



Upcoming Events

December 1

Early Release Day
11:30 am Dismissal Grades K-5
11:45 am Dismissal Grade 6-12

December 7

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11:30 am Dismissal Grades K-5
11:45 am Dismissal Grade 6-12

December 12

FFA Open House/Greenery Sale
10:00 am - 3:00 pm HS

December 14

BOE Business Meeting-virtual
6:00 pm MS/HS Library

December 24-January 1

Holiday Recess
(School Closed)

Music at Ellis Elementary by Janine Rochler

The Scott M. Ellis PTA has purchased recorders for every 3rd and 4th grade student to take home. In the event of future remote learning, we have found a way to keep the recorder program alive for the students! Mrs. Rochler and Ms. Catucci will be able to create digital and interactive recorder lessons. Playing the recorder will provide students with the foundation they will need to read music and potentially perform in future instrumental ensembles when they reach 5th grade and beyond. Thank you to the PTA for your generous gift! Thank you in advance to all of the 3rd and 4th grade families for your support as well!



How to Keep Kids Reading During the Pandemic

Judy Kibrick, Bethany Keller, Diane Carl

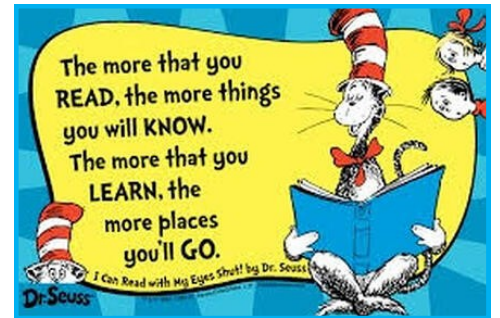
Plan ahead for multiple sources of reading materials.

- Library cards will allow access to online resources - they are free, but you will need a library card and a device.
- Students have access to several different websites on their devices that offer thousands of choices of books (getepic.com, biguniverse.com). These sites offer books to read and books that are read aloud.
- Collect a variety of reading materials that are different genres and levels. Reading that is not on-screen is a great choice and gives kids a break from being on a device.
- Pick up books as holiday gifts. Try your local used bookstore, thrift shop or swap with friends.

Talk about reading as a family. What is everyone reading?

- In addition to books, there are many reading materials (magazines, newspapers, how-to books). Talk about how you read a book to learn how to fix something, create a craft, or follow a recipe from a cookbook.
- Be a positive role model by reading yourself.
- Have your child find a comfy reading spot, where he or she can enjoy reading without distractions.
- Read books together. Even middle-grade children enjoy being read to.

Emphasize Vitamin R! Reading is great for the brain. Some children do not always enjoy reading, so finding material that is engaging is important. Reading has been shown to reduce stress and is a great way to relax, have fun and learn something new.



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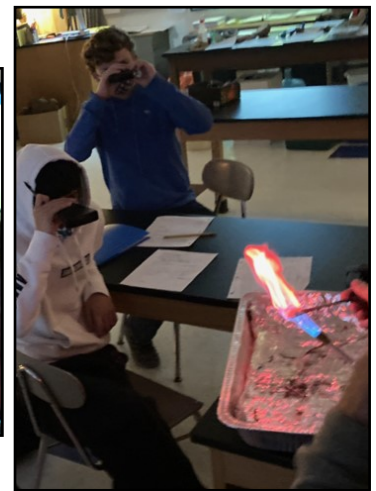
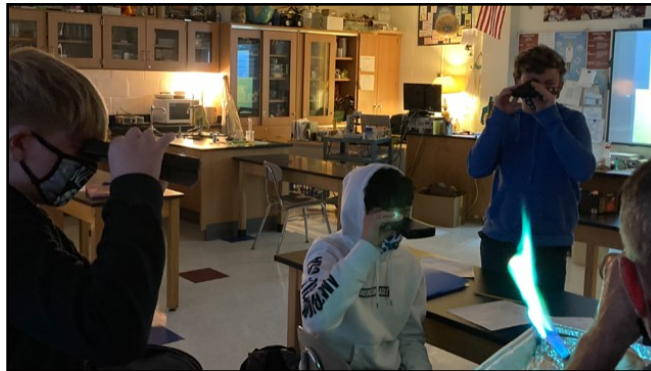
A Lovely Veterans Breakfast by Anthony Zhang, MS Student Council Secretary

On November 19, students from the Middle School and High School Student Councils hosted a breakfast for veterans. There were balloons and flags all around the school's front lawn. During the breakfast, students enjoyed talking with the veterans. The student council members wish to thank the veterans who came to the breakfast, Mr. Meredith for his beautiful rendition of the National Anthem and our food service "lunch ladies" who prepared all of the delicious food. A special thank you to Mrs. Lochner, student council advisor, for organizing this annual event.



Eighth Grade Science by Susan Hollywood

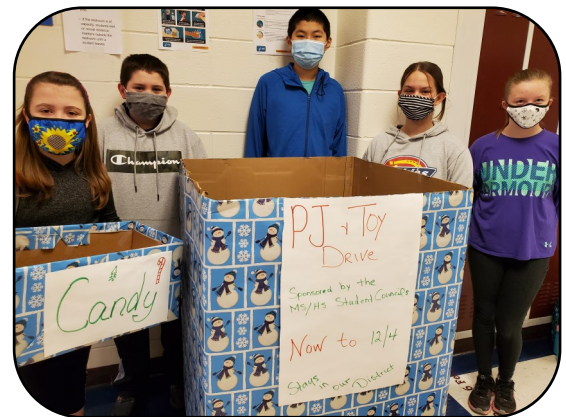
Mr. Konas' 8th grade science class is proving the Model of the Atom using spectroscopes to see each atom's "spectral fingerprint."



Pajama, Candy & Toy Drive

by Emily Duncan, HS Student Council Secretary

Middle and High School Student Council members are working together this winter to host a PJ and Toy Drive. Boxes for donations are located in the high school and middle school. Please feel free to donate toys, books, games, candy, etc. All of the items donated will be distributed to children in the Greenville community this holiday season. Let's work together to brighten some spirits!



Spice Drive by Carmen Bucci

The National Junior Honor Society held its First Annual Spice Drive to benefit our local Food Pantry in Greenville. We received 163 spice donations. We would like to thank everyone who donated.



Thanksgiving Food Drive by Vikki Hawkins



Earlier this month, faculty, staff & students at Scott M. Ellis collected food for our local food pantry. Over 200 items were collected to help local families in need this holiday season. Thank you to everyone for their generosity!

Tech Help by Vikki Hawkins

Visit our new tech help website for students and parents by scanning the QR code pictured or by going to:

<https://sites.google.com/greenvillesd.org/gcs-family-tech-help/home>



This site will be updated throughout the school year.

Elementary Art Class by Lara Kelley

Mrs. Herwick's Kindergarten class made line sculptures with Mrs. Kelley in art class. They learned how to tickle the feet of a line with glue (sometimes the lines giggle) to make lines pop off the paper. They also learned that pinching the lines once makes a triangle (don't worry, it doesn't hurt), pinching them twice makes a square and wrapping them around a pencil and giving the lines a hug makes a spiral. These artists made some amazing sculptures!



Thanksgiving Feast by Allison Thela

Although our traditional Thanksgiving Feast looked a bit different this year, it didn't stop our students from enjoying treats and sharing what we are thankful for. We even got to share this special time with the other Kindergarten classes through a google meet. Happy Thanksgiving!



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Update on Box Tops by Margaret Robertson

Scanning box tops is an easy way to help our school earn cash. Please read the flyers below for new information about the program. Every valid Box Tops clip is worth 10¢ for our school. If you have any questions you can email robertsonm@greenvillesd.org. Thank you for your continued support of this program. <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/box-tops-for-education/id1150038564>.

**EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL**
NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.
The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.
LOOK FOR THE NEW LABEL: 

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

**BUY**
BOX TOPS PRODUCTS
You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.

**SCAN**
YOUR RECEIPT
Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

**EARN**
CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL
Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.

**BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES**
Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. **You can still clip these and send them to school.** Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.

**BUY**
BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

**CUT**
OUT THE BOX TOP FROM EACH PACKAGE

**SEND**
YOUR BOX TOPS TO SCHOOL

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOX TOPS APP AT BTFE.COM

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**BOX TOPICS** NOV/DEC 2020
Easy ways to make a difference for your school.

**EXTRA CREDIT**
★ SWEEPSTAKES ★
5 SCHOOLS WILL EACH WIN \$20,000!
Hurry, sweepstakes ends 11/25/2020. Don't miss out on a chance to win for YOUR school.

**BAKING SCHOOLS BETTER**
SWEEPSTAKES
5 WINNERS!
A chance to win 10,000 Bonus Box Tops for your school PLUS Betty Crocker's Cookies Cookbook to kick off your holiday baking. 11/30 - 12/20

MUST-HAVE BOX TOPS PRODUCTS FOR Thanksgiving
Scan your receipts and earn for your school!
See a full list of products at BTFE.com/products



**TELL FRIENDS ABOUT BOX TOPS!**
The Box Tops app has a simple refer-a-friend feature to help you spread the word. The more people that support your school, the bigger difference you can make.

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Food Service Reminder

Free meals for all in person and remote Greenville CSD students on school days, now through 06/24/21.



FFA Greenery and Fruit Sale

The Greenville FFA is having their annual Greenery and Fruit Sale. All of the Greenery items are hand made by the FFA members and Advisors. All of the fruit is fresh and delicious. If you would like to order something please contact Mrs. Lewis or Mrs. Hughes at lewisd@greenvillesd.org or hughescl@greenvillesd.org by December 1, 2020.

There will be an open house with items for sale on December 12th, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Click on links for more information.

[Fruit, Cheese & Sausage](#)

[Greenery](#)

Counseling Corner by Kendall Fritze

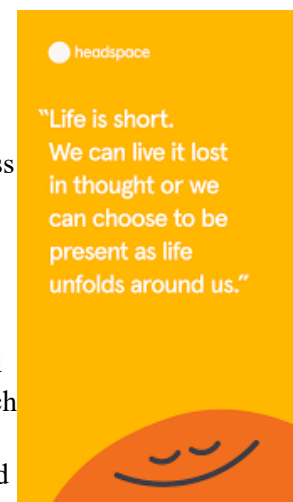
Mindful Middle Schoolers

Mindful Schools defines mindfulness as “maintaining a moment-by-moment awareness of our thoughts, emotions, bodily sensations, and surrounding environment with openness and curiosity.” Practicing mindfulness can lead to a reduction in stress and an increase in focus and emotional regulation. The pupil personnel services team at GCS is working to provide our students with tools and strategies to become more mindful and aware so that they can tackle stressors in a healthy, safe way.

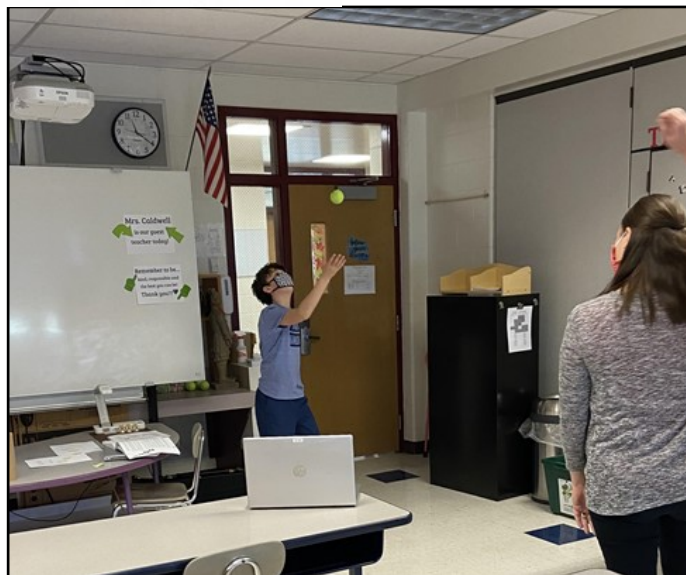
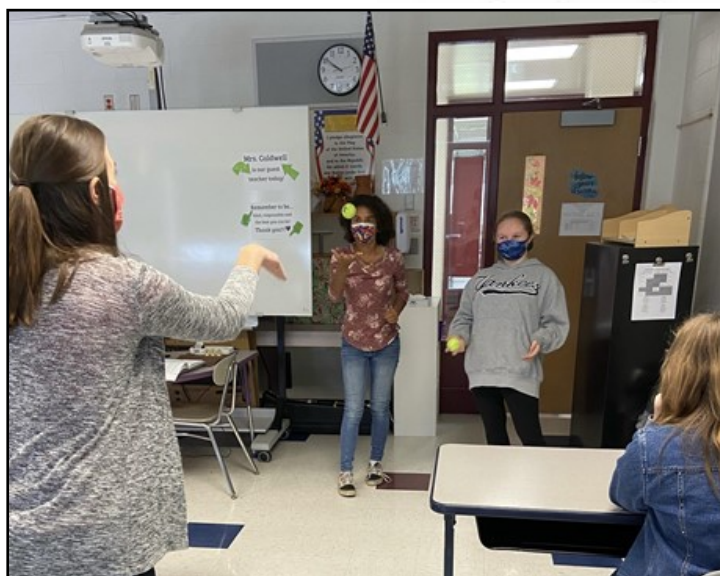
All 6th grade students are delivered a six week program in Mindfulness called “Learning to Breathe: A Mindfulness Curriculum for Adolescents”. Four years ago, Jennifer Perrella, (our school psychologist in the Middle School), began implementing this course to all 6th graders. This school year, her substitute (Lindsey Forkeutis) and K-12 School Counselor (Kendall Fritze) are providing these lessons. In the curriculum, there is a focus on being mindful of one’s body, thoughts, emotions, and attention. There is also an emphasis on self care, empowerment, and developing healthy mental habits. During class, students practice mindful breathing, explore their own experiences with stress and stress management, and develop strategies to decrease anxiety. It is a time to implement mindfulness and connect it to their personal life with open discussion.

Due to COVID-19, our students are experiencing a different kind of learning environment, which can lead to stress and uncertainty. While they adjust to these changes, it never hurts to remind students of the tools and strategies that can help them when they are feeling overwhelmed. For this reason, school counselors, Michelle Fisher and Kendall Fritze, created a mindfulness refresher course for 7th grade students. This consisted of two lessons to re-teach strategies and share resources. Our 8th grade students were also included in this refresher course. They all received two lessons which not only reviewed mindfulness, but also explored coping strategies.

As a counseling department, we are committed to providing social and emotional learning opportunities to our students. Mindfulness is something that can enrich an academic experience and encourage students to utilize healthy mental habits. We welcome you to ask your students about what they learned!



MINDFULNESS



Nurses Corner

A Note from Your Middle & High School Nurses



Students in grades 7, 9 & 11 are still required to have updated physicals on file. Regardless of grade, if your child gets a physical or immunization, please provide a copy to the Health Office. If your child needs medications during the school year, we need a new doctor's order on file. Please remind your doctor to include "self-carry/self-administration" for medications your child needs to carry for sports and field trips. Any physicals, immunization documents or medication orders can be faxed to (518) 966-5338.



With the holidays rapidly approaching please remember to make yourself number one. Get plenty of rest, drink fluids and stay away from people who are not feeling well. Be nice to others – wear your mask and maintain social distancing, and stay home if you are not feeling well.

In all of this chaos we want to be sure that ALL of you stay healthy and enjoy your family this holiday season. Any questions please don't hesitate to call (518) 966-5070 ext. 420.

MS/HS Nurses, Deb Mackey and Karen Gardiner

Changes to the Elementary Health Office this School Year by Ellen Warga, RN

There are many changes this school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

School physicals are still required for all new students as well as students in kindergarten, first, third and fifth grades. Physicals will not be offered in school this year. If your child requires a physical examination, please contact your healthcare provider.

The requirements for vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings are waived for 2020/21 due to an Amendment of Commissioner's Regulations 136.3(e). If an issue is noted regarding vision or hearing, teachers will notify the health office and the student will be checked.

All students attending school in-person or remotely, must comply with immunization requirements per Public Health Law Section 2164.66-1.1.

The health office now has an 'isolation room' for students experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, who are awaiting transport home by their parent/guardian.

This school year, if a student is sent home with medical symptoms related to COVID-19 a note from a healthcare provider will be required for the student to return to school. If your healthcare provider does not send your child for COVID-19 testing, the note must provide an alternate diagnosis. A signed healthcare provider note documenting an unconfirmed acute illnesses, such as a viral upper respiratory illness or viral gastroenteritis will not suffice.

If your healthcare provider sends your child for COVID-19 testing, they will need to stay home until the results are received by the health office.

As always, your child's symptoms need to be improving and they must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications to return to school.

Please remember that masks are required when at school, on the bus and on the campus. Remind your child that it is important to cover their mouth and nose. Proper hand hygiene should be continued.

If you have any questions please contact us at the health office at 518 966-5070 ext. 320.

Greenville Athletics Corner by Denise Wickham

Boys & Girls Cross Country Coach Siebrecht

The girls cross-country team had a very successful season. Tess Fitzmaurice was the MVP for the Patroon Conference for the fourth consecutive time in her stellar career. Melody Kappel and Jess Wank were both Patroon Conference All-Stars for the second year in a row.

The varsity boys cross-country team won Patroons for the second year in a row. Ryan Russell was the MVP for the Patroon Conference and Finn Kosich, Gavin Metcalf, and Thomas Baumann were all Patroon Conference All-Stars for the second year in a row.

Boys Soccer Coach Forrest

The boys soccer team rounded out an undefeated season (9-0) by winning the Patroon Conference Tournament Final against Maple Hill 1-0. James Mitchell scored the game winner in the final with 20 minutes remaining, very fitting for his final game as a Spartan, in a season which saw him also earn his second league MVP. In addition both Miles Weiss and DJ Gardner were named to the exceptional senior team with both having very successful campaigns in their senior year. The entire team will miss these 3 players next year, but, will be looking forward to the opportunity to defend our league title.

Girls Soccer Coach Kiefer

The girls soccer team finished with the record of 8-1. I'm very proud of all the successes this team had this year. We finished second in the Patroon Tournament Championship game by the score 0-1 to Maple Hill. A special thank you to the 3 seniors on the team this year and good luck in your future endeavors - Kaylee Burke, Annalise Goyette and Isabella Trostle.



Girls Tennis Coach Malcolm



At the start of the season, we welcomed 20 girls to the varsity tennis team and one manager. This year was especially exciting because we were able to showcase our brand new courts and host matches on campus. Since last year was our first season as a varsity team, the players showed amazing growth as competitors. We finished the season with a 6-1 record, and earned an overall 2nd Place in the Patroon Conference.

Greenville athletes were selected by the Patroon Conference coaching staff as League MVP's or were chosen to the All Conference team in the following sports:

Boys Cross Country

- *Ryan Russell (1st Team)
- *Finn Kosich (1st Team)
- *Gavin Metcalf (1st Team)
- *Thomas Baumann (2nd Team)

Girls Cross Country

- *Tess Fitzmaurice (League MVP)
- *Melody Kappel (1st Team)
- *Jessica Wank (2nd Team)

Golf

- *Kevin "Trey" Smith (League MVP/
Patroon Medalist Champion)
- *Ryan Arp (1st Team)

Boys Soccer

- *James Mitchell (League MVP)
- *Isaiah Edmonds (1st Team)
- *Benjamin Reinhard (1st Team)
- *Jack Motta (2nd Team)
- *Liam Bowden (2nd Team)
- *Peyton Gergen (2nd Team)

Girls Soccer

- *Isabella Trostle (1st Team)
- *Ella Grupe (1st Team)
- *Emma Haller (1st Team)
- *Ella Mulholland (2nd Team)
- *Jessica LaManda (2nd Team)

Girls Tennis

- *Bryn Fitzmaurice (League MVP)
- *Lauren Rauf (1st Team)