



Welcome Back Students!

The hallways at Greenville Central School District are once again filled with the laughter and excitement of students. Administrators, teachers, and staff spent the summer preparing the buildings and grounds for the new school year. On Tuesday September 8th faculty and staff attended an opening session and were addressed by Board of Education Vice President, Anne Mitchell and Superintendent of Schools, Cheryl A. Dudley. Both Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Dudley focused on the three “New R’s” Rigor, Relevance and Relationships to prepare our students for the 21st Century. Several teachers and staff were also recognized for their service to the district including Gail Richmond for thirty years, Alenore Cusick for twenty-six years, and Jane Scrafford, Joanne Lounsbury, Susan Knott, and Mary Haller for twenty-five years of service.

On Wednesday September 9th students arrived at school carrying backpacks and lunches, ready for the start of a new year. Students eagerly searched for classrooms, lockers, and familiar faces as they began their day. Kindergarten students and parents participated in an Open House to meet fellow classmates and their teachers. Students participated in several individual and group activities including a classroom scavenger hunt to locate supply and backpack storage areas. Throughout the District students, staff and teachers were excited to begin another year at GCS.



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GCS Elementary School Open House

Elementary School families were welcomed to the new school year at Scott M. Ellis on September 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Open House events were scheduled over three evenings to allow families to attend multiple grade-levels. The events began with a general presentation by Principal Peter Mahan emphasizing 21st Century learning and strengthening a culture of respect in the school community and beyond. The three goals of 21st Century learning include competition, cooperation and collaboration. Mr. Mahan also discussed the “Responsive Classroom” initiative that is now in its second year. This classroom strategy creates an environment that focuses on high academic achievement and positive social interactions. After the general presentation parents visited their child’s classroom where teachers shared materials and presented general information about their programs. Parents and teachers were enthusiastic about the upcoming school year and the goals of our school community.

GCS Middle School Open House

Families were welcomed to Greenville Middle School during the annual Open House held on September 24th. A staggered schedule allowed families to visit teachers from all grade-levels. Special Area teachers met with families in the Middle School Cafeteria while Content Area teachers met with families in larger group settings to allow for a general presentation of expectations and information. Families received a variety of materials from all teachers regarding course assignments, homework expectations and contact information. This yearly Open House marks the first of many opportunities for families to connect with our school community.



GCS High School Open House

High School families were welcomed to the 2009-2010 school year on Wednesday, September 23rd. Michael Laster, High School Principal welcomed families in a general session followed by teachers sharing their programs in the High School Cafeteria. Families were able to meet several teachers, guidance counselors, the school psychologist and school nurse as well as Athletic Director/Assistant High School Principal, Scott Turrin. Teachers discussed their classroom expectations, resources and curriculum with families during this well-attended event. This annual Open House allows teachers and families to begin developing relationships and opens the lines of communication for our High School Students.

Jonah B. Coe-Scharff named Semi-Finalist in National Merit Scholarship Program

Greenville High School Senior Jonah B. Coe-Scharff was recently named a National Merit Scholarship Program semi-finalist for his outstanding scores on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Each year, more than 1.5 million students take the test. Jonah was one of just 16,000 students nationwide to be named a semi-finalist, finishing in the top one percent. Jonah also qualifies for the National Merit Scholarship, which will be awarded in the spring.



"I'm very proud of Jonah," said Principal Michael Laster. "As a school community we are excited to have him as a semi-finalist. We congratulate him on his academic achievement and will support him throughout this process." Jonah's priority at this time is academics. After high school he plans to attend college where he hopes to study writing and math.



Supplies and Backpacks for Elementary Students at GCS

For the ninth consecutive September, the Greenville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary donated school supplies to students at Scott M. Ellis Elementary. The Auxiliary holds several fundraisers throughout the year to support this annual event. For the second year, the Auxiliary reached out to local businesses for donations that allowed them to again purchase backpacks to hold these supplies. Through the generosity of the Auxiliary and various local businesses a total of thirty-three backpacks filled with supplies have been donated this year.

The Greenville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary would like to offer their sincerest thanks and gratitude to the following Greenville businesses for helping them to provide local children with the tools they need to further their education: Thomas Briggs (Tommy's Hot Dog Truck), Christine's Flair for Hair, Ciani & Morris Physical Therapy, Dale Dorner & Jon Kosich, Attorneys at Law, Grapeville Agency – Greenville Associates, Greenville Family Health Care, Greenville Just A Buck, Inc., Greenville Saw Service, Inc., Living Stone Contracting Ltd., NAPA, National Bank of Coxsackie, Mountain View Brasserie, Northeast Home Medical Supplies, Inc., The Sewing Room, and Variety Video.

Murline Cronk has been the chairperson of this project since it began nine years ago. She, Lucy Masterson, Linda Gaeta, Deb Danner, and Sonia Greiner delivered the backpacks on Tuesday September 8th and are seen in the picture with Peter Mahan, Elementary School Principal and several elementary teachers. The teachers and students at Greenville Elementary School truly appreciate the support and thoughtfulness of the Greenville Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary and the local businesses. This community effort helps all our young students.

GCS Faculty and Families walk for Ovarian Cancer

On Sunday, September 13th the Benjamin Brigade from GCS walked in the eighth annual Teal Ribbon Run/Walk for Ovarian Cancer. Total participation for the event included 1,100 runners and walkers and over 50 volunteers. Over \$100,000 was raised to increase awareness of ovarian cancer and support research focused on developing an early detection test as well as more effective treatment options for women with recurrent ovarian cancer. Funds raised from this year's event will support a Gynecologic Cancer Foundation (GCF)/Caring Together New York Research Grant. Additional funds support the Lynne Cohen and Caring Together Project for Women with High Cancer Risk at Bellevue and NYU Langone Medical Centers. This program conducts research for women and families who are at high risk for developing ovarian cancer.

Local proceeds will also be used to continue funding the Caring Together Ovarian Cancer Diagnostic Fund which has partnered with St. Peter's Hospital Foundation and Albany Medical Center Foundation to provide financial assistance to local Capital Region women who are either uninsured or underinsured and at high risk for or symptomatic for ovarian cancer. The Benjamin Brigade won an award for having the second most team members participating and they also raised the most money, over \$6,000. Congratulations to all the participants. To find out more about the walk, visit www.caringtogetherny.org.



Athletics at GCS



Fall sports are in full swing here at Greenville! Already in the fourth week of the season all team members are playing well together and their hard work shows in their current records. Varsity volleyball is off to a strong start with wins against Hudson and Taconic Hills. In the Patroon Conference the Lady Spartans hold a 2-1 record with an overall record of 2-2.



The Varsity Lady Spartans Soccer program has also started out strong this season with wins over Catskill and Chatham, followed by an exciting game versus Maple Hill ending in an 8 to 8 tie. Alex VanAuken set a school record scoring six goals in one game! Girls Junior Varsity has an overall 3-1 record, with a one point loss to Chatham and the girls modified soccer team had an exciting 7-0 win over Taconic Hills.

As of September 20th Boys Varsity soccer has a record of 3-3 in league play. Boys modified soccer played Hudson in a scrimmage on Friday, September 18th with a 5-0 win.

Congratulations to all of our student-athletes this fall season as the teams ready themselves for sectional competition in October.

Annual Tour of Facilities

The Greenville Board of Education held its annual Tour of Facilities on Monday, September 21st at 6:00 pm. The tour began at Scott M. Ellis Elementary with the Capital Project/EXCEL, Expanding our Children's Education and Learning. This project included the connecting addition and elevator. The addition allows for natural lighting while complying with high performance guidelines for energy conservation. This addition now allows individuals with mobility disabilities to access the entire school without traveling outside in adverse weather providing equity in access to programs and events for all students, staff and visitors. The project was completed in May 2009.



Additional highlights at Ellis included the replacement of classroom floors for a classroom and conference room, a new Promethean Board, mobile lap top card and teleconferencing equipment, replacement of dry wall and tile for one of the boys' bathrooms, and the addition of a garden to the courtyard with the donation of an ornamental Japanese maple tree by Les Lawlor of Keystone Construction. The propane tank and electric transformer were removed from the courtyard with a new larger capacity transformer being relocated to the front south end of the school. Two spruce trees were also removed from the front of Ellis for safety reasons resulting in the original grandeur of the front of the school being more visible.



As Board of Education Members walked to the High School, they inspected one of the new vans purchased as a result of the Bus Proposition approved by voters last May. A new Buildings and Grounds truck which replaced a 1999 Ford. A new range for food services was also viewed.



Two ACCES Classrooms (Adolescents Creating Character in the Educational Setting) have been created at Greenville Middle and High Schools. These classrooms, serving students with special needs, have been equipped with new instructional technology to support student learning.

The final stop for the Tour of Facilities was the Transportation bus bays to highlight additional heating and light fixtures which have been installed.



Greenville Central School District

Homecoming 2009

September 28-October 2

Daily themes decided by High School Student Council

Friday, October 2

2:00 - 2:42 pm

Pep Rally

Festivities begin 9th period for HS students

- 9th Period – Student Assembly in HS Gym
- Jazz Band performs
- Student – vs. – Staff athletic contests
- Presentation of fall athletic teams

2:45 - 7:00 pm

Pep Rally activities after school

- HS Yearbook – TBD
- HS Student Council – Pie in the Face Contest Fundraiser
- FFA – Food Booth
- PTSA/PTA school support booth
- Other student groups' fundraising booths
- Battle of the Bands – Outside Stage
- Bonfire at dusk – 6:00 PM approximate start time
- Volleyball net set up
- Footballs available for use

4:00 - 6:30 pm

Spartan Athletic Schedule

- Girls JV/V Soccer vs. Catskill
- Girls Modified Volleyball vs. Ravena

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Evening Homecoming Activities

- Student Activity Night, Grades 3-5, Ellis Elementary
- HS Student Council Dance in the MS Gym
- Community Concert: *Michael Benedict Jazz Vibes*
Ticket Price: \$5.00

6:00 - 8:00 pm

7:00 - 9:00 pm

7:30 pm

Saturday, October 3

7:30 - 10:30 am

Homecoming Breakfast

- The Greenville Educational Foundation is sponsoring the Homecoming Breakfast located in the Scott M. Ellis Cafeteria. All proceeds to benefit the Greenville Educational Foundation.
 - ♦ Adults \$9:00 Children 10 and under \$5.00
 - ♦ Reservations required prior to 10/1/2009. For reservations, contact Karen Overbaugh at Overbaughk@greenville.k12.ny.us
 - ♦ Breakfast buffet includes: Fresh baked rolls, muffins and bread, Seasonal Fruit, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes, Eggs/Omelets made to order, Coffee/Tea, Juice

9:00 am

Superintendent's Community Forum Ellis Elementary

- Jack Agati presentation "Why do kids do the things they do and what can I do about it?"

10:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Campus Tours

- Campus Tour 10:00 am at Ellis beginning at front entrance
- Campus Tour at 11:00 am MS/HS beginning at front entrance

10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Spartan Athletic Schedule

- Boys'/Girls' Modified Soccer vs Catskill

11:45 am

Field Dedication

(Changed from 12:00 Noon)

Field dedication in honor of Coach Donald Mabee at the baseball fields between Ellis Elementary and High School