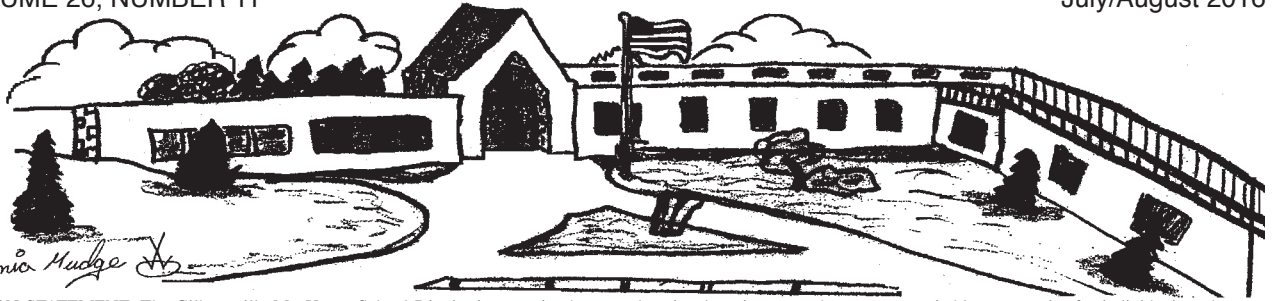


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MISSION STATEMENT: The Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton School District is committed to an educational environment that assures equitable opportunity for individuals to become College and Career Ready and ultimately, responsible, productive members of society.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

Superintendent's Message

The Class of 2016 graduated at 10:30 a.m. on June 25. On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire District staff, I would like to congratulate each and every student and their families on a job well done! Students have chosen different paths on their life's journey and we are very proud of them and feel honored to have played a role in their personal and academic growth. We wish all graduates the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Before school was out, we highlighted and celebrated the accomplishments of our seniors when we had them do their first annual Senior Walk. Please look at the photos in this newsletter to get a glimpse into this event. The PK-11th grade students and all staff clapped with pride as the senior students paraded through the halls of our school with their advisor Mrs. Delaney leading the way! We celebrated the accomplishments of all students' at our athletic and academic award ceremonies as well as at concerts and moving up ceremonies. Thank you to all of you who joined us for one or more of these events! Thank you also to the many community members who sponsor one or more of the awards/scholarships that our students receive each year. We are so appreciative of our community members and business that partner with us to bring opportunities to our student through these awards and recognitions.

Coming to us in the fall . . . A new look to our webpage and newsletters as we work to improve communication with parents and members of our school communities.

Please know that the office staff does work throughout the summer as we prepare for school in the fall. You will be able to reach us five days a week between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Due to meetings and vacation schedules, we recommend that you call ahead if you would like to meet with a specific staff member. Thank you to all of the staff here at GMU for a great school year, and to parents and community members for your continued support of our students and the programs we offer them in our quest to offer students a high quality journey through their elementary and middle/high school years at GMU!

Have a safe and restful summer.

—Annette Hammond, Superintendent

Special Announcement



Mrs. Heather Wilcox resigned from the Pk-12 Principal position at the end of the school year. Effective July 6, Mrs. Heather Wilcox was appointed as the Acting Pk-12 Principal for the 2016-2017 school year. Mrs. Wilcox has taken a leave of absence from her guidance position as she serves as our Principal this school year. She is a longtime resident in our school district and as a part of our extended school community she knows the needs of our staff, students and parents. I know that under Mrs. Wilcox's leadership the school year will get off to a great start.

In the spring, this Principal position will be posted and open to internal and outside candidates. More information on hiring team involvement will follow after the new year. Welcome, Mrs. Wilcox!

—Mrs. Annette Hammond, Superintendent

**First day of school for
all students is Thursday,
September 8**

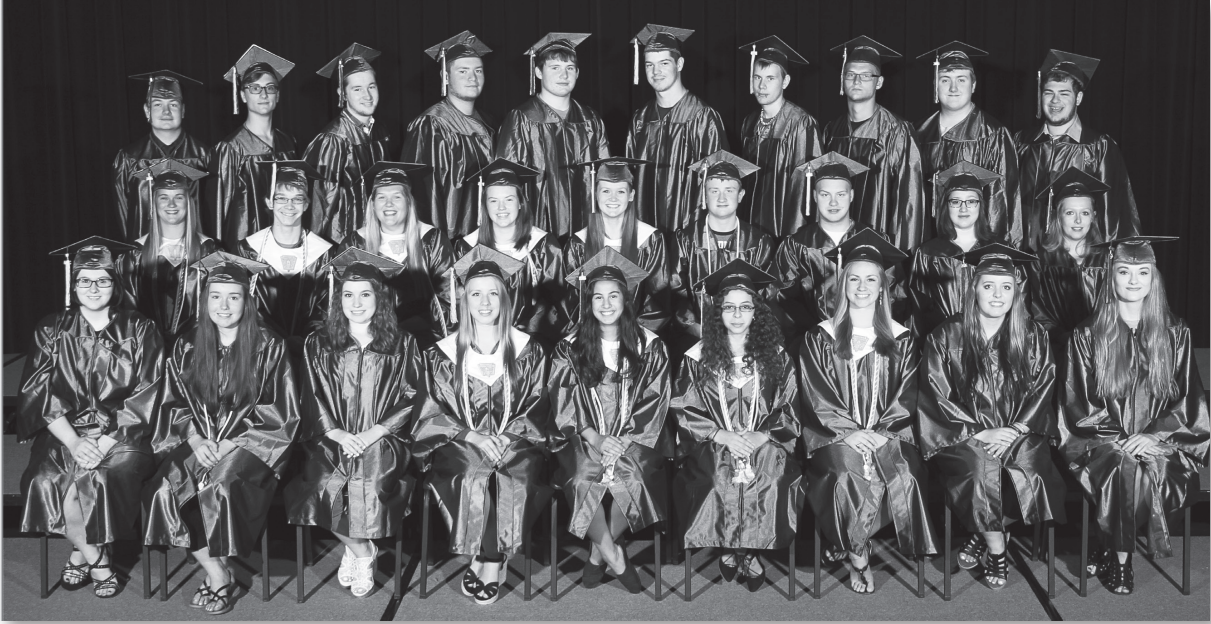


Dates to Remember

August

- 29-31 Kindergarten Bridging, 8:00-10:30 a.m.
- 30 Pre-K Bridging, 8:00-10:30 a.m.

2016 Graduates' Future Plans



Michelle Danielle Primrose

Michelle will be attending Cazenovia College and will be majoring in Interior Design.

Recipient of:

- Clark Scholarship
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- Rumery Academic Achievement
- Lucy Funke Scholarship Award
- Board of Education Scholarship (Entrepreneur)
- Matt O'Hara Good Citizenship Scholarship
- GMUTA Scholarship

Richard Irving Knapp, III

Richard is pursuing various fields of interest and plans to seek employment after graduation.

- Technical Endorsement Visual Communications and Graphic Design

William Gregory Schwartz

William will be attending Emerson College and will be majoring in Film Production.

Recipient of:

- Clark Scholarship
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- CTIA Wireless Foundation Scholarship (Drive Smart)
- Alumni Association Scholarship
- Thomas and Anne McGovern Keane Memorial Award

Cherokee June Mowers

Cherokee will be Keuka College and will be majoring in Unified Childhood and Special Education.

Recipient of:

- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- Rumery Improvement Award in Art
- Community Bank Scholarship

Elaina Grace Palada, Valedictorian

Elaina will be attending Syracuse University and will be majoring in Music Education.

Recipient of:

- Clark Scholarship
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- NYSED Academic Excellence Scholarship
- Tyler Costello Memorial Music Scholarship
- Board of Education Scholarship (Highest GPA)
- Student Council Award
- Alice V. Poole Memorial Award
- Raymond Seaman Math and Science Award
- Terence and Bridget McCusker Memorial Award

Jillian Mackenzie Butts, Salutatorian

Jillian will be attending King's College and will be majoring in Physician Assistant.

Recipient of:

- Clark Scholarship
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- NYSED Academic Excellence Scholarship
- Raymond Seaman Biology Award
- Daughters of the American Revolution Award
- Gordon Hughes Scholarship

Elle Rene MacPherson

Elle will be attending Hartwick College and will be majoring in Nursing.

Recipient of:

- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- Morris Rotary Scholarship
- Carolee Dunham Memorial Scholarship

2016 Graduates' Future Plans

Madison Paige Banks

Madison will be attending SUNY Oneonta and will be majoring in Education.

Recipient of:

- Clark Scholarship
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- Angie Haynes Music Award

Courtney Elizabeth Baker

Courtney will be attending University of Tennessee and will be majoring in Physical Therapy.

Recipient of:

- Clark Scholarship
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- Alumni Association Scholarship
- Student Council Award

Katherine Irene Schultes

Katherine will be attending Morrisville State College and will be majoring in Animal Science.

Recipient of:

- Clark Scholarship
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- Borden Hose Scholarship
- Alumni Association Scholarship
- VFW Post 2782 Christopher Rock Scholarship
- Gilbertsville Fire Department Scholarship

Christopher Anthony Manwarren

Christopher is pursuing various fields of interest and plans to seek employment after graduation.

Colin B. Wind

Colin will be attending SUNY Oneonta and will be majoring in Physics.

Recipient of:

- Clark Scholarship
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- The Angie Haynes Art Award
- Leatherstocking Brush and Palette Award
- Board of Education Scholarship (STEM)
- Patrick F Keane Memorial Award

Jordon E. Bower

Jordon is pursuing various fields of interest and plans to seek employment after graduation.

- Technical Endorsement Auto Collision Repair/Refinishing

Brandon E. Barrows

Brandon will be attending Morrisville State College and will be majoring in Psychology.

Recipient of:

- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award

Matthew Tyler Kelly Lyons

Matthew will be attending RIT and will be majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Recipient of:

- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- Board of Education Scholarship (Military)
- Carolee Dunham Memorial Scholarship

Kelsey McKenna Ross

Kelsey will be attending Herkimer College and will be majoring in Physical Therapy.

Recipient of:

- Clark Scholarship
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- Alumni Association Scholarship
- Carolee Dunham Memorial Scholarship

Brianna Lea Christian

Brianna is pursuing various fields of interest and plans to seek employment after graduation.

- Technical Endorsement Early Childhood Education

Lexus Taylor Coughlin

Lexus will be attending Saint Rose College and will be majoring in Political Science.

Recipient of:

- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- Guilford Historical Society
- ALC Scholarship

Matthew James Delaney

Matthew will be attending Monroe Community College and will be majoring in Communications.

Recipient of:

- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award

Logan Kelsey Hartwell

Logan will be attending BOCES Adult Education and will be pursuing Nursing.

Recipient of:

- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award

Gary Anthony Conklin

Gary will be attending SUNY Broome and will be majoring in Computer Security and Forensics.

Recipient of:

- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- Larry Pearsall Memorial Award
- Technical Endorsement Computer and Networking Technology

Angelica Dawn Welch

Angelica is pursuing various fields of interest and plans to seek employment after graduation.

- Technical Endorsement Cosmetology

Summer Lynn Mealey

Summer will be attending Penn. State and will be majoring in Criminal Justice.

Recipient of:

- Clark Scholarship
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award

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Graduates Future Plans, cont.

Dylan Wayne McCumber

Dylan is pursuing various fields of interest and plans to seek employment after graduation.

Recipient of:

- Christopher Fuller Memorial Scholarship
- Board of Education Scholarship (Workforce)
- Technical Endorsement Conservation and Equipment Technology

Benjamin O'Connor

Benjamin is pursuing various fields of interest and plans to seek employment after graduation.

Laura Ann Joslyn

Laura will be attending Morrisville State College and is pursuing various fields of interest.

Recipient of:

- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- Mt. Upton Class of 1964 Scholarship

Nathaniel W. O'Hara

Nathaniel will be attending SUNY Delhi and is pursuing Auto Mechanics.

Recipient of:

- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award
- CSEA Local 1000–Unit 839 Scholarship
- Technical Endorsement Automotive Technician

Michael Byron Picozzi

Michael will be attending University Of Buffalo and is pursuing various fields of interest.

Recipient of:

- Clark Scholarship
- Marie Stokes Gilbert Award

NYSUT Night at the Ballgame



On Friday, June 10, a group of staff joined other teachers and families from school across the I-88 corridor area at *NYSUT Night at the Ballgame!* Teachers and families enjoyed a great game. At least 12 teachers and families from GMU participated in this free to anyone night. We hope to see more next year!

—Ms. Kimberly Degear

Prom 2016

Prom 2016, Springtime in Paris, hosted by the GMU class of 2017, was held at the Major's Inn on Saturday, May 21. The event was well attended and everyone had a fantastic time. Thank you to all the parents who contributed food and helped in any way. Congratulations, Juniors, you all did a great job!

—Winnie Sortman, Class of 2017 Advisor



Prom Court: Daniel Backman, 3rd prince; Andy Baker, 2nd prince; Christian Merlo, 1st prince; Liam Champion, King; Jade Osterwald, Queen; Felicia Musson, 1st princess; Gabby Charron, 2nd princess; Cecilia Caietta, 3rd princess; Natalie and Jordan Gross pillow bearers.

Thank You

The GMU SADD Chapter would like to thank all of the people who helped make this year's After-Prom Party a huge success. We were able to keep close to 90 students safe while having fun for the night hours right after prom. There are several area businesses that donated to this worthy cause and there were numerous people who helped to make it a memorable and fun event.

—Lynne Talbot and Erica Knowles
SADD Co-advisors



Bus Routes for 2016-2017 School Year.

Bus 52-Bear—Leave school at 6:50 a.m. to County Rte. 4, Murphy Rd.; Taylor Rd.; Coon Cross Rd.; Lobdell Rd., County Rte. 5; to Sylvan St.; Commercial St.; Marion Ave., on to school.

Bus 53-Cat—Leave school at 7:00 a.m.; to Mt. Upton Hill, County Rte. # 37; Keach Rd., Upper High Bridge Rd., Phillips Odell Rd., Blower Rd.; Miller Rd., White's Hill Rd.; Shumway Hill Rd.; to State Hwy 8, on to school.

Bus #54 Bird—Prentice Gorge Rd., to Maple St., Sylvan St., Baker Rd., on to school.

Bus 56-Deer—Leave school at 6:55 a.m. to High Bridge Rd., Phillips Odell Rd., Rockdale Rd., Camp Meeting Rd., Fred Smith-Creek Rd; south on State Hwy 8; to Old State Route#8-S; north on State Hwy 8, on to school.

Bus 58-Bunny—Leave school at 6:55 a.m. to Herb Lilley Hill Rd., Wilber Cross Rd.; Lulu Coon Rd., Wilber Hill Rd., Butternut Rd., Townline Rd., Shaw Brook; River Rd., Village of Gilbertsville, Spring St., on to school.

Bus 57-Puppy—Leave school at 7:00 a.m. to Oregon Halbert Hill Rd., Copes Corners Rd., Rod and Gun Club Rd., Nelson Rd., Opperman Rd., Musson-Erwin Rd., Copes Corners Rd., Dunhams Rd., Copes Corners Rd., on to school.

Bus 59-Star—Leave school at 7:00 a.m. to Back River Rd.; Lockwood Hill; Jesse Rogers Rd., Fisk Hill; County Rte. 1 South to French's Turnaround; County Rt#1 to State Hwy 8, North on State Hwy 8, on to school.

Bus 62-Duck—Leave school at 6:55 a.m. to County Rte. #8; Pochy Rd., Shelley Rd.; County Rte. 10; Bell Hill Rd.; Clarence Musson Rd.; Mill Street, Frog Harbor; Marion Ave., on to school.

Bus 65-Cow—Leave school at 7:05 a.m. to County Rte. 4, Dunhams Cross Rd., Coye Brook Rd., State Hwy 51 North of village, Hilton and Vine St., Maple St. and Elm St., on to school.

Bus 66-Shark—Leave school at 7:15 a.m.; to Mt. Upton; North on State Hwy 8 to Old State Rt #8 North; to State Hwy 8; south to village of Mt. Upton intersection, to State Hwy 51, on to school.

Bus 67-Butterfly—Leave school at 7:05 a.m.; to County Rte. #18; Lafayette Park, Co. Rte. #33, Crandall Hill Rd.; County Rte. #37 to village turn around; Depot St., on to school.

If you have any questions regarding your child's bus number or pick-up times please feel free to call the Bus Garage at 783-2207, ext. 115 or 783-2275.

Texting and Driving ... It Can Wait

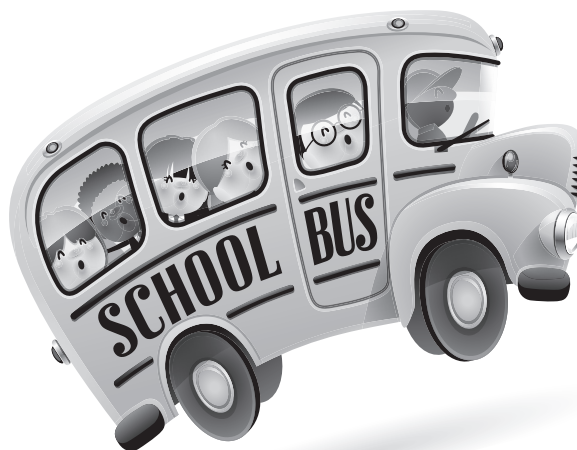
Take out your wireless device. Read the last text message you sent or received aloud. Would listening or responding to that text message from behind the wheel be worth the risk of getting into a car accident or worse? Texting is increasingly becoming the way we communicate. Unfortunately, some people may be texting from behind the wheel of a moving vehicle. Remember that safety comes first when you are in the driver's seat. To help battle unsafe texting the following are a few key tips:

Be smart. Do not text and drive. No text message is worth being distracted while you drive. Be in control. Remember it is your phone. You decide if and when to send and read texts so take control. Consider turning your phone off, setting it to silent or even storing it in the glove box before hitting the road.

Be caring. Never send a text message to a friend who is driving to meet you, or to anyone you know is likely behind the wheel.

Be a BFF. Friends don't let each other text and drive.

Source: www.att.com



**SCHOOL OPENS
SEPTEMBER 8
PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY**

REMEMBER

It is against the law to pass a school bus when the red lights are flashing!

News From the High School Guidance Office

Frequently Asked Questions

- **How do I Contact Guidance in Summer?**
The best way is through email. Heather Wilcox, Guidance Counselor, hwilcox@gmucsd.org or Issy Clapp, Administrative Assistant, iclapp@gmucsd.org
Summer phone calls will be directed to voicemail. Please keep in mind that the counselor is available again starting in August. Please do not leave multiple messages, as this will slow down the response time. Multiple calls may cause delay in response when messages have to be left by the counselor, and then once again by the parent/student. (i.e. phone tag). Therefore, email may be the quickest method of communication.
- **When is the First Day of School?**
The first day of school is Thursday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m. for all students.
- **When do I Get My Schedule of Classes?**
All student schedules will be mailed home over the summer.
- **Can My Student Change Classes for Next Year?**
Students can request to have their schedules changed during the Add/Drop period which is the first 10 days of school. After that time, a meeting will have to be scheduled with Mrs. Wilcox in order to make any changes to student schedules.
- **How Can My Upcoming Senior Begin the College Application Process?**
Your student can work on a resume, first drafts of admissions essays, review websites of colleges interested in to gather information and review admissions requirements as well as begin completing the online applications to include utilizing the Common Application www.commonapp.org where applicable. Students who have not taken SAT or ACT may also want to register and prepare for these tests, for more information on SAT go to www.collegeboard.com or for ACT go to www.act.org.

Important Summer School Information

- Summer School Classes: July 12-August 16
 - Regent's Review Classes: August 10-16
 - Regents Exams: August 17-18
- GMU students who need to attend summer school to make up failed courses or retake Regents exams will be attending the DCMO BOCES campus in Masonville. To qualify for summer school to make up course credit students must have at least a 55% average in the course they failed. The grade earned during the school year will be combined with the summer school grade to achieve the final grade for the course. The school year grade will count as 25% while

the summer school grade will count as 75% of the final grade. Recommendations for summer school would have been mailed home in June.

Students who need to enroll in classes or retake Regents exams need to fill out a registration form in order to attend summer school or take an August Regents exam. Both students and parents need to sign the registration form. Transportation for Summer School will be provided from GMU to BOCES and from BOCES to GMU. Transportation to and from home will be the responsibility of the student/family. The bus will leave GMU at 7:15 a.m. and return at 12:30 p.m. Breakfast can be purchased at BOCES before classes begin. Please call Mrs. Wilcox in the Guidance Office if you have questions regarding the summer school program.

Memo from the Health Office

Please keep this information handy for the start of the new school year:

If your child must receive medication during the school day, please follow the procedure below which fulfills NYS Education requirements:

- Must have a **written order signed by a doctor** with the following information:
 - Name of child
 - Name of medication, dosage and time to be taken
 - Reason for medication
 - Side effect of medication
 - Length of time medication is to be taken
- Medication must be in a **current** prescription bottle
- Parent/Guardian must deliver medication directly to school Health Office. **Students may not bring it in themselves.**
- Parent/Guardian signs written permission for medication to be given
- Medication will be destroyed seven days after final dose is given

These requirements include all over-the-counter medications as well, including cough drops. These must be in the manufacturer's container/package as well, with the student's name affixed to the container/package.

Thank you for your assistance with these directions.

—Carol Angelone, RN School Nurse

Physical Education Sneaker/Attire Requirements

PK-6th Grades

As we approach the 2016-2017 school year, we would like to give a helpful reminder to parents and guardians that appropriate footwear/clothing is required for Physical Education and is a part of every students' PE grade each marking period. Students must have properly laced or Velcro sneakers, the fashion trend of loosely tied and tucked under the laces on sneakers is not only dangerous but not allowed. The heel of your child's foot should not be coming out the back of the sneaker when walking or running. Keep in mind that sneakers should be laced on top in such a way that they can easily be tightened if needed. Sneakers that are heavily padded at the back of the heel and on the top where the laces are, make it impossible to tie appropriately.

To ensure your child's safety, please avoid the following

- Heelies or platform sneakers
- Slip-ons that easily come off during activity
- Walking sneakers that have a curved/rounded bottom (these are not appropriate for running)
- Flat bottom sneakers that provide no support—these are usually the sneakers that are heavily decorated with glitter and sparkles and are fun to wear but not designed for long periods of activity

The above examples are not appropriate for the activities that we do in PE, and may result in serious injuries or cause future damage to your child's feet. We also appreciate you taking the time to teach your son or daughter how to tie their own sneakers. Valuable PE time is wasted when activities have to be stopped for teachers to tie sneakers.

Please check your child's schedule and help them make appropriate clothing choices on PE days. Comfortable pants/shorts and a loose fitting top will help the students move with ease and although dresses are comfortable, they are not suitable for most of the activities we are doing. Low cut necklines or high waist tops are not permitted. Low rise below the waist pants should be accompanied by a long shirt. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing your child next school year.

Grades 7-12

Starting in middle school (7th grade), students are required to change their clothes for PE class. This is for personal hygiene reasons. Students need to have a change of clothes, so that they can change out of their school clothes for PE. T-shirts and athletic shorts are preferred, but sweatpants and sweatshirts are acceptable. Footwear is also quite important. Sneakers need to have good treads, fit well, be supportive, and be able to tie securely. If the student's sneakers do not fit or cannot securely stay on their feet, it creates a safety issue. Socks are also required.

In addition to proper clothing and footwear, personal hygiene items like deodorant, a towel, and brush or comb are also encouraged. Please note: no glass bottles or aerosol bottles will be allowed in the locker room. Pump and plastic bottles are acceptable.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Johnson. Have a great summer and don't forget to get outside and be active!

—Ms. Zehr and Mr. Johnson

Thank You

The GMU class of 2020 would like to thank family, friends and community members who joined us for our chicken BBQ on May 21 at the Mt. Upton Park. Thank you to the Mt. Upton Lions Club for their generous contribution and cooking the delicious chicken. The day was full of fun, working together as a team to make this event so successful!

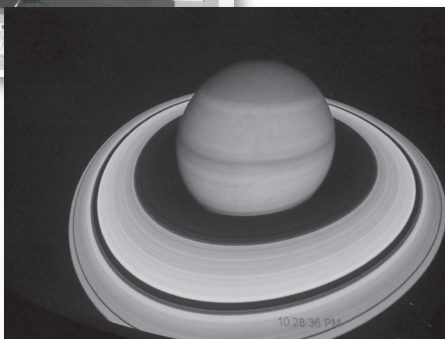
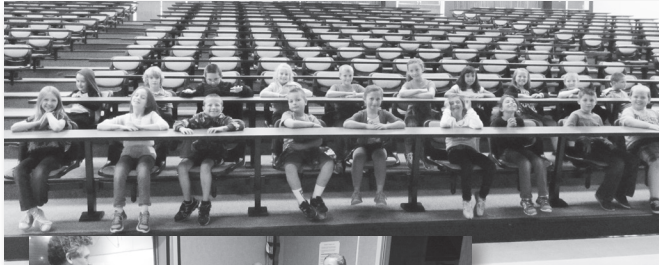
—Mrs. Carey, Advisor



College for Every Student

On June 9 our third grade students had the opportunity to visit SUNY Oneonta campus for a tour. We were able to visit various buildings including Hunt Union, IRC, Fizzle, and a Science building. Students had the chance to see lecture halls, computer labs, classrooms, a TV studio and the planetarium. Students were excited and engaged throughout the field trip and left excited about their future, seeing some of the great opportunities that are before them. We were thrilled to be able to provide the students with this experience and to get them excited about higher education.

—Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. McMullen



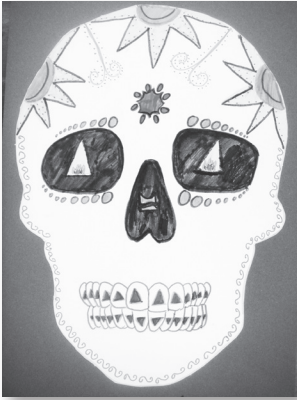
Farmer's Museum

Our fourth graders took a trip to The Farmer's Museum this month! What an exciting opportunity this was for students. Students were engaged in a passport tour and made wonderful connections to the content studied this year during Social Studies. One of our highlights was listening to some Native American storytelling and visiting a beautiful replica of a long house. We were impressed with all the great conversations and connections that were made during our time at The Farmer's Museum! Great job, 4th graders!

—Mrs. McMullen and Mrs. Bennett



Artist of the Month



Our final Artist of the Month for the 2015-2016 school year is **Anika Christensen**. Anika is a sixth grade student in Mr. Trass's class. We worked on Day of the Dead Skulls, and learned a lot about color and design. One thing students needed to do was try their best to make the skulls symmetrical and very colorful. We worked on using line and pattern as well.

Anika did a really nice job of creating the symmetrical design the skull needed. She said that she liked that there was no real *format* you had to follow, and that you could create your own design. In fact, that was her favorite part of the project, creating the designs she used on her skull.

Anika's favorite projects are painting projects. She likes the color greyish blue. Her favorite project to work on in sixth grade were the Spirit Shields. I wish her all the best next year as she goes in to Mrs. Krupp's Art class, and creates more awesome art! I will miss all my sixth graders, they were a lot of fun to work with!

Nutrition Education in 3rd and 4th Grade

Students in 3rd and 4th grades had the opportunity to visit Weis Market in Binghamton to learn about the fundamentals of nutrition. Students went on a tour of the market while playing the role of Weis Detectives searching the store for clues to solve the *Case of the Missing Energy*. The tour program reinforces USDA's MyPyramid nutrition principles with a focus on the importance of making sensible food and activity choices. The trip included detective gear, snacks and take-home packs for both students and parents. Students were very engaged and had a great time!

—Mrs. McMullen and Mrs. Bennett



Board of Education

Regular Meeting May 3, 2016

Positive Highlights

- Annette Hammond is at a prestigious CFES (College for Every Student) Conference in Essex.
- Jerry Theis was awarded Chenango County School Boards Association's School Board Member of the Year 2016.
- This week is Regional Testing, and Staff and Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Last week was Spring Break; the week before was Spirit Week, which was well received.
- Instrumental Concert was April 21.

Business

- Minutes and agenda approved.
- Committee on Special Education/Committee on Pre-school Special Education Consent Agenda. The meeting dates: April 21, 2016.
- To second read the revision to BP 1311.
- To accept donation from Nathaniel Posner of four licenses for ikitmovie animation software, worth approximately \$198.
- The Board convened in executive session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss employee history, with Dorothy Iannello and Aimee Piedmonte. The Board reconvened in open session at 7:32 p.m. on a motion by Heath, seconded by Proskine, and passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Regular Meeting May 18, 2016

Positive Highlights

- GMU was among one of the first schools to have been approved for funding via the Smart Schools Bond Act.
- Mr. Posner held a clay animation workshop for students grades 5-12. It was well attended and students had fun working with clay, taking photos, and working with software that compiles photos into a movie. There will be a screening of student created movies at the next movie night.
- The 5th grade was happy to plant three white pine seedlings along the nature trail and give nearly 50 trees to students in grades K-2 at Morning Raiders.
- 5th Graders have taken over Safety Patrol from the 6th Graders. Safety Patrol had a successful trip to Washington DC and Philadelphia.
- PK-6 began programming the NAO Robot in Computer Science
- Elementary Chorus competed in NYSSMA Majors today and received the Silver Award for their performance.
- Mock Trial Team was recognized at the Court House for their accomplishments this year.

- National Honor Society Inductions—the GMU Chapter of the NHS inducted seven new members. Kicking off the ceremony was guest speaker Gary Kuch, from the Clark Foundation Scholarship Program. New inductees are: **Savana Conrade, Vasiliki Drapaniotis, Meredith Hammond, Scarlett Newman, Michael O'Connor, Timothy Picozzi, and Lucas Piedmonte.**
- Departing seniors of National Honor Society were recognized and provided with their NHS yolks that they will wear at graduation. Seniors include: **Courtney Baker, Madison Banks, Jillian Butts, Elle MacPherson, Elaina Palada, Michelle Primrose, Kelsey Ross, Katie Schultes, and Will Schwartz.**
- HS Chorus competed in NYSSMA Majors and received the Gold Award for their performance!
- **Elaina Palada** and teacher mentor Matt Oram were honored at The Scholar Recognition Banquet on May 4. SFCU sponsored GMU.
- Regional Testing
- 61 GMU students in grades 5-12 attended NYSSMA adjudications on May 13-14 at the Norwich High School. Students performed vocal and/or instrumental solos; several students performed on two or more instruments. Congratulations to all who participated, performances and scores were impressive. Everyone did well.
- GMUTA invitation to June 10 Oneonta Outlaws game.
- GMU passed its fire inspection with no violations, the only district in DCMO BOCES to do so, reported B&G Supervisor Alan Digsby.
- Proposition #1: Shall the following RESOLUTION be adopted: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be authorized to spend \$9,205,500 in the 2016-2017 school year for the education program of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District, and to levy the necessary tax. 113 YES and 28 NO; proposition passed.
- Proposition #2: Establishment of Capital Reserve Fund: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law. This fund will assist the district in planning for infrastructure upgrades while minimizing the burden on tax payers. The capital reserve fund can be compared to a savings account which can only be used for capital improvements conducted with voter authorization. The funding comes from budget savings and unappropriated fund balances from the general fund. Balances can only be transferred to the capital reserve fund with approval from the Board of Education. In order to accomplish the same, said Board is hereby authorized to establish the ultimate amount of such Reserve Fund not to exceed \$500,000, plus accrued

interest and other investment earnings thereon, with a probable term of ten years. If approved, this resolution shall take effect immediately and will have no impact on the tax levy.

117 YES and 24 NO; proposition passed.

- Proposition #3: Election of Two Members to the Board of Education

The result of the election was as follows:

Barbara Hill—129 votes

Jeremy Pain—127 votes

Barbara Hill and Jeremy Pain were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Education to commence July 1, 2016.

- Minutes and agenda approved.
- **Committee on Special Education/Committee on Preschool Special Education Consent Agenda.**
- The meeting dates are May 4, 5, and 11, 2016.
- To accept the financial reports for April 2016.
- To approve fund surplus resolution agreement and release with Questar III, for the amount of \$1337.10.
- Cooperative Purchasing Services Resolution SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017
- Cafeteria Supplies and Food Bid Resolution
- Generic Resolution SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017
- To approve the change order #EC-1 for 2015 Small Capital Project:
 - Contract: Electrical Construction
 - Contractor: Blanding Electric, Inc.
 - Change Amount: 208.00
 - Deduction
 - Credit for unused field directive allowance
 - Date: 05/06/2016
 - Architect Project Number: 38400
- To approve a FMLA request for occupational therapist Angela Garlick, for the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year, with an anticipated return date on or around February 1, 2017.
- To approve the revision to BP 1311.
- To approve the annual Fire Safety Inspection for 2016, conducted on April 27, 2016.
- To approve the agreement between Bassett Medical Center and the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School for Athletic Trainer.

Discussion

- School based health clinic: Superintendent Hammond and Treasurer Dorothy Iannello met with Bassett's Jane Hamilton, who advised that GMU raise \$350,000 over a three year period for start up costs.
- Football merger with Oxford is a "go," paperwork has begun.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Over-the-Counter Medications in School

Why do we need a Health Care Provider's order and parent approval for an over-the-counter medication?

The information below provides an excellent example of the need for this information. I have been asked to share this helpful information with you concerning the safe use of products containing Benzocaine.

The FDA has issued a drug safety communication about a serious adverse effect associated with the use of over-the-counter (OTC) benzocaine gels, sprays, and liquids sold over the counter and used to relieve pain from a variety of conditions, such as teething, canker sores, and irritation of the mouth and gums. It is sold under different brand names such as Anbesol, Hurracaine, Orajel, Orabase and generic store brands.

The FDA is warning the public that the use of benzocaine is associated with a rare but serious condition that results in the amount of oxygen carried through the blood stream being greatly reduced.

Although this condition is rare but serious, signs and symptoms to be aware of are pale color, gray or blue colored skin, lips, and nail beds; headache; lightheadedness; shortness of breath; fatigue; and rapid heart rate. The cases reported mainly occurred in children aged two years or younger who were treated with benzocaine gel for teething. The signs and symptoms usually appear within minutes to hours of applying benzocaine and may occur with the first application of benzocaine or after additional use.

Recommendations

- Benzocaine products should not be used on children less than two years of age, except under the advice and supervision of a healthcare professional.
- Adult consumers who use benzocaine gels or liquids to relieve pain in the mouth should follow the recommendations in the product label. Products should always be stored out of reach of children.
- FDA encourages consumers to talk to their healthcare professional about using benzocaine.

FDA is continuing to evaluate the safety of benzocaine products and the Agency will update the public when it has additional information. Any adverse events, side effects should be reported to your healthcare professional.

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Senior Walk



On June 10, members of the GMU Class of 2016 participated in the district's inaugural "Senior Walk." The graduating seniors walked through the halls as students and teachers cheered them for their accomplishment.

