



Homecoming 2011

Students, faculty, parents and community members participated in a variety of Homecoming activities throughout the week of September 26th. During Spirit Week High School students demonstrated their spirit with a variety of “themed” days. Students in grades nine through twelve participated in a Pep Rally on Friday, September 30th during 9th period where sports teams were introduced, the Jazz Band performed and faculty members competed in a series of athletic contests.

Friday afternoon continued with basketball, the climbing wall, battle of the bands, board games and food. The annual “Pie in the Face” contest with administrators and teachers raised \$200 which will be donated to the Allyson Benjamin Scholarship. Evening events included an Activity Night at Scott M. Ellis Elementary where students played basketball, chess, bingo, painted pumpkins and painted faces and dances for High School and Middle School students.

Saturday began with a buffet breakfast at Ellis Café with proceeds benefiting the Greenville Educational Foundation. Saturday evening concluded with a Greenville alumni and faculty concert titled “Songs of Hope” which raised \$625 which was equally donated to The Community Action of Greene County Hurricane Relief Fund and The Community Action of Schoharie County Hurricane Relief Fund. The event was organized by Gail Richmond and Connie Marie Rao-Triglia and food donations were provided by Bryants. Ms. Richmond commented “The time and money donated was very much appreciated and it was a pleasure to work with the chorus and a delight to see some former chorus members.”



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Students and Faculty Honor Allyson Benjamin

Last year, the High School Student Council created the Allyson Benjamin Scholarship in remembrance of Ms. Benjamin. This award gives recognition to a young woman who shows extraordinary strength and dedication in her everyday life. The Student Council Advisor, Christine Lochner commented, "This [award] will help keep the memory of Ms. Benjamin alive, as she was a great inspiration not only to her many colleagues at GCS, but also to the students here at GCS." The first recipient of this award was Angela Vedder who received \$250. This year, the \$200 that the High School Student Council raised in the pie toss fundraiser at the annual Pep Rally will be donated to the Allyson Benjamin Scholarship. The participants in this fundraiser included: High School Principal Mr. Laster, High School House Principal Mr. Rasmussen, Middle School Principal Mr. Reeve, and teachers: Ms. Anderson, Ms. Bishop, Mr. Evans, and Ms. Sharkey. Each participant humbly accepted the applesauce pies thrown at them in order to raise funds for this cause.

Submitted by Nicole Wickham
HS Student Council Secretary



Read for the Record at Scott M. Ellis

Students at Scott M. Ellis participated in Read for the Record on Thursday, October 6th with teachers reading Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney. Teachers pledged to read the book at a website in advance of the date and several faculty visited

www.youtube.com/watch?v=HD1g3P-nKWo to hear the author read the book aloud. Students throughout the building enjoyed the story and many spoke of reading this same book over and over again at home.

GCS Students Participate in Cobleskill High School Days

On Friday, September 23, 2011, members of the Greenville FFA along with student participants from Greenville's Agriculture classes visited Cobleskill College for Cobleskill High School Days. These members and students participated in a variety of contests including Plant Identification, Equine Judging, Livestock Judging, Welding, Tractor Driving, and Dairy Cattle Showmanship. Henry Gifford placed third in the Tractor driving competition, Courtney Standard placed third in Plant Identification, and Megan Terrell placed first in Dairy Cattle Showmanship. Congratulations to all the Greenville students who participated.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Megan Terrell, Greenville FFA Reporter.



Mix It Up Day at GCS Middle School

On Tuesday, October 18 students in grades six through eight spent their lunch period participating in National Mix It Up Day activities along with 2,163 other schools across the nation. Mix It Up is a national campaign to improve intergroup relations, reduce prejudice and build inclusive learning communities. The day is a simple call to action, asking students to move out of their comfort zones and connect with someone new over lunch.

As our middle school students entered the cafeteria they were randomly assigned to tables, joined classmates and either a member of the middle school staff or a high school student who facilitated at the table. Students introduced themselves and then participated in a variety of “icebreaker activities” throughout the period. Mr. Reeve, principal of the middle school, commented “Mix It Up day allowed the students to enjoy conversations with others that they normally would not sit with at lunch and to make new connections. Students were able to see that as classmates they all have a lot in common and that each student is unique. Students kept an open mind and many commented that they enjoyed the period and that it went quickly. A special thank you to our high school volunteers who were positive role models to our middle school students as facilitators.”



Athletics at GCS

October has been an exciting month for Spartan sports. Our golf team concluded their season with strong performances by Brenner Bachman and Casey Kuykendall for sectional play held at Schenectady Municipal Golf course. Coach James Crossett is excited about how many young golfers he will have back next year.

A special note of congratulations goes to the Greenville girls’ volleyball team who clinched the Patroon conference title with some games still to play. They finish with a perfect 15-0 record in conference play. The Lady Spartans hosted the big-10 league leading Catholic Central High School for Senior night on October 20th. The team lost in 3 sets with all the matches within a few points. We are all excited to watch them perform in the sectional tournament.

Our cross country team finished their home schedule by hosting the Greene County Championships. This race was attended by Catskill, Cairo-Durham, Hunter-Tannersville, Windham-Ashland-Jewett, and Coxsackie-Athens. Surrounded by tough competition, Greenville finished second with some great performances by the team.

Finally, both boys’ and girls’ soccer teams celebrated Senior Night on October 20th with resounding successes. The girls beat Patroon conference powerhouse Chatham 6-0. This was Chatham’s first loss in conference play this season. The boys won in a toughly-contested match against Taconic Hills. After the matches, senior parents were presented with carnations for supporting their children’s hard work. The flowers were donated by the Greenville Athletic Association.



GCS High School Students Learn from Local Business Owner

Students in Linda Esposito's Marketing and Business Analysis classes heard a presentation by Sandi Pecore, owner of 2 Twisted Ladies as they begin projects created to teach the many areas of owning a business. Ms. Pecore shared her business plan with the Business Analysis class as a model for their work to create a business plan for their mock bakeries. The importance of location, costs of products in determining which products to purchase, target market, ideas for marketing the business, identifying the competition and how your business will be different were all discussed as part of the presentation. Ms. Pecore also reviewed her financial plan including profit and loss statements, reviewing monthly costs and additional equipment needs. Students were then given an opportunity to share their ideas and completed work for their bakery.

Ms. Pecore also visited the Marketing class and shared her ideas and experiences in that area as this group begins the process of creating a marketing plan for 2 Twisted Ladies. Ms. Pecore asked the Marketing class to come up with a marketing idea for a unique topping. The best plan will be selected and aspects of the plan will be used by Ms. Pecore for her business. Students enjoyed this opportunity to see the various aspects of a business from a successful business owner.



Greenville Rotarians Donate Dictionaries to GCS

Third grade students at Ellis Elementary were presented with new dictionaries donated by the Greenville Rotary on Wednesday, October 12th. 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.

School Bus Safety Week

The yellow school bus is an icon in our society as it speaks of safety and security and a solid and wholesome education for our children. This safety and security does not come easily and requires the dedication and hard work of many professionals in the school transportation community.

As a Transportation Supervisor and a member of the New York Association for Pupil Transportation, I am proud of the transportation safety record attained at Greenville Central Schools. Our mechanics work hard every day to inspect and maintain our yellow school buses to the very highest standards. Greenville drivers are trained and prepared to transport our children through all kinds of traffic and weather while also responding to the needs of our students as they are driven to and from school. Our routers and dispatchers strive to find the fastest, safest and most efficient ways to transport our children from school to home, and our trainers ensure that our team is ready to do their job with excellence and efficiency.

In recent years we have taken many steps to make our operations even more efficient and continue to identify ways of conserving precious resources that are provided by our taxpayers, including reviewing and adjusting our bus routes on a constant basis, eliminating idling of buses that wastes fuel, and incorporating preventive maintenance efforts that will save our district in the long-term.

During School Bus Safety Week, we encourage our district residents to learn more about the valuable work that we do for the children. We understand that *"our future is riding with us!"* and are eager to tell the amazing story of how 2.3 million children in New York State are transported safely to and from school each and every day!

Submitted by Karen Schrader, Transportation Supervisor

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Saturday Morning Coffee with the Superintendent
 ~ Parent & Community Forums ~

Superintendent Dudley meets with GCS parents and community members to hear views about and suggestions for our schools. In addition for this year several special presentations have been scheduled for parents and community members on topics relevant to the District and our students. These are scheduled for **Saturday** mornings on the dates listed below from 9:00 am to 12:00pm with the location on campus to be announced.

November 19, 2011

Legal Issues and Updates in Education
Edward J. Sarzynski~ Senior Partner

9:00am to 12:00pm

The presentation and discussion will include recent updates in areas of education law and the opportunity for Q & A on the topics presented by Mr. Sarzynski.

Edward J. Sarzynski, Partner, has been practicing in the field of Education and Labor Law since 1975. He received his J.D. degree from Cornell University, and was admitted to the bar, 1971, New York State and U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York; 1978, U.S. Supreme Court; 1980, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; New York State Bar Association and Broome County Bar Association; member of New York State Management Advocates for School Labor Affairs (MASLA). Member of NYS Council of School Attorneys, NYS School Boards Association, National Council of School Attorneys and National School Boards Association. Ed Sarzynski considers himself fortunate to have been involved in education law pretty much since it began. After graduating law school, he was affiliated with the largest firm in Binghamton when John Hogan, a noted expert in the emerging field of education law asked Sarzynski to join him. Sarzynski says his decision to do so has made his career tremendously satisfying. "We thrive on avoiding confrontation," he says. "Instead of constant litigation, we provide advice and solve problems." This strategy goes a long way toward building relationships and Sarzynski notes he's worked with some school districts for years. "In matrimonial or criminal law you may see a client once, then never again," he observes. "Here, we've not only developed professional consistency over the years, but genuine friendships, as well."

