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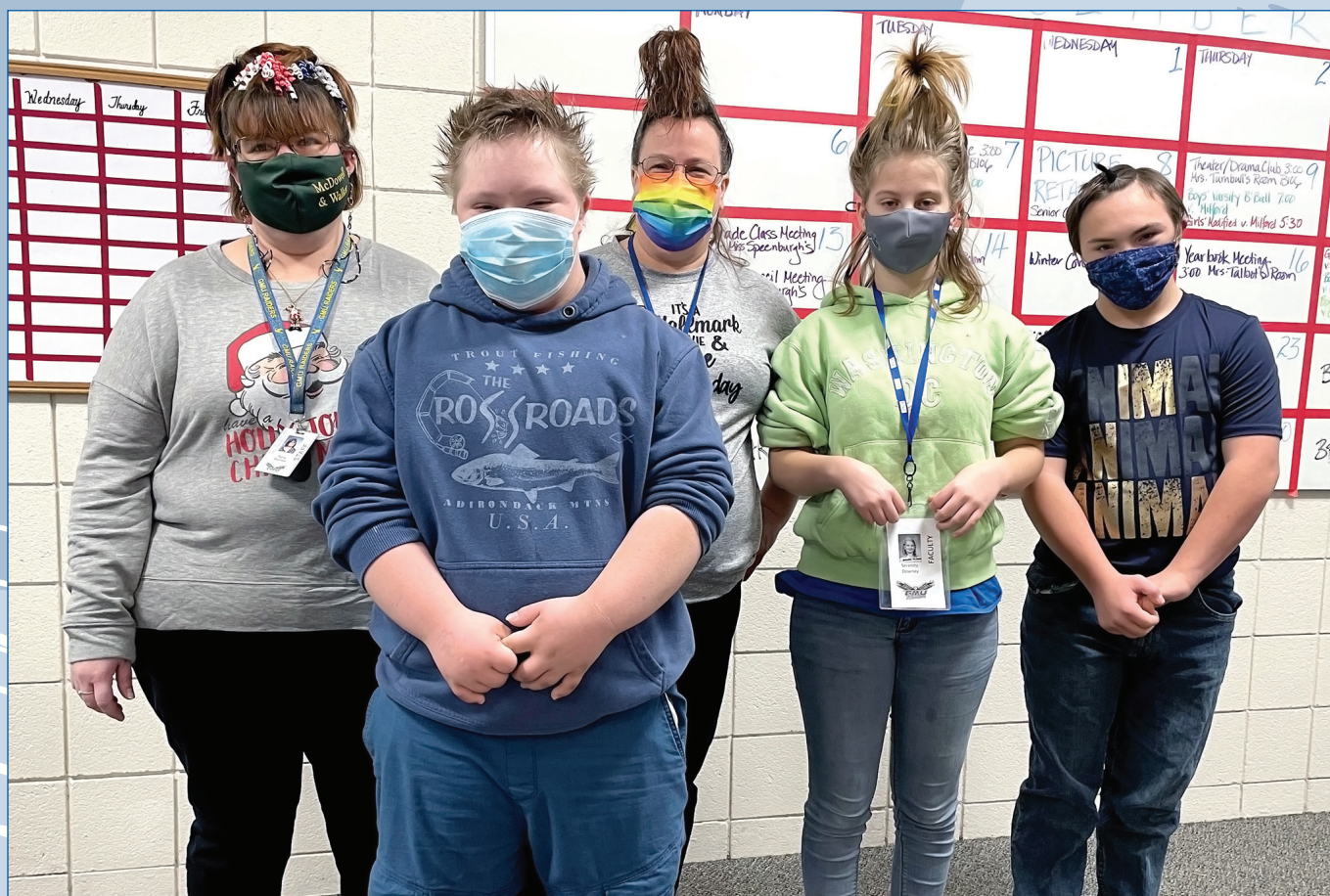
# THE JOURNEY

Newsletter of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District

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*All together now!*  
GMU Family continues to thrive on campus!







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### Our Mission

At Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School, we use an inclusive approach to cultivate confident individuals with the desire to take risks, value differences in others, experience new opportunities, and recognize the potential within themselves.

### Our Vision

To provide an inclusive and equitable learning community that fosters life-long personal and academic growth for all students.

### Our Values

- A Growth Mindset
- Essential Skills for Career Readiness
- Social-Emotional Wellness
- Inclusion and Equity
- Critical Thinking
- Meaningful Relationships

### Our Motto

"It's the **Quality** of the journey that counts!"

## Remaining BOE Meetings

All Board of Education meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, unless noted.  
**2022**

March 16, Regular Meeting

April 20, BOCES Vote

May 10, Budget Hearing

May 17, School Budget Vote

May 18, Regular Meeting

June 15, Regular Meeting

## Registration open for PK-K students!

The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District is accepting Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten student registrations for the 2022-2023 school year.

### Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Resident children of GMUCSD who will be 4 years of age before December 1, 2022, are eligible to register/apply for our full-day Pre-Kindergarten program. Those who are interested should call Registrar Kristy Carey at 607-783-2207, ext. 103. Mrs. Carey will provide information for obtaining an application.

All Pre-Kindergarten applications must be returned to the Main Office by noon March 31, 2022. Class size is limited. If the number of accepted students is exceeded, a lottery system will be used to determine the class roll.

### Kindergarten Registration

Resident children of GMUCSD who will be 5 years of age before December 1, 2022, are eligible to register for Kindergarten. Please call Registrar Kristy Carey at 607-783-2207, ext. 103, to arrange an appointment.

The following items are required at the time of registration:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Immunization Record
- Three proofs of residency

Note: Students who are already attending our Pre-K program during the current school year do not need to register for Kindergarten.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Carey at 607-783-2207, ext. 103.



## New for GMU in '22!

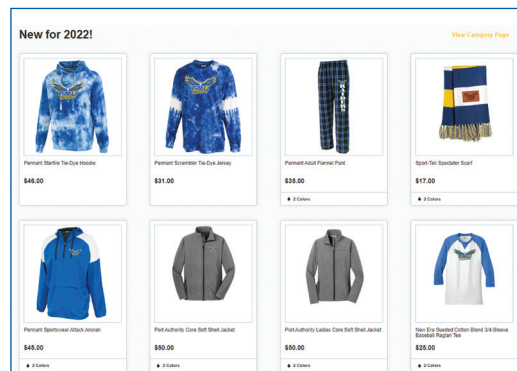
We've added a batch of "New for 22" items to our GMU Apparel Store!

You can check out all of the new GMU Raiders' gear online by visiting our website at <https://www.gmucsd.org/> ("Apparel Store" link is on the left side of our home page).

You also can visit this direct link to get started: <https://gmucsd2021.itemorder.com/sale>.

A limited supply of GMU gear is available for purchase on campus, too! Just visit the District Office to see what's in stock.

A portion of every sale benefits the GMU Board of Education Scholarship, so stop in or click to start shopping today!





## WITH AGE COMES WISDOM!

Happy 100th day of school to Gilbertville-Mount Upton!

Our students had the unique opportunity to dress up as if they were 100 years old in celebration of this special day on campus February 15.

Check out some of the age-appropriate outfits and accessories in the photos!



### All About GMU!

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Answer key on Page 19



### Bus Vote!

Tuesday, February 1, 2022, Noon-8 p.m.  
Vote in person at Gilbertville-Mount Upton!



### Community Approves Bus Propositions!

The Gilbertville-Mount Upton Central School District thanks community members who voted on our two bus propositions February 1.

Propositions were approved by the following voting margins:

Prop 1-Bus Purchase: Yes 45, No 19

Prop 2-Reserve Fund: Yes 46, No 17



## GMU SENIOR OF THE MONTH

### Skye Wilson, December 2021

Congratulations to *Skye Wilson*, the GMU High School Student Council's Senior of the Month for December 2021!

*Skye* is an active member of the GMU community—both in and out of school—and works diligently to be a student leader within classrooms, athletics, and clubs. She was unanimously selected to be our December Senior of the Month, which speaks to the solid relationships she has built with her classmates and underclassmen.

*Skye* has pushed herself to be academically successful and actively involved in several extracurricular activities offered at GMU, including school sports since Grade 7. A member of the National Honor Society, *Skye* is the Class of 2022's



president and the Student Council's secretary. She has worked to organize and participate in events, fundraisers, and sponsorships, such as the Veterans Day Breakfast.

Nicknamed "Mom Skye" for her caring, kind and giving personality, *Skye* is a leader by example who actively participates in all things GMU. She is a dedicated, positive and persevering individual who exemplifies the qualities of a senior of the month.

*Skye* plans to continue her education in college by majoring in psychology. Her ability to communicate, care for others, and see the world from various perspectives will surely help, as will her bubbly, positive personality. Best of luck, *Skye*!

### Angelina Correll, January 2022

Congratulations to *Angelina Correll*, the GMU High School Student Council's Senior of the Month for January 2022!

*Angelina* is a hardworking and dedicated student, athlete and musician who holds a job outside of school. Her love of life and sprightly personality bring joy to the halls and classrooms of GMU, making *Angelina* extremely deserving of Senior of the Month recognition.

Throughout her high school years, *Angelina* has gone out of her way to try new things. She's been an active member of several clubs, dedicated to the GMU Music Department, and made varsity in girls soccer—a sport she never played before her junior season.

*Angelina's* positive attitude and perseverance made her a fast learner and encouraging team member. She has attacked



every new challenge with an open mind and has grown her skillset tremendously. *Angelina's* passion to succeed and desire to take advantage of new opportunities demonstrate her love of adventure and limitless view of life.

*Angelina* spends time outside of school with her family, friends and co-workers. She is a role model to underclassmen, has been a positive influence on young students in GMU's mentoring program and embraces school festivities such as

spirit weeks. Her peers say she is an amazing friend who is always willing to listen and loves to laugh.

*Angelina* plans to attend college and major in business administration – with a concentration in marketing—after graduation. We wish her all the best in her adventures!

### Dalton Proskine, February 2022

Congratulations to *Dalton Proskine*, Gilbertsville-Mount Upton's Senior of the Month for February 2022!

Better known as "Tater," *Dalton* is a high achieving student with direction and goals. He also has been a hard-working member of the GMU Community for many years.

Always willing to lend a hand, *Dalton* is active in several extracurricular activities, including soccer, basketball, baseball, and the GMU Clay Raiders. In June of 2021, he earned personal-best scores while representing the Clay Raiders at the national competition in Michigan.



Throughout the school day, *Dalton* and his animated, fun-loving personality can frequently be seen (or heard) in the hallways with his best friends by his side. *Dalton* also has a distinctive outlook on the world thanks to his love of the outdoors. He cares deeply about wildlife, our environment and conservation, giving him the ability to offer unique perspectives.

*Dalton* is a focused, driven individual who loves life and his community. He plans to attend college in the fall to continue his education, and we have no doubt that he will be an excellent representative of our school and community.

Congratulations, *Dalton*, and good luck!





Lisa Ruland

**THANK YOU, SCHOOL COUNSELORS,**  
FOR HELPING ALL STUDENTS SUCCEED

**NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK**  
FEBRUARY 7-11, 2022  
SCHOOL COUNSELING: BETTER TOGETHER



Tiffany LaVancha



## SBHC offers early hours, dental services

Bassett Healthcare's School-Based Health Center at Gilbertsville-Mount Upton now has early hours for students enrolled in the SBHC.

We will be open from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. every Thursday. Please call 607-783-2250 or 1-844-244-7242 to make an appointment for your SBHC-enrolled student or for more information.

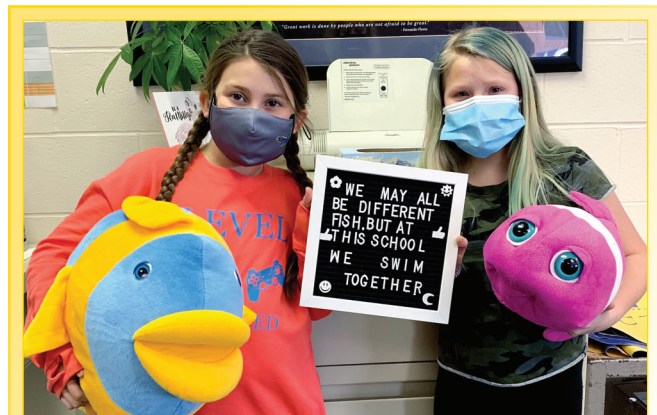
The SBHC at GMU also provides dental services for enrolled students. If you would like your child to see our Dental Hygienist, please call 607-783-2250 to make an appointment.

## Students can get vaccinated, tested at SBHC

Bassett's School-Based Health Center at Gilbertsville-Mount Upton continues to offer the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine and boosters (as recommended) to students ages 5-and-older who are enrolled with the SBHC.

Signed parental consent is required to receive a vaccine and/or booster. Consent forms and information packets are available at our on-campus SBHC, which also offers COVID-19 testing.

To schedule a visit for your SBHC-enrolled student or for more information, please call 607-783-2250 or 1-844-244-7242.



## Be true to your school!

GMU fourth-graders Shaelyn Webb and Kaylee Stewart made this sign in February, and it simply says it all!

"We may all be different fish, but at this school we swim together!"

#GMUUnity #GMUFamily #QualityOfTheJourney



## GMU senior among top CTE students!

Congratulations again to GMU senior *Ryan McCall*, who placed during the SkillsUSA Area II competitions February 11 in Morrisville.

*Ryan*, who takes Career and Technical Education classes at DCMO BOCES, finished third in the Power Equipment Technology-Conservation competition. He was one of 20 students from DCMO's Harrold Campus to compete (six earned top-three finishes) in the local event, which showcases the top CTE students in the area.

DCMO BOCES inducted *Ryan* into its National Technical Honor Society in November. He also won the Principal's Citizenship Award at GMU for the 2020-2021 school year.

Keep up the great work, *Ryan*!



## GMU juniors on tour!

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton thanks SUNY Delhi for hosting a campus tour for our junior class before the winter break.

Students explored the facility, learned about the requirements to attend SUNY Delhi from an admissions counselor, and enjoyed an all-you-can-eat buffet lunch in the dining hall.

Thanks to Lynne Talbot for sharing this group picture in the Broncos gymnasium!



## Join the GMU Booster Club!

The GMU Booster Club is seeking new members to continue its support of all things GMU, such as Athletics, Drama Club, Marching Band, Musicals and Student Council. There are several other groups and clubs associated with the district that have benefited from the GMU Booster Club over the years.

"We are looking to revamp the club to better serve all students in grades PK-12," GMU Booster Club President *Amanda Larsen* said. "With such a small student population, there is no reason why the Booster Club cannot support all students in the GMU community in some way."

If there aren't enough members, though, a booster club that formed before Gilbertsville and Mount Upton merged will cease to exist. You can help by joining and dedicating 30-60 minutes a week to the club's mission. GMU students are welcome to join the GMU Booster Club, too! Student memberships are free and may qualify as volunteer/community service.

For more information, send a Facebook message to the GMU Booster Club at <https://www.facebook.com/GMU-boosterclub>.



## A yearbook to remember!

Congratulations to GMU's Yearbook Staff and Advisor *Jennifer McDowell* for producing an award-winning edition of *The Vallerian*!

GMU's 2020-2021 yearbook earned an "Outstanding Cover" award in the American Scholastic Association's annual contest for scholastic yearbooks, magazines and newspapers. The *Vallerian* also tied for second place among schools with an enrollment of 500 or fewer students.

The Raiders' 2020-2021 Yearbook Staff included graduated editors *Olivia Held*, *Alyssa Devine* and *Maya Farwell*, as well as the following current GMU students:

Front Row: *Carly Davis*, *Fiona Held*, *Angelina Correll*, *Skye Wilson*

Back Row: *Madeline Pain*, *MacKenzie Cherry*, *Jennifer McDowell*, *Kaitlyn Finch*, *Kendra Hammond*

To see the entire list of award-winners online, visit <https://www.asan.com/annual-yearbooks-magazine-newspapers-contest>.

Way to go, Raiders!!!





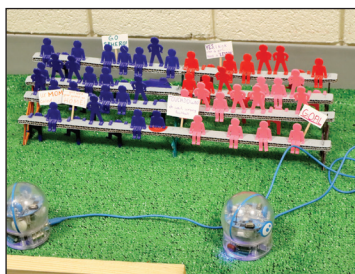
## Project powered by STEAM!

Check out this cool project from students in Mark Seigers' Advanced STEAM Applications class!

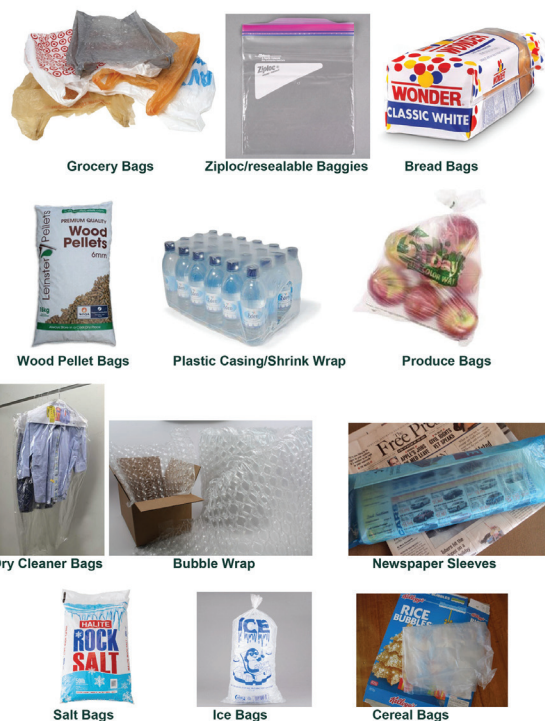
GMU juniors *Hannah Bonczkowski* and *Fiona Held* envisioned a robot-soccer competition for this problem-based class, where projects are determined by student interests. The two then used a 3D printer, Glowforge laser cutter and other tools in our Collab Lab to create a model of a soccer field, complete with bleachers and fans.

The kicker (pardon the pun) is playing an actual game using the Sphero Play App to maneuver remote-controlled Sphero Mini Robot Balls that light up! Watch the video on our Facebook page to see who scores first!

Special thanks to sophomore Andrew Stone, who assisted in the initial development of the project.



### Acceptable Items (if clean!):



## Recycling Challenge under way!

GMU's Recyclin' Raiders are collecting items for the Otsego County Conservation Association's Plastic Film Recycling Challenge.

Students, staff and community members are asked to bring clean, dry, recyclable plastic film to campus until April 15. Plastic film items include the following:

- Bread bags
- Bubble wrap
- Cereal bags
- Dry cleaning bags
- Grocery bags
- Ice bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Plastic casings/shrink wraps
- Produce bags
- Salt bags
- Wood pellet bags
- Ziploc & other re-closeable bags

Please send these items to school with students for proper recycling. Plastic film will be collected by elementary school teachers and middle/high school class advisors.

The goal of the Challenge is to educate the community on proper recycling of plastic film items, which cannot be recycled through regular curbside recycling programs. This initiative focuses on keeping clean, dry plastic film out of our region's landfill.

GMU classes will compete against each other to collect the most plastic film, and winning grades will earn a prize. The Recyclin' Raiders, who won OCCA Challenge titles in 2019 and 2020, also will go up against other Otsego County schools to collect the most plastic film per capita and take part in the Trex Plastic Film Recycling national competition. For more information on the national challenge, visit <https://recycle.trex.com/view/programs> online.

If you have any questions, please email GMU Art Teacher and Recyclin' Raiders team leader Ashley Hughes at [ahughes@gmucsd.org](mailto:ahughes@gmucsd.org).



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM GMU!







## Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon returns!

We were so happy to see dozens of friendly faces in our parking lot December 17 as our Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon resumed after a one-year, COVID-related hiatus.

GMU Cafeteria Director Susan Sebeck and her awesome staff prepared and packaged more than 60 delicious holiday meals featuring stuffed roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, beans, bread and a dessert of choice. Students and staff also had the opportunity to feast on the same menu items during lunch.

Mrs. Sebeck joined Board of Education member Whitney Talbot,

Superintendent Annette Hammond, Principal Heather Wilcox, and District Clerk Jarrin Hayen in hand-delivering the free meals to the vehicles of senior citizens who pre-ordered their meals.

An annual event in our cafeteria before COVID-19, the ongoing health crisis prompted our Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon to shift to a drive-through event in 2021.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this special luncheon in honor of our local seniors. We hope to see you again next year!



## Nice and safe at GMU!

GMU thanks NYS Trooper Shannon Hartz for conducting a routine walk-through of our campus on Raiders Friday, December 17!

Following the safety check and our Rockin' Raiders morning program, Trooper Hartz met with Santa and Mrs. Claus to confirm her status on the Nice List this year.

GMU Superintendent Annette Hammond, School Counselor Lisa Ruland, Assistant Principal Kevin Walsh, Physical Education teacher Matthew Johnson, and Principal Heather Wilcox joined in the holiday fun, too!



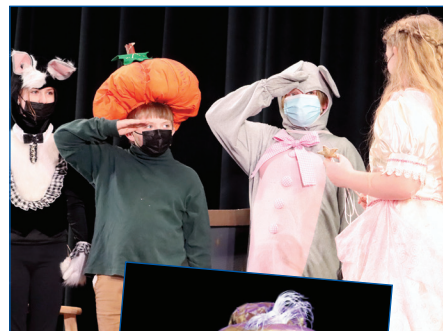
## Thinking of you!

GMU students created cards and ornaments in December for the residents of the Hampshire House nursing home in Oneonta.

The activity was part of our Mentoring Mondays program, which matches younger students (mentees) with older ones (mentors) to learn together throughout the school year.



## IF THE SLIPPER FITS . . .



Thanks to everyone who came out to see the GMU Theatre Club's Junior Musical Presentation of *Cinderella's Glass Slipper* on campus in January. Check out these photos to see some of the on-stage action!

### Cast

(In order of appearance)

**Troubadour:** Samuel Beach

**Attila:** Emma Schmitt

**Brunhilda:** Peyton Townsend

**Cleopatra:** Desirae Irons

**Stepmother:** Marissa Furgison

**Mouse:** Destiny Wright

**Cinderella:** Joslynn Irons

**Apprentice/Lady Blossom:**

Daisy Crisell

**Mistress Haughty:** Taylor Kline

**Majordomo:** Mia Mantellassi

**Prince:** Chance Kilmer

**Fairy Godmother/Lady Vine:**

Sophia Parslow

**Pumpkinhead/Lieutenant:**

Wyatt Eastman

**Lady Ursula-Ursula:**

Amelia Beckwith

**Captain:** Dakota Eichler

**Queen:** Kaden O'Hara

**Lords/Ladies:** Emma Ambrose

(Lady Thelma), Zackery Page

(Lord Page), Pacey Behnke (Lord

Behnke), Darren Ruiz (Lord Ruiz),

Delaney Dunnigan (Lady Mary),

Carter Simonds (Lord Simonds),

Kristin Gee (Lady Chihirio), Julius

Smith (Lord Smith), Alivia Lum

(Lady Arlene), Cole Wilson (Lord

Otter).

### Crew

**Technical Director:** Tyler Lindsley

**Lights:** Kendra Hammond

**Sound:** Mason Prentice

**Stage Assistants:** Miranda Carrabba,

Brendon Eastman, Paige Smith,

Roman Taranto, Kacie Turnbull,

Lindsay Turnbull, Skye Wilson

**Scenery Director:** John Turnbull

**Scenery Construction:** John Turnbull,

Jackie Turnbull, Kacie Turnbull,

Deanna Perkosky, Joel Perkosky

**Props:** Ashley Hughes

**Poster/T-shirt Design:** Daisy Crisell

**Costumes:** The Cast, Kacie Turnbull,

Winnie Sortman

**Director:** Anne Monaco

### Special Thanks To

Superintendent Annette Hammond

Principal Heather Wilcox

The GMU School Board

Director of Facilities Alan Digsby

The GMU Maintenance Staff

Winnie Sortman

Parents and families of cast members

And all who helped to make costumes

for our show





## JAMES AND THE GIANT HIT!

Thanks to everyone who visited campus November 12 and 13 for the GMU Theatre Club's presentations of Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach!"

Our kids were good - really good - in this exciting and fun musical stage performance in the GMU Auditorium. Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GMUCentral> to see more photos!

### The Cast:

Kailah Davis, Ladahlord  
Avriel Correll, James  
Ariana Cornell, Spiker  
Katelyn Hills, Sponge  
Hannah Bonczkowski, Spider  
Ryan Davis, Grasshopper  
Kacie Turnbull, Ladybug  
Emma Peck, Earthworm  
Brendon Eastman, Centipede  
Lindsay Turnbull, Matron Nurse/Ensemble  
Kaleigh Gee, Ensemble  
Teeghan Lent, Ensemble

### The Crew:

Roman Taranto, Stage Manager  
Miranda Carrabba, Production  
Kaitlyn Finch, Production  
Skye Wilson, Production  
Madison Lockwood, Production  
Paige Smith, Production

### The Staff:

Winnie Sortman, Director, set design, costumes  
Anne Monaco, Assistant Director  
Gerrit Bakhuizen, Sound Tech  
Bethany Sortman, Choreography (opening)  
Kendra Hammond, Lighting Technician  
Mason Prentice, Asst. Lighting Technician

### Set Construction & Painting:

John Turnbull  
Jackie Turnbull  
Felicia Musson  
Jennifer Davis  
Miranda Carrabba  
Roman Taranto  
Skye Wilson  
and the cast!

Special thanks to Tyler Lindsley for setting up our stage lighting and to Mirabito Energy Products for sponsoring our shows.





## GMU FIRST-QUARTER AWARDS!

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton is proud to recognize the following award-winners for the first-quarter marking period of the 2021-2022 school year!

### HIGH HONOR ROLL

(Quarterly average of 93-100 with no grade below a 70 and no incompletes)

**Grade 5:** Kristin Gee, Cooper Gundlach, Elias Lytle

**Grade 7:** Peyton Norton

**Grade 8:** Alice Dibble, Ioannis Drapaniotis, Bailey Howard, Cecilie Lytle, Mackenzi Marron, Lillian Perrine, Latham Retz, Adam Yasser

**Grade 9:** Avriel Correll, Andrea Favinger, Emma Alexis Peck, Alyssa Sorochinsky

**Grade 10:** Mackenzie Barnes, Leah Cotton, Devon Hartwell, Andrew Stone

**Grade 11:** Hannah Bonczkowski, Corbin Demmon, Kendra Hammond, Fiona Held, Teeghan Lent, Aubree Palmer, Megan Perrine, Bianca Plows, Ella Stockdale, Kali Wilcox, Brian Wilson

**Grade 12:** Tammy Barnes, Kadence Behnke, Miranda Carrabba, Angelina Correll, Autumn Demarais, Amaya Gilchrest, Morgan Keuhn, Brynne Livelsberger, Bree MacNeill, Ashlyn Marron, Ryan McCall, Dylan McVey, Nicole Meyers, Madeline Pain, Dalton Proskine, Alivia Retz, Kacie Turnbull, Skye Wilson

### HONOR ROLL

(Quarterly average of 87-92 with no grade below a 70 and no incompletes)

**Grade 5:** Rece Nolan, Logan Panek, Emma Schmitt

**Grade 6:** Gabriella Barnes, Jacob Favinger, Mason Kiser, Koda Stockdale

**Grade 7:** Shane Carney, Alexis Davis, Devin DeGroat Austin Kilmer, Mia Mantellassi, Raymond Nober, William Vaccaro, Rashaun Wilber

**Grade 8:** Madison Lockwood, Kira Nolan, Alivia Plows, Kelsey Quiter, Blake SanSoucie, Alivia Vitek

**Grade 9:** Ariana Cornell, Quinn Covington, Kyra Demmon, Kaleigh Gee, Skylar Lindroth

**Grade 10:** Thomas Breslau, Mackenzie Cherry

**Grade 11:** Carly Davis, Ethan Joslyn, Kross Lund, Dante Manwarren, Ivy Stensland, Nevaeh Wright

**Grade 12:** Lane Dibble, Daniel Tompkins

### NOVEMBER AWARDS

#### Soaring Eagle—Resourceful

(Uses time wisely and appropriately; makes good choices by thinking things through beforehand)

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Lucy Brown, Montana Fuller

**Kindergarten:** Guy Barnes, Lincoln Hoag

**Grade 1:** Rose Brower, Landyn Rowe

**Grade 2:** Breuwer Barnes, Alyson Mayne

**Grade 3:** Raegan Beach, Owen Pitcher

**Grade 4:** Kaylee Stewart

**Grade 5:** Elias Lytle

**Grade 6:** Marissa Furgison

#### Essential Skill—Leadership

(Taking charge of your future and helping your peers do the same)

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Emersyn Rowe, Lyric Webb

**Kindergarten:** Madelyn Barnes, Lydia Talbot

**Grade 1:** Chevelle Kendeigh, Kenna Larsen

**Grade 2:** Aria Delmar, Mila Rhone

**Grade 3:** Moira McDonough, Owen Pearson

**Grade 4:** Paris Behnke

**Grade 5:** Amelia Beckwith

**Grade 6:** Koda Stockdale

### OCTOBER AWARDS

#### Soaring Eagle—Determination

(Doing something without giving up, even when it gets tough; having courage, especially when it comes to standing up for others; setting goals and working toward them)

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Bryce Delmar, Trevin Rowe

**Kindergarten:** Shaw Green, Owen Perkosky

**Grade 1:** Elliot Bankus, Laura Schidzick

**Grade 2:** Alaina Beckwith, Daniel Favinger

**Grade 3:** Layla Covington, Abigail Schaub

**Grade 4:** Lily Hauptfleish

**Grade 5:** Emma Ambrose

**Grade 6:** Mason Kiser

#### Essential Skill—Teamwork

(Collaborating with others to reach a common goal)

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Lilliana Crawford, Ellie Wilcox

**Kindergarten:** Maverick Davis, Finley Rhone

**Grade 1:** Martin Lytle, Presley Young

**Grade 2:** Claire Beach, Zachary McWeeney

**Grade 3:** Abbi-Lynn Page, Garrett Stanton

**Grade 4:** Kaidyn Rowe

**Grade 5:** Damien Miller

**Grade 6:** Joslynn Irons

### SEPTEMBER AWARDS

#### Soaring Eagle—Caring

(Displaying kindness and concern for others, yourself and your school community; giving of yourself without expecting anything in return)

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Emily Brower, Henry Weidman

**Kindergarten:** Brianna Cummings, Aubrey Doyle

**Grade 1:** Hadleigh Burchill, Carol Jaycox

**Grade 2:** Jasper Cole, Andrew Kendeigh, Mackenzie Miller

**Grade 3:** Carter Bates, Donald Krebbeks

**Grade 4:** Paris Behnke, Hogan Green, Maeleigh Lum

**Grade 5:** Pacey Behnke

**Grade 6:** Daisy Crisell



## GMU FIRST-QUARTER AWARDS! *continued*

### Essential Skill—Goal Setting

(Identifying what you want and how you can achieve it)

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Shaylynn Demuth, Stephanie Nober

**Kindergarten:** Harper French, Chase Macumber

**Grade 1:** Shane Nober, Athena Palmatier

**Grade 2:** Mia Covington, Camden Wilcox

**Grade 3:** Gigi Barnes, Alexander Breslau

**Grade 4:** Jonathan Favinger

**Grade 5:** Kristin Gee

**Grade 6:** Zackery Page

## GMU SECOND-QUARTER AWARDS!

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton is proud to recognize the following award-winners for the second-quarter marking period of the 2021-2022 school year!

### HIGH HONOR ROLL

(Quarterly average of 93-100 with no grade below a 70 and no incompletes)

**Grade 5:** Kristin Gee

**Grade 6:** Jacob Favinger

**Grade 7:** Brandon Kendall, Ashlynn Tiedemann

**Grade 8:** Samuel Beach, Alice Dibble, Andrea Favinger, Cecilie Lytle, Mackenzi Marron, Kira Nolan, Lillian Perrine, Dannaka Rasmussen, Adam Yasser

**Grade 9:** Avriel Correll, Emma Alexis Peck, Alyssa Sorochinsky

**Grade 10:** Mackenzie Barnes, Leah Cotton, Natalie Livelsberger, Andrew Stone

**Grade 11:** Hannah Bonczkowski, Carly Davis, Corbin Demmon, Kendra Hammond, Fiona Held, Teeghan Lent, Aubree Palmer, Megan Perrine, Bianca Plows, Ella Stockdale, Kali Wilcox, Brian Wilson

**Grade 12:** Kadence Behnke, Miranda Carrabba, Angelina Correll, Lane Dibble, Amaya Gilchrest, Morgan Keuhn, Brynne Livelsberger, Ashlyn Marron, Nicole Meyers, Madeline Pain, Dalton Proskine, Kacie Turnbull, Skye Wilson

### HONOR ROLL

(Quarterly average of 87-92 with no grade below a 70 and no incompletes)

**Grade 5:** Amelia Beckwith, Cooper Gundlach, Elias Lytle

**Grade 6:** Gabriella Barnes, Carrie Doyle, Mason Kiser

**Grade 7:** Shane Carney, Alexis Davis, Austin Kilmer, Peyton Norton, William Vaccaro

**Grade 8:** Jeffrey Barnes, Ryan Davis, Ioannis Drapaniotis, Madison Lockwood, Dylan Page, Alivia Plows, Kelsey Quiter, Latham Retz, Blake SanSoucie, Alivia Vitek

**Grade 9:** Ariana Cornell, Quinn Covington, Kyra Demmon, Serenity Downey, Kaleigh Gee, Lindsay Turnbull

**Grade 11:** Mackenzie Cherry, Kross Lund, Ivy Stensland

**Grade 12:** Tammy Barnes, Bree MacNeill, Ryan McCall, Dylan McVey, Alivia Retz, Payton Talbot, Daniel Tompkins

### DECEMBER AWARDS

#### Soaring Eagle—Respect

(Uses good manners and is considerate of the feelings of others; has a positive attitude when it comes to school)

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Shaylynn Demuth, Garrett Larsen

**Kindergarten:** Paisley Harris, Killian Viele

**Grade 1:** Coraline Carney, Layton Esposito

**Grade 2:** Wilbur Barnes, Alexis DeGroat

**Grade 3:** Autumn Ostrander, Landon Grabo

**Grade 4:** Johnny Favinger, Dylan Ostrander

**Grade 5:** Logan Doyle

**Grade 6:** Chance Kilmer

#### Essential Skill—Agility

(Adapting and responding to changing circumstances)

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Mara Lewis, Ellie Wilcox

**Kindergarten:** Emma Frankel, Sofia Henness

**Grade 1:** Alice Hanehan, Tucker Laman

**Grade 2:** Gabriel Huntley, Andrew Kendeigh

**Grade 3:** Alexander Delmar, Anthony Kraft

**Grade 4:** Melena Hall, Shaelynn Webb

**Grade 5:** Kayden Peck

**Grade 6:** Zayde Palmatier

### JANUARY AWARDS

#### Soaring Eagle—Creativity

(Ability to use one's imagination or original ideas)

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Calvin Clement, Evelyn Hauptfleisch

**Kindergarten:** Dominic Engel, Grace Rosenkrance

**Grade 1:** Ella Rhoden, Summer Walrod

**Grade 2:** Jasper Cole, Logan Lange

**Grade 3:** Will Covington, Arianna Larson

**Grade 4:** Gabriel Lytle

**Grade 5:** Kristin Gee

**Grade 6:** Robert Lindroth

#### Essential Skill—Perseverance

(The determination to overcome challenges to achieve your goals)

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Damien Maine, Cian McDonough

**Kindergarten:** Bailee Nober, Faith Rhoden

**Grade 1:** Hannah Longcor, Martin Lytle

**Grade 2:** Mia Covington, Wynter Vaccaro, Blaine Whitbeck

**Grade 3:** Bryce Gundlach, Owen Pearson

**Grade 4:** Hunter Barnes

**Grade 5:** Alivia Lum

**Grade 6:** Sophia Parslow



## Coach Bonczkowski elected to TVL Hall

Congratulations to GMU Athletic Director and Coach Greg Bonczkowski on his recent election to Tri-Valley League Hall of Fame!

The TVL announced February 12 that it has elected Coach Bonczkowski and Franklin's Mike Dutcher to its Hall of Fame. The Class of 2022 selections will be officially honored next year during an Induction Ceremony that will coincide with the inductions of the Tri-Valley League's 2023 Hall of Fame class.

### Greg Bonczkowski, Schenevus and GMU

Bonczkowski coached modified girls soccer, JV and varsity girls' basketball, and varsity baseball at Schenevus from 1996-2002 and led the Dragons to a Tri-Valley League baseball title. Since 2014, he has coached boys and girls varsity soccer, varsity boys' basketball, and varsity baseball at Gilbertsville-Mount Upton. His Raiders won a Tri-Valley League championship in boys' basketball.

### Mike Dutcher, Franklin

Dutcher has coached a variety of sports at Franklin Central School since 1991, including modified girls' soccer, junior varsity and varsity boys' basketball, and varsity girls' basketball. His varsity girls' basketball teams have won several Tri-Valley League championships. Dutcher also led the Purple Devils to back-to-back Section IV girls' basketball championships.



## GMU supports Milford girl with Pink Out

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton would like to thank everyone who took part in our "Pink Out" to support Bella Saggese and her family during our Tri-Valley League girls basketball game February 9.

Bella, who plays basketball for Milford, recently suffered severe injuries in a skiing accident. Fans who attended the game in person generously donated a total of \$418 to help the Saggese family with Bella's medical expenses.

GMU's "Pink Out" for Bella featured a pink game ball and several other pink symbols of support, such as hair ribbons, clothing and accessories. The Raiders girls and boys also signed a card for Bella and presented it to the Milford girls basketball coach.

"I thought it was a very touching moment after the game, when both teams took a photo in their pink shirts," GMU Athletic Director Greg Bonczkowski said. "I am very proud of our student-athletes and our athletic program for doing this."



## All-Star finish for GMU freshman



Congratulations to Gilbertsville-Mount Upton freshman cross-country standout *Noah Pain* for earning First Team All-Star honors from the Midstate Athletic Conference during the 2021 Fall Sports season.

*Noah* finished fifth for the Unadilla Valley/Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Storm Raiders during the MAC Championships on October 28 at UV. The top five boys and girls

received MAC All-Star accolades.

*Noah* also placed 13th in the Section 4 Class D Championships on November 4, completing Chenango Valley State Park's hilly, 3.1-mile course in 19 minutes, 11.2 seconds.

## Senior moment for indoor track athletes!

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton and Unadilla Valley honored three senior student-athletes February 8 for their contributions to the districts' combined indoor track and field team.

GMU's *Roman Taranto* and *Kaitlyn Finch* joined UV teammate *Chloe Patrick* for a Senior Recognition Ceremony during halftime of the Storm's junior varsity boys basketball game against Afton. Each received gifts and joined family members and teammates for photos at center court.

Best of luck to this trio of super seniors the rest of this school year and beyond!





## Girls win on Senior Night!

Congratulations to our varsity girls basketball team on its 49-36 Senior Night victory over visiting Tri-Valley League rival Morris on January 21.

The Raiders honored *Ashlyn Marron*, *Tammy Barnes* and national-anthem singer *Kacie Turnbull* with a pre-game Senior Night ceremony.

Marron scored 10 points and Barnes had four for GMU, which received a game-high 19 points from *Hannah Bonczkowski* (four three-pointers) and 12 from fellow junior *Megan Perrine*.

## GMU celebrates boys basketball seniors

Check out some of the action from GMU's boys basketball Senior Night game against Tri-Valley League rival Edmeston on January 28!

The Raiders celebrated seniors *Dylan McVey* (2), *Dalton Proskine* (22) and *Lane Dibble* (35) before the big game and led most of the way but fell just short, 48-46. GMU also recognized senior scorekeeper *Madeline Pain*.

McVey hit five three-pointers en route to 16 points to tie sophomore *Devon Hartwell* for team-high scoring honors. Proskine contributed 11 points for the Raiders.

## GMU, UV study athletics merger

The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton and Unadilla Valley Boards of Education have established a task force to discuss the possibility of combining all sports programs and drafting an Athletic Merger Plan.

Parents, students, and community members from both districts are invited to share their thoughts on a potential merger of sports programs between the two districts. You can provide the Task Force with any feedback you would like via a Google Form. Input from our communities will provide valuable information that will help the Task Force determine whether a merger is viable and, if so, develop one athletics plan for both districts.

The Task Force will meet regularly from February to May to discuss district options and evaluate the possibility of creating one consistent, dependable and sustainable athletic plan intended to provide more opportunities for student-athletes in each district.

A Task Force representative will be present at each district's board of education meetings for the remainder of the year, to share progress. As always, our school communities



are invited to attend our board of education meetings to hear these updates. Once the Task Force has completed its work, an Athletic Merger Plan is expected to be unveiled to each community at a public forum in late May, then presented with public comments to each board of education in June.

Superintendents, principals and athletic directors from both districts will serve on the Task Force, which will be facilitated by retired superintendent Gray Stevens.

If you have feedback, thoughts or comments for the Task Force to consider, please add them to the Google Form by April 30.

**Google Form:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-NVikHGqAhYVNpYh8ekDYzIuV-9LfKCYmFFgpHwf\\_XrPRHFw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-NVikHGqAhYVNpYh8ekDYzIuV-9LfKCYmFFgpHwf_XrPRHFw/viewform)





# Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District

Heather Wilcox, Principal

*"It's the Quality of Journey that counts"*

## 2021-2022 School Profile

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School is a rural school district in Upstate New York with an enrollment of approximately 350 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 12.

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton is located in Otsego County with students residing in Otsego, Chenango and Delaware counties. Gilbertsville and Mount Upton are advantageously located within a 50-mile radius of the major cities of Binghamton, Utica, Cooperstown, Oneonta and Norwich. A dynamic mix of business and industry that include distinguished names such as Chobani, ACCO Brands, The Raymond Corporation, Norwich Pharmaceuticals, NBT Bank, Preferred Mutual Insurance Company, Frontier and Golden Artist Colors are just a few companies located in the area.

GMU prides itself on innovative courses, a multitude of STEAM resources, and its knowledgeable teaching staff. A comprehensive program of course offerings are provided for our students. Courses are available in Art, STEAM, English, Spanish, Mathematics, Science, History and Technology. Concurrent enrollment courses that offer both high school and college credits are offered in Calculus, Spanish, History, Science, and Technology. Diplomas are designated with a New York State Regents seal upon successful completion of the Regents examinations in the required core areas of study in English, Math, Social Studies and Science.

GMU strongly believes in providing a wide range of activities for students to participate inside and outside of the classroom. Fine arts and extra-curricular activities, as well as interscholastic sports opportunities, are available to all of our students. The district produces a musical in the fall and a drama production in the spring. The band and chorus perform throughout the school year. Students interested in law and debate can take part in our mock trial organization. We have many opportunities in sports including soccer, basketball, baseball, softball and track. Students who desire to be active can choose to participate in a multitude of activities throughout the school year.

**Accreditation:** New York State Department of Education Graduation Rate: 92%

**Credit:** A unit of credit is awarded on the basis of successful completion of courses that meet 40 minutes per day, five days per week, for the entire school year. Regents math and science courses have additional periods every other instruction day. Half units of credit are awarded for courses meeting for 40 minutes per day over a 20-week period per year. Physical education is required for all students in attendance, except for those with a medical exclusion.

**Grading:** GMU High School uses a numerical marking system. The final grade is computed as four-fifths classwork and one-fifth final exam. In courses where a Regents exam is given, the Regents exam doubles as the final exam. The passing mark is 65 percent. Concurrent enrollment college courses are indicated on the transcripts.

**Grading System:** Based upon their quarterly averages, students will be recognized for their academic achievement.

- **High Honor** 93-100 with no grade below 70
- **Honor** 87-92 with no grade below 70
- **Proficient** 65-86
- **Not passing** Below 65

**Class Rank:** Is computed for all seniors in January of their graduating year and is based on a seven semester average.

**Post High School Placement:** Class of 2021

- Continuing Education 53%
- Military 0%
- Employment/Other 47%

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2021-2022

# Gilbertsville-Mount Upton District Calendar

## July 2021

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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## KEY

- Half Day of School for Students
- No School Recess/Holiday
- Offices Closed
- No School for Students Conference Day
- Regents & State Exams

## August 2021

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## SEPTEMBER 2021

- 06 Labor Day No School/Offices Closed
- 07 08 Staff Development/No School for Students
- 09 First Day for Students

## OCTOBER 2021

- 11 Columbus Day No School

## NOVEMBER 2021

- 05 Half Day for Students, Noon Dismissal
- 10 Half Day for Students, Noon Dismissal (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- 11 Veterans Day No School/Offices Closed
- 15 Staff Development/No School for Students
- 24 26 Thanksgiving Recess No School
- 25 26 Offices Closed

## DECEMBER 2021

- 22 Half Day for Students, 11 a.m. Dismissal
- 23 31 Christmas Recess No School
- 23 27 Offices Closed
- 31 New Year's Day Observed Offices Closed

## JANUARY 2022

- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School/Offices Closed
- 25 28 Regents Exams
- 28 Half Day for Students, Noon Dismissal

## FEBRUARY 2022

- 21 Presidents' Day Offices Closed

## MARCH 2022

- 11 Half Day for Students, 11 a.m. Dismissal (Staff Development)
- 17 Half Day for Students, Noon Dismissal (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- 18 Staff Development/No School for Students
- 29 31 ELA State Tests, Grades 3-8

## APRIL 2022

- 08 Half Day for Students, Noon Dismissal
- 11 14 Spring Recess No School for Students
- 15 Good Friday No School/Offices Closed
- 18 Easter Monday No School/Offices Closed
- 26 28 Math State Tests, Grades 3-8

## MAY 2022

- 13 Half Day for Students, 11 a.m. Dismissal (Staff Development)
- 24 Science Performance Test, Grade 8
- 30 Memorial Day No School/Offices Closed

## JUNE 2022

- 06 Science Written Test, Grade 4 & 8
- 14 7 12 Last Day of School
- 15 17 Regents Exams
- 20 Juneteenth Observed No School/Offices Closed
- 21 23 Regents Exams
- 23 Pk 6 Last Day of School, 11 a.m. Dismissal
- 24 Regents Rating Day

Potential Snow Day Giveback Dates to reduce to 183:  
1st: 3/21/2022 2nd: 5/31/2022 3rd: 5/27/2022

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## March 2022

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## April 2022

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## May 2022

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## June 2022

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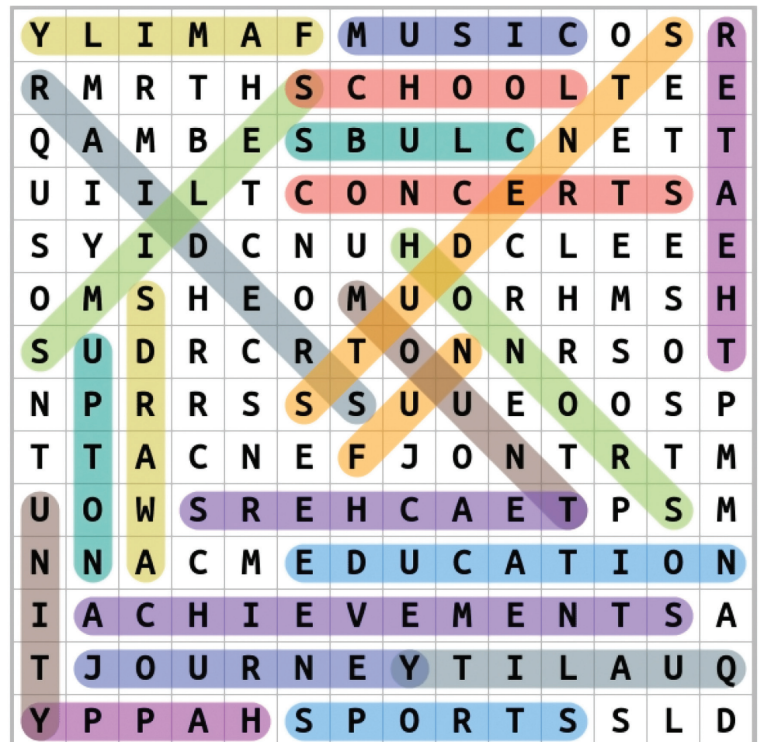
## We love our veterans!

Gilbertsville-Mount Upton honored local veterans in November with a Veterans Breakfast, drive-through style, in our front traffic circle.

Students and staff greeted dozens of veterans with flags, posters, cards, cheers and a to-go breakfast as a special thank you for serving our country. Among those honored were our very own Facilities Director Alan Digsby and School Bus Driver Terry Hoke!

The Raiders also thank Cafeteria Director Susan Sebeck and her staff for making and packing wonderfully delicious breakfasts for veterans in our GMU Community, as well as students who volunteered at the last minute to make the drive-through event run smoothly.

You can see more photos on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GMUCentral>.





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## **Mission, Vision, Values**

### **Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School**

#### **2021-2022 School Year**

#### **MISSION**

At Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School, we use an inclusive approach to cultivate confident individuals with the desire to take risks, value differences in others, experience new opportunities, and recognize the potential within themselves.

#### **VISION**

To provide an inclusive and equitable learning community that fosters life-long personal and academic growth for all students.

#### **VALUES**

- A Growth Mindset
- Essential Skills for Career Readiness
- Social-Emotional Wellness
- Inclusion and Equity
- Critical Thinking
- Meaningful Relationships

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