

Greenville Central School District

January 2023 eNews



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JANUARY EVENTS

- 9 BOE Business & Budget Meeting, 6:00pm, MS/HS Library
PTSA Meeting. 6:00pm, HS Cafeteria
- 10 Parent Program: Substance Use Prevention, 6:00pm, HS Auditorium
Family Tech Help Night, 3:00pm-7:00pm, MS/HS Library
- 16 NO SCHOOL
- 17 Parents as Partners: Help Your Child Learn to Manage Strong Emotions
- 19 PTA Meeting, 6:30pm, (ES Cafeteria)
- 24 Future Freshmen Night, 6:00pm, HS Cafeteria



Check out our social media pages for real time updates!



SLP'S ROLE IN LITERACY

Speech-language pathologists are one of many specialists who can help children with literacy and pre-literacy skills. SLPs have a background in phonics, learning, special education, and speech production, and many have specialized training in literacy, dyslexia, and other relevant areas. This is just one of the reasons that having a SLP on your team can benefit a child. During reading assessments, a SLP can work with teachers to help determine which errors in young students are reading errors, and which may be due to their speech production. They can also help support children in essential pre-literacy and literacy skills like print concepts and sound knowledge.

Did you know that children with difficulty producing speech sounds often have more difficulty with reading and spelling skills?

Speech sound production and literacy use many similar skills, such as non-language cognition, vocabulary, letter knowledge, and phonological awareness.

This may be why we often see difficulty in literacy skills with those children who also have trouble producing speech sounds (Overy et al., 2020).

To read more, please click [here](#).

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Elementary School



SNOWMAN CHALLENGE

Mrs. Hawkins gave her students a homework challenge before our snow day in December. They needed to build their snowman upside down. Two students accepted the challenge.

Click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) for photos of their snowmen.

CREATIVE WITH TECHNOLOGY

5th Grade Computer Club students learned how to use the program *Tinkercad* and designed their own 3D projects. They also learned about the Cricut Maker and used Canva to design projects made on the Cricut.

Click [HERE](#) for photos of their projects.

CARING KIDS DELIVER HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS TO LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

During our December meeting, students made cards and filled gift boxes with treats, lotion, hand sanitizer, Chapstick, etc... for 5 local fire departments: Greenville, Freehold, Medway-Grapeville, Medusa, and Westerlo. We appreciate their service to our community!

Click [HERE](#) for photos.

Middle School



COVER CONTEST

The MS Yearbook Club is looking for someone to design the 2022-23 Yearbook cover! The theme is "What Spartan Strong Means To Me..." This can be anything school related: sports, clubs, classroom, friends, etc. If you're not sure, check with Mrs. Bowers.

The winner will receive a FREE yearbook. Prizes are available for 1st & 2nd place runner-ups! Interested in participating? See Mrs. Bowers or Mrs. Steele for more information. Designs are due by January 6th.

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HONOR & MERIT ROLL

Click [here](#) to view the 1st quarter honor and merit roll lists.

YEARBOOKS

The website to order your 2022-23 Middle School Yearbook is open! All yearbooks are hardcover.

\$25 for regular yearbooks

\$31.95 for personalized yearbooks

All orders must be received by end of day April 29, 2023. Questions? Contact [Mrs. Bowers](#).

[Click here to order.](#)

BUBBLE GUM LAB

7th grade science students recently completed their "Bubble Gum Lab." Using everything that they had learned about measuring, using lab equipment, graphing, scientific variables and thinking scientifically, the students worked in groups to answer the following question, "What happens to the mass of the gum when it is chewed?" Designated chewers chewed the gum for a total of 2 minutes in 30 second increments. At the end of each 30 second increment, students removed the chewed gum and measured its mass. Based on the average data from the entire 7th grade, we learned that the mass of the gum decreased from 5.0 grams to 3.6 grams.



MELODIES OF CHRISTMAS!

On December 15th -18th, five Greenville students performed with in the annual Melodies of Christmas concert at Proctor's Theatre. Each year this televised event raises money for the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center. These students were chosen for the ensemble after a competitive audition process involving students from over 75 public and private schools throughout Eastern New York, Western Massachusetts and Southern Vermont. Congratulations to ESYO Symphony Orchestra performers Clara D. and Anthony Z., and ESYO Chorale performers Carmela B., Scarlett C., and Gigi S.

NURSES CORNER

The best way to enjoy the winter season is to be healthy. Keep yourself hydrated and well-rested. Remember good handwashing. Don't share your germs - cough and sneeze away from the people you are with. As a reminder, if you get a physical, please bring a copy to the nurse. Doctors do not always fax. If you have a medical note of any kind, injury or illness, please bring your note to the nurse.

We wish you ALL the best of health and hope for the New Year. *Nurse Collins & Nurse Mackey*

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HONOR & MERIT ROLL

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GUIDANCE DATES

January 9 - 8th grade (Future Freshman)

January 11 - 9th grade (Future Sophomores)

January 19 - 11th grade (Future Seniors)

January 24 - Future Freshman Night (6:00pm-7:00pm)

Parents can call for scheduling appointments in February to review [4-year plans](#) and next year's course selections.

CREATIVITY IN METAL SHOP

Every year, students in Mr. Kerner's Metal Shop make ornaments for the craft sale. This year, the sale went very well raising funds for shop supplies and tools. Below are some creative pieces of a scene of a moose in a pine forest that is the outcome of our work in DDP (which is an art credit) and the table from the craft fair.



WAYS TO MOTIVATE AND ENGAGE YOUR CHILD

BY KENDALL FRITZE

It can be a difficult task to motivate and engage students to learn. Oftentimes, as caregivers, we step in to spark their motivation, but the key to long-term success is to guide our students to a path of self-motivation. According to an article by Allison Brubaker, "5 Tips on Developing Self-Motivation in Students," we must first tap into the psychological drivers within our students.

First, "Self-motivation begins with praising effort." A student may not always be quick to grasp a concept but if along the way, we praise their small accomplishments and separate effort from achievement, a student will be more motivated to put in the work and effort to achieve an end result.

Second, "Empower students to become self-motivated." Students need to feel heard and must have the opportunity to take active roles in the decision-making process for their education. For example, discuss your student's schedule. When they are in high school, allow them to choose electives that interest them. This will lead to more confidence. When they are in elementary or middle school, work together to discuss the expectations for their school work.

Third, "Make learning exciting." Whenever there is an opportunity to connect learning to hands-on activities, go for it! This can foster curiosity and build excitement. In addition, something like a reward system can help a student work toward their goals.

Fourth, "Talk about future goals to help students stay motivated". Setting short-term goals which encourage the attainment of long-term goals can help students see the value in their work. SMART goals are the best way to do this. SMART stands for Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Time-bound. Anyone can set a goal but if it isn't these five things, it will become harder to attain.

Fifth, "Stay connected with your self-motivated student". Talk with your student. Check in on their goals and progress. As caregivers, you can be your child's biggest cheerleader and encouraging them can help give them the confidence to achieve great things.

There will always be students that seem to have been born possessing the internal motivation and engagement to go to school each day, ready to learn. Whereas others may need more support and encouragement to build that self-motivation. At GCS, it is our hope that we can partner with caregivers and students to reach this goal.

Works Cited:

Brubaker, Allison. "5 Ways to Help Your Child Become a Self-Motivated Student." 5 Ways to Help Your Child Become a Self-Motivated Student, <https://www.connectionsacademy.com/support/resources/article/how-to-help-your-child-become-a-self-motivated-student/>.



TUESDAY, JAN 10

3PM-7PM
in the MS/HS Library

**Stop in to get answers
to questions about...**
the redesigned school website
social media privacy
gmail & google classroom
...and more!

PLUS demonstrations by the Tech Club!

"Shawna has a Secret"

ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE USE INFORMATION

JANUARY 10 6:00 PM HS AUDITORIUM

**LEARN THE WARNING SIGNS OF
SUBSTANCE USE AND HOW YOU
CAN HELP YOUR STUDENT**

**THIS INTERACTIVE SESSION WILL ALLOW
PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO WALK THROUGH A
STAGED BEDROOM AND LOOK FOR COMMON SIGNS
OF SUBSTANCE USE HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT.**

This event is open to Parents and Guardians of Greenville MS/HS Students.