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!

CONGRATULATIONS graduates: c l a s s of 2 0 1 8



Kva Anderson

Kya will be attending Hartwick College and will major in Psychology.

Brian Banks

Brian will be entering the workforce after graduation.

Ethan Butts

Ethan will be attending SUNY Delhi and will major in Business and Technology Management.

Daniel Chase

Daniel will be attending SUNY Delhi and will be majoring in Accounting.

Mickenson Clune

Mickenson will join the United States Marines after graduation.

Jessica Conklin

Jessica will be attending SUNY Delhi and will be majoring in Culinary Arts.

Savana Conrade

Savana will be attending SUNY Geneseo and will be majoring in Political Science: Pre-Law.

Delaney Coughlin

Delaney will be attending SUNY Delhi and will major in Culinary Arts.

Jennifer Davis

Jennifer will be attending BOCES to complete her barbering certification after graduation.

Vasiliki Drapaniotis

Vasiliki will be joining the United States Air Force after graduation.

Elizabeth French

Elizabeth will be attending The College at St. Rose and will major in History and Political Science.

Devin Fuller

Devin will join the United States Marines after graduation.

Meredith Hammond

Meredith will be attending Cornell University and will major in Animal Science.

Alec Hartwell

Alec will be entering the workforce after graduation.

Auttum Hartwell

Auttum will be attending Hartwick and will major in Music.

Nicholas Hartwell

Nicholas will be entering the workforce after graduation.

River Heath

River will be attending Valencia and will major in Business Marketing.

Charlene Heisler

Charlene will be attending Wagner College after graduation and will be majoring in Music.

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Superintendent's Message



The Class of 2018 graduated at 10:30 a.m. on June 23. On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire district staff, I would like to congratulate each and every student and their families on a job well done! Students have chosen different paths on their life's journey and we are very proud of them and feel honored to have played a role in

their personal and academic growth. We wish all graduates the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Before school was out, we highlighted and celebrated the accomplishments of our seniors when we had them participate in our Annual Senior Walk. This is a great way to celebrate student accomplishments while allowing our younger students to begin thinking about their future plans. In May and June, we also celebrated the accomplishments of all students' at various ceremonies as well as at concerts and moving up ceremonies. Thank you to all of you who joined us for one or more of these events! Thank you also to the many community members who sponsored one or more of the awards/scholarships that our students received this year. We are so appreciative of our community members and

businesses that partner with us to bring opportunities to our students through these awards and recognitions.

As many of you know, our gymnasium floor was a tremendous challenge to our contractors in the capital project. In September, students should return to a floor that we can all be proud of! We are also facing cost challenges for the renovation of the space for the School Based Health Clinic. The Board of Education is in discussions now on the best way to move forward with the clinic.

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

Have a safe and restful summer.

- Mrs. Annette D. Hammond, Superintendent

Bryant Hill

Bryant will be attending SUNY Delhi and will be majoring in Construction Technology.

Karli Hinman

Karli will be attending SUNY Stony Brook and will be majoring in Chemistry.

Alyssa Hotaling

Alyssa will be attending Eckerd College and will be majoring in Marine Biology.

Makavla Lewis

Makayla will be attending SUNY Broome and will be majoring in Liberal Arts.

Hunter Lockwood

Hunter will be entering the workforce after graduation.

Madolin Lull

Madolin will be attending BOCES and will be pursuing her LPN training.

Rachel Lyons

Rachel will be attending Onondaga Community College and will be majoring in Liberal Arts.

Temara Martin

Temara will be attending SUNY Morrisville and will be majoring in Nursing.

Dustin Nesbitt

Dustin will be entering the workforce after graduation.

Scarlett Newman

Scarlett will be attending the University of Rochester and will be majoring in Business.

Michael O'Connor

Michael is the Class of 2018 Salutatorian. He will be attending Clarkson University and will be majoring in Engineering.

Hunter Oliver

Hunter will be entering the workforce after graduation.

Timothy Picozzi

Timothy is the Class of 2018 Valedictorian. He will be attending Susquehanna University and major in Biology/Chemistry.

Lucas Piedmonte

Lucas will be attending American University and will be majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies: Communication, Legal Institutions, Economics and Government.

Michael Pope

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

Zachary Pope

Zachary will be entering the workforce after graduation.

Mallory Robinson

Mallory will be attending SUNY Delhi and will be majoring in Psychology and Social Science.

Tyler Scanlon

Tyler will be entering the workforce after graduation.

Samantha Sullivan

Samantha will be entering the workforce after graduation.

Shane Vreugdenhil

Shane will be attending SUNY Delhi and will majoring in Culinary Arts.

Makavla Williams

Makayla will be entering the workforce after graduation.

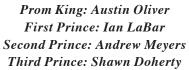
Marena Zaczek

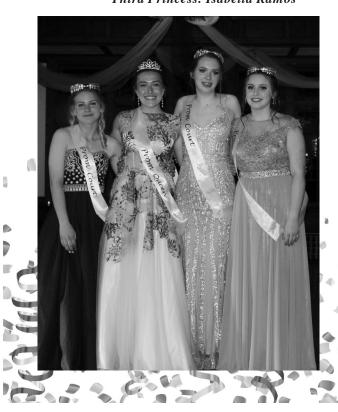
Marena will be attending Flagler College and will be majoring in Business Administration.

2018 Prom Court



Prom Queen: Hunter Christian First Princess: Jazmine Brooks Second Princess: Natalie Pistor Third Princess: Isabella Ramos







elebrate!

Main Office News

Congratulations to the Class of 2018! I wish them much success and happiness in all that they choose to do in life! They will be missed!

With September comes the beginning of a new school year, new goals and challenges, new friends, and the renewal of old friendships. How exciting all of it can be! By now, all students should have received their teacher assignments on their report card prior to summer break. If not, they will be included in a letter with a supply list from their teacher in August.

We were very busy in June, with many activities going on. Orientation was held for 6th grade students which gave them the opportunity to get to know their teachers and classmates better, review some basic rules and expectations and to try their locker combinations.

PK-6 Fun Days were a great success and fun was had by all. Year-end award ceremonies were held with many of our students on the receiving end! Congratulations to all for their hard work!

Middle and High School report cards and schedules will be mailed home during the summer. This will give students the opportunity, before school begins, to review their schedules and make any necessary changes. I wish each of you a restful and safe summer! I will be here throughout the summer preparing for September, so please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

> —Heather Wilcox, Acting Principal

PK-3 Awards

MAY SOARING EAGLES AWARDS:

Responsibility

Pre-Kindergarten

Evelyn Covington Willard Covington Annabelle DiGiorgi

Kindergarten

Lily Hauptfleisch Kavlee Nichols Kaylee Stewart

1st Grade

Rece Nolan **Emily Schermerhorn**

2nd Grade

Carrie Doyle Delaney Dunnigan Kaden O'Hara

3rd Grade

Brandon Kendall Ashlynn Tiedemann Mathew Walrod

JUNE SOARING EAGLES AWARDS:

Sportsmanship

Pre-Kindergarten

Layla Covington Raegan Beach

Kindergarten

Tyler Crisell Cole Keuhn Ronald Prince Jagger Young

1st Grade

Pacev Behnke Jordan Gross

2nd Grade

Gabriella Barnes Daisy Crisell

3rd Grade

Madeline Astalos Mia Mantellassi Ashlynn Tiedemann

4-6 Awards

3RD QUARTER HONOR & HIGH HONOR

5th Grade - Honor Roll

Xavier Devine Brendon Eastman Skylar Lindroth Emma Lund Noah Pain Natalie Raymond Chase Simonds Juston Spathelf

5th Grade - High Honor Roll

Ariana Cornell Quinn Covington Kyra Demmon Matthew Manwarren Emma Peck Anthony Shinol Alyssa Sorochinsky Hailee Walrod

6th Grade - Honor Roll

Thomas Breslau Kadence Canfield Taylor Gager Kyle MacNeill Andrew Stone

6th Grade - High Honor Roll

Mackenzie Barnes Tait Christensen Leah Cotten Devon Hartwell Alaina Maxson Ella Thatford

HIGH HONOR AND/OR HONOR FOR ALL THREE QUARTERS

5th Grade

Ariana Cornell Quinn Covington Kyra Demmon Skylar Lindroth Matthew Manwarren Noah Pain Emma Peck Natalie Raymond Anthony Shinol Chase Simonds Alyssa Sorochinsky Juston Spathelf Hailee Walrod

6th Grade

Mackenzie Barnes Kadence Canfield Tait Christensen Leah Cotten Taylor Gager Devon Hartwell Alaina Maxson

4th Quarter Honor & High Honor

Ella Thatford

5th Grade - Honor

Thomas D. Breslau Kadence J. Canfield Taylor J. Gager

6th Grade - Honor

Barbara Fletcher Skylar T. Lindroth Noah M. Pain Trista L. Vaccaro

5th Grade - High Honor

Ariana N. Cornell Quinn Gray Covington Kyra B. Demmon Matthew Manwarren Emma Alexis D. Peck Anthony Shinol Alyssa Sorochinsky Hailee M. Walrod

6th Grade - High Honor

Mackenzie Q. Barnes Tait A. Christensen Leah M. Cotten Devon Hartwell Alaina R. Maxson Ella Thatford

SOARING EAGLES AWARDS March Theme – Dependable

4th Grade

Olivia Fletcher Jaden Kuhn

5th Grade

Skylar Lindroth Matthew Manwarren

6th Grade

Mackenzie Barnes Alaina Maxson

April Theme – Empathy

4th Grade

Aurora Heath Alivia Vitek

5th Grade

Ariana Cornell Quinn Covington

6th Grade

Taylor Gager Morgan Williams

May Theme – Responsibility

4th Grade

Ioannis Drapaniotis Alexia Furgison

5th Grade

Anthony Shinol Alyssa Sorochinsky

6th Grade

Tait Christensen Ella Thatford

WORK ETHIC AWARDS

4th Grade

Olivia Fletcher Jaden Kuhn Mackenzi Marron Dannaka Rasmussen Blake SanSoucie

5th Grade

Ariana Cornell Quinn Covington Noah Pain Emma Peck Anthony Shinol Alyssa Sorochinsky

6th Grade

Mackenzie Barnes Tait Christensen Leah Cotten Taylor Gager Alaina Maxson Ella Thatford

June Theme – Sportsmanship

Grade 4

John Forbes-Conaty Alivia Plows

Grade 5

Quinn Covington Alyssa Sorochinsky

Grade 6

Mackenzie Barnes Andrew Stone

Healthy & Physically Active Leadership Award

Mackenzi Marron Latham Retz

Joseph Goodrich Music Award

4th Grade

Cecelia Katalinas

Joseph Goodrich Memorial Award

6th Grade

Rylee Lum

Daughters of the American Revolution

1st Place

Chase Simonds

2nd Place

Skylar Lindroth

3rd Place

Emma Peck

Terry Christian Memorial Award

Mackenzie Barnes

Triple C Award

Ariana Cornell Anthony Shinol

7/8 Awards

ART AWARDS

Outstanding Artist – Grade 7

Mackenzie Cherry Aubree Palmer

Creativity in Art 7

Connor Lenhardt
Gabe Majurano

Effort and Work Ethic in Art 7

Hannah Bonczkowski Kross Lund

ENGLISH AWARDS

Excellence in English 7th Grade

Connor Eberly Kendra Hammond Fiona Held Kross Lund

8th Grade

Anika Christensen Maya Farwell Morgan Keuhn Madeline Pain Lauren Radwan

Most Improved in English 8

Kailah Davis

Creativity in English 8

Alivia Retz

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AWARDS

Outstanding Achievement in Grade 8 Spanish

Anika Christensen Dalton Proskine

MATHEMATICS AWARDS Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards

Grade 7

Mackenzie Cherry Fiona Held Rene Posner

Grade 8

Tammy Barnes Ryan McCall Dalton Proskine

Academic Growth Awards - 8th Grade

Lauren Radwan **Daniel Tompkins**

SCIENCE AWARDS

Living Environment - Future Darwin Award for Naturalism

Maya Farwell

Highest Average Living Environment Madeline Pain

Highest Average in Science 7

Fiona Held Rene Posner

Academic Persistence in Science 8

Daniel Tompkins

Academic Achievement in Science 8

Lauren Radwan

Academic Performance in Science 8

Dylan McVey Dalton Proskine

SOCIAL STUDIES AWARDS

Highest Average in Social Studies Grade 7

> Fiona Held Rene Posner

> > Grade 8

Anika Christensen Maya Farwell Morgan Keuhn Madeline Pain

FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCES

Outstanding Participation in FCS Grade 7

Connor Eberly

Grade 8

Anika Christensen

HEALTH AWARDS Outstanding Participation in Health

Grade 7

Fiona Held

PE AWARDS

Physically Healthy Active Student

Grade 7

Hannah Bonczkowski Rene Posner

Computer 8

Outstanding Achievement

Anika Christensen Maya Farwell Morgan Keuhn Madeline Pain Alivia Retz

TECHNOLOGY AWARDS

Excellence in Technology

Hannah Bonczkowski Connor Eberly Kendra Hammond Fiona Held Kross Lund

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC AWARDS

Hannah Bonczkowski

Otsego All-County Junior Chorus NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental: II - Excellent NYSSMA Solo Festival Vocal: IV – Excellent (25)

Anika Christensen

Otsego All-County Junior Band Otsego All-County Junior Chorus Hartwick Honor Band NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental: Flute - VI - A+ (97) Piano - VI - A (96) NYSSMA Solo Festival Vocal: V - A+ (100)

Connor Eberly

Otsego All-County Junior Band NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental: II - Excellent

Kendra Dunham

NYSSMA Solo Festival Vocal: II - Excellent (24)

Maya Farwell

Otsego All-County Junior Band NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental: Cello - VI A+ (99) Snare Drum -V - B - (81)

Brennan Finch

Otsego All-County Junior Band NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental: Baritone - II - Excellent

Kendra Hammond

Otsego All-County Junior Band

Fiona Held

Otsego All-County Junior Chorus NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental: Alto Saxophone - II - Outstanding NYSSMA Solo Festival Vocal: II – Outstanding (26)

Madeline Pain

Otsego All-County Junior Band

Rene Posner

Otsego All-County Junior Band NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental: Flute – IV – Outstanding Piano -V - A + (98)

Lauren Radwan

Otsego All-County Junior Band NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental: Piano - V - A+ (98)

Skye Wilson

Otsego All-County Junior Band

Outstanding Concert Band Member - Oram Lauren Radwan

Outstanding Junior Choir Member - Monaco Nathan Barrows

> Outstanding Performance in a HS Musical, Supporting Role Anika Christensen

> Outstanding Performance in a HS Musical, Ensemble

Kailah Davis Maya Farwell

American History Award

This award is given to an 8th grade student that is in high standing in American History. Morgan Keuhn

Butternut Valley Grange Award

Female

Tammy Barnes

Male

Dylan McVey

Boots Bernholz Achievement Award

Female

Ashlyn Marron

Male

Dylan McVey

National Association of Secondary School Principal's - Leadership Award

7th Grade

Fiona Held

Kross Lund

8th Grade

Anika Christensen

Dalton Proskine

National Association of Secondary School Principal's - Citizenship Award

7th Grade

Hannah Bonczkowski Connor Eberly

8th Grade

Maya Farwell

Lane Dibble

NYS Attorney General's Triple C Award

Madison Lewis Connor Eberly

Presidents Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement -

7th Grade

Ivy Stensland

Austin Bound

8th Grade

Lauren Radwan

Daniel Tompkins

Presidents Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence

7th Grade

Fiona Held

Connor Eberly

8th Grade

Anika Christensen Dalton Proskine

7/8 Honor and High Honor

7th Grade - Honor

Brackon M. Banks

Bianca T. Plows

Kali M. Wilcox Brian W. Wilson

7th Grade – High Honor

Hannah L. Bonczkowski

Mackenzie R. Cherry

Carly Davis

Connor E. Eberly

Brennan L. Finch

Kendra M. Hammond

Fiona M. Held

Kross M. Lund

Rene L. Posner

8th Grade - Honor

Kadence Cindy Behnke

Autumn K. Demarais

Lane D. Dibble

Ryan A. McCall

8th Grade – High Honor

Tammy L. Barnes

Anika L. Christensen

Angelina F. Correll

Kailah M. Davis

Maya C. Farwell

Morgan E. Keuhn

Bree L. MacNeill

Ashlyn C. Marron

Dylan Michael McVey

Madeline R. Pain

Dalton R. Proskine

Lauren L. Radwan

Alivia J. Retz

Samantha M. Shinol

Skye N. Wilson

High School Awards

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Valedictorian

Timothy Picozzi

Salutatorian

Michael O'Connor

Tyler Costello Memorial Music Award

Nina D'Amato Corey Wilson

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award

Garrett Proskine

Girls & Boys State Representatives

Girls

Shalleigh Taranto

Alternate

Hunter Christian

Bovs

Andrew Meyers

Butternut Valley Grange Award

Grades 9-11

Hunter Christian

Ethan Charron

Seniors

Temara Martin Michael O'Connor

Liberty Bell Award

Lucas Piedmonte

National Association of Secondary School Principal's - Leadership Award

9th Grade

Olivia Held

Teddy Sharkey

10th Grade

Vanessa Nelson

Garrett Proskine

11th Grade

Natalie Pistor

Corey Wilson

12th Grade

Meredith Hammond Lucas Piedmonte

National Association of Secondary School

Principal's Citizenship Award 9th Grade

Emily Hammond Gavin Bonczkowski

10th Grade Naamah Romano **Ethan Newman**

11th Grade

Kelsey Pope

Andrew Meyers

12th Grade

Makayla Lewis

Bryant Hill

Presidents Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement

9th Grade

Courtney Gross Zan SanSoucie

10th Grade

Kienna Martin Brandon Harris

11th Grade

Isabella Ramos Ian LaBar

12th Grade

Jessica Conklin Shane Vreugdenhil

Presidents Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence

9th Grade

Apolonia Drapaniotis Gavin Bonczkowski

10th Grade

Naamah Romano Sawyer Hinman

11th Grade

Natalie Pistor Corey Wilson

12th Grade

Timothy Picozzi Vasiliki Drapaniotis

GMU Booster Club Athletic Award

Mickenson Clune

GMU Booster Club Expressive Arts Award

Lucas Piedmonte

GMU Booster Club 3 Varsity Sport Athletic Award

Bryant Hill Scarlett Newman

NYS Attorney General's "Triple C Award"

Mickenson Clune Makayla Lewis

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York

Elizabeth French Lucas Piedmonte

Office of the State Comptroller Student Achievement Award

Savana Conrade Bryant Hill Karli Hinman Alyssa Hotaling Scarlett Newman

RIT Computing Award

Natalie Pistor

RIT Innovation and Creativity Award

Corey Wilson

University of Rochester – Bausch and Lomb Science Award

Nina D'Amato

University of Rochester – George Eastman – Young Leaders Award

Natalie Pistor

University of Rochester Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award

Shalleigh Taranto

Univ. of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation & Information Technology

Corey Wilson

Wells College – 21st Century Leadership Award

Hunter Christian

The Student Sage Award

Shalleigh Taranto

Clarkson School Scholars Award

Natalie Pistor

Clarkson School Scholars Award

Corey Wilson

RYLA

Isabella Ramos

Alternate:

Nina D'Amato

HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC AWARDS

Gavin Bonczkowski

Otsego All-County Junior Band Otsego All-County Junior Chorus NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental: Baritone – IV – Excellent NYSSMA Solo Festival Vocal: V – A+ (100)

Hailey Cappiello

Otsego All-County Senior Chorus

Ethan Charron

Otsego All-County Senior Band NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental: Trumpet – V – B+

Hunter Christian

Otsego All-County Senior Band

Mickenson Clune

Zone 8 Area All-State Concert Band

Savana Conrade

Otsego All-County Senior Band Hartwick Honor Band Susquehanna University Honors Wind Ensemble Zone 8 Area All-State Concert Band Drum Major

Nina D'Amato

Otsego All-County Senior Band Otsego All-County Senior Chorus Susquehanna University Honors Band NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental: Bassoon – VI – Festival NYSSMA Solo Festival Vocal: VIAS – A+ (98)

Vasiliki Drapaniotis

Otsego All-County Senior Band Susquehanna University Honors Band Zone 8 Area All-State Concert Band

Elizabeth French

Otsego All-County Senior Band Susquehanna University Honors Band

Emily Hammond

Otsego All-County Junior Chorus Zone 8 Area All-State Mixed Chorus NYSSMA Solo Festival Vocal: V – A (95)

Auttum Hartwell

Otsego All-County Senior Band Otsego All-County Senior Chorus Hartwick Honor Band NYSSMA Solo Festival Vocal: VI – Festival Vocal Duet – V Outstanding (28)

Charlene Heisler

Zone 8 Area All-State Mixed Chorus

Olivia Held

Otsego All-County Junior Band NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental: Horn – III – Excellent

Karli Hinman

Otsego All-County Senior Band
Otsego All-County Senior Chorus
Hartwick Honor Band
Susquehanna University Honors Band
NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental:
Baritone – IV – Outstanding
NYSSMA Solo Festival Vocal:
Vocal Duet – V Outstanding (28)

Tyler Joslyn

NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental: Alto Saxophone – IV – Excellent Baritone Saxophone – II – Excellent

Vanessa Nelson

Otsego All-County Senior Band NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental: Clarinet – IV – Outstanding

Michael O'Connor

Susquehanna University Honors Band

Timothy Picozzi

Otsego All-County Senior Band Hartwick Honor Band Susquehanna University Honors Wind Ensemble Zone 8 Area All-State Concert Band Conference All-State

Lucas Piedmonte

Susquehanna University Honors Band Zone 8 Area All-State Concert Band

Michael Pope

Otsego All-County Senior Band
Otsego All-County Senior Chorus
Hartwick Honor Band
Susquehanna University Honors Wind Ensemble
Zone 8 Area All-State Concert Band

Naamah Romano

Otsego All-County Senior Band
Otsego All-County Senior Chorus
Hartwick Honor Band
Susquehanna University Honors Band
Zone 8 Area All-State Concert Band
NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental:
Alto Saxophone – VI – A+ (98)
Violin – VI – A+ (100)

Theodore Sharkey

Otsego All-County Senior Band NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental: Trombone – IV – Excellent

Shalleigh Taranto

Otsego All-County Senior Band
Otsego All-County Senior Chorus
Hartwick Honor Band
Susquehanna University Honors Wind Ensemble
Zone 8 Area All-State Concert Band
NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental:
Flute – VI – Festival
NYSSMA Solo Festival Vocal: VIAS – B+ (89)

Corey Wilson

Otsego All-County Senior Band NYSSMA Solo Festival Instrumental: Baritone Saxophone – VI – Festival

Airyana Wright

NYSSMA Solo Festival Vocal: IV - Excellent (24)

Outstanding Symphonic Band Member – Oram

Timothy Picozzi

Outstanding Senior Choir Member – Perkosky

Karli Hinman Michael Pope

Glimmerglass Opera Award

Nina D'Amato

Outstanding Performance in a HS Musical, Leading Role

Mickenson Clune Nina D'Amato Michael O'Connor Lucas Piedmonte

Outstanding Performance in a HS Musical, Featured Role

Gavin Bonczkowski Timothy Picozzi Teo Sauvageon

Outstanding Performance in a HS Musical, Supporting Role

Karli Hinman Shalleigh Taranto

Outstanding Performance in a HS Musical, Ensemble

Hunter Christian Emily Hammond Meredith Hammond Alyssa Hotaling Rachel Lyons Scarlett Newman

Musician of the Year

Nina D'Amato

4TH QUARTER HONOR AND HIGH HONOR

9th Grade - Honor

Shayne Christian Courtney Gross Logan J. Lenhardt Aiden A. Ryan

9th Grade - High Honor

Gavin Bonczkowski Apolonia N. Drapaniotis Emily D. Hammond Olivia G. Held Zan E. SanSoucie Theodore C. Sharkey

10th Grade - Honor

Savannah Bresee Kalvyn P. Cole Rebecca A. Fuller Brandon R. Harris Thomas D. Mealey Alyssa M. Zaczek

10th Grade - High Honor

Ethan M. Charron Kaitlyn N. Fuller Zachary M. Grabo Sawyer G. Hinman Isaac A. Medina Vanessa N. Nelson Ethan M. Newman Kyli T. Odell Samuel Piedmonte Tavian E. Raymond Naamah Romano Sadra Smith

11th Grade - Honor

Jazmine Brooks Ian M. LaBar Andrew T. Meyers Kelsey R. Pope Isabella M. Ramos Corey S. Wilson

11th Grade - High Honor

Hunter K. Christian Nina R. D'Amato

12th Grade - Honor

Ethan B. Butts
Delaney P. Coughlin
Auttum S. Hartwell
Rachel J. Lyons
Dustin L. Nesbitt
Shane Vreugdenhil
Makayla L. Williams
Marena Zaczek

12th Grade - High Honor

Mickenson J. Clune Jessica L. Conklin Savana Conrade Elizabeth C. French Meredith Hammond Bryant J.P. Hill Karli J. Hinman Alyssa R. Hotaling Makayla Lewis Madolin Lull Temara L. Martin Scarlett Y. Newman Michael J. O'Connor Timothy Picozzi Lucas Piedmonte Michael A. Pope Mallory R. Robinson

Congratulations!

Healthy Summer Tips

The following tips are from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control):

Summer Sun

- UV Rays are strongest in the middle of the day. Plan indoor activities at that time or look for shade to prevent sunburn.
- © Cover the skin with a shirt AND sunscreen to avoid sunburn!
- ☼ Wear a hat preferably one that covers the neck and ears. When wearing a baseball style hat, remember to apply sunscreen to the neck and ears.
- Sunglasses protect eyes from UV rays. Look for ones that wrap around and block nearly 100% of UV rays.
- Use sunscreen with at least an SPF of 15 and UVA/UVB protection.



Summer Water Safety

When protecting kids while swimming, most parents think about life jackets, swimming lessons, and child proofing their pool. However, swimming in pools, lakes or water parks that are contaminated with germs can cause recreational water illnesses such as: intestinal inflammation, Pink Eye, Swimmer's Ear and skin diseases.

Some simple steps can keep everyone safe while swimming. In addition to teaching your child to not swallow water when swimming or playing in the water, you can help keep your child and everyone else healthy in the water if you:

- ☼ Keep your child out of the water when he has an open wound, diarrhea, pink eye, Hepatitis A, or other contagious diseases.
- Do not share pool or beach towels.
- ☼ Take younger children to the bathroom frequently so that they are less likely to have accidents in the water.
- Keep in mind that swim diapers and swim pants are not leak proof. Check and change them frequently for infants and toddlers who are not yet potty trained.
- Do not change diapers by the pool. Instead, take your child to the bathroom to change his diaper and then wash your child's bottom well and wash your hands, too.

Hope all of you have a very happy and safe summer.

- Carol Angelone, RN, School Nurse

S T U D E N T V O I C E

Is Organic Really that Great?

The organic food industry is on the rise and this expensive industry claims to have both environmental and animal benefits. However, new data and statistics say differently.

What does organic exactly mean? Only packages labeled "100 percent organic" contain ingredients that are 100 percent organic, which means no GMOs, synthetic pesticides or fertilizers were used. An "organic" label means that 95 percent of the ingredients are organic. The label "made with organic ingredients" is for products with 70 percent or more of the ingredients being organic.

One supposed benefit of organic farming is that it omits less greenhouse gases and is better for the environment. This statement is only true when applied on a minute scale. Organic farms yield less than conventional farms. To yield the same number of crops, organic farms need to occupy "84 percent more land" according to the Journal of Environmental Management. On the topic of land, in conventional farming a farmer can use a herbicide to target specific plants, such as broad leaf plants if this is the type of the plant that is hurting his/her crop. Organic farmers cannot. Therefore, they must constantly plow their fields. This creates a soft layer of top soil and a hard layer of dirt underneath. When it rains all the top soil is taken away, causing serious erosion issues.

Another misconception about organic farming is that it is pesticide free. Organic farmers only have to use "natural pesticides." These pesticides are sometimes worse for the environment. For example, copper sulfate, a natural pesticide, has caused liver disease in vineyard sprayers in France according to research from Cornell. Copper sulfate is also less effective, so it must be used more, unlike an herbicide that a conventional farmer would use that only needs to be used once. Additionally, the USDA has a testing program that demonstrates that for both organic and conventional farming, the level of pesticides used is at such low levels that consumers do not need to worry about pesticides.

Depending on one's definition of animal cruelty, this can also be an issue associated with organic farming on smaller scale farms. Organic farms cannot treat cows or calves with antibiotics. Respiratory disease is common in calves. This disease is treated with antibiotics, but on organic farms these drugs cannot be used. Calves suffer until they eventually die from the disease. Antibiotics used on cows are safe. Cows being treated are milked separately, and their milk is not mixed with other milk.

The supposed benefits of organic farming, in fact are not benefits at all. We should instead, buy local and fresh without thinking about if it is organic or not. By buying locally, consumers' money stays in the local economy, and goes straight to a local farmer not a big corporation. By buying fresh produce, one can support local businesses and get better quality produce. If consumers have questions, they should talk to their local farmers and ask them about their farming practices. They will be more then happy to inform you.

- Scarlett Newman

A Day in the Life: Jillian Dickerson

While most of the world is still sound asleep in their beds waiting for the horrid ringing of our alarms, Jillian "Jill" Dickerson, a cook in the cafeteria of Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School (GMU), is just waking up at 4:45 a.m. in the morning, without the aid of the alarm. As soon as she can drag herself out of bed at the early hour, Jill goes to start her morning routine of feeding her cats, tending to the wood stove, and hopping into the shower.

After rushing into work at 7:00 a.m., Jill puts on her apron and sets to work for the day. Starting with making freshly baked muffins from scratch each and every morning, making sure not to repeat the same kind of muffin twice in the same week. While the muffins are in the oven, Jill makes sure to give her work station a quick clean. Jill makes the coffee, sets out the sugar and creamer, loads the milk cooler, and puts out the other options for breakfast for three hundred students.

After running the register for the High School side of the cafeteria until 8:00 a.m. when breakfast ends, Jill immediately starts with making, baking, and wrapping the cookie options of the day. Today the options included 72 Chocolate Chip, 48 Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip, 48 Sugar, and 36 Double Chocolate Chip cookies. During this time Jill usually has 3-4 seniors who pop in for breakfast to avoid the near over-crowded cafeteria. Senior **Jessica Conklin** can usually be found talking to Jill, Mrs. Dibble, and Mrs. Sebeck. While the cookies are baking during the first period, Jill gathers the bread that went uneaten for the deer that appear in her yard.

Once the cookies are cooling, Jill washes and preps the fruit to go with lunch, and sets up for the lunches at 11:00 a.m. Running the register seems to be easy when you have Jill, though if she's out they seem to need two people to help pick up the weight that Jill helps to lift. Though the work can be grueling at times, Jill looks forward to talking with sophomore **Mya Harrington** and senior **Jessica Conklin** during 6th period. She even has a few elementary kids after her "never ending" line of fifth and sixth graders that come through during 5th period.

After all three high school lunch rushes are through, Jill helps clean up the lunch rooms, wiping down the tables, dealing with the compost and the milk bucket. Then that blessed time, after a stressful but rewarding day comes, ending her work day at 1:30 p.m. and going home to unwind with *General Hospital*.

But after leaving work, Jill is not yet done with her day, as she still has to make dinner, do the laundry, stock the wood stove and feed the cats before ending her day, and going to bed at 9:30 p.m. just to get up and do it all again the next day. But Jill wouldn't have it any other way.

Jessica L. Conklin

Info From The Health Office

(Taken from Better Homes and Gardens Magazine/June 2018)

INSECT STINGS — Keep away!

Flowery scents are a main attraction for bees, so on days you'll be outdoors, consider using neutral-smelling hair products and lotion. Also know that wasps are drawn to food, especially sweets, so cover food and garbage. If a bee or wasp comes near, move away calmly—into shade if possible. If you panic and swat, the insect could release alarm pheromones calling out support from fellow buzzers.

YARDWORK: Fruit trees are big attractants in late summer and early fall, so don't picnic under the apple tree then. Be alert for yellow jacket nests (gray honeycombs) on the ground and in piles of leaves or compost. Wasps prey on other insects, so if you see a papery wasp nest on the eaves of your house or a fence, let it be unless the wasps are bothering you.

ONCE BITTEN: For a bee sting, quickly removing the stinger reduces the amount of venom entering the body, which starts happening within seconds. Wipe the area with gauze or scrape with a clean fingernail, then rinse with soap and cold water to get rid of any residue venom and reduce swelling. For all stings, apply an ice pack or cold compress ASAP. Some people say applying a paste of baking soda and vinegar can also help mitigate the reaction.

*** ALLERGY ALERT! ***

About 5% of people are allergic to insect venom. Call 911 for a swollen throat, tongue, or face, dizziness, or trouble breathing.

TICKS — Keep away!

A repellent with DEET is the gold standard. For extra protection, spray your clothes with a permethrin-based product. If you're hiking or working in brush or tall grass, wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants tucked into socks.

YARDWORK: Keep grass trimmed because ticks like to hang out on long grass and hop on deer or mice. If your yard borders a woodsy area, you can create a 3-foot-wide wood chip or gravel "moat" at that border to discourage ticks from making their way in. You can also set out tubes filled with permethrinsoaked cotton. Mice take the cotton for nests, and the chemical kills ticks hitching a ride. (The mice are unharmed.)

ONCE BITTEN: Remove a tick by pulling straight up with tweezers; don't leave any of the tick behind. Check to see if your doctor wants to ID the tick, says Adaija, MD, spokesperson for the Infectious Diseases Society. Then keep an eye out for Lyme disease symptoms; joint pain, fatigue, fever, rash. It can take a few weeks for antibodies to develop and result in a positive test, so you'll likely have to get two tests a few weeks apart to confirm. Also know that doctors are advised to start antibiotics once you have symptoms, especially the characteristic bull's-eye rash.

- Carol Angelone, RN, School Nurse

Medications at School

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

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

Must have a **written order signed by a doctor** with the following information:

- · Name of child
- Name of medication, dosage and time to be taken
- Reason for medication
- · Side effect of medication
- Length of time medication is to be taken
 Medication must be in a current prescription bottle
 Parent/Guardian must deliver medication directly
 to school Health Office. Students may not bring it
 in themselves.

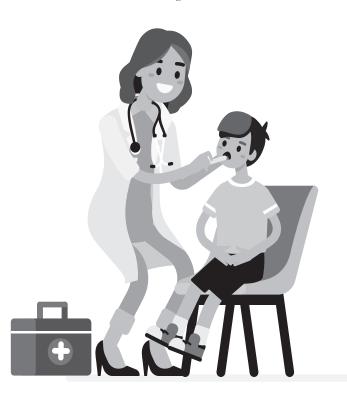
Parent/Guardian signs written permission for medication to be given.

Medication will be destroyed seven days after final dose is given.

These requirements include ALL OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS AS WELL, including cough drops. These must be in the manufacturer's container/package as well, with the student's name affixed to the container/package.

Thank you for your assistance with these directions.

— Carol Angelone, RN, School Nurse



Physical Education Sneaker/Attire Requirements

Grades PK-6

As we approach the 2018-2019 school year, we would like to give a helpful reminder to parents and guardians that appropriate footwear/clothing is required for Physical Education and is a part of every students' PE grade each marking period. Students must have properly laced or Velcro sneakers, the fashion trend of loosely tied and tucked under the laces on sneakers is not only dangerous but not allowed. The heel of your child's foot should not be coming out the back of the sneaker when walking or running. Keep in mind that sneakers should be laced on top in such a way that they can easily be tightened if needed. Sneakers that are heavily padded at the back of the heel and on the top where the laces are, make it impossible to tie appropriately.

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

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

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

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

Grades 7-12

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

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

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

-Mr. Johnson



GMU FALL SPORTS





GMU Student-Athletes the 2018 Fall Varsity Sports Season will begin on Monday, August 13.

In order to participate you must have a current physical and your athletic paperwork turned in.

More information on practice times and location will be announced.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Bonczkowski.

Phone: (607) 783-2207, ext. 124 Email: gbonczkowski@gmucsd.org

* Modified Sports can begin as early as August 20. Your coach will be in contact with you.

(More information on the start of practice will be announced.)

Board of Education Highlights

May 8 Budget Hearing Meeting

Positive Highlights:

- Community Cleanup Day took place on April 23. It was a huge success.
- The district held its first annual Family Literacy Night.
 There was a great turnout with over 30 students who attended. Thank you to the culinary students who made cookies for this special event.
- The 3-12 Instrumental Concert was well attended.
- National Honor Society inductions, led by Cierra Stafford took place on April 26. Seven new members were inducted at this year's ceremony.
- The Band sponsored a Quarter Auction on April 28.
 They had a great turnout and would like to thank all the community members who donated items for the auction.
- The district held an evacuation drill this week. Overall the drill was very organized and went well.
- Congratulations to our 2018 Teacher of the Year Raquel Norton and our 2018 Support Staff Member of the Year Edward Wilson.
- Kudos to our GSA Club who initiated a day of silence.
 Over 80 students participated in this event.
- The cafeteria will now be using an updated system where parents are able to pay for lunches with a credit card.
- Cafeteria Manager, Susan Sebeck received a \$20,000 grant for a convection and steam oven, which will be installed this summer.
- PK-3 Awards took place on April 20. The character trait awards for Dependable and Empathy were given out.
- Middle school girls attended a conference called Women Helping Girls Make Choices. This allowed students to get connected to an interest in a career.
- This week is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. We thank all of our staff members for all that they do for our students on a daily basis.
- The district said goodbye to our foreign exchange student, Teo. Students wanted to give him the proper send off so he was declared King for the day. A dance party in honor of him was also held in the gymnasium.
- The district recently sold a large bus, small bus, and tractor on eBay. The large bus sold for \$11,100; small bus \$5,800; and the tractor sold for \$7,300.
- May 9 is the Scholar Recognition Banquet: student Lucas Piedmonte and teacher Bernie Delaney will be in attendance.

Information for Members:

 District Clerk, Amber Birdsall made the board aware of an upcoming board meeting that is scheduled for May 24 for negotiation purposes.

Public Comment:

• No items were raised from the floor at this time.

Reports:

 Superintendent, Annette Hammond presented on the final budget for students and community members who attended the meeting.

Board Discussion:

 District Clerk, Amber Birdsall handed out information on the Rural School Association Conference that is taking place July 8-10 at the Otesaga in Cooperstown, NY. Mrs. Hammond will be presenting at this conference on School Garden/Farm to Lunch Table.

Executive Session

• The board convened in executive session to discuss Confidential/Exempt Salaries.

Action Items:

- Approved minutes from the April 17, 2018 regular meeting.
- Adopted the proposed May 8, 2018 regular Consent Agenda.
- Approved CSE/CPSE Consent Agenda. The meeting dates include April 5, 13, 19, 20, 25 and May 1, 2018.
- Approved Financial Consent Agenda.
- Accepted financial reports for April 2018.
- Approved cooperative purchasing agreement, generic resolutions, and food and cafeteria supplies.
- Approved a resolution to refuse all bids for the general construction of the school based health center.
- Approved confidential and exempt salaries for the 2018-19 school year.
- Approved Personnel Consent Agenda.
- Accepted resignations for .5 FTE Art and Kindergarten Teachers.
- Accepted a retirement.
- Approved two non-certified substitutes.
- Approved an FMLA and a fall music director for the 2018-19 school year.
- Approved the abolishment of an aide position.
- Approved New Items Consent Agenda.
- Approved the DCMO BOCES summer and school year transportation contracts.

Adjournment:

• The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

June 13 Meeting

Positive Highlights:

- Thank you to Board Member Barb Hill for securing donated funds to have a scoreboard installed at the softball field.
- Thank you to Board Member Larry Smith for his many years of commitment to the GMU Board of Education.
- Congratulations to Bryant Hill for being selected as the 2018 Rotary Scholarship recipient.

- GMU was very successful at the Sherburne Pageant of Bands this year. Small Ensemble: 1st Place; Jazz Ensemble: 2nd Place; Concert Band: 1st Place; Parade: 2nd Place; Cadence: 2nd Place; and also the Best in Class.
- Congratulations to former GMU student and community member Lindsay Stone who was inducted into the 2018 CTE Hall of Fame at DCMO BOCES.
- Academic, Athletic and Character Education ceremonies were well attended.
- The Class of 2018 participated in their annual senior walk at GMU.
- Grades 7-12 students had their last day of school on June 11.
- Regents week has started.

Information for Members:

• The district clerk invited board members to graduation which is taking place on June 23rd.

Reports:

- Students reported on Women for a Change club proposal.

 The board was in consent with starting this club.
- The Athletic Director reported on the possibility of merging sports leagues with other school districts in the near future due to the lack of students who have been signing up.
- The Literacy Coordinators reported to the board on the overall student achievement for the 2017-2018 school year from using the Fountas & Pinnell literacy curriculum.
- The District Clerk reported on the budget vote results.

Board Discussion:

- The Superintendent reviewed an exit poll survey that was conducted during the budget vote regarding the district hiring a school resource officer.
- The Superintendent reviewed district goals for the 2018-19 school year.
- The Superintendent and board discussed the bid results for the upcoming School Based Health Center renovations.

Executive Session:

 The board convened in executive session to discuss nonresident students, negotiations, music department and coaches for the 2018-19 school year.

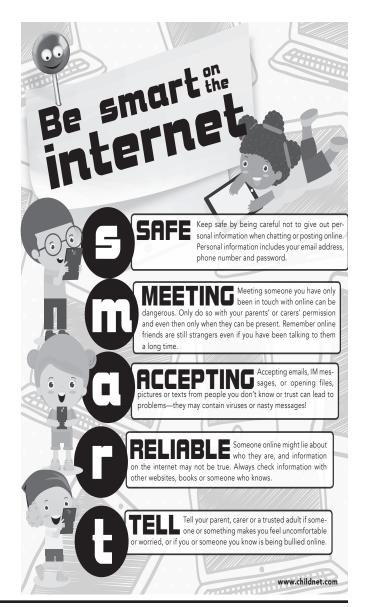
Action Items:

- The board rejected all bids on the General Construction for the student health center.
- Approved minutes from the May 8, 2018 budget hearing meeting.
- Approved the proposed June 13, regular consent agenda.
- Approved the CSE/CPSE Consent Agenda. The meeting dates include May 3, 10, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 and June 6 and 7, 2018.
- Approved the Financial Consent Agenda.
- Accepted financial reports for May 2018.
- Approved the authorization for the withdrawal and appropriation of reserves.

- Approved year end fund balance transfers and a SEQRA resolution.
- Accepted two donations.
- Approved the surplus of books.
- Approved the Personnel Consent Agenda.
- Accepted three resignations.
- Approved a provisional appointment, a summer help monitor and summer student workers.
- Appointed a Dean of Students and a driver.
- Approved two substitutes.
- Approved the New Items Consent Agenda
- Approved a change order, tentative agreement on the GMUTA contract, a transportation request and sports mergers.
- Approved the withdrawal of the NY44 Health Benefits Trust Plan.

Adjournment:

• The board adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



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2018-2019 Bus Routes

Bus 53: Cat

Leave school at 6:55 AM to Mt. Upton Hill; Co. Rt. 37; Keach Rd.; Upper High Bridge Rd.; Phillips O'dell Rd.; Blower Rd.; Miller Rd.; White's Hill Rd.; Shumway Hill; to Rt. 8; on to school.

Bus 56: Deer

Leave school at 6:45 AM to High Bridge Rd.; Phillips O'dell Rd.; Rockdale Rd.; Camp Meeting Rd.; Fred Smith-Creek Rd.; Rt. 8 South to Old Rt. 8; North on Rt. 8; on to school.

Bus 58: Bunny

Leave school at 6:55 AM to Lilley Hill Rd.; Wilber Cross Rd.; Lulu Coon Rd.; Wilber Hill Rd.; Butternut Rd.; Townline Rd.; Shaw Brook Rd.; River Rd.; Village of Gilbertsville, Spring St.; on to school.

Bus 57: Puppy

Leave school at 7:00 AM to Oregon Rd.; Halbert Hill Rd.; Copes Corners Rd.; Opperman Rd.; Musson-Erwin Rd.; Copes Corners Rd.; Bronson Rd.; Copes Corners Rd.; Dunhams Rd.; Copes Corners Rd.; on to school.

Bus 59: Star

Leave school at 7:00 AM to Back River Rd.; Lockwood Hill; Jesse Rogers Rd.; Fisk Hill; Rt. 1 South to French's Turnaround; Rt. 1 to State Rt. 8 North; on to school.

Bus 60: Bird

Prentice Gorge Rd.; to Maple St.; Sylvan St.; Baker Rd.; and on to school.

Bus 62: Duck

Leave School at 6:55 AM to Co. Rt. 8; Poochy Rd.; Shelley Rd.; Co. Rt. 10; Bell Hill Rd.; Clarence Musson Rd.; Mill St.; Frog Harbor; Marion Ave.; on to school.

Bus 65: Cow

Leave school at 7:05 AM to Co. Rt. 4; Dunhams Cross Rd.; Coye Brook Rd.; Rt. 51 North of Village; Hilton and Vine St.; Maple and Elm St.; on to school.

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Leave school at 7:12 AM to Mt. Upton Old Rt. 8 North; Rt. 8 South to Frank's Turn-around, to Rt. 51; on to school.

Bus 67: Butterfly

Leave school at 7:12 AM to Co. Rt. 18; Lafayette Park; Co. Rt. 33; Crandall Hill; Co. Rt. 37 to village turn around; Depot Street; on to school.

Bus 72: Bear

Leave school at 6:50 AM to County Rt. 4; Murphy Rd.; Taylor Rd.; Coon Cross Rd.; Lobdell Rd.; Co. Rt. 5; to Sylvan St.; Commercial St.; Marion Ave.; on to school.

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

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