging pigs, beef cattle, goats, and sheep. The participating students are preparing to compete in livestock judging at local fairs, the New York State Fair, and could have the opportunity to judge at the national level. Mr. Phil Trowbridge spoke of the importance of agriculture and the impact agriculture has on his life. After a day at the Cobleskill Livestock Clinic members were also able to visit the Maple Downs Farm II to judge dairy cattle. Thank you to the Friends of FFA for sponsoring our attendance.

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School and Community Work Together on Simulated Accident

On Tuesday May 15, 2012, GCS SADD hosted *"Just Another Friday Nite"* which was a combined effort between Greenville High School and various community organizations. *"Just Another Friday Nite"* was a simulated accident staged at the GCS High School. The purpose of the event was to increase awareness of the dangers associated with driving after using alcohol or other substances.

The accident scenario depicted a two car accident. One car contained 3 teens and the other car was driven by an intoxicated teen driver. During the simulation, the GCS students in grades 9-12 observed the consequences of making the decision to drink and drive. The driver of vehicle one was "arrested" for DWI and vehicular manslaughter, the other driver was a "fatality", one injured victim was "unconscious", and the other injured victim suffered "various severe complications". About 30 rescuers and several police officers were involved in the scenario. The simulation was followed by a question and answer session in the auditorium.

"This is the fourth time we have presented this simulated accident. We try to provide this experience every three or four years. Students tend to live in the present tense and they have difficulty focusing on the consequences of their decisions. The main purpose of this type of demonstration is to try to help them see what can actually happen, and hopefully they will never put themselves in a similar situation", said SADD Advisor Jim Tyrrell. "It is an extremely powerful event. Based on the feedback we receive, it has a profound effect on many of the students. Our hope, of course, is that it will ultimately save lives and prevent needless injuries."

Members of the Greenville Rescue Squad and Greenville Volunteer Fire Co. coordinated the effort with the Medway-Grapeville Volunteer Fire Co., Westerlo Volunteer Fire Co., Westerlo Rescue Squad, Coxsackie Rescue Squad, Greene County Medic, Greene County Sheriff's Department, Greene County Coroner, New York State Police, Albany Med Flight, Waldron's Auto, and Lou's Auto. GCS SADD, GCS Middle/High School PTSO, and Big Top Tent rentals provided a tent for inclement weather.

"This operation took a tremendous amount of time and effort from our local organizations. Keely Aspenleiter, Danielle Powell, and Cliff Powell of the Greenville Rescue Squad and Greenville Fire Co. did a fantastic job of coordinating the entire simulation. It's great to see such incredibly professional, dedicated volunteers supporting our community. I believe the entire event will have a lasting effect on preventing drinking driving accidents in our community", said Tyrrell.



GCS High School Students Participate in NYS FFA Convention

The New York State FFA convention was held May 3rd through May 5th 2012 at Vernon Verona Sherrill High school in Verona, NY. Seventeen Greenville FFA members attended the event. Members participated in Career Development Events (CDE) and received Empire Degrees and other awards. Amanda Terrell placed 4th in People in Agriculture and Ashley Gifford placed 3rd in Jr. Prepared Public Speaking. Tristan Cichocki, Bailey Licata, Danielle Salisbury and Megan Terrell competed in the Pre Veterinary Science CDE and Jon Case, Henry Gifford, Alex Hamilton, Vincent Kelly, Casey Kuykendall, Russell Lewis, Bailey Licata and Megan Terrell competed in the Agricultural Mechanics CDE. Cynthia Chesbro won the FFA Jacket Award, and was given a brand new FFA jacket of her own during the first convention session. The Greenville FFA had seven recipients of Empire Degrees: Keely Aspenlieter, Andrea Esposito, Tucker Lewis, Henry Gifford, Cynthia Chesbro, Dan Andresen, and Vincent Kelly. The Empire Degree is the highest degree New York State FFA members can earn. To be eligible for the degree students must have completed a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) through which they worked 450 hours or earned \$1000, participated in chapter and state FFA events, learned elements of parliamentary procedure, completed community service, and demonstrated leadership skills. Congratulations to all winners! The 2012 FFA State Convention was a huge success and we are looking forward to next year’s convention held in Albion, New York.

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Rhonda Hempstead-Julig Recognized by AAA

Each year AAA accepts nominations from transportation supervisors identifying one bus driver from each district who holds an exemplary safety record. Rhonda Hempstead-Julig began driving at Greenville in October of 1988 and was recognized with the safe driver award on May 21st at the AAA location in Delmar with a reception for nominated drivers and their families. Congratulations to Ms. Hempstead-Julig!

Student Mandala Sign to be Displayed at GNH Lumber

Zoe Rudloff stands behind the mandala welcome sign which she designed in Sean Stewart’s studio art class this year. This is the first sign created for the community outreach program that connects community businesses with student artwork based on the traditional Dutch welcome signs that once populated barns in the 19th century. It is the goal of the art department to create at least one mandala each year to be displayed in the community. “Catskill has their cats, and Saratoga has their horses, and we would like to bring back the welcome sign to be associated with the character of Greenville” states Sean Stewart. Any interested businesses should contact Sean Stewart at Stewarts@greenville.k12.ny.us.



Middle School Students Use Technology to Apply Spanish

Seventh and eighth grade Spanish students were out of the classroom and using technology. Through an activity designed to integrate technology and Spanish, students completed a scavenger hunt utilizing smart phones and ipods. Qr codes (shown right) were placed throughout the Middle School and once scanned by the smart phones and ipods, information was presented in Spanish leading students to the next qr code. This cumulative activity was very engaging for students and supported communication skills necessary for the Spanish proficiency exam.



Agriculture Literacy Day

On April 25, 2012 members of the Greenville FFA visited Scott M. Ellis Elementary school to read to the Kindergarten classes for Ag Literacy Day. Participating members included Dan Andresen, Keely Aspenleiter, Cynthia Chesbro, Tristan Cichocki, Andrea Esposito, Henry Gifford, Bailey Licata, Danielle Salisbury, Megan Terrell. This year's topic was Seed, Sun, and Soil. The members read a story to each kindergarten class and answered the students' questions about agriculture and growing plants. Each student received a seed, a damp cotton ball, and a bag to place in the sun and observe how seeds grow into sprouts. We would like to thank the Kindergarten teachers for allowing us the time to share our program and agriculture with the students.

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Athletics at GCS

As the curtain closes on a very successful spring sports' season and year, we are proud of the many accomplishments of our athletic teams. We are indebted to the efforts and leadership of our senior class athletes, many of whom are playing their final games as members of our teams. We look forward to honoring these seniors and the rest of the varsity and junior varsity athletes at our Sports' Awards Night on June 5th beginning at 5:30 pm in the high school auditorium.

The seasons for tennis and boys' and girls' track and field came to an end recently with sectional and Patroon conference tournaments. Girls' track and field finished well at the conference championships with Heather Carl winning her second conference title in the pentathlon and setting a school record with 2093 combined points. The relay team of Theresa Bates, Taylor McGuinness, Meg Gardiner, and Heather Carl also set a school record in the 3200 meter relay with a time of 10:56. At the tennis sectionals, the doubles team of Cody Evans and Travis Cichocki won against a doubles team from Christian Brothers Academy to notch the first sectional win for our tennis program in many years. These seniors will be missed.

Our baseball and softball teams continue with sectional play with the boys playing on the road at Albany Academy in the first round. In order to get here, the boys needed a come-from-behind win against Taconic Hills on the senior game to qualify for sectional play. The girls' softball team received a first round bye as the #4 seed in the class B tournament and will play Taconic Hills in the second round at home. The lady Spartans beat Taconic Hills twice during the regular season in the final innings of play, including a dramatic walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh inning by senior Cameryn Benjamin during the girls' senior game. It will be an exciting post-season as we cheer our teams on through the sectional tournament.

The athletic department at Greenville High School was proud to host our first ever National Signing Day event to celebrate and honor our seniors who have committed to continue their athletic careers during their post-secondary careers on May 15th. During this event we recognized 10 college bound seniors who formally announced their intent to play college sports. For the size of our school, 10 students out of the roughly 100 in the graduating class is exceptional. We will miss the leadership, attitude, and skill of these students. We are excited to see how they continue to grow and develop at the collegiate level, and we are confident that they will leave GCS prepared for the rigors of the athletic and academic life in college. The names, colleges, and sports of the students honored are listed below.

Student	College	Sport
Anna Brooks	Moravian College	Soccer
Ryan Cooke	Columbia Greene Comm. College	Baseball
Addie Ferrer	Columbia Greene Comm. College	Volleyball
Tucker Lewis	SUNY Cobleskill	Soccer
Abigail McQuillen	Mt. Saint Mary	Volleyball
Michelle Schoenborn	SUNY Cobleskill	Soccer
James Tschinkel	Southern Vermont College	Soccer
Alex Van Auken	Nazareth	Soccer
Josef Wagner	Columbia Greene Comm. College	Baseball
Nicole Wickham	College of St. Rose	Baseball



SADD Party: A School and Community Success Story

The GCS chapter of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) worked very hard to organize the 19th Post Prom Party on May 19-20. The purpose of the all night party was to provide a safe, drug and alcohol free environment for students to have fun after the prom. It was hoped that this type of event would help prevent any serious drug and alcohol related accidents from occurring after the Prom.

A variety of activities such as basketball, volleyball, hockey, ping pong, videos, and other games were available to the students. Food and soda were available throughout the Party and prizes were awarded every 15 minutes. The party concluded at 6:00 a.m. with breakfast.

As a result of tremendous support from parents, local businesses, and local service organizations, the Party was an overwhelming success! 120 students attended the Party!

SADD Advisor Jim Tyrrell was pleased with the results. “The kids were all very well behaved, as usual. We all had lots of fun, including the chaperones. I’m always so impressed with the support of our parents and community for important functions like this. It’s a great opportunity for adults in the community to show their confidence in and concern for the students in our school. The students were very impressed and appreciative of the support.”

The following is a list of those who have demonstrated their support already this year: American Petroleum Co., Kelly’s Pharmacy, Van Auken Express, Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Ventura’s Catering, Greenville Saw Service, Inc., Baumann’s Brookside, Inc., Pine Lake Manor, Country Square Wine & Liquor Shoppe, Anne Lafferty Realty, Greenville Faculty Association, National Bank of Coxsackie, Moosehead Cedar Log Homes, Town Line Auto, Tip Top Furniture, Greenville Vol. Fire Co. Auxiliary, Greenville Rescue Squad, Westerlo Vol. Fire Company, Tri-Village Volunteer Fire Company, Rensselaerville Volunteer Fire Company, Westerlo Rescue Squad, Medusa Volunteer Fire Company, Doreen's Family Hair Care Salon, Bryant's Grand Union, Slater's Marketplace, Hydroskill Water Systems Inc., Ciani and Morris Physical Therapy, Eastern Mutual Insurance Co., Two Twisted Ladies Ice Cream Shoppe, Grapeville Agency Inc., Greene County Stop-DWI Program, Catskill Elks Lodge #1341, GCS HS Student Council, Barbara Brandon, A. J. Cunningham's Funeral Home, Inc., Variety Video, GNH Lumber, Inc., Modern Metal Fabricators, Inc., Quarry Steakhouse, NBT Bank, B & B Forest Products, Walenta and Clark Insurance Co., Vince Anna’s Restaurant, P&L Deli, Paul’s Pizza, Hollowbrook Restaurant, Subway-Greenville, Subway Cairo, Green Hill Café, Casa Mia’s, Griffin’s Market, and Dunkin’ Donuts-Coxsackie.

The following teachers and community members sacrificed a tremendous amount of their time and energy by chaperoning between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.: Ms. Reyngoudt, Mrs. Shultes, Mr. Evans, Mr. Russell, Mr. Heffernan, Ms. Susser, Mrs. Knott, Mrs. Raskopf, and Mr. Tyrrell.

The SADD members who contributed extra time and talent included: Andrea Esposito, Heather Carl, Sierra Goodfellow, Sarah Amedure, Emily Mitchell, Mackenzie Kiefer, Ashley Rothe, Nicole Wickham, Abigail McQuillen, Brandon Johnson, Brandon Maxwell, and Shawn Wickham.

Mission Accomplished: The Post Prom Party helped make the prom weekend a safe and memorable time.

