



# The Journey

*A Newsletter of the Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School District*

*Mission Statement: The Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central 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 all individuals to do their personal best, that they may gain a lifelong enthusiasm for work and learning.*

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**It's the Quality of the Journey that Counts!**

## Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation Week was celebrated with an all-school assembly on May 1. Staff awards were presented.

### Support Staff of the Year: Margaret Lackos



*BOE Vice President Larry Smith, Maggie Lackos, CSEA President Deb Ostrander, Superintendent Annette Hammond*

### Teacher of the Year: Thomas Connell



*BOE Vice President Larry Smith, Tom Connell, GMUTA President Kimberly Degear, Superintendent Annette Hammond*

### Retirees: Winifred Sortman, Jan Costello, Cheri Theis, Cheryl Zehr, (Mary Krupp not pictured)



### Ten years of service: Alicia Cummings, Rebecca McMullen, and Matt Oram, (Tim Deters not pictured)



### Fifteen years of service: Larisa Waghorn, Gerrit Bakhuizen, Pamala Davis and Kimberly Degear



### Thirty years of service: Bernadette Delaney and Issy Clapp



# THANK YOU

## Superintendent's Message



I am writing this article on May 11, filled with tears, just having come back from a DWI Simulation for our high school students. There were so many aspects of this event that were so incredibly powerful: the sights, the sounds, all hitting so close to home as I think of all of those within our communities who have suffered the loss of a loved one in a car accident. I was also brought to tears, wowed and amazed at the unbelievable number of volunteers within our communities who give of their personal time to join our volunteer fire departments and to serve all of us. I want all of our volunteers to know that I am so very appreciative of all that they do to respond to the needs of families within our communities, and I vow to always encourage our students to join our fire departments and participate in such an honorable and selfless service to the community. Thank you to The Borden Hose Company, The Gilbertsville Fire Department, The Otsego County Sheriff's Department, the Life Net Helicopter and our local coroner for taking time to join the Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton School for such a powerful event today. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated individuals living and serving within our communities!

May begins with one of my favorite weeks of the year, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week! There are so many individuals at GMU who play a huge role in the personal journey of each student. Our employees do this, not as a job requirement, but as their passion of wanting to make a difference in the lives of students. This week serves as a great opportunity for students, parents, and the District to thank our loyal employees for all that they do each

and every day to make GMU such a great place! We had our annual Teacher and Support Staff of the Year Ceremony on Monday, May 1. It is with great pleasure that I announce the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District Employee and Teacher of the year award winners. Mrs. Maggie Lackos is our Support Staff Employee of the Year Award recipient and Mr. Tom Connell is our Teacher of the Year Award recipient. Mrs. Lackos has worked at GMU for 23 years and is currently a kindergarten classroom aide. Mr. Connell has worked at GMU for 14 years as a Middle/High School Social Studies teacher. Please join me in congratulating Maggie and Tom with this well-deserved recognition! At this ceremony, I also recognized retirees and staff for multiple years of dedicated service here at GMU. I am grateful to all these teachers and staff members for their years of dedicated service to our school district.

At the time of writing this, we have not yet had our budget vote. I hope the 2017-2018 Budget Newsletter served as an informative outline of what was included in our budget and I hope you were able to come out and vote. The staff, students and I appreciate the support this community gives to all that we do here at GMU!

I invite all of you to participate in our Baccalaureate service at Copes Corners Park on Friday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. and our Graduation Ceremony honoring the Class of 2017 on Saturday, June 24 at 10:30 a.m. Admission to these ceremonies does not require tickets, so all are invited and welcome to come. We are very proud of our seniors and enjoy using the graduation ceremony as a time to highlight their Journey here at GMU and a time to wish them well on their continued Journey into their lives after graduation. Hope to see you there!

—Annette D. Hammond, Superintendent

## If the Leaves and Branches Fall, They Will Come



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If you were out and about on April 25, perhaps you were intrigued by an inspiring Earth Day sight: GMU students and staff wearing matching T-shirts and wielding lawn and garden tools, dedicating their energy to benefit their shared communities. Thus began a grand experiment in citizenship and service.

The day commenced with a picnic lunch at Copes Corners, complete with T-shirt distribution, division into teams, and a group picture. Next, buses delivered teams both north and south to work on a variety of projects, including tree-trimming and removal, garden prep, stone-picking, wood-stacking, painting, and general debris management. One team learned about and helped to create a meditation labyrinth, while others got to beautify a Zen garden. Teams who spruced up Copes Corners inspired a letter from the Butternuts Town Board expressing sincere gratitude: “Students descended on the leaf piles ‘like a swarm of locusts’ and made quick work of them. For that we are very grateful. The school was well represented by the students.” No matter the assigned duties, participants came away from the experience knowing a bit more about the myriad physical demands of the beautiful environs surrounding us each day. And equally important, the character of GMU students shone.

An especially meaningful aspect of the day occurred after the manual labor was completed, with teams and adult leaders gathering in the GMU auditorium for sharing of pictures, stories, and reactions. Feedback from students and staff was universally positive, with many making mention of the good vibes enjoyed as a by-product of helping others. Echoing the grateful comments of appreciative residents, staff members reported being inspired by the cooperative and energetic spirit that prevailed, and everyone agreed that community clean-up day should be, at the very least, an annual event.

So, as Earth Day approaches next year, keep in mind the willing hearts and hands of GMU teens eager to lighten the drudgery of cleaning up after our northern winters. Sincere thanks to students, school, and community for all the support and planning that made this first day of giving a success. And remember, now that the ice has been broken, “If the leaves and branches fall, they will come!”

—Jan Costello, English Teacher



## National Honor Society Inductions



On April 28, the Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted nine new members. Under the guidance of President **Lucas Piedmonte**, current NHS members led the inductees to the stage under candlelight and administered the pledge to new members. New members include: **Ethan Butts, Hunter Christian, Mickenson Clune, Nina D'Amato, Hellen Flores, Elizabeth French, Makayla Lewis, Natalie Pistor** and **Shalleigh Taranto**.

Departing seniors were also recognized and provided with their NHS yokes that they will wear at graduation. Seniors include: **Molly D'Amato, Kayla Grabo** and **Nicole Grabo**. Refreshments for new inductees and their families concluded the ceremony. GMU NHS would like to thank Mrs. Sebeck and Mr. Bakhuizen for their assistance with the ceremony and their continued support for our chapter.

Congratulations to our new inductees and good luck to our senior members!

—Mrs. Cierra Stafford, NHS Advisor



## Senior of the Month

### May



Congratulations to May's Senior of the Month, **Michael Birdsall**! Mike is an active member of his Class of 2017 and a member of STEAM Club. Outside of school, he has been a participant in Youth Group and traveled on Mission trips. Currently he is enrolled in English 12, TC3 College Seminar, U.S. History through Music and Culture, and Participation in Government and Economics.

As many of you know, Mike's love for music of all genres and all time periods has led him to be an integral part of Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Chorus, Musicals, and Dramas here at GMU for many years. He has performed as well in Board of Education Dinner Theaters. Mike is a percussionist and baritone/bass vocalist. It is no surprise that he plans on attending Hartwick as a Theater major. We wish Michael all the best and "break a leg!"

### June



Congratulations to **Gabrielle Charron**, June's Senior of the Month! Most folks know Gabby as a sweet young lady with a good heart who loves to dance (since she was three years old)! Besides having competed for many years, she also teaches, imparting her talent and love for dance to other students as well, as she enjoys working with

young children. She has been involved in musicals and theater throughout her time as a student and will be attending SUNY Potsdam as a Theater major. Gabby is also an active member of the Class of 2017 and has taken part in Chorus and Ladies' Ensemble.

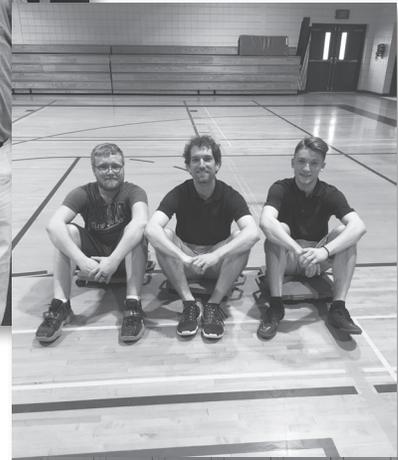
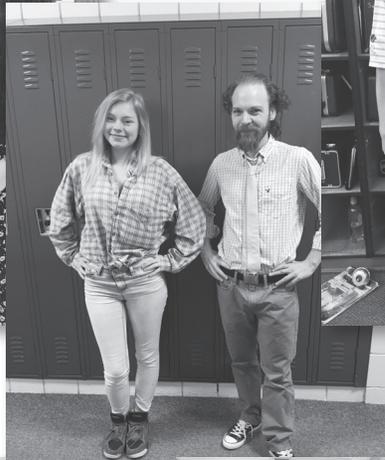
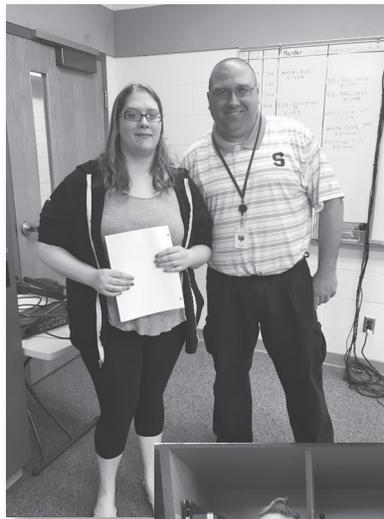
She is currently enrolled in DCMO BOCES, earning her cosmetology certification. Outside of school, she has been a part of Relay for Life, even though she does not have much spare time. Gabby's course work on the GMU Campus includes TC3 College Seminar, Senior Theme Portfolio, Participation in Government and Economics. We wish Gabrielle the best and know she will find a way to share her love of performance and the freedom of expression through dance as she "puts her best foot forward!"

—HS Student Council

## Senior Switch Day

Senior Switch Day was held on May 5 at GMU. This tradition has been a way for the High School Student Council and the Seniors to say thanks to our staff. We usually try to hold it before, during or after Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. Please enjoy the photos included as we wish our graduates well!

—Mrs. Delaney and HS Student Council



## Main Office News

With May's arrival, two things are certain: warmer temperatures and busy school calendars! Another promising sign that spring and summer are on their way is seeing and hearing the Marching Band rehearsing in preparation for upcoming parades.

As you read through this month's newsletter, please be sure to check important dates and calendar changes. We have many activities and recognition ceremonies scheduled. I invite you to attend as many as possible so that you can join us in celebrating the accomplishments of our students. We are busy keeping the students focused on the last few weeks of instruction. There are individual grade level field trips being planned, as well as classroom events. Please be sure to continue checking your child's backpack and elementary Friday Folders for communications that are sent home by teachers.

Kudos and congratulations to the cast and crew of this year's Drama Club production of *The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe* directed by Mrs. Sortman!

May 5 began National Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week! This gave us opportunity to reflect on the many ways in which teachers and support staff touch the lives of our students. At GMU we are fortunate to have a team of dedicated faculty and staff who exemplify our mission and vision through their daily work with our students. Please join me in extending thanks and appreciation to our teachers and staff for all they do!

It is hard to believe that the year is almost over. The 4th and 8th graders will be taking NYS Science Performance Test on May 24 and the Science Written Test on June 5. Regents Exams are June 13-22. Middle School and High School students only attend school on the dates that they are scheduled to take an exam. The last day of regular classes for 7th-12th grade students is June 12. The Regents Exam schedule is enclosed in this newsletter, so please note dates and times of exams. All students who are planning to eat breakfast and/or lunch on the days a test is scheduled must sign up with the teacher of the exam they are taking. Students who need mid-day transportation to school for an afternoon exam or transportation home from a morning exam also need to sign up with the teacher of the exam they are taking.

All seniors are required to attend a mandatory graduation rehearsal on June 23, at 8:00 a.m. at the school. Graduation is scheduled on June 24, at 10:30 a.m. All are invited to join us for the Baccalaureate Ceremony scheduled on June 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Copes Corners Park on State Highway 51, Gilbertsville, coordinated by Pastor Edward Honrath of the Mount Upton United Methodist Church. Congratulations to the class of 2017!

Kindergarten Registration is now open for the 2017-2018 school year. Any child who will be five on or before December 1, who have not registered, please call the Student Services

Office at 783-2207, ext. 141 to set up an appointment to enroll your child.

The Summer Bridging Program Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten is from July 24-26. It is important that they attend for these dates. Please note that the Kindergarten Bridging is for new students (students that attended pre-kindergarten this year and are moving up to kindergarten do not need to attend the summer bridging program).

Final report cards for this school year will be mailed home the week of June 26 for Middle/High School students. Elementary report cards will go home with the last day of school. I will be here through the summer preparing for the start of the 2017-18 school year and student schedules will be mailed home in early August.

Parents, if you are planning to take your child home after the Moving-Up Ceremony on June 22 please send in a note and sign them out prior to the ceremony. I would like to thank our school community for supporting our students in so many ways this year. I know that economic times continue to be difficult and that many of you have given over and over again to support our student fundraising programs and extra-curricular events. It is rewarding for the students to have so many of you attend their events and support all that they do. I hope everyone has a safe and restful summer! Thank you!

—Heather Wilcox, Acting Principal

### Important Dates/Changes

#### May

##### 29 No School—Memorial Day Parades

Gilbertsville—9:00 a.m.

Mount Upton—11:00 a.m. (approximate start time)

#### June

1-3 Sherburne Pageant of Bands

5 4th & 8th Grade Science Written Test

7 9-12 Awards Ceremony, Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.

12 7-8 Awards Ceremony, Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.

##### Grades 7-12—Last Day

13-22 Regents Exams

16 Last Morning Raiders Program

Baccalaureate, Copes Corners Park, 7:00 p.m.

19 Elementary Field Days

##### 20-21 FULL DAY for Elementary Students— PLEASE NOTE CALENDAR CHANGE

22 Last day of school, PK-4, 1/2 Day, Dismissal at 11:00 a.m. No lunch served

PK-2 Moving Up Ceremony, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Grades 3-6 Moving Up Ceremony, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

23 Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal, 8:00 a.m.

24 Graduation, 10:30 a.m.

## 3rd Quarter Awards

### March Kudo Awards

Criteria: Kudos are character awards given by teachers to students throughout the school day to recognize the student for making good choices or going out of their way to take responsibility or do a kind act for someone. Students have already received their awards but are recognized at Morning Raiders.

#### **PK**

*Lily Hauptfleisch  
Broden Osborne*

#### **Kindergarten**

*Sullivan DiGiorgi  
Mason Hill  
Kayden Peck  
Emily Quitugua*

#### **2nd Grade**

*Mia Mantellassi*

### April Kudo Awards

#### **PK**

*Jack DiGiorgi  
Henry Underwood*

#### **Kindergarten**

*Caden Champion*

#### **1st Grade**

*Marissa Furgison  
Kylianna Oliver  
Koda Stockdale*

#### **2nd Grade**

*Devin DeGroat  
Acela Roberts  
William Vaccaro*

### Soaring Eagles Awards

#### March Theme—Dependability

- Is a positive member of the school community
- Takes part in activities that made our school a better place in which to learn

#### **Kindergarten**

*Pacey Behnke  
Kinlee Dunham*

#### **1st Grade**

*Kaden O'Hara  
Gavin Underwood*

#### **2nd Grade**

*Brandon Kendall  
William Vaccaro*

#### **3rd Grade**

*Trenton Odell  
Kaylin Williams*

#### **4th Grade**

*Alyssa Sorochinsky  
Hailee Walrod*

#### **5th Grade**

*Kadence Canfield  
Mason Prentice*

#### **6th Grade**

*Connor Eberly  
Jordyn Jones*

#### **7th Grade**

*Madeline Pain  
Dalton Proskine*

#### **8th Grade**

*Shayne Christian  
Theodore Sharkey*

#### April Theme—Enthusiasm

- Shows a positive attitude toward academics and social interaction
- Inspires others to make positive contributions

#### **Kindergarten**

*Landyn Christensen  
Lillian Tompkins*

#### **1st Grade**

*Chance Kilmer  
Robert Lindroth*

#### **2nd Grade**

*Samantha Chase  
Mia Mantella*

#### **3rd Grade**

*Jeffrey Barnes  
Natalie Gross*

#### **4th Grade**

*Barbara Fletcher  
Noah Pain*

#### **5th Grade**

*Corbin Page  
Ella Thatford*

#### **6th Grade**

*Carly Davis  
Nevaeh Wright*

#### **7th Grade**

*Anika Christensen  
Lane Dibble*

#### **8th Grade**

*Chelsie Palmer  
Zan Sansoucie*



## Congratulations!



We are pleased to announce that Junior **Alyssa Hotaling** has been selected by the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists to represent New York State and GMU at a seminar at the end of June. The seminar will be held at the University of Massachusetts' Tsongas Center. There will be several Nobel Prize winners speaking at the event, including Keynote Speaker Buzz Aldrin.

Alyssa is planning on attending college in Florida for Marine Biology/Animal Sciences.

## Congratulations!



GMU Senior **Liam Champion** won 2nd place in Welding in the New York State Skills USA competition that took place on April 28 at the Syracuse Fair Grounds. This is so exciting for Liam and a huge accomplishment to place at the state level.

### YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE

Yearbooks are available for \$35. Please contact Lynne Talbot at [ltalbot@gmucsd.org](mailto:ltalbot@gmucsd.org) if you would like to purchase one.

## Legal Notice of Fire Safety Inspection

Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for 2016-17 Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District school building, press box and bus garage for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers, or employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the District Office of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School, at 693 State Highway 51, Gilbertsville, NY 13776, for inspection by all interested persons.

—Aimee Piedmonte, District Clerk

## Work Ethic Awards

- Completes all assignments
- Takes responsibility for absences and work to be made up upon return
- Is grade conscious and seeks help when needed
- Is persistent in their work regardless of the level of difficulty and their class grade
- Completes all assignments to their greatest potential

### 3rd Grade

Jeffrey Barnes  
 Ryan Beismer  
 Ryan Davis  
 Alice Dibble  
 Ioannis Drapaniotis  
 Maya Eberly  
 Olivia Fletcher  
 Alexia Furgison  
 Mackenzi Marron  
 Trenton Odell  
 Olivia Plows  
 Dannaka Rasmussen  
 Blake SanSoucie  
 Paige Smith  
 Kaylin Williams

### 4th Grade

Skylar Lindroth  
 Natalie Raymond  
 Jillian Scott  
 Anthony Shonol  
 Alyssa Sorochinsky  
 Juston Spathelf  
 Trista Vaccaro  
 Hailee Walrod  
5th Grade  
 Mackenzie Barnes  
 Leah Cotton  
 Alaina Maxson  
 Devon Hartwell  
 Ella Thatford  
 Morgan Williams

### 6th Grade

Hannah Bonczkowski  
 Nathan Bresee  
 Mackenzie Cherry

Carly Davis  
 Connor Eberly  
 Kendra Hammond  
 Fiona Held  
 Jordyn Jones  
 Rene Posner

### 7th Grade

Tammy Barnes  
 Anika Christensen  
 Angelina Correll  
 Lane Dibble  
 Maya Farwell  
 Morgan Keuhn  
 Bree MacNeill  
 Ashlyn Marron  
 Ryan McCall  
 Madeline Pain  
 Dalton Proskine  
 Alivia Retz  
 Samantha Shinol  
 Payton Talbot  
 Skye Wilson

### 8th Grade

Gavin Bonczkowski  
 Alyssa Devine  
 Catherine Giammateo  
 Courtney Gross  
 Emily Hammond  
 Olivia Held  
 Logan Lenhardt  
 Chelsie Palmer  
 Aiden Ryan  
 Zan SanSoucie  
 Theodore Sharkey

# WELL DONE!

## Honor and High Honor Rolls

Honor Roll Grade Criteria: Quarterly average of 87-92 with no grade below a 70 and no incompletes

High Honor Roll Grade Criteria: Quarterly average of 93-100 with no grade below a 70 and no incompletes

### Honor Roll

#### 5th Grade

Devin Baker  
Kadence Canfield  
Abigail Davis  
Taylor Gager  
Devon Hartwell  
Andrew Stone  
Morgan Williams

#### 6th Grade

Brackon Banks  
Isabelle Breslau  
Mackenzie Cherry  
Carly Davis  
Connor Eberly  
Brennan Finch  
Ethan Joslyn  
Kross Lund  
Gabe Maiurano  
Bianca Plows  
Ella Stockdale  
Kali Wilcox  
Brian Wilson

#### 7th Grade

Autumn Demarais  
Kiernan Dunham  
Lauren Radwan  
Payton Talbot

#### 8th Grade

Kylee Beckwith  
Alyssa Devine  
Emily Hammond  
Tyler Joslyn  
Chelsie Palmer

#### 9th Grade

Dominick Carey  
Kaitlyn Fuller  
Zachary Grabo  
Kienna Martin  
Ethan Newman  
Kyli Odell  
Aliya Pickens  
Garrett Proskine  
Isaiah Stockdale

#### 10th Grade

Kathryn Hawkins  
Kelsey Pope  
Isabella Ramos  
Corey Wilson

#### 11th Grade

Mickenson Clune  
Jessica Conklin  
Auttum Hartwell  
Rachel Lyons  
Temara Martin  
Mallory Robinson

#### 12th Grade

Samantha Button  
Liam Champion  
Tyler Lindsley  
Felicia Musson  
Jade Osterwald

### High Honor Roll

#### 5th Grade

Mackenzie Barnes  
Tait Christensen  
Leah Cotten  
Kyle MacNeill  
Alaina Maxson  
Ella Thatford

#### 6th Grade

Hannah Bonczkowski  
Kendra Hammond  
Fiona Held  
Jordyn Jones  
Rene Posner

#### 7th Grade

Tammy Barnes  
Anika Christensen  
Angelina Correll  
Maya Farwell  
Morgan Keuhn  
Bree MacNeill  
Ashlyn Marron  
Ryan McCall  
Dylan McVey  
Madeline Pain  
Dalton Proskine  
Alivia Retz

Samantha Shinol  
Skye Wilson

#### 8th Grade

Gavin Bonczkowski  
Apolonia Drapaniotis  
Catherine Giammateo  
Olivia Held  
Aiden Ryan  
Zan SanSoucie  
Theodore Sharkey

#### 9th Grade

Ethan Charron  
Sawyer Hinman  
Vanessa Nelson  
Ethan Newman  
Samuel Piedmonte  
Tavian Raymond  
Naamah Romano  
Sadra Smith

#### 10th Grade

Hailey Cappiello  
Hunter Christian  
Nina D'Amato  
Natalie Pistor  
Shalleigh Taranto

#### 11th Grade

Ethan Butts  
Savana Conrade  
Vasiliki Drapaniotis  
Hellen Flores  
Elizabeth French  
Meredith Hammond  
Charlene Heisler  
Karli Hinman  
Alyssa Hotaling  
Makayla Lewis  
Madolin Lull  
Scarlett Newman  
Michael O'Connor  
Timothy Picozzi  
Lucas Piedmonte  
Michael Pope  
Marena Zaczek

#### 12th Grade

Daniel Backman  
Michael Birdsall  
Cecilia Caietta  
Molly D'Amato

## Technology Education At GMU

The technology program at GMU offers students the opportunity to combine ideas and knowledge with hands-on skill application. Students are required to learn material, convey ideas through drawings and other forms of communication, and use skills to develop and construct projects that are viewed in both aesthetic and functional modes. This year, students have been challenged by different problems presented to them. Most students discover working solutions to these problems. However, there is a learning curve for others. Some students find their solutions to be inadequate. Overcoming frustrations is another aspect of Technology Education. Learning from mistakes, and redeveloping ideas are as essential to the learning process as *getting it right the first time around*. Maintaining a respected level of effort is emphasized heavily in all Technology Education classes.

The DDP/(Design and Drawing For Production) class combines both technical drawing and engineering skills. In addition to drawing and learning AutoCAD for college credit, students are required to take their ideas to the machine world. Students developed and produced hardwood cutting boards, working hydraulic machines, earthquake simulation towers, and crossbow styled catapults to test and develop their engineering skills.

The seventh grade Technology classes indulged in a wide variety of learning experiences and challenges. Students developed skills in areas of electronics, circuit board construction, woodworking, manufacturing, invention research, combining writing skills with technical ideas, transportation technologies, CO2 powered vehicles, design development, technical drawing, development of designs to working prototypes, future technologies, understanding electric motors, electromagnetism, magnetic levitation vehicles, and other technical concepts.

Several students participated in the Furniture Design course. **Daniel Backman** produced an Arts and Crafts style coffee table. **Jessica Conklin** engineered a dining room table. **Dylan Raymond** constructed a gun cabinet. **Colin Schultes** built a cabinet and **Zachary Hilgers** also produced a gun cabinet.

For more information on Technology courses and scheduling your child for these opportunities, please contact the Guidance Office at 783-2207.

—Mr. Held



## From the High School Counselor's Office

### Scholar Recognition



Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton is proud to present **Daniel Backman** as our Student Scholar. Daniel is a polite, hard-working, and talented student with much potential. He was the Empire Boys State Delegate for Gilbertsville's American Legion at SUNY Morrisville. He also participated in leadership conferences throughout the school year. He is an avid outdoorsman who loves camping, fishing, hiking and wood-carving. He has participated in Symphonic Band and Jazz Band, and he attended BOCES last year for culinary.

Dan pursues a goal with hard work and dedication. He is a positive member of his class and a respected member of his community. He is an intelligent, dependable and self-motivated young man who is always willing to help and has a genuine interest in learning about different topics. Dan is planning to attend Hartwick College in the fall. Congratulations Dan! We are very proud of you for all of your accomplishments!

### Tom Connell

Mr. Connell was my Global teacher for two years and those ended up being my absolute favorite classes. Every class was full of a lot of jokes and sarcasm which made class super fun and less stressful. My favorite part was when he would tell a story or explain something using props or students. He could get everyone's attention, even students who didn't like the class, and tell a story that was funny, interesting, and contain information you needed to know. I love history and I always like telling others what I know. Mr. Connell's teaching inspired me to be more creative when telling stories and helping others learn.

—Daniel Backman

Congratulations to both Dan and Mr. Connell!

### RYLA



There are two student Delegates who were chosen to represent Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton at the 2017 Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference. **Lucas Piedmonte** and **Michael Pope** have been selected to attend this year's conference. RYLA encourages servant leadership in youth by recognizing and rewarding deserving 11th grade students who are chosen to attend RYLA as an *award* for their past and present leadership and service activities. These select young people attend an all-expenses-paid camp where they are inspired by a diverse group of exceptional speakers, make life-long



friends through fellowship activities, and discuss the ethical and social issues of today. These activities are conducted in an atmosphere of trust and respect. The result is that these students return to their schools and communities motivated to take on additional leadership roles and to find additional ways to serve. We congratulate these students on being nominated to represent GMU.

### June 2017 Regents Exam Schedule

The June Regents exam schedule is posted on the New York State Education Department Website and printed in this newsletter. Please check the schedule for specific exam dates before making vacation plans for the end of June.

### Scholarships

Seniors should stop in the Student Services Office daily and search through the new scholarships. Please make sure you are following the directions on the scholarship applications and be careful of the deadlines. See Mrs. Clapp or Ms. Wagner in the Student Services Office if you have questions.

### Career Presentation

GMU would like to give a special thanks to one of our alumni, Nate Lull, WCDO Broadcaster, for presenting to our students during the 3rd quarter awards ceremony on April 19. Nate discussed the importance of finding a career that you enjoy and exploring different avenues to find a career that suits ones interests and skills. Nate described his experiences and internships that helped him become successful. Students reported that Nate's presentation helped them think more about their future and goals. One student also mentioned that they enjoyed that Nate discussed growing up in a small tightknit community and your opportunities should not be limited just because of the environment you live in.

Thank you, Nate, for your well-informed presentation!

### 2017 Summer School

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% final 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 will be mailed home this month.

Summer school classes begin July 11. 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. Please call Ms. Wagner at 783-2207 if you have questions regarding the summer school program.

## Law Day Ceremony



On Monday, May 1, **Felicia Musson** and her mother Amanda Musson, attended the Law Day Ceremony held at Otsego County Court House in Cooperstown. This annual event is sponsored by the Otsego County Bar Association. Felicia was

one of 11 students nominated from school districts across the county and we congratulate her on representing GMU, an honor well deserved! As a Liberty Bell Award Finalist, she had to take a short exam and be interviewed by a panel of attorneys in April. She was awarded certificates from Attorney General Schneiderman's office and the Otsego County Bar Association.

The ceremony was organized by Bar Association President Marvin Parshall and Law Day Coordinator and Attorney Steve Ratner. It was held at the Court House, where the theme this year was "The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy." The ceremony was presided over by The Honorable Molly Reynolds Fitzgerald, Administrative Judge 6th Judicial District of Binghamton, as well as other distinguished Judges and attorneys from the area. Following introductions given by Attorney Parshall, guest speakers included Asst. Attorney General Michael Danaher, Jr. from the Binghamton Regional Attorney General's Office, and Town Justice Donna Yerdon of Middlefield. Judge Fitzgerald spoke of the importance of the Fourteenth Amendment for us as citizens quoting former Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis in saying "The only office higher than President is that of Citizen" and that the 14th Amendment has as much significance today for all of us, including naturalized citizens, as it did after the Civil War when it was ratified, and later, as the bedrock of the Civil Rights Movement.

After the ceremony, the Bar Association sponsored a luncheon at the Otesaga Hotel, which was attended by Felicia, her mother and Mrs. Delaney. We are all very proud of Felicia and her accomplishments and contributions to our school! We wish her much happiness and continued success after graduation from GMU!

—Mrs. Bernadette Delaney

## Mock Trial News



Mock Trial is a competition where students run a fictional court case that is assigned in December. Students become lawyers or witnesses. The lawyers create their own questions for direct and cross examinations. They also create opening and closing statements. Everyone has to understand objections and court procedures. Witnesses memorize their affidavits and are prepared for any questions the other team may ask. The witnesses also have to sound sincere, like real people. The 2016-2017 Mock Trial Team once again competed in the county finals. For the third straight year, the team won county competition. The next step was the regional competition. GMU competed against seven much larger schools. After the morning competition, four teams were sent home. However, GMU was still in the competition. We made it to the semi-final round. Unfortunately, our dream ended there. This year's team was amazing!

Members: **Scarlett Newman, Meredith Hammond, Karli Hinman, Michael O'Connor, Savana Conrade, Michael Pope, Elizabeth French, Charlene Heisler, Makayla Lewis, Timothy Picozzi, Lucas Piedmonte, Ethan Newman, Ethan Charron, Vanessa Nelson, Samuel Piedmonte, Sadra Smith, Molly D'Amato, Nina D'Amato, Natalie Pistor, Shalleigh Taranto, Felicia Musson, Kayla Grabo.**

—Mr. Luetzger, Advisor



**Mock Trial Regional Team: Michael O'Connor, Timothy Picozzi, Karli Hinman, Makayla Lewis, Savana Conrade, Scarlett Newman, Sadra Smith, Michael Pope, Charlene Heisler, Elizabeth French, Lucas Piedmonte, Ethan Newman**

## Elementary Counselor Corner

It is hard to believe that we have made it to the end of another busy school year. I am proud when I look back on all that we have accomplished this year. I truly am lucky to be a part of the GMU family.

During the months of May and June I have completed my personal safety lessons in grades K-6. I cannot stress enough how important it is that parents speak with their children about personal safety. Personal safety means taking care of your body and protecting it. We all wear seatbelts and bicycle helmets, but personal safety is more than that. Children need to understand that they have the right to refuse any unwanted touch, even if it's from a trusted family member or close friend.

Children must understand that they can say no, get away, and should talk to a grown up about a touch that bothers them. Parents should choose opportunities or *teachable* moments to reinforce safety skills. If an incident occurs in your community and your child asks you about it, speak frankly but with reassurance. Explain to your children that you want to discuss the safety rules with them, so that they will know what to do if they are ever confronted with a difficult situation. Make sure you have *safety nets* in place, so that your child knows there is always someone who can help them. I strongly encourage parents/guardians to discuss personal safety with their children. Here are some key points to go over with your child.

- Always check first with a parent, guardian, or trusted adult before going anywhere, accepting anything, or getting into a car with anyone.
- Do not go out alone. Always take a friend with when going places or playing outside.

- Say no if someone tries to touch you, or treats you in a way that makes you feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. Get out of the situation as quickly as possible.
- Tell a parent, guardian, or trusted adult if you feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused.

### What should a parent know when talking to a child about safety?

- Don't forget your older children. Children aged 11 to 17 are equally at risk for victimization. At the same time you are giving your older children more freedom, make sure they understand important safety rules as well.
- Speak to your children in manner that is calm and non-threatening. Children do not need to be frightened to get the point across. In fact, fear can thwart the safety message, because fear can be paralyzing to a child.
- Speak openly. Children will be less likely to come to you about issues enshrouded in secrecy. If they feel that you are comfortable discussing the subject at hand, they may be more forthcoming.
- Teach your children that safety is more important than manners. In other words, it is more important for children to get themselves out of a threatening situation than it is to be polite. They also need to know that it is okay to tell you what happened, and they won't be tattletales.

All of my counseling groups and individual counseling sessions have come to a close. I had so much fun working with all of my students this year and watching them grow. I am looking forward to next year already! I have a lot of fun and exciting things planned!

—Mrs. Tina Hall, Elementary Counselor

## TC3 Visit



On April 1, a group of sixth grade girls including **Carly Davis**, **Navaeh Wright**, **Kendra Hammond**, **Bianca Plows** and **Ella Stockdale**, traveled with Mrs. Acla to Tompkins Cortland Community College (TC3) for TechSavvy, a program sponsored by the American Association of University

Women (AAUW) which promotes participation of women in the fields of science and engineering. While at the college, the sixth grade girls had the opportunity to visit a number of different workshops throughout the day, such as Brain Hacking, Girls Make Media, and Amazing Proteins. In addition, these young ladies were also able to visit an activity-filled, hands-on STEM Fair, and hear from an amazing keynote speaker, Adriane Wolfe, principal and founder of Quinn Energy, LLC.

A special thank you to the parents and families who brought their girls (extra early) to meet the bus so that they could participate in this field trip. Also thank you for continuing to support and encourage our girls to pursue future careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

—Becky Acla, Grade 6 Science and Mathematics

## Artist of the Month

So—this is the last of a long line of articles I have written for the Artist of the Month. I started them in 2008, that's 94 Artist of the Month articles, but not necessarily 94 Artists of the Month. A student could be an Artist of the Month only once in a year, but could be it in different years. I have had students who were so talented they could have been it every month! It has been fun trying to see who would be next, because sometimes a project starts out great, and I would think, "Whoa! That's a contender!" And then it ends up not working out. And every grade, Pre-K through 6th has been represented.

I have four students to tell you about. First is

### March



**Robert Lindroth**, a student in Mrs. Hill's first grade class. We do a design piece using hands, stars and hearts. The students need to trace their hands multiple times and add stars and hearts to the background. We are learning about things being behind and in

front, and also about contrast. It is a lot of fun, and Robert did an amazing job!

The part that Robert liked best about doing this project was tracing his hand, the hearts and stars. He said that leaving space between the marker lines was challenging.



Robert likes to construct things out of paper, and his favorite colors are red and blue. Great work, Robert!

### April



**Maddy Astalos** is in Mrs. Hankey's second grade class. This project actually has two parts. First we make the frame with beautiful rainbow colors of tissue on a large sheet of watercolor paper, and then we make a scratch art picture that has rainbow colors hidden under the black surface of the paper. Maddy's owl in the tree is outstanding! It is very hard to not take off too much of the black surface, and Maddy was able to master that. And I love her subject matter!

Maddy's favorite part of this project was making the frame with the tissue paper. She loved working with all the vibrant colors. She liked the way her owl turned out, because it has so many colors in it as well.

Maddy likes to paint pictures of animals, and her favorite colors to use in her artwork is purple and yellow.



### May



**Marissa Furgison** is also a first grade student in Mrs. Hill's class. We worked on a picture using permanent markers and watercolor paint. It is fun to use those two mediums together because the ink does not run when we add the paint to the picture, so our lines stay defined. Marissa's rainbow and flower are so bold and bright!

Marissa's favorite part of this project was when we were doing the painting. It is also her favorite medium to work with. I asked her if there was any special reason she did a rainbow and flower, and she said it just popped in to her head. An artist's inspiration!

Marissa likes to use butterflies in her artwork, and her favorite color is blue. I will be looking for blue butterflies in her work this spring!



### June



**Gabe Maiurano** is a sixth grade student in Mrs. Acla's class, and my last Artist of the Month in my teaching career. Gabe's Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead skull, is outstanding. I would say that in all the years I have taught this project, his is the most outstanding one ever! It has so much interesting detail and is fairly symmetrical, something that is pretty hard to do with all the images he has on his piece.



Great Job  
to ALL!

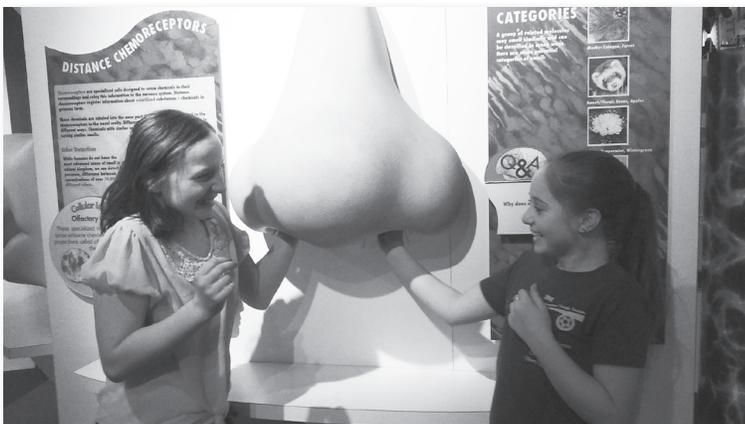


## 6th Grade Class Trip

In February, the sixth-grade class traveled to Syracuse for a fun-filled day of science and learning at the Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science and Technology (MOST). While there, the students got to experience an IMAX film called *Journey to Space*, jump around in the Science Playhouse, saw a planetarium show called *Reach for the Stars* in the Dr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Silverman Planetarium and had an opportunity to explore a variety of hands-on exhibits such as the Climbing Wall, Earth Science Discovery Cave, Flight and Space, Flight Trainer, and the Space Gallery.

This was the first of what we hope to make an annual sixth grade trip. Special thanks to our bus driver Mary LaBounty and our parent chaperones Nathaniel Posner, Tara Finch and Dan Hammond for accompanying us!

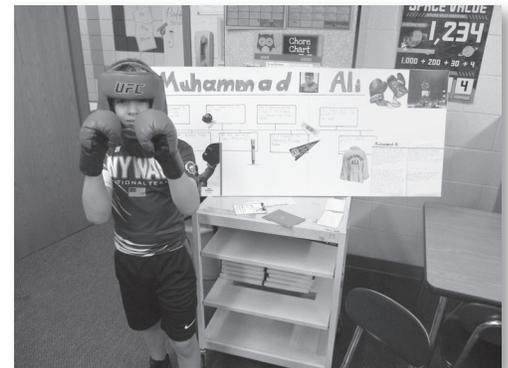
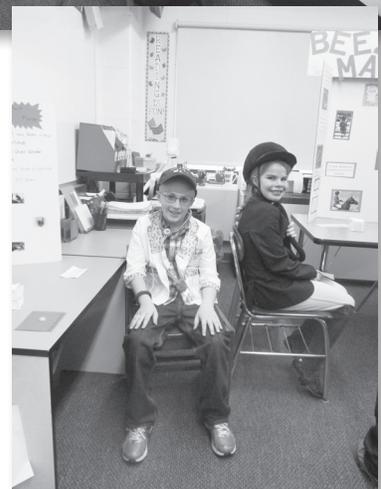
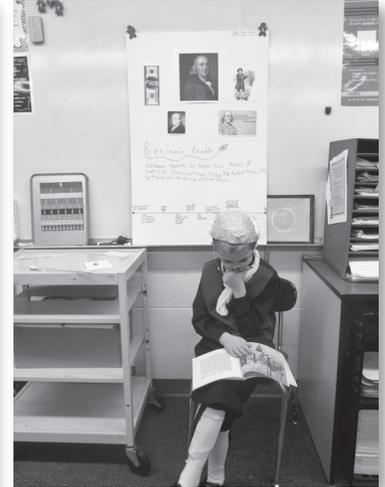
—Becky Acla and Darin Trass, Grade 6



## Third Grade News!

We had a tremendous turnout at our 3rd grade Living Museum and students were thrilled. Each third grade student worked very diligently over a six week period to complete their biography project with the culminating activity of being a historical figure in our Living Museum. Students created timelines, posters, speeches, biography cubes and much more throughout this unit. Each student did a phenomenal job playing the part of their selected figures and we could not have been more proud. A special thank you to parents, families and teachers who helped to make this event a great success. We hope to see you all there next year!

—Mrs. McMullen, Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Norton



## Memo from the Health Office

### Answers to Questions for those who Suffer from Asthma/Allergies

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

Written by Dr. Douglas Johnston, a Board Certified Allergist/Immunologist.

**Question:** Can peanuts and/or tree nuts cause inflammation?

**Answer:** In patients with peanut and/or tree nut allergy, allergic inflammation can occur. This is due to the development of specific IgE antibodies against peanut which lead to histamine release which can cause several different symptoms immediately after ingestion including hives, swelling, wheezing, cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting and at times low blood pressure. The treatment for food allergy is avoidance, and epinephrine if symptoms occur after ingestion.

**Question:** I have pollen, dust and animal allergies. Would double pane windows help or hurt?

**Answer:** If the windows are shut there would likely be little difference between single and double pane windows. Double pane windows may provide better insulation, however, I often recommend that patients keep the window shut during pollen season in an effort to reduce the amount of pollen that gets into the bedroom. Other recommendations such as removing animals from the bedroom, zipper encasements of mattress and pillows, reducing humidity in the bedroom to under 50%, and frequent vacuuming are helpful for animal and house dust mite allergies.

**Question:** My 4-year-old son has a persistent cough in the winter that keeps him up at night. OTC medications for cough suppressant do not seem to help. Can you have asthma even if you do not wheeze? He has seasonal allergies but the cough seems worse than just allergies.

**Answer:** Yes, you can have asthma even if you do not wheeze. This is called *cough variant asthma* and is treated the same as traditional asthma. I would discuss his symptoms with your doctor. If the cough responds to albuterol, it would strongly support a diagnosis of asthma.

**Question:** My children were just diagnosed with peanut and tree nut allergies. I have now started reading labels and found that some labels say that the product was made in a facility that produces peanuts and tree nuts. Is that food safe for my kids to eat?

**Answer:** Most allergists would recommend avoidance of foods that “may contain *allergen*” or were “made in a facility that produces *allergen*.”

Hope this information is helpful.

### Its Spring—Time to Prevent Lyme Disease

(Info from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

As we start spending more time outdoors during spring and into summer, we have to be aware of the risk of tick bites. Gardening, camping, hiking, and just playing outdoors are all great spring and summertime activities, but make tick protection part of your outdoor plans as well.

Fortunately there are several tactics you and your family can use to prevent tick bites and reduce your risk of tick-borne disease.

Know where to expect ticks. Blacklegged ticks live in moist and humid environments, particularly in or near wooded or grassy areas. You may come into contact with ticks during outdoor activities around your home or when walking through vegetation such as leaf litter or shrubs. To avoid ticks, walk in the center of trails.

Use a repellent with DEET (on skin or clothing) or permethrin (on clothing) and wear long sleeves, long pants and socks. Products containing permethrin can be used to treat boots, clothing and camping gear which can remain protective through several washings. Repellents containing 20% or more DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluidide) can be applied to the skin, and they can protect up to several hours. Always follow product instructions! Parents should apply this product to their children, taking care to avoid application to hands, eyes and mouth.

It may sound silly, but tuck your pant legs into your socks so that ticks cannot crawl up inside of your pant legs. Some ticks can crawl down into shoes and are small enough to crawl through most socks.

Hope this is helpful to you.

### New Sunscreen Regulations

The following information has been received from the The State Education Department of New York in Albany:

“Effective immediately, schools are no longer required to obtain a medical provider order to allow a student to carry and use sunscreen in school if:

- The sunscreen is used for the purpose of avoiding over-exposure to the sun and not for medical treatment of an injury or illness;
- The sunscreen is approved by the FDA for over-the-counter use; and
- The student’s parent or guardian provides written permission for the student to carry and use sunscreen.

A student who is unable to physically apply sunscreen may be assisted by unlicensed personnel when directed to do so by the student, if permitted by a parent or guardian and authorized by the school.

Parents/guardians are responsible for providing the sunscreen they would like their child to use at school.”

—Carol Angelone, RN, School Nurse

## BOE Highlights

### February, 7 2017 Meeting

#### Positive Highlights:

Awards ceremonies are tomorrow

Master scheduling is in the works

Bus Vote is going on now

Our Elementary Musical was great

BOE Dinner Theater went well

Last weekend, GMU hosted All County Music Festival.

Thanks to all who made this a success.

Reports: Governor's Proposal, Draft Budget, and Final Tax Cap Calculation, Annette Hammond; January Regents Results, Heather Wilcox; BOE Dinner Theatre Scholarship Fund, Aimee Piedmonte

#### Discussion:

Superintendent Goals: Mid-year update;

Incumbent intentions;

Change BOE meeting night;

Business speakers guest list additions;

BOE Core Values/Ethics; sign and return;

Approve minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting

Adopt proposed February 7, 2017 regular meeting Consent Agenda with deletions

Accept/approve February 7, 2017 Committee on Special Education/ Committee on Preschool Special Education Consent Agenda.

To accept financial reports for December 2016 and January 2017.

To approve bids to provide fuel products to the District for the 2017-2018 school year

To approve the following bids for the Capital Project that was passed by referendum on December 1, 2015:

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Construction .....	\$962,000
Murnane Building Contractors, Inc.	
Mechanical Construction .....	\$374,000
H.J. Brandeles Corp.	
Electrical Construction .....	\$261,612
Blanding Electric, Inc.	
Plumbing Construction .....	\$249,000
H.J. Brandeles Corp.	

To approve maternity leave extension for special education teacher Nicole Conway to on or about Feb. 6, 2017.

To rescind appointment of Mark Luetzger as Varsity Softball coach for 2016-17 spring season.

To appoint Nicole Conway and Lindsey Wagner as Varsity and Modified Softball co-coaches for the 2016-17 spring season.

To appoint Willy Vargas, Alexandria Carnahan, and Timothy Sloan as non-certified PK-12 substitutes and aides for the 2016-2017 school year, pending fingerprinting clearance.

To approve MOU with Opportunities for Chenango, Inc. Head Start Program.

The Board convened in executive session at 7:24 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The Board reconvened in open session at 7:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

### March 13, 2017 Meeting

The Superintendent, Administration and members provided the following Positive Highlights for the information of members:

GMU's Got Talent was a hit

Some students attended Susquehanna Honors Band Festival in February

Driver Education will begin this summer for a four-week program

Pops Concert was great

Spring sports started Monday, March 7

Annette Hammond and Heather Wilcox visited Golden Artist

Mock Trial Team is undefeated, 3-0

We received Utica National Insurance Group's highest safety award: Titanium with honors

Waiver of Notice of Public Meeting

Reports

Senior Trip Proposal

Safety Patrol Trip Proposal

Traversa, Joe Zaczek: Routing System software that will improve efficiency and lessen paperwork. Interfaces with PowerSchool

Scheduling Proposal, Heather Wilcox: Flexible scheduling proposal to allow for teacher collaboration and co-teaching.

Results of February 8, 2017 Bus Vote, Aimee Piedmonte: Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit: RESOLVED, shall the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District, Otsego County, New York, be authorized to purchase two small (28 passenger) Type A buses at \$58,000 each, and a seven passenger vehicle for a cost of \$28,000, and to expend therefore a maximum estimated cost not to exceed one hundred and forty four thousand dollars (\$144,000), including incidental expenses in connection therewith, and that \$144,000 Capital Reserve Fund monies shall be used to pay the cost thereof. Results: 63 Yes votes, 12 no votes; Proposition 1 was approved.

Budget Proposal, Annette Hammond

Discussion:

Change BOE meeting night

BOE Scholarships

Approve minutes of Feb. 7, 2017 meeting.

Adopt proposed March 13, 2017 regular meeting Consent Agenda with additions and deletions.

Accept/approve March 13, 2017 Committee on Special Education/ Committee on Preschool Special Education Consent Agenda.

To accept financial reports for February 2017.

To rescind appointment of Lindsey Wagner as co-coach for Modified and Varsity Softball.

To appoint the following coaches:

Nicole Conway as Head Coach for Varsity Softball

Bob Conway as Volunteer Assistant Coach for Varsity Softball and Modified Softball

Ashley Mannina as Head Coach for Modified Softball

The above are all pending appropriate certifications and fingerprinting clearances.

To approve Stacey Pankiewicz as non-certified PK-12 substitute and aide for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year, pending fingerprinting clearance.

To approve BCK-IBI's proposal for the 2017 Small Capital Outlay Project, for architectural and engineering services.

To approve Red Cross Facility Use Agreement.

To approve Financial Advisory Services Agreement with Fiscal Advisors and Marketing, Inc.

To approve the Standard Form of Agreement with Murnane Building Contractors for the 2016 Capital Project Contract, #1-General Construction.

To approve the legal notice for the May 16, 2017 Budget Vote:

To approve SEQRA RESOLUTION #1 and #2 - GILBERTSVILLE-MOUNT UPTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017 SMALL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

A roll call vote for the SEQRA Resolution was taken: Theis, yes; Smith, yes; Eberly, yes; Hill, yes; Pain, yes; Proskine, yes. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Board convened in executive session at 8:26 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:01 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

**April 4, 2017 Meeting**

Positive Highlights:

Our new website is up and running; looks great.

Music in Our Schools program was based on "healthy choices," was a success.

ELA 3-8 testing is over.

First Track meet was last night.

Juniors attended a college fair in Norwich this week.

*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* was wonderful.

Kudos to GMU Drama Club.

Spirit Week is this week; excellent participation from students, faculty, and staff.

Mock Trial Team is undefeated.

Board Discussion:

PK numbers/solutions: To add one aide to accommodate larger class size.

Athletic merger possibilities with other districts and merger with Oxford Football.

All GMU staff are to feel empowered to tell visitors that no pets are allowed on school property.

Approve minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting

Approve proposed April 4, 2017 regular meeting Consent Agenda with additions and corrections on a motion by Heath, seconded by Proskine.

To adopt Final Budget of \$9,305,500, for presentation to voters at the Annual District Vote/Meeting on 16 May 2017.

To approve the Property Tax Report Card for the 2016-2017 school

To approve the proposal of D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP to provide audit services to the District for the years ending June 30, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.

To approve maternity leave for Elementary Teacher Alicia Cummings,

To appoint Dan Hammond as certified Pk-12 substitute and aide for the 2016-2017 school year.

To accept resignation of Special Education Teacher Nicole Conway, effective June 30, 2017.

To appoint Nicole Conway as Full time Physical Education Teacher, effective September 1, 2017, beginning at Step 7 of the current GMUTA contract.

To accept resignation of Administrative Assistant and Board Clerk Aimee Piedmonte-Silvoy, effective July 28, 2017.

To appoint Aimee Piedmonte-Silvoy as .7 Secondary English Teacher, effective September 1, 2017, beginning at Step 9 of the current GMUTA contract.

To approve contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Traversa Bus Routing Software.

To approve the Standard Form of Agreement with Blanding Electric, Inc. for the 2016 Capital Project Contract, Electrical Construction.

To approve the Standard Form of Agreement with H.J. Brandeles Corporation for the 2016 Capital Project Contract, Mechanical Construction.

To approve the Standard Form of Agreement with H.J. Brandeles Corporation for the 2016 Capital Project Contract, Plumbing Construction.

To approve the following bid for the Capital Project that was passed by referendum on December 1, 2015:

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Theatrical Construction .....	\$445,855
Syracuse Scenery & Stage Lighting Co., Inc.	

To nominate Linda Zaczek for the position of board member of the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Board of Education.

To approve request to bus Savannah Bresee to Valley Heights Christian Academy for the 2017-2018 school year.

To approve Devin Baker, Grade 5; Brooke Baker, Grade 2; Chelsie Palmer, Grade 8; as non-resident students for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year.

The Board convened in executive session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss student issues.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:25 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26

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**EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JUNE 2017**

**UPDATED 6/16 – This schedule supersedes any previously released schedule.**

*Students must verify with their schools the exact times that they are to report for their State examinations.*

June 13 TUESDAY	June 14 WEDNESDAY	June 15 THURSDAY	June 16 FRIDAY	June 19 <sup>o</sup> MONDAY	June 20 TUESDAY	June 21 WEDNESDAY	June 22 THURSDAY	June 23 FRIDAY
<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>RATING DAY</b>
RE in U.S. History & Government	English Language Arts (Common Core)	RE in Global History & Geography	Geometry (Common Core)	RCT in Global Studies* <small><sup>o</sup>World Language Assessment suggested date/time: Locally developed Checkpoint A Exam</small>	Physical Setting/ Chemistry	RCT in U.S. History & Government*	RCT in Reading*	
<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Uniform Admission Deadlines</b>  Morning Examinations: 10:00 a.m.  Afternoon Examinations: 2:00 p.m.
Algebra I (Common Core)	Living Environment	Physical Setting/ Earth Science  Physical Setting/ Physics	Algebra II (Common Core)	RCT in Writing <small><sup>o</sup>World Language Assessment suggested date/time: Locally developed Checkpoint B Exam</small>	RCT in Science*	RCT in Mathematics*		

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