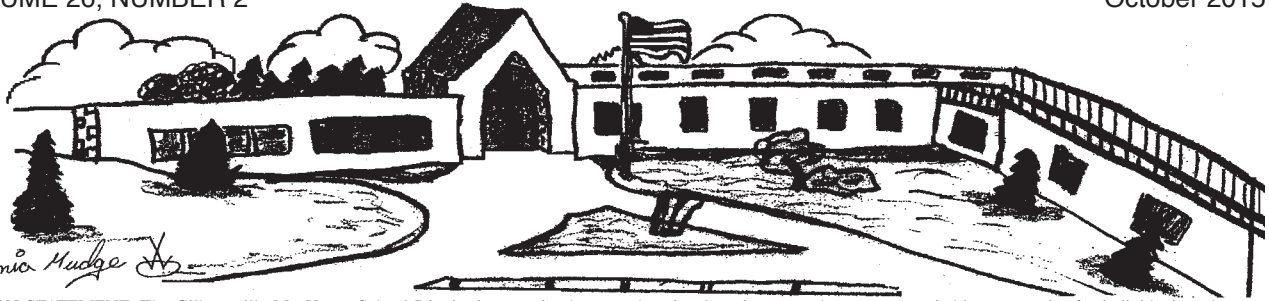


GILBERTSVILLE-MOUNT UPTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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 2015-2016 school year got off to a great start! I am thankful for our conscientious parents and hardworking students and I am looking forward to working together with our transportation staff, custodial staff, food service staff, teachers and aides as we continue to provide our students with a great education, varied

opportunities and life-long memories here at GMU. Welcome to all new faculty; staff; our new board of education member, Mr. Jeremy Pain; students and their families: we are thrilled to have you as part of the GMU family!

Parents, student drivers and community members, please remember that we want to keep all of our students as safe as possible, so on these foggy fall and slippery winter mornings, remember to take it slow and be aware as you cannot pass a school bus that has its lights on. Also, during morning drop-offs and afternoon bus loading, the front circle is closed to all traffic except our busses. During these times it is best to use the parent drop-off and pick-up area adjacent to the playground. It is also prohibited to pass a bus in our front circle any time of day.

Thank you to Mr. Digsby and his custodial staff for getting the school and the surrounding grounds in great shape to begin the school year. Thank you also to the student summer workers who assisted the custodial staff. They did everything from weed whacking outdoors to washing windows and vacuuming. The summer work program has been available to students for many years and provides students an opportunity to not only make money but to gain valuable skills and experience that can only help them in future jobs and care of their own home. This year's student workers were **Richard Knapp, Jordan Bower, Gary Conklin, Kyleena Newell, Elle MacPherson, Christina Hawkins and Taylor Pope.**

Our fall sports are in full swing with numerous soccer games and cross-country meets taking place. I firmly believe that as adults we need to model appropriate behaviors that we want our students to adopt as adults. It is imperative that we are always demonstrating good sportsmanship at all contests. Watching a contest can be much more enjoyable for all involved if we are making positive comments and being encouraging. Please support our students in our athletic contests and all extra-curricular programs that they participate in. Having supportive fans can provide a positive boost of energy for all involved!

This month, as your Superintendent, I will continue to work with the Capitol Project Steering Committee on the finalization of plans. All community members should have received our Capitol Project Newsletter in the mail. This newsletter outlined the work of the committee, important dates and our plans for moving forward. I will be working with various committees as we interview and make the important decision of choosing a new PK-12 principal for our school. It is through the PTO and Booster Club that parents and community members will volunteer to serve on an interview team, and I will be working with the Student Councils to ensure we have student representation, along with teachers and additional staff. I appreciate having our interim Principal, Mr. Rick Chase here to provide support to staff, students and their parents. As always, I look forward to working with all of you this school year.

—Mrs. Annette D. Hammond,
Superintendent and CSE Director



Save The Date
November 14
**GMU MARCHING BAND
QUARTER AUCTION**

Board of Education Meeting

Regular Meeting July 29, 2015

- Acknowledged thank you note from 2015 GMU graduate **Jenna Bakhuizen** for BOE Performing Arts Award.
- Positive Highlights: Summer school is in full swing. Headwaters Soccer Camp is this week, with a bus running from GMU. Next Tuesday and Thursday are LINKS sessions at Unadilla Valley—this is when we set our instructional focus and goals for 2015-2016 school year. Board member Smith thanked Alan Digsby and crew for their hard work keeping GMU's facilities so well maintained.
- The board approved/appointed:
 - Milk bid
 - Appointment of business teacher
 - Appointment of substitutes
 - Approval to abolish 11 month secretarial position
 - Appointment of Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach
 - Non-resident students
 - Free and reduced price meals
 - Rank One Sports contract
 - Jeremy Pain as Board Member

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Regular Meeting August 10, 2015

Regular Meeting on August 10, 2015, the board convened in executive session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss personnel issues, with Annette Hammond and Jeremy Pain present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Regular Meeting August 11, 2015

- Positive Highlights: LINKS committee worked last week on formulating goals for the 2015-2016 school year. They focused on literacy, math, and the "whole student." We are in a very busy time hiring to fill vacancies for 2015-2016. Mr. Hamilton and Nancy Estabrook attended conferences that ensure staff evaluations run smoothly.
- In Public Comment, community member urged better communication with community, concerning staffing changes.
- The board heard a report on Bus Leasing by Superintendent and Treasurer.
- The board convened in executive session to discuss personnel issues and tentative GMUTA agreement.
- The board approved/appointed:
 - Financial reports: July 2015
 - Tax Warrant for 2015-2016
 - Appointment of substitute
 - Accept resignations
 - Accept retirement
 - Appointment of Girls' Modified Soccer Coach
 - Appointment of science teacher

- Appointment of mentors
- Appointment of aide
- Accept rescinding of prior appointment
- Appointment of Annette Hammond as Superintendent of Schools of the Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School District
- BOCES Classroom Rental Agreement
- Athletics/PE Surplus
- Tentative GMUTA contract
- In second public comment, there was an inquiry into new principal search plan and a thank you to Mr. Hamilton for his years of outstanding service to GMU. He "changed the face of the district."

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Regular Meeting August 27, 2015

- Positive Highlights: Hamilton said that teacher composite scores are completed for 2014-2015 school year. The growth scores from New York State overall results were solid. Iannello said that school taxes are going out. Our tax rate dropped 0.31% overall. Theis welcomed Annette Hammond as GMU's new superintendent.
- Hamilton gave an update of the 2015-16 APPR Plan.
- The board approved/appointed:
 - External Audit of 2014-2015
 - Appointment of interim principal Rick Chase
 - Appointment of substitute
 - Acceptance of resignation
 - Appointment of regular bus driver
 - Appointment of 0.4 Social Studies Teacher
 - Appointment of mentor
 - Appointment of School Food Service Manager
 - Appointment of substitute bus driver
 - APPR Plan

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

School Board Recognition Week

The week of October 26 is School Board Recognition Week in New York. School board members give their time and talents to serve our district and our students. If you see a GMU Board Member, be sure to tell them *thanks!*

Our GMU School Board consists of President Jerry Theis, VP Larry Smith, and members Ethan Eberly, Carrieann Heath, Barbara Hill, Jeremy Pain and Zachary Proskine.

Thank You!

PK-12 Principal Search/Hiring Timeline

In both August and September this position was posted in Central New York newspapers multiple times to *get the word out* and attract the best candidates possible to interview for the opportunity to be our new principal.

- September—Interview teams will be established including teachers and staff, parents, students and board of education members. The Booster Club, the PTO, the Student Council, the GMUTA, and the CSEA will each provide representatives to serve on these teams.
- October 5—all applications are due to the Superintendent for review.
- Mid-October—Interview teams will meet with and interview each candidate.
- November 10—The Superintendent will recommend a candidate to the Board of Education.
- December 1—Our new Principal begins working at GMU!

School Meals Reminder

You must fill out a school meals application for the 2015-2016 school year by October 15, 2015. Applications that are on file from the 2014-2015 school year are only in effect until October 14. If we do not have a new application by October 15, then your child/children will no longer be eligible for meal benefits. Please call 783-2207, ext. 122 or email ssebeck@gmucsd.org if you have questions.

—Susan Sebeck, School Food Service Manager

Important Recycling News! Please Read!

TerraCycle has issued a notice to GMU that they are now installing new guidelines for shipments of chip/salty snack bags. We must send a box weighing at least 14 lbs. before December 2015 or we will lose our place in this program. We do not want to lose out, as all of our efforts have helped us to accumulate over \$2,000 in our account.

Every little bag helps! You may send the items listed below with a student or drop them off at the front desk.

- Chip / Salty Snack Bags—Any brand name! Any size! Please *no* cookie bags, candy or granola bar wrappers
- Juice Pouches—all brand names (like Capri Sun). No need to remove the straw! Store them in a ziploc bag in your freezer until you are ready to send them to school. This will keep them from leaking and avoid odors. (Please *no* juice boxes.)

Thank You!

—Green Team

PK-12 School News

We are one month into school and the students, staff and I have all adjusted well to each other and the school schedule. The teachers and I look forward to working with you and your child to build a successful educational learning experience for them.

Some safety reminders for parents

- If your child is going to another location after school we need a bus note sent in with your child or in an emergency situation it can be faxed to the school *before* 1:30 p.m.
- Parent/Teacher communication is important for the success of your child. I encourage you to please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.
- Please recognize that when you pull your child out of school for vacation it is an illegal absence. Know that even if you request work for your child, there is nothing that can replace the direct instruction received from a teacher by being in class. If you choose to take a vacation during the school year, you can expect that your child may miss some free time or recess to make up the direct instruction lost during their absence.
- Please remember that if you are sending in money or a check with your child, put it in an envelope with your child's name, teacher's name and reason for the money (i.e. lunch, book fair, etc.). We would also like you to go through your child's backpack each night to check for communications from the school. Students in grade K-6 should be bringing home a homework folder with information and/or homework assignments that need to be checked by you. Students in grades 3-6 have an agenda book that should be coming home every evening and you should be reviewing this and signing off in it. Please ask your child about these and review the information every evening. Be sure your child packs their folder with the agenda book in their bag, signed by you or their care provider every day. Please do not send in candy or soda with your child for lunch or snack. If you pack your child's lunch consider adding at least one fruit and vegetable each day to keep their lunch balanced and healthy.

October dates to remember

- 8 Elementary Open House—Grades PK-6, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- MS/HS Open House—Grades 7-12, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- 9 **No School—Superintendent's Conference Day**
- 12 **No School—Observance of Columbus Day**
- 23 Early Dismissal Drill, 2:45 p.m.
- 30 PK-6 Parade of Good Books, 1:30 p.m.
- Junior Carnival, 7:00 p.m.

Thank you so much for sharing your children with us and please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. The teachers and I look forward to seeing you at Open House!

—Mr. Chase, PK-12 Interim Principal

From the Guidance Office

Senior Planning

During the month of October, I will meet with seniors to discuss post high school plans. Letters will be sent home with the appointment times, so parents can plan on attending their student's meeting. Please feel free to contact the Guidance Office for an appointment or with any questions that may arise before or after the meeting.

Junior Planning

This is an important and rigorous year for you with major Regents exams required for graduation, but especially if you are considering higher education after high school. The PSAT will be given on October 14. All juniors are encouraged to take the test, as it is the best way to get ready for the SAT. Then, plan on taking the SAT in the Spring of 2016, because students who typically take the SAT a second time improve their score. Students who perform well on the test may qualify for special campus visits, programs, information sessions in your hometown or for certain scholarships. Also, if you are not already involved in clubs or activities, plan on adding it into your schedule this year: colleges look for well-rounded students who can balance academics and extracurricular activities.

Freshmen and Sophomores

Get involved and start thinking about what you want to do after high school! It takes time to figure out who you are and what you want to become. You can find help with career planning by:

- Exploring and taking different kinds of classes and reading different books to find a subject that fascinates you.
- Asking your counselor about taking a career assessment test.
- Shadowing or observing someone who works in a field you are interested in to get an idea of what the work might be like.
- Instead of posting your status on Facebook, visit Mapping Your Future (www.mappingyourfuture.org/PlanYourCareer/) and use their CareerShip tool. Also, visit www.bls.gov/oco, the Federal government's Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, which tells you which fields are growing.

Middle School

We remind and encourage you to begin the year off with an extra effort to focus on many new friends, respecting others, welcoming new faces, and learning about yourself as well as asking for help when you get confused. Please look to help others who struggle with their academics or might be having a difficult time opening their locker; it means showing good character at all times and doing your best each day.

College Day

On October 14, all seniors and any junior who takes the PSAT exam will have an opportunity to attend the Broome County Counselors College Day at the Arena in Binghamton. This offers our students an opportunity to speak with college and military representatives, ask questions and college materials from over 100 colleges, tech schools and financial institutions. There is an evening session from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for parents and community members who are interested in asking questions or furthering their education. For more information on the event and a list of colleges represented, please visit the website www.greaterbinghamtoncollegeday.org.

SAT and ACT Dates

Seniors who have not taken the SAT or ACT in the past or want to try to raise their previous scores should register for a November or December exam.

Test Registration

Test	Date	Deadline	Website
ACT	Dec. 12	Nov. 6	www.actstudent.org
SAT	Nov. 7	Oct. 3	www.collegeboard.com

—Mrs. Wilcox, 5-12 Guidance Counselor

Steel Drive

October 1-31

It's time to empty your garage, shed, basement and barn!

Appliances, stoves, fridge, washers, dryers, lawn mowers, pipes . . . if it's metal, we'll take it!
No wood, tires, rocks, cement or plastics

Mt. Upton

Mt. Upton Firehouse

Gilbertsville

Gilbertsville Village Hall
Lovers Lane

Drop-off anytime or deliver to
Wilkinson's Salvage Yard, County Road 33, Mt. Upton
Monday–Friday: 9-5, Saturday: 9-noon

*A Community Project sponsored by Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton
Central School Raiders 6th Grade Safety Patrol
Washington DC/Philadelphia Trip 2015*

Over \$8,200 raised since 2009

For more information: 783-2207
or gbakhuizen@gmucsd.org

Visit us at: www.facebook.com/GMURaidersSafetyPatrol



October Notes from the Athletic Director's Desk

Welcome back student-athletes, parents and fans! We are off and running (no pun intended) with our soccer and cross-country events for the fall. Both boys' and girls' varsity teams have had a number of league games and are playing great soccer. The cross-country team has had a few meets with satisfactory results.

Look for the sports schedules and updates on the website and our GMU facebook page.



Postcards will be sent out to all student-athletes and parents for the new and updated registration procedure for sports. Instead of filling out papers that get lost or misplaced, the athletic department now has a new procedure that takes care of most of those issues. Please note the following:

How to submit sports forms online:

- 1—go to: gilbertsvilleschools.rankonesport.com
- 2—Read the HOME page
- 3—Click on the INSTRUCTIONS tab and read that page
- 4—Click on the ELECTRONIC FORMS tab and you will see five different forms that you need to fill out and submit.

As you begin, you should have a postcard with your child's name and ID number that needs to be submitted into the top of the form as it is on the postcard. Fill out the form, sign and click submit. If you don't have your postcard yet, please contact Ms. Estabrook at 783-2207, ext. 143. The postcard will be mailed on or before the 1st of October.

I then receive an electronic notification that you have submitted the form(s). Each of the forms needs to be submitted in order for your son/daughter to be eligible to participate in athletics.

Additionally, you need to make sure that you have a current physical on file in the health office. Please contact Mrs. Angelone at 783-2207, ext. 108 for that information if you are unsure.

GO RAIDERS!



GMU Booster Club Needs New Members!

If you want to support a child/grandchild/neighbor who is a student at GMU (music, drama, clubs, sports), we need you! Please check the Booster Club link on the GMU webpage for meeting dates, times and upcoming events!

Susan Sebeck



Hi I'm Susan Sebeck and I am your new School Food Service Manager. I spent the last 18 years at Unadilla Valley Central School as their Cook Manager. I am very excited to be a part of the GMU Raiders Team.

I have lived in this community since 1991 when I married my husband Mark. We have two children, Nicholas and Alicia, who graduated from GMU. Nicholas graduated from Delhi, and Alicia is in her senior year at Lycoming College in PA.

Even after their graduation, I have stayed involved here with the GMU Booster Club and with the Band. Hope to see you November 14 at the next Quarter Auction for the Band.

I enjoy camping, checking out new recipes, and spending time with family and friends.

Nancy Bakhuizen



Hello. My name is Nancy Bakhuizen. I am a special education aide based primarily in the middle school. I will be in many middle school classrooms and the resource room to help students. From 1986-1991, I taught middle/high school science and math at Mt. Upton Central and the newly merged GMU district. I

live in Gilbertsville with my husband Gerrit, the famous "Mr. B". Our two daughters graduated from GMU. Kate graduated in 2011, earned her Bachelor's degree from LeMoyne College and is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Rehabilitative Counseling at Assumption College. Jenna graduated in 2015 and is beginning work towards a career as a Zookeeper. This fall, she began her Bachelor's program at Delaware Valley University, studying Zoo and Aquarium Science. I look forward to working with your children this year and I hope I can make a difference at GMU!

Melody Champion



I homeschooled my daughter, Darby (a freshman at SUNY Delhi) and son, Liam (a junior at GMU) until they entered public school in the 6th and 8th grades, at which point I began working as a school substitute. I have always found GMU's administration, teachers, and staff to be friendly, positive and supportive, and I am excited

to be working in such a great district.

Greg Bonczkowski

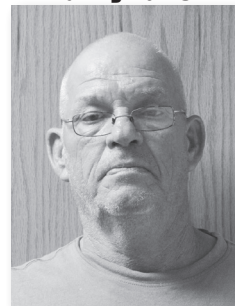


My name is Greg Bonczkowski, I am the new High School/Middle School Business Teacher at GMU. I grew up near Saratoga Springs and graduated from Shenendehowa High School. After high school, I attended Hartwick College in Oneonta where I received a degree in Business Management. I then decided to pursue a degree in education and received a Bachelor's degree in Business Education at SUNY Oneonta. I also received a Master's degree from SUNY Oneonta in Secondary Education.

I feel that I bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to GMU after working in the field of education for the past nineteen years. I am very excited about the opportunity to start a Business Education program here at GMU. This year we will be offering the following courses: Accounting 101 (TC3), Math and Financial Applications, Computer Applications, and 8th Grade Computers. In the future, I look forward to adding a variety of new courses and offering more courses where students can receive college credit. I have also had the opportunity to work with students outside of the classroom, serving as a coach for a variety of sports at different levels in four different school districts. I am excited to begin my second season as the GMU Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach this winter.

I have lived in the GMU school district for the past 15 years and am a very active community member. I have been and continue to be involved in the community youth sports program, the local Boy Scout program, and the local 4H program. I am also a member of the Gilbertsville Baptist Church, where I serve as the Treasurer. I have two children who attend GMU, Gavin (7th grade) and Hannah (5th grade). My wife, Sandra, is a GMU graduate and is a Vocal Music Teacher at Unatego Central School. I am very excited about the opportunity to join the GMU Faculty and look forward to working with the GMU students.

Manny Button



Look for our new full-time bus driver, behind the wheel!

Jeff Utter



Look for our new bus mechanic, tooling around in our bus garage!

Rick Chase



I retired from Bainbridge-Guilford Central School in 2002. My plans were to expand a small business. I started renting water coolers and selling five gallon jugs of water. The business grew so quickly that within two years I had to sell out. Since that time I have substituted as a Principal in Bainbridge, Sidney and Ithaca.

Also during this time I was a Student Teacher Supervisor working out of Oneonta State for four years.

Even though I coached JV football, Varsity and JV Basketball for 30 years, last year I assisted my daughter coaching Modified Girls Softball last spring.

After school and on weekend I spend a great deal of time with my three grandsons. Now that my wife recently retired, we plan on doing a little traveling.

Stephanie Hartley



My name is Stephanie Hartley, I will be filling in as the Elementary Reading Teacher this year while Mrs. Trass is enjoying the year with her new daughter! I am a 2006 graduate of Greene Central School, and currently live in Gilbertsville. I received my Bachelor's in Elementary Education from SUNY

Cortland in 2010 and my Master's in Literacy in 2012 from SUNY Cortland. You might have seen me around school; I have been a substitute teacher here at GMU for the past four years. In my free time I enjoy running, baking and playing with my dog, Brewster! I have had the opportunity to get to know your children over the past years, and look forward to another great year as part of the GMU community!

Kaitlyn Woods



Hello, my name is Kaitlyn Woods and I am the new 7th and 8th grade science teacher, as well as teaching Earth Science here at GMU. I am a 2011 graduate of Unatego Central School. I received my Bachelor's degree in Earth Science Education from SUNY Oneonta this past May. I love basketball and had the pleasure

of assistant coaching the Unatego girls' JV team this last season. I am very much looking forward to becoming a part of such a great community.

Erica Knowles



My name is Erica Knowles and I am the new 7th and 8th grade social studies teacher here at GMU. I am a 2009 graduate of Bainbridge-Guilford Central School. I received my Bachelor's degree in Social Studies Education from SUNY Oneonta in December of 2013, and I'm currently taking classes at SUNY Oneonta to complete my Master's degree in Special Education.

Educating young people is a true passion of mine. I also love hiking, traveling, my basset hound, and of course, Social Studies! I am looking forward to being involved in such a close-knit community, and I cannot wait to see what the school year brings.

Aimee Piedmonte



I am Aimee Piedmonte, the new District Clerk and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. I have been serving in education since 2000, as high school English teacher and librarian. I am excited to be learning all I can about another facet of education, the District Office. I am thrilled to be at GMU, where my

sons Lucas and Samuel attend, and to be working with this dedicated staff.

Molly Toulson



Hello! My name is Molly Toulson and I am the new 7th and 8th grade Family and Consumer Science Teacher, as well as the Culinary Arts instructor here at GMU. Previously, I taught Health to 7th graders at the Johnson City School District but then took ten years off to raise my kids. While I adored being home with my kids, I am so excited to be teaching again!

I am a 2002 graduate of Elmira College where I received my Bachelor's degree in Psychology. I then went on to get my Master's in Health Education from SUNY Cortland.

When I am not teaching, I love hanging with my kids and husband. I have three boys, Emerson who is 9, Becket who is 6, and Dunham who is 4. I am also one of the co-presidents of the PTA at the Cooperstown Central School District which is where I live. I enjoy spending time kayaking and boating on Otsego Lake.

I am looking forward to a great year!

Senior of the Month

Congratulations to Nathaniel O'Hara, September's Senior of the Month!



Nathaniel is a down-to-earth, hard-working young man. He has a good sense of humor and is always kidding around with classmates and fellow athletes! Nathaniel presently attends the Auto Technology course at DCMO BOCES, studying various aspects of mechanics. He has worked with both his father and grandfather with their respective businesses and is a good *big brother* to his family and friends! He is enrolled in Economics and Government and TC3 Intro to College Experience at GMU's campus.

He is also an active member of the Class of 2016 and is a supportive three-sport athlete; a *hands-on* goalie in soccer, a dedicated shooter and defender in basketball, and first basemen in baseball. We wish Nathaniel the best of luck and good wishes as he completes his last year at GMU! Go . . . Nate!

Congratulations to October's Senior of the Month, Katie Schultes!



Katie is a very busy young woman who contributes her all to the activities and sports here at GMU. She is currently enrolled in four college level courses; A.P.U.S. Politics and Government, TC3 Principles of Accounting, Academic Writing, and Intro to the College Experience. On top of that, she takes Trigonometry and is a member of the Symphonic, Marching and Jazz Bands. She gives 110% to all that she does, whether it is Student Council, Class of 2016 activities, NHS or any other organization in or out of school!

She is a three-sport athlete and has been since she was very young, playing soccer, basketball and softball. You could say she is *a force to be reckoned with* and if you know her you will understand how strong, yet caring, she is—inside and out . . . anyone would want her *on their side* and our GMU community certainly has. We wish her only the best in all future endeavors!

—HS Student Council

Great Job Nate
and Katie!



The GMU Drama club proudly presents the musical, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, November 6-7 at 7:00 p.m. in the GMU auditorium. This musical features Disney classics like *Be Our Guest*, *Home* and *Beauty and the Beast*. A suggested donation of \$5 will be collected at the door. Thursday evening, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. is a Senior Citizen pre-view featuring delicious desserts and coffee, at 6:00 p.m., in the cafeteria.

In a small French village, the beautiful and intelligent Belle (**Elaina Palada**) ignores her suitor, the vain and boorish Gaston and his lackey (**Mickenson Clune** and **William Schwartz**), as she cares for her father, eccentric inventor Maurice (**Michael Pope**).

On his way to the fair, Maurice stumbles upon a foreboding castle in the woods, and is thrown into a dungeon by the castle's occupant—a huge savage beast (**Brandon Barrows**). Belle comes to rescue her ailing father, and offers to take his place as the Beast's prisoner. Belle discovers that the castle's house staff has been transformed into objects: Lumiere, a candelabra, (**Lucas Piedmonte**), Cogsworth, a mantle clock, (**Timothy Picozzi**), Mrs. Potts, a teapot, and her son Chip, a tea cup (**Felicia Musson** and **Zara Zeidman**), Babette, a feather duster (**Molly D'Amato**), Madame La Grande Bouche, (**Auttum Hartwell**), catydid (**Kayla** and **Nicole Grabo**) and Guillian, a carpet (**Zachary Grabo**) by the same magic spell that made their master a beast. In order to break the spell, the Beast must learn to love another and be loved in return before the last petal of the enchanted rose falls.

As she remains in the castle, Belle and Beast find their apprehension replaced by affection; but Belle misses her father, and the Beast reluctantly allows her to leave.

Gaston—incensed at Belle's affection for the Beast—leads a mob of townspeople to storm the castle. Belle rushes back in time to confess her love for the Beast and the spell is broken.

A large, talented ensemble fills out the rest of the cast portraying town's people, enchanted objects, wolves and stage crew.

Elle MacPherson, **Lexus Coughlin**, **Madison Banks** (Silly Girls) **Michael O'Connor** (D'Arque) **Charlene Heisler** (Aristocratic Lady), **Matthew Lyons** (Baker), **Rachel Lyons**, **Chelsea Seward**, **Nina D'Amato**, **Hunter Christian**, **Madolin Lull**, **Michael Birdsall** (Book Seller), **Sydney Swift**, **Samantha Sullivan**, **Cecelia Caietta**, **Tyler Lindsly**, **Ben O'Connor**, **Courtney Baker** (Stage Manager), **Jocelyn Duncan**, **Jillian Butts**, **Katlyn Gross**, **Jade Osterwald** (Costumer/dresser), and **Shalleigh Taranto** (House Manager).

Art News

We had a very good showing at the fair, with 44 of our students entering artworks, and some students entering more than one piece. That's a lot of artwork! The following is a

Kindergarten

Allison Lefkowitz

First

Latham Retz—Line Design, 1st place

Alivia Vitek—Watercolor and Crayon, 3rd place

Second

Kyra Demmon—Oil Pastel Mandala, 1st place

Trista Vaccaro—Oil Pastel Mandala, 2nd place

Alyssa Sorochinsky

Avriel Correll

Justin Spathelf

Third

Morgan Williams—Initial Design, 2nd place

Mackenzie Barnes—Initial Design, 3rd place

Taylor Gager

Alaina Maxson

Kyle MacNeill

Abigail Davis

Fourth

Gabe Maurano—Self Portrait, 1st place

Connor Lenhardt—Abstract Paper Design, 2nd place

Connor Eberly—Abstract Paper Design, 3rd place

Carly Davis

Isaac Maxson

Bianca Plows

Kali Wilcox

list of our participants and winners in each grade level or category. If you get a chance to stop by the school, you will be able to see an exhibit of their work.

Fifth

Kailah Davis—Mandala, 2nd place

Anika Christensen

Angelina Correll

Maya Farwell

Morgan Keuhn

Bree MacNeill

Alivia Retz

Skye Wilson

Sixth

Olivia Held—Spirit Shield, 1st place

Apolonia Drapaniotis—Spirit Shield, 2nd place

Skylark Norton—Day of the Dead Skull, 1st place

Kylee Beckwith

Seventh

Tim Grow—Van Gogh Watercolor, 1st place

Naamah Romano—Watercolor Dragon, 2nd place

Summer Heath—Watercolor Dragon, 3rd place

Sadra Smith—Watercolor Dragon, 3rd place

Margaret Caietta

Vanessa Nelson

Tavian Raymond

High School

Colin Wind—Abstract Watercolor, 1st place

Colored Pencil Mandala, 2nd place

Rita Doherty—Photography, Black and White, 1st place

Photography, Color, 2nd place

Nick Cammer

Rachel Taylor

—Cheri Theis, Art Teacher

STEM Space in the Works

We at GMU are planning an area at our school for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning and activities. We are looking to community members for donations of items that you think could enhance the learning of our students. If you have some type of machinery that you would like to donate, please contact Lynne Talbot at 783-2207, ext. 268 or ltalbot@gmucsd.org. Items that we're looking for include, but are certainly not limited to: bicycles, pulleys, rope, clocks, telephones, models and tools. At this time we'd like to avoid electronics and gas engines, but hope to expand to them in the near future. Also, if you have a STEM-based skill that you'd like to share with interested students, please contact me.

Thank you in advance for your support.

—Lynne Talbot, HS Math teacher

Food and Game Night

The GMU PTO Presents a Potluck
Dinner and Game Night.



Friday, October 2,
5:30 -7:30

in the cafeteria

Teachers, students, parents . .
. all are invited.

Please bring a dish to pass (sign up at the front desk)
*Our purpose is to have fun, build community
and get our PTO rolling!*

Questions? Would you like to help with this event?
Contact: Nathaniel Posner blue.bear.pappa@gmail.com

Information from the Health Office

Parents: The ABC's of Autumn Tips to Help Keep Your Kids Safe and Healthy

Autumn requires us to make changes in our lifestyle due to weather, school activities and upcoming holidays. Greet the fall with ways to help keep you and your kids safe and healthy. Take steps to make sure your kids develop healthy habits that will help them now and throughout their lives.

Have an afternoon of food tasting

Gather your family together to research at least 3-5 varieties of one type of food (*i.e.*, fruit, vegetable, or nut). Talk about the unique qualities of the food and a little about its history (*i.e.*, when it was discovered or what it is known for). Lead the family in a taste test of the different varieties of the food, or prepare the food several different ways and have everyone choose their favorite. For example, an apple could be prepared as apple snack wedges, applesauce, apple cider and baked apples. You could also present similar types of vegetables, such as collard greens, spinach, kale and mustard greens. Talk about differences in their taste. Pick fall favorites or be adventurous and try new things.

Be active outdoors and indoors

Make fall yard work fun. Have kids come up with different ways to pick up leaves or pine cones (*i.e.*, squatting, bending, leaning, stretching or balancing on one foot). Sing, dance and explore. Provide kids with rakes and other tools that are kid-sized for comfort and safety. For indoor fun, play board games and computer games that encourage physical activity. Have a song-and-dance talent show. Draw, color and explore with health in mind. Remember that children and adolescents should be active for at least 2 ½ hours a week. Don't forget to apply sunscreen and insect repellent to protect you and your family from the sun, mosquitoes and ticks.

Check the safety of toys and other products

Check to see if any of your family's toys, jewelry, clothing, appliances, furniture and other products have been recalled due to lead paint or other potential hazards. As you begin thinking about toys and gifts for upcoming events and holidays, make sure they are age-appropriate. Ensure playground equipment is safe. For fall festivals, events and Halloween, take steps to keep kids safe and away from potential dangers.

Have a safe and happy fall!

(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

—Carol Angelone, RN, School Nurse

Halloween's Most Common Injuries Have Nothing To Do With Candy

Most people think of Halloween as a time for fun and treats. However, roughly four times as many children aged 5-14 are killed while walking on Halloween evening compared with other evenings of the year and falls are a leading cause of injuries among children on Halloween. (*Source: Unintentional Injury Prevention. National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, CDC.gov*)

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine lists eye injuries from sharp objects, burns from flammable costumes and injuries from collisions with vehicles as the most common reason kids visit the hospital on Halloween. The AAP and CDC provide advice on treats, costumes design, and pedestrian safety in the links below.

Be Safe this Halloween while Driving

- Slow down in residential neighborhoods. Drive at least 5 miles below the posted speed to allow time to react to children who may dart out into the street.
- Watch for children on the side of the road, and curbs. In dark costumes they are harder to see at night.
- Look for children crossing the street. They may not be paying attention, cross mid-street or from between parked cars.
- Turn on headlights to be more visible, even during daylight hours.

(Taken from the New York Statewide School Health Services Center Newsletter)

Health Appraisals Required

New York State mandates that health related screening be completed in our schools each year. The requirements are as follows:

Pre K and Kindergarten

- Vision: Distance Acuity, Near Vision, Hyperopia, Color Perception
- Hearing screening

Grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 10

- Distance Vision

Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 10

- Hearing Screening

Grades 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9

- Scoliosis Screening

Grades PK, K, 2, 4, 7 and 10 (and all new entrants)

These screenings will begin this month and continue until all has been completed. If there are any unusual findings, or cause for concern, I will contact you. In the event that additional evaluation is needed, a referral form will be sent home for you to take to your Health Care Provider. Any questions, please call me at 783-2207, ext. 108.

—Carol Angelone, RN, School Nurse

GMU Family Night at the Movies



Double Feature
**Disney Nature Monkey Kingdom
and Disney Nature Bears**

Rated G
Saturday, October 17 • 7:00 pm
GMU Auditorium
Free Admission



Snacks available • Pizza, hot dogs, popcorn and more!

Sponsored by the Raiders Safety Patrol Washington DC / Philadelphia Trip 2016



**Junior Carnival
Time**

Friday, October 30
7:00—9:00 p.m.

Come one, come all, for fun, food and games!
See you in the haunted house!

—Nancy Estabrook, Junior Class Advisor

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October Calendar of Events

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| <p>1 BVS vs. Franklin
GVS @ Franklin
BMS @ Morris
GMS @ Morris</p> <p>3 SAT
XC @ ME</p> <p>5 BMS vs. Worcester
GMS @ Worcester</p> <p>6 BVS @ Laurens
GVS vs. Laurens
Board of Education Meeting, Capital Project Hearing,
D104, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>7 XC @ Delhi
GVS @ Sharon Springs
BVS vs. Sharon Springs
BMS @ Laurens
GMS vs. Laurens</p> <p>8 PK-6 Open House, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
7-12 Open House, 5:30-7:00 p.m.</p> <p>9-10 TVL BVS & GVS Playoffs</p> <p>9 No School, Superintendent's Conference Day</p> <p>12-13 TVL BVS and GVS Playoffs</p> <p>12 Columbus Day, No School</p> <p>14 PSAT
Broome County College Day
8th Grade CASSC Leadership Workshop</p> <p>16 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.
TVL BVS and GVS Playoffs</p> <p>17 TV BVS and GVS Championship
GMU Movie Night, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>19 BMS vs. CVS
GMS @ CVS</p> | <p>20 XC @ WP
Board of Education Meeting, D104, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>22 BMS @ Sharon Springs
GMS vs. Sharon Springs</p> <p>23 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.
Early Dismissal Drill, 2:45 p.m.</p> <p>24 ACT</p> <p>26 BMS vs. Schenevus
GMS @ Schenevus</p> <p>29 BMS vs. Edmeston
GMS @ Edmeston
XC @ MAC Meet</p> <p>30 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.
PK-6 Parade of Good Books, 1:30 p.m.
Junior Carnival, 7:00 p.m.</p> |
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- *All Dates Subject to Change

*Blue and
Gold Dance*
Friday, October 16
Grades: 7-12
Time: 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Admission: \$5—no canned food or blue and gold
\$4—bring in a canned food item or wear blue and gold
\$3—wear blue and gold and bring in a canned food item
Sponsored by your High School Student Council.
Water and drinks available for purchase.

***Come join us for a night of fun and dancing
and help our local food pantries!***