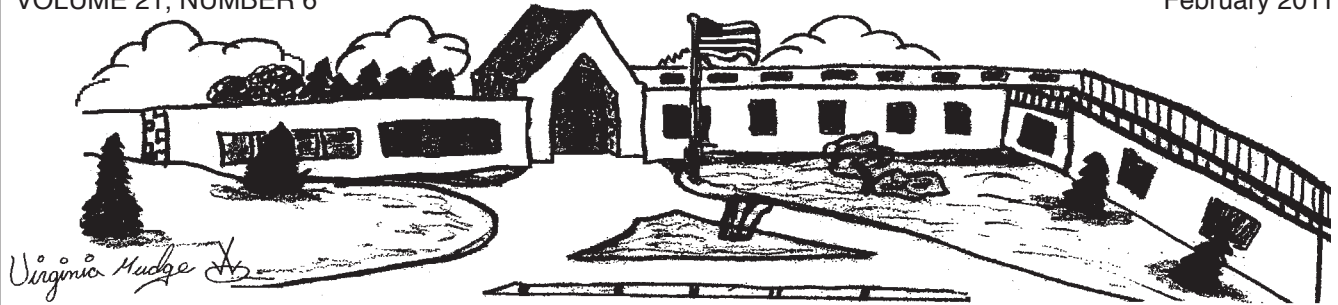


GILBERTSVILLE-MOUNT UPTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MISSION STATEMENT: The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton School District is committed to an educational environment that assures equitable opportunity for individuals to become 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

I would like to take this time to thank everyone who attended our Holiday Luncheon and Board of Education Dinner Theater. The District would like to thank Martha Dibbell and her staff for preparing both of these meals. The Dinner Theater was a huge success with over 80 attendees. The funds that were raised will go toward scholarship money for this upcoming graduation. I would like to thank the music department who provided entertainment and showcased our talented staff and students at both of these functions as well as the National Honor Society and their advisor, Ms. Haskins, for serving at the Dinner Theater.

A reminder to everyone that the bus vote for purchasing a 66-passenger school bus will take place Tuesday, February 8. We had originally planned to purchase two (2) buses to maintain our bus replacement schedule. However, because of the tough economic times, we have made the decision to cut back and to purchase only one bus for this school year. In addition, the District is also looking at cutting back a bus route for the next school year. With the sale of the bus, and the current state transportation aid of 90%, there will be no effect on the tax levy. It is important to replace our vehicles in a timely fashion as older vehicles are more costly to maintain.

By the time you receive this newsletter, school districts will have received the governor's executive proposal for the 2011 school year. This proposal will provide a better picture for state aid, which makes up over 67% of our revenue. We have been working on developing a budget over the last three months taking into mind the financial difficulties facing New York State. Everyone is aware of the tough financial situation our state and country is facing. School districts will be faced with difficult choices for student program offerings and at the same time, meeting New York State requirements. We will keep you apprised as information is provided to the District.

—Glenn R. Hamilton

Bus Vote

Tuesday, February 8, Noon-8:00 p.m.
Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Front Lobby



- No Impact on School Tax Levy
- Please note: Residents must present identification in order to vote.

Proposition One: School Bus Purchase

Shall the Board of Education of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District, Chenango and Otsego Counties, New York, be authorized to purchase a bus and to expend therefore a maximum estimated cost not to exceed one hundred seven thousand dollars (\$107,000), including incidental expenses in connection therewith, and that \$107,000 Capital Reserve Fund monies shall be used to pay the cost thereof.

Due to the District's high (90%) State Aid transportation ratio, proceeds from the sale of one excess bus, and the utilization of our capital reserve fund, there is no impact on the school tax levy.

The one bus will replace one of our older buses and will maintain our bus replacement schedule. The bus will come with a strobe light on top for improved visibility and a security camera is also included on the bus.

Board of Education Highlights

December 7

At their regular meeting, the Board:

Heard the Superintendent and members provide the following Positive Highlights:

- The annual Holiday Luncheon for District staff and senior citizens will be held December 22.
- The Drama Class's mid-term production was vignettes written and acted by students, some silent, some with music and some speaking.
- In the spirit of the season, the National Honor Society is collecting Toys for Tots and the elementary BOCES class is sponsoring a food drive for Gilbertsville and Mount Upton food banks.
- The Elementary Student Council and Raiders Safety Patrol sponsored their annual Kids Day Out to have fun while parents shopped, wrapped presents or just took time out. Games, crafts, cartoons, library corner and more fun activities kept 46 kids safe and busy.
- Grades K-2 are using Flat Stanley to teach geography, math and other skills. Students celebrate birthdays by releasing a balloon with a Flat Stanley attached. When the balloon returns to earth, the finder is asked to send Flat Stanley back by mail. So far, Flat Stanleys have traveled to New York, New Jersey and Vermont.
- Heard that the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Teachers Association recognizes that these are difficult financial times for school districts and asks that when making the required tough decisions, the Board of Education keep in mind their effect on students and staff members.
- Received financial reports for October.
- Heard a report on the District Bus Replacement Plan and a proposal to maintain the current 10-year limit on the life of buses.
- Heard the BOCES Superintendent report on the partnership with the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District and the final cost to the District of services used after applying BOCES Aid.
- Approved Special Education recommendations.
- Approved a tax correction and the Tax Collection report.
- Appointed an Internal Auditor.
- Appointed a Cheerleading Advisor and a volunteer assistant basketball coach.
- Accepted a resignation and appointed a substitute LTA and Aide.
- Declared an unused balance beam excess to the needs of the District.
- Approved a merger of track teams with Morris Central School.
- Tabled action on a proposed bus purchase until the December 21 meeting.

- Met in executive session to approve Special Education recommendations and to discuss specific personnel items.
- Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

December 21

At their regular meeting, the Board:

Heard the Superintendent and members provide the following Positive Highlights:

- The winter sports season is off to a good start with the Boys' Varsity Basketball team at three wins, no losses and Girls' Varsity at four wins, two losses.
- The Superintendent has initiated discussions with neighboring districts Morris, Edmeston and Unadilla Valley administrators regarding sharing staff to maintain course electives, add new courses and possibly share other resources.
- A packed gym watched the annual Seniors vs. Faculty volleyball match that ended with the Faculty winning two of three games.
- The Sixth Grade presented a program on Christmas Around The World, setting up stations in the Library as a museum for visitors to walk through.
- The Global Connect automated calling system to notify parents of cancellations and other information is running well and has been used several times.
- Received financial reports for November.
- Heard a report on options for bus purchases and approved a resolution calling a special district meeting February 8, 2011 to vote on purchasing one large bus.
- Appointed a Varsity Track Coach.
- Granted tenure to a teacher.
- Discussed the Power Pay electricity demand response program. The program notifies participants to reduce usage during periods of high demand, who are then compensated for reducing their usage.
- Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

—Garrick Hoadley, District Clerk

STAR School Tax Exemption

Do not forget to apply for the STAR school tax exemption by March 1, if you have not previously applied. You do not have to reapply if you have Basic STAR. If you have Senior Enhanced Star, you do need to reapply every year. You are eligible for an exemption on your primary residence regardless of your age or income.

Applications are available at your local assessor's office and in the G-MU District Office.

Recycling at G-MU

We are in the process of recycling more and more at G-MU. In both cafeterias there are baskets to collect empty chip bags and empty juice drink pouches. Please feel free to bring them into school and put them in the baskets.

These are sent to an organization in New Jersey called TerraCycle and they will pay us for each bag or pouch we send them. They then turn them into items like bags, folder covers and backpacks. Thanks for your support.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at school 783-2207, ext. 269.

—Ms. Estabrook

Passwords

Passwords are often required to access information from financial, medical and other institutions. Hackers have sophisticated tools for cracking passwords. Here are some tips for creating and protecting your passwords.

- Select at least eight characters, including a combination of letters, numbers and symbols that you can remember but that others won't easily guess.
- Do not use your mother's maiden name, spouse's name, last four digits of your Social Security number, pets or children's names, or date of birth.
- Do not use a word that can be found in the dictionary in any language.
- Create a new password for every website or login that requests one. If that is impractical, create a few hard-to-guess passwords and use those at sites you want to keep most secure. Create easier-to-remember passwords to use at less important sites.
- Change your passwords regularly—at least once a month.
- Memorize your passwords; if you must write them down, don't carry them in your wallet or leave them in an unprotected place, including a computer file.
- If you have the option of letting your computer remember a password for you, don't do it.
- Do not share your passwords with family members, friends, or colleagues.
- If you are logging into an ATM or other computer, make sure no one is looking over your shoulder as you enter your password.

—Mr. Skrobanski, Elementary Computer Lab
Source: http://www.troopers.state.ny.us/Crime_Prevention/Online_Safety/Protecting_Your_Privacy/

News from the High School Guidance Office

Life After Graduation



On January 6, five former G-MU students took part in a panel discussion sharing valuable information with the

2011 Senior Class. The former students shared their experiences about post graduation choices on colleges and military, changing majors, time management, and living on campus.

The panel consisted of **Cody Luetzger** (2009) attending SUNY Brockport, **Courtney Hillman** (2010) attending SUNY Delhi, **Jenn Pedersen** (2009) attending SUNY Cortland, **Barbara Gengenbach** (2008) attending SUNY Potsdam, and **Tim Thatford** (1995) employed as a NYS Trooper for Troop C. Many thanks to our panelist!

College Financial Aid and Scholarships

For seniors who are going to college in fall 2011 and want to apply for federal and state financial aid, students need to have filed their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the colleges' financial aid application deadline. Many colleges will start awarding financial aid by March 1, and some aid is awarded on a first come, first serve basis. If the FAFSA has not already been filed, do so ASAP and please be sure to use the website www.fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA may be filed online or via paper. In addition to the FAFSA, scholarship information will be posted on the Guidance Office bulletin board and the school website. Be sure to check weekly. Deadlines, along with timely completion of applications, are important! If you have questions or need help please see Ms. Cable or Mrs. Stratton in the Guidance Office.

Reminder: It is important to continue to stay focused on your studies because even after getting accepted into a college or technical school, schools will require a final transcript to confirm your graduation. Also, it is necessary to write thank you notes to teachers who have written letters of recommendation for college admission and scholarships.

Upcoming SAT and ACT Administrations

Now is the time to start registering for the spring 2011 SAT and ACT exams. Test dates are as follows.

SAT Website: www.collegeboard.com

<u>Exam Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
March 12	February 11
May 7	April 8
June 4	May 6

Note: June 4 is also the Sherburne Pageant of Bands. Please register for the May exam versus June if you are a band participant.

ACT Website: www.actstudent.org

April 9	March 4
June 12	May 6

BOCES Tech Programs

As of this writing, we are working on coordinating a date in February for sophomores to see a presentation by DCMO BOCES on their Career and Technical Education Programs. Students and parents interested in receiving more information on the technical programs should contact either Ms. Cable or Mrs. Stratton.

—Ms. Cable and Mrs. Stratton

Senior of the Month



Congratulations to February's Senior of the Month (a real sweetheart), **Tanya Barnes**. Tanya works hard at everything she does, whether it is sports, class activities or in the classroom. Tanya has been involved in Soccer and Basketball here at G-MU. She is also a *go-to* girl for the Class of 2011, always working behind the scenes or at events for her class. Presently, she is helping to organize the senior trip. On the court, Tanya is looking to surpass 1,000 points, which is quite an achievement! She is a scholar athlete because of her perseverance and dedication in the classroom.

Whether it is on the field, the court, the classroom, the store or the farm, Tanya is someone who can be counted on! Thanks for all of your hard work here and best of luck in all you do!

—The G-MU HS Student Council

An Energy Solution that Pays

The District is fortunate to be able to participate in a *free* energy savings plan called Power Pay New York! We are excited because we are always looking for ways to cut costs on energy. This is a great opportunity for all staff and students to work together to reduce electricity consumption during high demand periods, and at the same time, generate revenue for the District.

3D Art Class

The 3D Art Class is looking for ribbon. We need fabric ribbon for creatures we are creating. If you have any scraps from your sewing projects that are 12" or more, we would appreciate the donation. We are also looking for plastic bags that are colored red, orange, pink, blue, anything unusual. They will be used for sculpturing.

Furthermore, if you have any puzzles that have missing pieces and are no longer useful for making a complete puzzle, we could use them for a sculpture as well.

—Mrs. Theis

Helpful Information from the Health Office

Here are some tips for "*Play in a Winter Wonderland*" from Betty Debnam, Editor of *The Daily Star* in Oneonta, after interviewing a doctor and sports medicine specialist.

Dress for Safety

If you are going to be outside in the cold, dress in layers. This will keep you warmer than one big heavy coat or snowsuit. Also, you can take off a top layer if you are exercising enough to grow warm. Layer with:

- Warm socks. Wear several pairs, especially if you are on the ice;
- Thermal, or long underwear;
- Regular warm clothes such as jeans, sweatpants, long-sleeved warm shirts, sweatshirts and sweaters;
- A winter coat;
- A warm hat;
- Warm mittens or gloves.
- Do *not* wear clothes with drawstrings. They can get caught, causing accidents.

Other Safety Tips

- Wear sunscreen. You might not think you need sunscreen in the winter, but snow reflects or bounces back sunlight. Sunscreen is especially important when you are in high-elevations, such as mountains. So are goggles.
- Wear protective gear. Sports such as skating, skiing and snowboarding are fun, but you need to be careful. Padding and helmets are especially important for beginners and young kids.
- Go inside often to get warmed up. Frostbite occurs when the skin gets frozen. If you notice your fingers, toes or ears becoming numb, it probably is time for an indoor break.

Preventing Frostbite

By Denise Mann (*Oneonta Daily Star*)

As per Dr. Chris Guyer, a sports medicine and emergency room physician at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, "frostbite occurs when body tissues freeze. Knowing the signs of frostbite is one of the best defenses. The initial symptoms include hard, cold, waxy and white areas on exposed skin. They are very painful initially and then they turn numb. Put frostbitten hands or feet in warm water and wrap or cover other areas in a warm blanket and then seek medical attention immediately."

Other Tips for Prevention of Frostbite

- Dress for the weather. Dress in layers, use mittens instead of gloves, they are less constrictive. Protect your nose by wearing a mask or a scarf. A warm hat that covers your ears is also essential.
- Do not drink alcohol or smoke. Alcohol can impair your ability to feel how cold it really is; smoking can also increase your risk of frostbite because it impedes circulation.

—Carol Angelone, RN, School Nurse

Middle/High School News

February brings the start of a new semester and new classes for some of our students. The start of this semester marks the half way point for the school year. Report cards will be given to students the first week of February. It is so important for students to stay focused on their studies and to ask for assistance if they are having difficulty in a class. After school help is available to all students Monday through Thursday in the Library or by appointment with any teacher. If you are concerned about your child's progress, you will have the opportunity on March 10 to participate in our first parent teacher conference day for grades 7-12. These conferences will be scheduled based on parent and/or teacher request, so if you would like to meet with one or more of your child's teachers, please contact the Guidance Office.

This is also an exciting time for seniors as their high school experience is almost over and they are planning for their futures and receiving college acceptance letters. It is so important that seniors stay focused throughout this semester because grades can effect graduation and if accepted to a college, a student's acceptance can be rescinded or the student can begin college on academic probation due to low or failing grades.

Inclement weather continues to be an issue this time of year, so it is important that you listen to the radio, local TV or view the G-MU website to see if school or events are delayed or cancelled. Students who drive also need to keep in mind that the District provides busing for all students so if the weather is questionable on a school day, riding the bus to school is always an option and can be safer than driving to school.

In February we are looking forward to upcoming basketball games and Soaring Eagles at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 24. Please join us for as many of these events as you can. Parents and community members are always welcome.

School is closed on the following days for Presidents' Day Recess in February: Monday the 21st and Tuesday the 22nd.

—Annette Hammond, 7-12 Principal

Ornaments

If you were a Senior Citizen attending our Holiday Dinner, you probably went home with more than a full belly from the delicious dinner provided by Martha and her staff. Each year there has been an ornament for you to take home. This year the ornaments were made by my 3D Class who included **Jennifer Price, Zachary Agresta, Logan Eltz, Megan Winchester, Jensen Wiltsie** and **Shelby Hartwell**. We worked about a week cutting them out and cleaning them before they were fired in the kiln. The glaze was then applied and the pieces were fired once more. Over 150 pieces were made!

We hope you enjoyed them, and I look forward to creating the next ornament with my class next year.

—Cheri Theis

Technology Education at G-MU

The G-MU Technology Program has had a very productive year so far. Currently, the program is running two DDP (Design and Drawing for Production) classes, Life Skills Technology for students in the EXCEL program, 7th Grade Technology, 8th Grade Technology and Media Production Technology. The upcoming spring semester will offer Materials/Furniture Design.

Technology classes do a variety of projects and activities. Currently, the Media Production class is working on producing a CD recording for the school. The recording features various student talents throughout the school. Media class will have these CD's available upon completion of the recording. This class is also presently working on screen printing. Students designed their own logos and transferred their images to screens that were produced. Students will be able to print their own shirts with their designed logos.

DDP has been focused on technical drawing and design. The students are just finishing a cutting board project where students used their knowledge of measurement, design and machining to produce a high quality cutting board made of various hardwoods including ash, maple, walnut, cherry and red oak. We would like to thank Mr. Pope for donating cherry to the program and to Mr. Loitsch for donating the design, specifications and prototype for the cutting boards.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Technology has been focused on problem solving activities including bridge building, structural support, manufacturing/woodworking, soldering, circuit boards and other technical related subjects.

The Life Skills Technology class is presently salvaging lumber from pallets donated by Mr. and Mrs. Hammond. The salvaged lumber will be used to construct a compost bin for the school. The bin will be located in the quad area. Biodegradable food will be put in the compost bin to be used for gardening. The idea was created by the *Green Team* at G-MU, a group of teachers/faculty who are teaching students how to *go green*.

The program also has two students on independent study learning AutoCadd. **Anthony Cabrinety** and **Brenden Zucchi** are presently working on three dimensional AutoCadd. This program is used extensively in industry, architecture and machining.

—Mr. Held, Technology Teacher

News from SADD Club

Date Change

G-MU's SADD Chapter is excited to invite you to the first ever SADD Winter Carnival

- Date: Friday, February 25
- Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Location: Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton CSD
- Activities for all ages: winter wonderland, craft stations, games, concessions, a gingerbread house decorating competition and much, much more.

All funds will be used to support the SADD after prom party.

Valentine's Day Flower Sales

Roses are red, violets are blue, carnations are sweet, and so are you! SADD will be selling flowers this Valentine's Day

Sales: February 11-12

Delivery: February 14

Please see a SADD member to place orders

Save the Date:

March 12, 2011

Local Traveling Scavenger Hunt

Look for more information about this fun filled fundraiser coming soon.

Library Corner

Do you have a favorite breed of dog? Well several students at G-MU do, especially after reading our new series *The Best Dogs Ever*. This series includes Beagles, Boxers, Bulldogs, Chihuahuas, Dachshunds, Labs, Poodles and several others. These books help the reader become familiar with the breed and help decide if it is the right dog for them. If you are looking for a new pet, then check out the Elementary Library pet section.

Bailey School Kid fans can read the new book *Dragons Do Not Throw Snowballs*. When the Bailey School kids get snowed in at school overnight they have to decide if there really is a dragon outside throwing snowballs. They sneak out of school to help prove that he exists, but wait until you see what they find.

The High School Library has received several new books over vacation. Science fiction fans can check out Obert Skye's *Pillage*. This is a story of a family that discovers dragons and what will happen to them. Also, Philip Reeve's: *No Such Thing as Dragons* has just arrived. This story is about a boy who is unsure whether to believe that his master is a dragon slayer or not. Finally, Julia Keller has won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel *Back Home*. This story is about a family dealing with the after effects of a soldier returning home from Iraq.

—Mrs. Norton

7-8 Soaring Eagles

On Thursday, December 16, the Middle School held its monthly Soaring Eagles awards ceremony. Because no awards ceremony was held in November, two different groups of students were honored. Several students were recognized for displaying the trait of *Understanding* (November) and others were rewarded for demonstrating *Responsibility* to their teachers and peers (December). Teachers and students would like to thank all of the parents, guardians and relatives who came to help celebrate our students and encourage them to continue displaying positive character traits every day.



Students recognized for their Understanding in November included: l.-r. top row: Katie Gross, Colin Wind, Mackenzie Cabrinety; middle row: Cassie O' Hara, Brandon Barrows, Shay Christian; bottom row: Hannah Gross, Michelle Primrose.



Students recognized for their Responsibility in December included: l.-r. top row: Jacob Bedell, Dylan McCumber, James Mealey; bottom row: Brianna Christian, Elaina Palada; not pictured: Matthew Lyons.

—Mr. Mohrien

Elementary News

Winter is back in full force, so please remember your child needs to wear mittens, boots, hats and winter coats and that all items are labeled with your child's name. If your child wears boots to school, please try and help them remember to also bring shoes or sneakers to put on during the school day. Be sure to check the lost and found whenever you come into the school; it is located in the Health Office. It's amazing how many jackets, boots, shirts, glasses, etc., get lost and no one claims them. Please be sure to stop in!

Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, February 4. Please be sure to ask your child for their report card then sign and return the envelope. Also, if you receive a Progress Note from your child's teacher throughout the year, please be sure to sign and return these as well. This serves at the teacher's verification that you have read the report and know how your child is progressing.

In case you haven't noticed in the school calendar, our spring Parent Conferences are being held on Thursday, March 10 from 12:45-7:00 p.m. For families that have children that will be 5 on or before December 1, 2011, we will be having Kindergarten Registration on March 10 as well; more details will be in the March Newsletter.

Dates to Note

January

31 No School, Conference Day

February

4 Report cards go home

21-22 School will be closed

24 Elementary Soaring Eagles and Honor/Merit at 8:15 a.m. in the Auditorium

—Mrs. Volpi

3-6 Soaring Eagles



On December 16, we celebrated *Responsible* students at Soaring Eagles. Students considered needed to show that they were responsible by completing class work and homework on time, and being prepared for class with supplies and materials. The following students received awards:

Grade 3

Mrs. Bennett—Aliya Pickens

Mrs. Stensland—Kaitlyn Fuller

Ms. Lewis—Garrett Proskine

Grade 4

Ms. Burch—Mara Nolan

Mr. Trass—Chelsea Seward

Grade 5

Mrs. McMullen—Rachel Lyons

Mr. Cimineri—Mathew Antao

Mrs. Cummings—Scarlett Newman

Grade 6

Mrs. Benoit—Daniel Backman

Mrs. Banks—Andrew Baker

Congratulations to all of our Soaring Eagles!

January's theme is *Artistic Creativity*. Students considered need to show creativity in one or more areas.

—Mrs. Stensland

3rd Grade News



Miss Lewis' 3rd grade class has been learning many words and phrases in Spanish this year. For the holiday season, our class learned the song *Feliz Navidad*, which translates to Merry Christmas. On December 20, the students performed this song at the Morning Raiders ceremony.

We will continue learning new Spanish words for the remainder of the year. Make sure to say hello or *Hola* to anyone in our class the next time you see us!

—Miss Lewis' 3rd grade

Artist of the Month



The month of January brings us **Vasiliki Drapaniotis** as our Artist of the Month. Vasiliki can always be counted on to do her very best with all of her artwork. She puts a lot of thought and effort in every project we do in art class. Last year in fourth grade, she was Artist of the Month for a watercolor she did, that I also entered in the Otsego County fair. She won a prize for it in the painting category. She is a student in Mr. Cimineri's fifth grade class, and I asked her to write about this piece of work. This is what she has to say about it . . .

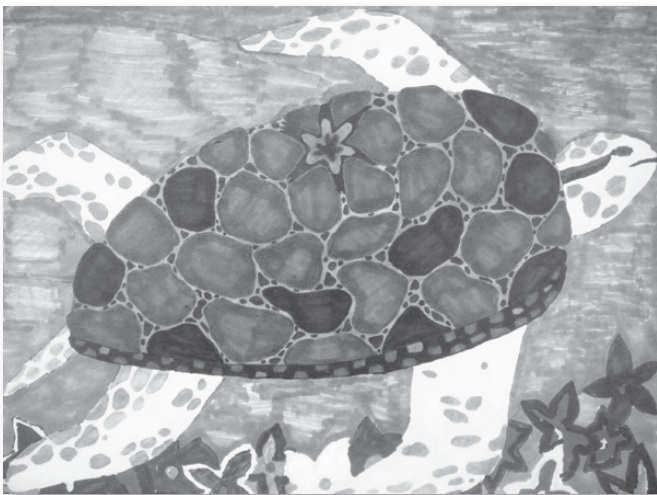
"I chose a turtle to draw because, when I was thinking of what to draw, I couldn't decide. Then I decided to draw my favorite animal, the turtle. I was going to use blue for the turtle, but then I decided to use green because I was going to make the water blue.

I wanted to do something colorful for the flowers. From what I've seen, ocean plants look much more colorful than the plants we see around us. I chose blue to put in the flowers, and for some flare I put red and pink.

I drew the scales on the turtle very carefully. I mostly drew the scales knee and on the flippers. On the shell I put on a design in the middle as a starter and I added little dots between the big spots to be little shells that got stuck in the turtles."

I think that even in black and white that this is a beautiful piece. Great work Vasiliki!

—Mrs. Theis



Congratulations Vasiliki!

The Giving Tree



Hello! We hope everyone's winter break and holiday season was a memorable and restful one. In the month of November our classes talked about the importance of being thankful and showing appreciation toward others. In the month of December we decided we wanted to be people that others were thankful for! We read the story titled, *The Giving Tree* written by Shel Silverstein. This story really showed us why it is so very important to give to others. Our classes decided to collect canned goods and other non-perishable food items for local families in need. We used these items to create our own *Giving Tree*.

We had a wonderful turnout thanks to our classes and their caring families. Finding the joy in giving to others is such an important lesson to learn. We would like to thank our second and third grade families for their support. Thank you for making a difference. Great job boys and girls!

—Mrs. Stensland, Miss Lewis and Mrs. Bennett's
Second and Third Grade Classes

Book Fair

We will be hosting a Scholastic® book fair during the week of February 7. Please join us during the afternoons from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the High School Library. Students will be bringing home flyers with exact dates and times.

If you would like to volunteer during the afternoons at the book fair, please call Raquel Norton 783-2207, ext.116.

Cinderella's Glass Slipper!



Last month in the article about Cinderella's Glass Slipper all the various characters from the show were mentioned except one important role! Cinderella! Her character was mentioned many times but who played the charming, gentle, and sweet girl who worked so hard for her evil stepmother and step sisters? It was **Felicia Musson!** And what a fantastic job she did!

Congratulations on the excellent job you did in the musical performance of Cinderella's Glass Slipper!

Excellent Job!

Booster Club News

We hope everyone is enjoying the winter sports season. Please continue to come out and support our athletes. The Booster Club would like to wish all the teams the best of luck for the rest of the season.

The upcoming dates for our monthly meetings will be Thursday, February 3; Thursday, March 3; Tuesday, April 5; Wednesday, May 4; and Wednesday, June 1. The 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is on Saturday, March 26. If there are any students (7-12), parents or community members who would like to help out at this event, please email me at [nikkiharrisbc@hotmail.com](mailto:nikkiaharrisbc@hotmail.com) or contact any Booster Club member. We can use anyone willing to help. Thank you for supporting the G-MU Booster Club.

—Nikki Harris, Booster Club President

First Grade News



January was a very fun and productive month for the first graders! We came back to school ready to learn and tackle new skills. We focused on a weather unit, learned some geometry and continued to work on decoding skills and reading comprehension.

Our weather unit was very exciting and it provided us with an opportunity to learn about some wild weather such as blizzards, heat waves, hurricanes and tornadoes. We had a great time exploring these weather patterns and writing nonfiction pieces about wild weather. We also enjoyed learning about clouds and the book *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs* tied in nicely with this unit. We did many different corresponding activities to thoroughly enjoy the literature, including a writing piece about our favorite meal.

Geometry was interesting for us and we liked learning about plane shapes, congruency and symmetry. We used pattern blocks to investigate slides, flips and turns and we also did some activities on the SMARTBoard™ to further manipulate the shapes. Next, we began to look at parts of a whole. We discussed halves, thirds, quarters and equal parts and then we learned about parts of a set.

In Phonics we have been studying the /ai/, /ea/ and /oa/ sounds and using these in our reading and writing. Now we can spell words such as rain, stain, treat, beach, goat and foam. In Guided Reading, we have had a strong focus on reading with expression, predicting events in a story and using our background knowledge in order to improve our comprehension. We have been doing a lot of re-reading to increase fluency and have used poems to help us in this area as well. During and after reading, we have had discussions and completed projects to improve our comprehension skills.

—Mrs. Privitera and Miss Lehtonen

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February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Hamburger on bun Seasoned potatoes Fruit Milk	2 Chili Baked potato Corn Roll Fruit Milk	3 Turkey pot pie Potatoes Fruit Milk	4 Tacos Rice Corn Fruit Milk	5
6	7 Chicken patty on bun Seasoned potatoes Green beans Fruit Milk	8 Grilled cheese sandwich Tomato soup Fruit Milk	9 Assorted pizza Salad Fruit Milk	10 Spaghetti Salad Roll Fruit Milk	11 Turkey fajita Rice Corn Fruit Milk	12
13	14 Turkey spiedie on bun Seasoned potatoes Vegetable Fruit Milk	15 Hot ham and cheese wrap Tomato soup Fruit Milk	16 Hamburger on bun Baked beans Pasta salad Fruit Milk	17 Baked ham Scalloped potatoes Broccoli Fruit Milk	18 Turkey quesadillas Rice Corn Fruit Milk	19
20	21 No School	22 No School	23 Sloppy joe on bun French fries Fruit Milk	24 Macaroni and cheese Spinach Fruit Milk	25 Tacos Rice Corn Fruit Milk	26
27	28 Chicken nuggets Seasoned potatoes Mixed vegetables Fruit Milk	Students must have a signed permission slip and money on their account to charge snack items.	A La Carte prices: Chips: \$.75, Cookies \$.75 Ice cream: \$.75 Beverages: \$.50, .75 & 1.00	Students' who owe on accounts are unable to purchase snacks.		
	Please check on your students' account balance. Call 783-2207 ext. 122	Breakfast: Assorted hot and cold cereal, bagels, breakfast sandwiches, muffins, pastries, fruit, juice and milk.	Pizza and a variety of sandwiches, salads, fruits and vegetables are available daily.	<i>Meal Prices</i> Lunch: \$1.70 Pre-K-6 \$1.90 7-12 Breakfast: \$1.25 Reduced meals: \$.25 Milk: \$.50	A La Carte Breakfast prices: Bagel \$1.00 Breakfast sandwich \$1.25 Coffee \$1.00 Muffin \$1.00	

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February's Calendar of Events

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 BJVVB @ Edmeston 2 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.
GJVVB vs. Edmeston 3 Report Cards/Progress Reports Sent Home
All-County Festival 4 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.
BJVVB vs. Morris
GJVVB @ Morris
PK-12 Report Cards 5 All-County Festival Concert, 2:00 p.m.
BMB vs. Morris
GMB @ Morris 7 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m. 8 Bus Vote, Front Lobby, 12:00-8:00 p.m.
GJVVB vs. Laurens 9 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.
BJVVB @ Laurens 11 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.
BJVVB vs. OV 12 BMB @ CV-S
GMB vs. CV-S 14 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.
BMB @ Richfield Springs
GMB vs. Richfield Springs
GJVVB @ CV-S 15 Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 7:00 p.m. 16 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.
BMB @ Schenevus
GMB @ Schenevus 18 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m. 19 BVB and GVB-TV Championships
BMB vs. Milford
GMB @ Milford 21 No School—President's Day, Offices Closed 22 No School—President's Day Recess
GVB Sectionals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.
GVB Sectionals 24 3-6 Soaring Eagles and Honor/Merit Awards, 8:15 a.m. 25 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.
GVB Sectionals
Winter Carnival, 6:00-9:00 p.m. 26 BVB Sectionals 28 Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m. |
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GRASP (Giving Ready Adults A Study Program) is designed for students who are unable to attend a class. This program is offered through the U.S. mail.

English as a Second Language is offered for *free* every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Eaton Center location in Norwich.

While attending GED or ESL classes at DCMO BOCES, you may also be eligible for *free* Career Training Education classes. You must be 21 years of age or older to participate in any of our programs.

Please call Karen Casey at 607-335-3309 to obtain more information and to register for classes.