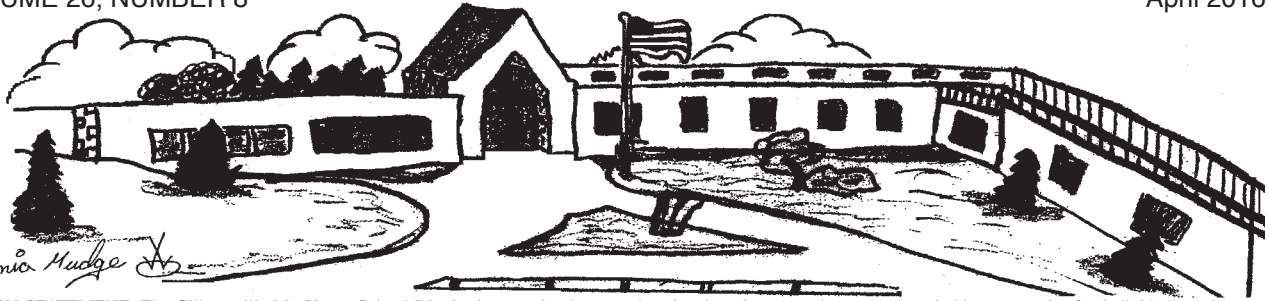


# GILBERTSVILLE-MOUNT UPTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

VOLUME 26, NUMBER 8

April 2016



**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton School District is committed to an educational environment that assures equitable opportunity for individuals to become College and Career Ready and ultimately, responsible, productive members of society. We will encourage individual excellence in students of all ages that they may gain a lifetime enthusiasm for work and learning.

## Superintendent's Message



It is with great excitement that I share this news with you! Did you know that the walls of our "village" have extended far beyond the towns of Gilbertsville and Mt. Upton? I want you to know that just a couple of years ago GMU was welcomed into the family of schools invited to participate in the Clark Foundation!

Now you might be thinking, what does this have to do with me or our students? Well, the invitation to participate in this program exposes our students to a wealth of opportunities and experiences that they would not have had access to just a few short years ago. It is encouraging to think that our students can, in turn, enhance our "village" by giving back in ways unlike ever before based on the life experiences they are having in school and in our surrounding area. I truly believe that by providing varied experiences for our students we are developing a stronger community of individuals who are able to think more globally and recognize the importance of community connections and hard work. It takes time to change culture and beliefs, but the exposure students are getting through the Clark Foundation can only transform our students and what they bring to our "village" now and later on in life, as adults.

March was *Music In Our Schools Month*, and I so enjoyed the Pops Concert featuring grades 4-12 and the PK-5 Music In Our Schools presentations that took place in school. It is so exciting to see such musical talent in a school our size. When I was principal, and now as superintendent, I cannot tell you the number of times I receive compliments on the musical talents of our students. Kudos to our students, their teachers and our community's support of the arts!

This is the month that spring sports competitions begin. Everyone is always welcome to come watch our student

athletes in action. As spectators we can model support and sportsmanship by being positive, respectful, and inviting to our opposing teams and fans. Thank you for always representing GMU so well.

The budget process is well underway; please keep an eye out for the Budget Newsletter around the 18th of April. In the newsletter, I will provide as much detail as possible to answer any budgetary questions you might have. Thank you so much for all of your support on enhancing the quality of the journey for all students!

—Annette D. Hammond, Superintendent



## Chicken BBQ Dinner



The SADD chapter at GMU will be hosting a Brook's Chicken BBQ dinner on Friday, April 1. Come and enjoy dinner before the Drama Club's production or you can take-out halves or dinners. Dinners include a half chicken, baked potato, cole slaw and dessert. Proceeds will help fund our After-Prom Party.

Pre-sale only, please see a SADD member for tickets, or contact Lynne Talbot at [ltalbot@gmucsd.org](mailto:ltalbot@gmucsd.org) or 783-2207 (leave a message). Thank you for your support!

## MS/HS News

At this point in the year, most of our students have met with Mrs. Wilcox, our School Counselor, to develop a schedule of courses to be taken next school year. We continue to develop schedules for students that meet New York State's Education Reform Agenda, which focuses on students being College and Career Ready (better prepared to succeed in college or a career of their choice). Through agreements with TC3 (Tompkins Cortland Community College) and SUNY Cobleskill, we are making connections to colleges which allow our students to garnish college credit through some of the coursework offered here at GMU. This gives our students the opportunity to remain competitive against other candidates through the application processes for college, a job, or the military.

It is my hope that students will be motivated to be more academically competitive by challenging themselves through a more rigorous course load next school year. It takes dedication and persistence for students to develop a strong work ethic which will help them achieve the standard of being College and Career Ready by their senior year. Our faculty and staff are committed to working with students to assure that they are getting the best education possible.

There are a few upcoming events that you need to be aware of.

### April

- 1-2 *Up the Down Staircase* at 7:00 p.m.
- 5-7 ELA State Assessment Grades 7-8
- 13-15 Math State Assessment Grades 7-8
- 18 Awards Ceremony: Grades 9-12 will be at 8:15 a.m. and Grades 5-8 Awards Ceremony will be at 9:15 a.m. in the auditorium
- 21 Instrumental Concert (3-12) at 6:30 p.m.
- 25-29 School *closed* for Spring Recess. Students will return to school on Monday, May 2

### Changes to the 3-8 NYS Testing

The 7th and 8th grade students will be bringing home a letter from the New York State Education Department regarding changes to the 3-8 testing this April 2016. NYSED has been working with educators, parents and communities to change the format and duration of the 3-8 tests. This year's tests are meant to be student friendly while providing schools with valuable feedback to help our students.

—Ms. Denise Wickham, District Principal



### Reminder

**No pets allowed at events  
on school property.**

## Elementary News

We are almost to the end the third quarter. Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, April 14. Just a reminder, that the deadline for the return of the PK applications is Friday, April 8 at noon. If there are more than 15 students that apply, we will fill the spots via a lottery system.

### Important Dates

All students in grades 3-8 will be taking the New York State Assessments on the following dates:

### April

- 5-7 ELA State Assessment Grades 3-6
- 13-15 Math State Assessment Grades 3-6  
*It is very important that all students be rested and on time to school during these weeks.*
- 18 Grades 5-8 Awards Ceremony at 9:15 a.m. in the auditorium
- 25-29 School *closed* for Spring Recess. Students will return to school on Monday, May 2

—Ms. Denise Wickham, District Principal

## Advertising in the School Yearbook

Please take this opportunity to show your support for the Class of 2016 at Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton by taking out an advertisement in this year's edition of *The Vallerian*. These ads can be business or personal.

If you have never taken out an ad in the yearbook and would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please follow these simple steps:

- Draw a sketch of your ad (don't forget to include pictures, logos, etc.—anything that is labeled will be returned to you)
- Write a check, made payable to GMU Yearbook, for the chosen amount
- Send the ad along with your payment by 4/1/16 to:

GMU Central School  
Attn: Yearbook Ads Staff  
693 State Highway 51  
Gilbertsville NY 13776

### Our pricing is as follows:

Full Page Ad—\$200      1/2 Page Ad—\$130  
1/4 Page Ad—\$80      1/8 Page Ad—\$40

Patron Ad—\$10 (one line—usually with graduate's name)

If you would like to meet with one of our staff members regarding your ad, or would like more information before you decide to take out an ad, please feel free to contact Mr. John Grenier at [jgrenier@gmucsd.org](mailto:jgrenier@gmucsd.org), or by calling (607) 783-2207.

## Information from the Health Office

### PREP PILLS

SATs. College essays. Final exams. This year, your teen might be tempted to use more than just flash cards to help him/her study. One survey found approximately 1 in 10 kids abuse ADHD medications like Ritalin and Adderall – and many are taking them to boost their grades, says Steve Pasierb, CEO of The Partnership at Drugfree.org. Youths claim the stimulants, nicknamed *study drugs*, help them focus or stay up late to cram. Here are three things parents should be aware of.

#### FACT #1

### TEENS HAVE EASY ACCESS TO THE PILLS

“ADHD medications are commonly shared among friends,” says Pasierb. “Someone usually knows a kid who has a prescription.” Plus, teens don’t necessarily think of them as drugs, like marijuana, since, in their mind they’re used to manage a busy schedule—not for recreational reasons.

#### FACT #2

### THESE MEDS MIGHT TRIGGER HEALTH COMPLICATIONS

Taking the pills without a doctor’s supervision can have serious consequences, including increased heart rate and blood pressure levels. The drugs can also be addictive. But most students don’t believe taking an occasional stimulant is harmful. Trouble signs are weight loss and changes in behavior and sleeping habits.

#### FACT #3

### IT’S IMPORTANT TO TALK TO YOUR CHILD

Only 14% of teens said their parents had talked to them about the perils of abusing prescription meds. Make it clear that these pills are dangerous, says Pasierb, and be mindful not to push students too hard academically. After all, your child should know that he/she should never risk her health just to get an A.

(Taken from *Family Circle Magazine, Kids’Health/Healthy Living*)

### Got Hives?

(Taken from *freshAAIR* from the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America)

Urticaria – the scientific name of hives – is an outbreak of red, swollen, and itchy welts that form on the skin. Hives appear suddenly and can appear anywhere on the body. They vary in size, and may join together to form larger welts.

Hives are an allergic-like reaction of the skin triggered when the immune system releases histamine. It can be caused by the body’s reaction to certain allergens, or for unknown reasons. There are different types of hives:

- Acute hives is a case of hives that lasts less than six weeks and is caused by triggers such as medications, foods and insect bites or stings.
- Chronic hives is a chronic case of hives that last six weeks or more, and is sometimes caused by a trigger that is difficult or impossible to identify.
- Angioedema is a form of hives where the swelling occurs beneath the skin rather than on the surface. It is characterized by deep swelling around the eyes and lips.
- Physical hives refers to several types of hives that are caused by physical triggers such as heat, cold, exertion, emotional stress, alcohol, and pressure.

Diagnosis begins with a careful medical history and exam by a doctor. As with many conditions, treatment is most effective when established between a patient and his/her doctor. All treatment for chronic hives must be customized and watched under close medical supervision.

—Carol Angelone, RN, School Nurse

## Breakfast is Served!

Mornings can be hectic in a busy household with kids. Amid the frantic searching for hairbrushes, clean socks and homework, breakfast sometimes takes a back seat. We have all heard the adage, “Breakfast is the most important meal of the day,” and we all strive to eat a good breakfast, but sometimes it can be difficult to convince a groggy child to gulp down a hearty, well-balanced breakfast as the bus pulls up the street.

We have a solution for you: Breakfast at School! GMU offers daily breakfast, with a wide range of options to please any child. Here’s a sampling of Susan Sebeck and staff’s breakfast menu: *Elvis Presley* Muffins (banana, peanut butter and chocolate chip), strawberry yogurt parfaits, breakfast sandwiches on English muffins and cheese omelets.

Breakfast is affordable: If you qualify for free and reduced price meals, you qualify for our breakfast program, with no additional paperwork. Reduced meals breakfast is \$0.25 and regular priced breakfast is \$1.25.

GMU students are given time in their schedule every morning to eat breakfast in the cafeteria, so we invite you to take the stress off and leave the cooking to us!

A school breakfast will give your child a healthy start to the day. Take advantage of the GMU breakfast program: healthy and delicious!

—Aimee Piedmonte

## News from the High School Guidance Office

APRIL 2016

### 2016-2017 SCHEDULING

It's that time of the year when your student selects courses for next year. Letters will be sent home so that parents and students can make informed decisions about next year's schedule. If you would like to schedule a meeting with Mrs. Wilcox to further discuss your student's schedule, please call the Guidance Office for an appointment, 783-2207, ext. 118.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships continue to come into the Guidance Office. Seniors should check the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office for newly-added scholarship information. Please make sure you are following the directions on the scholarship applications, and be careful of the deadlines. See Mrs. Clapp or Mrs. Wilcox in the Guidance Office if you have questions.

### SPRING COLLEGE DAY

The Delaware County Counselors Association is sponsoring its annual College and Career Fair on Wednesday, April 6. Approximately 30-40 colleges from New York State, as well as some representatives from local businesses, will be in attendance. There will be representatives from a variety of public, private, two-year, four-year and vocational schools. Armed Services representatives and local financial institutions will also be available with information.

Juniors with written parental permission will be bussed from GMU to SUNY Delhi and have the opportunity to meet, ask questions, gather material and begin the process of college selection. Since many students do not get an opportunity to visit colleges directly, the College and Career Fair is one of the best ways to expose our students to many different types of schools and give them a broad perspective of the options that are available to them. It is never too early to start setting goals and planning for the future.

### JUNE 2016 REGENTS EXAM SCHEDULE

The June Regents exam schedule is posted on the New York State Education Department Website. Regents' exams are scheduled for June 1-22. Please check the schedule for specific exam dates before making vacation plans for the end of June.

#### SAT

<u>SAT Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
May 7, 2016	April 8, 2016
June 4, 2016	May 5, 2016

Log on to: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to register

#### ACT

<u>ACT Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016

Log on to: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to register

## Garden Group

### *Parents, Students, Community Members Wanted!*

Do you like gardening or want to learn more about it? Would you like to help grow the food that is served here at school? Are you interested in natural foods that are produced without the use of pesticides?

We are looking for parents and students to work in the garden over the next months and into the summer! We are putting together teams who will maintain a plot in the garden with the help of a community leader.

Please sign and return this form if you are interested in helping in the garden. This may mean coming in on weekends or during the summer to weed, water and harvest as necessary. We are happy to add you to our garden group! See you in the garden!

—Mrs. Cummings

### Registration Form

Note: When completing this form you are giving permission to release your phone number and email address to our group and a community leader who will contact you to organize work times in the garden. If you would like to become a leader in the garden, have items to donate or ideas for us, leave us a comment. Please return forms to Mrs. Cummings.

#### Garden Group Registration

\_\_\_\_\_ is interested in helping in the school garden. He/she is up for the responsibility and understands he/she may need to work on weekends and during the summer to maintain a small plot with a garden leader.

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## Souper Bowl Food Drive Exceeds Expectations

Members of the Leadership Club organized the Souper Bowl Food Drive in order to *tackle hunger* in our communities. Students were encouraged to bring in as many food or toiletry items as they could during a two-week span in February, in order to help out our neighbors in need. Leadership Club members coordinated a class competition for elementary students and middle/high school students, where the class with the most items would win a movie and popcorn. The 5th grade won the elementary competition and the 11th grade won the middle/high school competition.

The Leadership Club had set a goal to reach 400 items school-wide. GMU far exceeded this goal! GMU collected 1,688 items, all of which were donated to the Gilbertsville and Mount Upton food pantries! The Leadership Club members and their advisor, Mrs. Stafford, would like to give special recognition to Mrs. Wilcox and Mr. and Mrs. Norton for helping with the packing and delivery of all the food drive items. Thank you to all who participated in the Souper Bowl and supported our wonderful community!



# Thank You!

## Senior of the Month



Congratulations **Elle MacPherson** for being April's Senior of the Month! Elle has played Sylvia Barrett, leading role as a teacher in GMU's production of *Up the Down Staircase* and has been a lawyer for the prosecution

on the Mock Trial team. Athletically speaking, Elle is a member of Ski Club, Soccer and plays second base on the softball team. Musically, she has contributed to Chorus, Jazz Band, and Symphonic Band, achieving NYSSMA Area All-State performance levels and traveling to Susquehanna University Honors Band. As a leader, Elle is a drum major for the Marching Band and has been an important part of musicals and drama productions as well. She was also selected to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Conference (RYLA) and the prestigious National Youth Leadership Forum in Massachusetts for medicine.

Currently, Elle is completing her community service project for Participation in Government with the Town of Butternuts Clerk. Academically, she is enrolled in Pre-Calculus, TC3 Principles of Biology and Intro. To College Experience, Exploring Human Design (STEM), Physics and English 12 and has also completed Economics.

Congratulations and best of luck to you Elle; your skills, determination, and talents will be missed!

—HS Student Council

### Spring Spirit Week

- April 18  
**PJ/Lazy Day**
- April 19  
**Tacky Tuesday**
- April 20  
**Sports Jersey Day**
- April 21  
**Earth Day**
- April 22  
**Class Battles, Grades 9-12**

## Artist of the Month

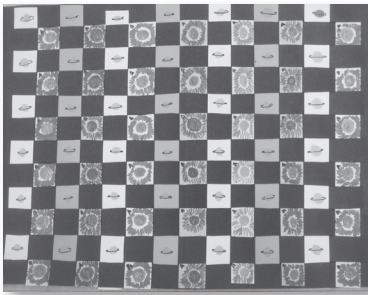
Due to circumstances beyond my control, I am a little behind in my Artist of the Month Articles, so this month I have two outstanding artists to present to you.

### February



Our Artist of the Month for February is **Kyra Demmon**. Kyra is in Mrs. Bennett's third grade class, and the project she did such a good job on was a paper weaving. Kyra chose to do her weaving with black, orange, pink, blue and green, which gave great contrast for her designs. Filling the spaces,

both sides with a one inch design takes a lot of patience, especially keeping the design consistent. And Kyra had a wonderful set of designs. I asked her how she came up with them, and she said she thought about outer space, and used things she thought of—the Sun and Saturn.



Kyra's favorite things to do in art are to draw and color, using lots of pink and green in her art. Her favorite subject to portray in her artwork is people. I'm looking forward to seeing lots of great art from Kyra.

### March



Our March Artist of the Month is **Alexia Furgison** for her Scratch Art and Frame project. The second grade starts by making a frame with tissue paper, and then creates a picture in rainbow scratch art to go on the frame. We use lots of different colors of tissue paper, and the students can choose to do all different colors, or to use only two or three. However they decide, it makes a wonderful frame for their work.



I asked Alexia which of the two parts was her favorite and she told me it was designing her picture. She loves owls, so it was easy to pick a subject, and she really like doing scratch art pictures. Even though she loves owls, she also likes doing pictures of landscapes, and uses her favorite colors, orange and blue, when she makes them.

—Mrs. Cheri Theis, Art Teacher

## Third and Fourth Grade News

For the past seven weeks, the third and fourth grades had the opportunity to work with Ms. Maxwell from the Leaf Council. She taught Character Education classes through the Too Good for Violence Program. Students learned about conflict resolution, feelings, using good *I* messages instead of *you* messages. Students participated in these activities through reader's theatre, cooperative play and with help from their favorite friend AUTO! Thank you, Ms. Maxwell!

—Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. McMullen



## Elementary Student Council News

The Elementary Student Council hosted a series of after school activities in the month of March with great success! Students in grades K-6 participated in Fitness 500, a fun, fast-paced challenge put together by Ms. Zehr. Students in grades PK-2 showed their artistic side, painting neon puzzle piece frames. More than 20 students learned to sew, as they created their own case for pencils, papers, and other drawing and writing supplies.

We would like to give a special thank you to all who helped make this week happen, the Council members who worked one-on-one with students supporting them, the parents who offered their support, and the teachers who donated supplies and activities. Thank you!

These activities were so well received that we look forward to hosting it again!

—Elementary Student Council



## Robot Rolls Through GMU



Mid-February, a robot began trolling the hallways of GMU. It was a slender, white robot on wheels—a telepresence robot, also known as a VGo. Or, also known as *Rae-bot*, since the VGo was brought in to be the virtual presence of GMU Sophomore **Rachel Lyons**, who was out on an extended medical leave. The VGo allowed Rachel to *attend* all of her classes at GMU, as well as the opportunity to be tutored face-to-face, or, in this case, screen-to-face.

Introduced as our robot friend, the VGo's arrival was announced via morning announcements by Superintendent Annette Hammond, who explained to students what the expectations were when they encountered the robot; for example, doors would need to be held open for it. GMU students, especially elementary students, were very excited to see the robot rolling through the halls.

The robot boasts two-way communication. The VGo was the *eyes and ears* for Rachel, who was able to listen and participate from her home, via computer and internet connection. She steered the robot using the directional keys on her computer. "Only a couple of times did I bump into somebody when they stopped right in front of me in the halls," said Rachel. Overall, she acknowledges that "being a robot for a while"



was a positive experience, as she was able to keep up with all of her classes. Her tutor, Larisa Waghorn agrees, "The VGo allowed Rachel to keep up better, so she wasn't so inundated when she got back to school." Rachel returned to school in early March.

The VGo is a piece of technology that is available from the DCMO BOCES Learning Technology Service CoSER. GMU is excited to have cutting-edge technology be a part of our school and curriculum, as we move forward integrating STEM-based innovations.

—Aimee Piedmonte



## Students Learn Hands-Only CPR/AED Skills

Given a new NYS Requirement, all students need to graduate having had Hands-Only CPR/AED training. The students in tenth grade health classes learned the skills required for graduation. This training is not for certification purposes; NYS requires that the students learn and are able to demonstrate the skill of chest compressions.

The students also learned how to use an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) and are prepared to use one in the event one is needed. AEDs are found in the building in the following places: Mrs. Angelone's Health office, Mr. Johnson's PE office, and one in the hall outside the gymnasium/auditorium doors. It's important to know where the AED is, whether you are inside or out—it could save a life!



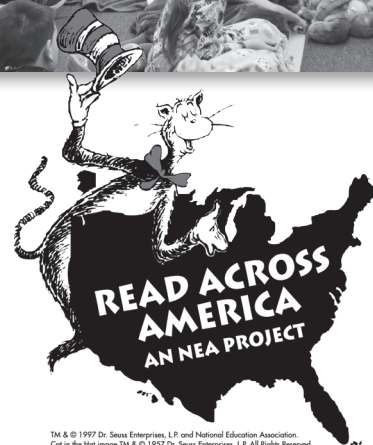


## Read Across America Day

On March 2, the third and fourth grade took part in NEA Read Across America day. The National Education Association is building a nation of readers through their signature program, NEA's Read Across America. This is its 18th year! This year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships and reading resources.

NEA's Read Across America Day, NEA's national reading celebration, takes place each year on or near March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens and books.

The third and fourth grade students had opportunities to read on their own, with friends and with a teacher. Students read out of books, off of computers and even enjoyed reading from apps on their tablets. We were very lucky to have a large number of parents and family members come into class and read their favorite books to the students. A special thanks to, Mrs. Covington, Mrs. Cornell, Mr. Castrucci, Mr. Correll, Ms. Ives and Ms. Mabie. Also, all the students enjoyed a wonderful Seuss Snack brought in by the Thatford family! It was a great day for reading in the third and fourth grade!



TM & © 1997 Dr. Seuss Enterprises, L.P. and National Education Association.  
Cat in the Hat image TM & © 1957 Dr. Seuss Enterprises, L.P. All Rights Reserved.

## Carolee's 5K Run/Walk 2016

It's that time of the year again... the snow is melting and we hope you've been tying on your running or walking shoes! The Carolee 5K Run/Walk will be held Sunday, May 22 at Centennial Park in Gilbertsville. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the race will kick off at 10:00 a.m. We will have refreshments, and prizes will be given to top finishers. The Chinese Auction starts at 9:00 a.m. with prizes drawn at 11:00 a.m. Please send in registration forms by April 29 to be guaranteed a t-shirt.

GMU Seniors: Remember that you must participate in the race either as a runner or walker to be eligible to receive the scholarship. Send in your registration forms ASAP! If you have any questions please contact Phylcia Dunham (*phylcia.dunham@gmail.com*). Mail completed registration forms and fees to: Carolee's Run, PO Box 191, Gilbertsville, NY 13776. Thank you, and we hope to see you on race day!

### Carolee's 5K Registration Form

Bib# \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of 5/17/15 \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size (circle one):    S        M        L        XL

Gender (circle one):        Male        Female

Runner

Walker

Volunteer

I would like to become a Friends Forever and sponsor .1 of a mile of the race. My \$10 donation is added to my registration fee. This is a one-time fee.

My voluntary donation is enclosed.

*This is an important legal document. Read carefully before submitting:*

I realize that the event is physically strenuous, that there may be some adverse weather and that there may be some vehicles on the course. I, nevertheless, wish to compete and assume the risk of any injury at the start or on the course. I do hereby release and discharge the State of New York, the race committee, volunteers, all sponsors, and anyone involved in the race from any and all liability arising from illness, injury, and damages I may suffer as a result of my participation in the event. I hereby attest that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for competition in this event.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Yearbooks for Sale! Yearbooks for Sale! Get Your Yearbooks!

It's that time of year again when yearbooks go on sale! Have you ordered your copy? If not, the 2015-16 Yearbook Staff is now taking orders for this year's *Vallerian*. Yearbook prices are as follows:

Order between these dates	Cost per yearbook
Now–May 2, 2016	\$30.00
After May 2, 2016	\$35.00

To order your copy of *The Vallerian*, please follow these simple steps:

- Complete and cut out the form below
- Write a check for the appropriate amount, made payable to GMU Yearbook
- Send the form along with your payment to:
 

GMU Central School  
ATTN: Yearbook Order Staff  
693 State Highway 51  
Gilbertsville, NY 13776

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. John Grenier at [jgrenier@gmucsd.org](mailto:jgrenier@gmucsd.org) or at (607) 783-2207.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of copies of *The Vallerian*  
being ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

## Flamingo Flocking!

Have you ever seen flocks of pink flamingos gathering in the yards of your friends and neighbors? You can send the flamingos to roost in any private yard in the GMU school district.

A large flock (12) can migrate for \$15 or you can choose a small flock (6) for \$10.

The flock can be sent anonymously or with the sender's name included. The birds will stay for a short time before they mysteriously move in the darkness to another yard.

Remember, if you flock someone you may be flocked back in return! Flocking insurance can be purchased to prevent the pink birds from appearing on your lawn for only \$10.

The flamingos are friendly, but may only be removed by GMU SADD club members.



### Flamingo Flocking Order Form

Name of Flocking "Victim" \_\_\_\_\_

Friend's Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

Special instructions/house description/directions \_\_\_\_\_

Large Flock (12 birds) \$15       Small Flock (6 birds) \$10

Your Name\* \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*You MUST include your name and phone number

I DO NOT want my friend to know I ordered the flamingo flocking!  
 I NEED flocking insurance: \$10 enclosed!

Please return with payment to any GMU SADD member or GMU Main Office.  
Checks may be made payable to GMU SADD



**GILBERTSVILLE-MOUNT UPTON  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
693 State Highway 51  
Gilbertsville, New York 13776-1104

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Gilbertsville  
New York 13776  
PERMIT NO. 1

DCMO BOCES Printing Service • Norwich, NY

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Gerald Theis, President  
Larry Smith, Vice-President  
Ethan Eberly  
Carriann Heath  
Barbara Hill  
Jeremy Pain  
Zachary Proskine

Annette D. Hammond, Superintendent  
Aimee Piedmonte, District Clerk

**CURRENT RESIDENT OR**

**ECRWSS  
BOXHOLDER**

**April Calendar of Events**

- 1 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.
- 1 VBb/Sb vs. RS
- 1-2 Drama Production, 7:00 p.m.
- 5 VBb/Sb @ Laurens  
Board of Education Meeting, D104, 7:00 p.m.
- 5-7 ELA State Tests Grades 3-8
- 7 Track vs. Laurens & Schenevus/Worcester
- 8 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.  
VBb/Sb vs. CVS  
Third Quarter Ends
- 9 ACT
- 11 Track vs. Downsville, RS
- 12 VBb/Sb @ Worcester
- 13 CASSC 11th Grade Leadership Workshop
- 13-15 Math State Tests Grades 3-8
- 14 Track vs. Edmeston, Milford, S/W  
Report Cards Go Home
- 15 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.  
VBb/Sb @ Edmeston
- 18 Awards Ceremony: 8:15 a.m., Grades 9-12;  
9:15 a.m., Grades 5-8  
MBb/Sb @ Milford  
Tri-Valley Relays
- 18-22 Spring Spirit Week!
- 20 VBb/VSb vs. Downsville, 4:30 p.m.  
Board of Education Meeting, D104, 7:00 p.m.  
(BOCES Vote)
- 21 Track vs. Franklin, Stamford  
3-12 Instrumental Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.  
VBb/Sb @ Schenevus  
Spring Dance, grades 7-12, 7:00 p.m.
- 25-29 **No School—Spring Recess**



**GMU Night at the Movies**

*Star Wars: The Force Awakens*



**Saturday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.**

GMU Auditorium

Free Admission

Concessions Available

Sponsored by the Raiders Safety Patrol—  
Washington D.C./Philadelphia Trip—May 2016

