



Greenfield High School is now a scent free school. We ask that staff and students refrain from wearing any scented products. Thank You!

of February. Permission slips have been sent home. If you need one please call Ms Heathwaite at 772-1350 ext 117

its creation Invisible Children have worked to build schools in Uganda, provide fresh water and they are currently working on installing a cell phone tower to use in case of emergencies.

The Student Council would like to thank everyone who has contributed books to our book drive. To date we have collected over 3000 books to help the children in Uganda. If you have any books that you would like to donate we will still take them until **April 16**. They are looking for high school and college text books. Each book that is donated must have an ISBN number. If the book was published prior the 1970s it will not have an ISBN number and can not be used. If you have any questions please contact Angela Mass at angmas1@gpsk12.org or 413-772-1350 ex 322

STUDENT COUNCIL:

As the year goes on Student Council continues to be busy. December was filled with kettle ringing for the Salvation Army, teacher appreciation gifts and breakfast and a potluck dinner. January brought the Youth Legislative Forum on **Jan 28th**. In February, eleven students will attend the 4th annual Roundtable and then the entire council will participate in a lock-in during February Winter Vacation break. Student Council meets every other **Monday** from 6-7 in Rm. 118. It is open to grades 8-12 and there is no cost to join.

Trivia Night, Trivia Night, Trivia Night. Student Council will be hosting a trivia night at the Elks Club in Greenfield on Sat. **Feb 19th** starting at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person if you pre-register or \$15 at the door. There will a \$100 cash prize to the winning team. Bring your own snacks, cash bar available. Make your own team or we will make one for you. Space is limited so register ASAP. Please make checks out to GHS Student Council. Contact info Angela Mass at angmas1@gpsk12.org or 772-1350 ex322

YEARBOOK: Yearbooks are still on sale but time is running out to pre-order your book. We are also in the last call phase for personalized yearbooks. Yearbooks can be embossed with your name and an icon to represent your activities in high school. Look for the flyer in the mail or order yours at school from a yearbook club member or Mrs. Cloutier in room 217. We are still offering the yearbook at the reduced price of \$65.00. Don't miss out! Order today! There is also a new option: for \$15 more, you can personalize your book with 4 pages you make yourself. These pages only appear in your book and can make it especially personal. The deadline for personal pages is February 15th. The

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE:

Happy New Year! With the beginning of the second semester, I would like to encourage you to stay involved with your child's academic progress. With the new semester, your children will be starting some new elective courses. Several new electives have been added for the spring semester—Jazz Band, Printmaking and Entrepreneurial business. Additionally, we will have many activities occurring over the next several months; the school play, the science fair, a wellness/fitness fair, and a blood drive.

Please pay special attention to the enclosed MCAS schedule. All 8th, 9th and 10th graders will need to be in attendance every day for the test schedule. Please plan appointments, and time out of school on alternate days to avoid testing issue.

Please be aware of the school's attendance policy—students should not miss more than ten days in a semester in order to receive credit for the class. Thanks for all your support in helping to achieve our first semester goals.

DONNA WOODCOCK
PRINCIPAL donwool@gpsk12.org

Franklin County Technical School

Applications for admission into the Franklin County Technical School are available to high school students in the high school guidance office. Eighth grade Academy students can pick one up from Ms Heathwaite. A tour of the school will be available for all interested eighth graders the first week

AP Saturday Study Sessions are as follows:

English-March 19th
Math-March 26th and April 30th
Environmental Science-February 12th and April 2nd.
Snacks and lunch will be provided at each session as well as transportation if the session is not at Greenfield High School. Depending on the distance for travel, the day will run from 7:30am-3:00pm approximately. Please call Principal Woodcock at 772-1350 ext. 102 if you have questions.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Senior Activities – Last Day of Regular Classes is Monday, May 23. Senior Final Exams start on Tuesday, May 24. Senior Prom at the Delaney House on Tuesday, May 24. First Graduation Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1. Senior Last Assembly at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1. Second Graduation Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 2. Senior Class Night at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 2. The Senior Class Trip to High Meadows is Friday, June 3rd at 7:30 a.m. **GRADUATION** is at 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 5th at GCC.

ALL NIGHT GRADUATION CELEBRATION:

It's that time of year to form a committee and make preparations for the annual drug and alcohol free All Night Graduation Celebration for the GHS Senior Class to be held at the YMCA on Sunday, June 5, 2011. This party is designed to give our seniors a safe place to celebrate one last time together as a class. All GHS senior parents and guardians are invited to attend a planning meeting on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH AT 6:00 P.M. in the high school cafeteria. Mrs. McHugh, Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Richardson will be the co-chairs. They are looking forward to seeing you there.

SPECIAL PROGRAM:

Greenfield High School is honored to present "**Invisible Children**" at an All School Assembly on **March 31** and again that night from 6-7 p.m. Please consider attending this amazing presentation and learn more about the struggles children face in Uganda. It is free and open to the public. If you are unfamiliar with the Invisible Children Project it was started by three college boys who traveled to Uganda and were upset when they learned about the children that had to travel town to town every night to avoid being kidnapped and forced to join the rebel army. Since

yearbook club has been meeting on Tuesday evenings at 6pm in the computer lab here at GHS. We are now working on the underclass photo section, winter sports and activities. We always welcome new staff so come check it out!

*****Senior Parents***** Last chance to place your personal ad for your special senior! Submit photos and a personal message to Mrs. Cloutier at tarclol@gpsk12.org. Forms are available in the office. Space is limited!

CLASS OF 2014: Mrs. Cloutier and Mr. Williams are now accepting payments for class dues. Dues are \$50 per year for a total of \$200 paid by the senior year. Please send in a check written out to the Class of 2014 and put the name of the student and class dues in the memo line. When dues are paid in full, all senior activities are free.

ZOOM IN - Friday Lunch Lecture Series

The *Zoom In* Friday lunch lecture series introduces students to a wide variety of new, unusual, and interesting topics. This unique program is one of many enrichment opportunities that put Greenfield HS ahead of other schools.

Lou Leelyn of Lou's Up-cycles launched our series this fall, raising our awareness of the damaging effects of our trash on the planet. Did you know that there is an enormous swirling mass of plastic already in the oceans, killing countless wildlife every year? Lou has a solution – she turns trash into gold. She showed how she makes a living by creating amazing colorful bags, lunch boxes, wallets and more out of “up-cycled” plastic chip bags. The audience went wild when she threw them free samples. The 8th Grade Academy collected bags to send to Lou instead of to the dump, making our world a little better.

Eddie's Wheels in Shelburne Falls makes innovative carts for pets that can't walk. Co-founder, Leslie Grinnell, shared their story while her very cute dog, Willa, stole the show. Born without front legs, Willa happily ran around modeling her new cart. What started with creating a cart for their aging disabled Doberman has evolved into a successful international business helping all kinds of pets regain their mobility.

Mark Leue does something pretty unusual. He is a luthier – do you know what that means? It means he makes, repairs and restores stringed instruments. Having studied with master craftsmen to carrying on this fine woodworking tradition, Mark's work reflects museum quality standards. Have you ever seen inside a violin? Mark shared guitars and violins in various stages of construction with students, while explaining how they are made.

Dr. Darius Greenbacher, MD Director of Sports Medicine at Baystate Franklin Medical Center,

became a game show host, presenting everything you ever wanted to know about concussions, in a “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?” format. The contestants and all the students went wild and won the million, gaining invaluable knowledge about prevention and care for concussions.

Students can pre-order box lunches in the cafeteria up until the day before each program.

If you have suggestions of speakers, or want more information, contact the Coordinator, Mary Link, at marlin1@gpsk12.org or by phone at 772-1313.

ATHLETIC DEPT. NOTES:

Greenfield Public Schools has received a donation of 300 baseline tests for concussions. The Franklin Medical Center made the donation with the help of Dr. Darius Greenbacher. This will allow our students to be able to get a “baseline”. If a child receives a head injury we then can test them on our computers to see how severe the head injury might be and keep testing until the student passes the test to be concussion free.

The MURPHY/BUDNESS 7th Annual Dodgeball Tournament will be held March 16. The entry fee is \$5 a player with an 8 player limit per team. All proceeds will benefit the Greenfield Iron Club. If you have any questions please call Coach Kuchieski at 772-1345.

GO GREEN WAVE

NEW BUSINESS COURSE:

Mrs. Amy (Howe) Charboneau would like to introduce herself as the new Business Teacher at GHS. During the fall semester she taught Accounting and Financial Planning, both half year elective classes. Her Financial Planning Class ended the semester with a day trip to New York City on January 14, 2011 in which they had a guided walking tour of the Wall Street Area, The 9/11 Memorial, The Museum of American Finance and Times Square. Everyone had a Great Time! Starting the second semester she will also be teaching an additional elective; Entrepreneurial Business. Feel free to stop by Room 80 for more information on these new classes at GHS.

COLLABORATIVE EDUCATION GROUP:

With the first semester behind us; we can claim academic success for our students. We have made a number of changes to how the program is set up, allowing for more flexibility for students while still providing the small teacher-student ratio as well as academic support.

Our community partner, Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society, continues to provide lessons and plans are being made for students to again visit their site to assist with animal care, organization, etc. The students enjoy this partnership immensely.

The program now has volunteer support for group discussion by a retired guidance counselor. This volunteer comes with much experience working with youth and their meetings find students comfortable discussing what is important to them, both in and out of school. We are happy to have this as an option.

The spring schedule is filling up with a number of outdoor activities with another partner, Adventure In/Adventure Out. Students are excited about the upcoming tracking, archery, and raft-building activities. Their motivation to engage in their learning is clear.

Two new students will begin semester II in the program and we look forward to their participation.

Looking forward to a successful spring semester! Ms. Elaine Mount, Director

ART DEPARTMENT:

Four students from the GHS Art Department are participating in the Annual Teen Art Exhibition at ArtSpace Community Arts Center located at 15 Mill Street. The participants are Sarah Duprey (drawing/painting), Giovanni Goncalves (drawing), Jessica Wallitis (textiles) and Breeanna Shaw (photography). These four were chosen due to the high caliber of craftsmanship in execution of their medium. The exhibition is on view to the public from January 15 – February 18th. An Awards Reception was held on January 28th.

Textile Arts & Design:

Textile Arts students do a community service project each semester. This fall they created colorful fleece tube scarves that were donated to Warm the Children and baby hats that went to Community Action. Do you have extra fabric, yarn, knitting needles, or other sewing supplies that you don't need? We can use it! Please drop off donations at the GHS office for Mary Link. Thank you.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

The holiday season was very successful for the GHS Music Department where we performed more than fifteen individual concerts throughout the Greenfield area. Nine members of the GHS Music Department were selected to perform with the Massachusetts Music Education Association Western District Music Festival. Rehearsals were [January 8th](#) and 15th with the concert held at the UMASS Fine Arts Center on [January 15th](#) at 3pm. We have the privilege of having two student interns from the University of Massachusetts. Stephanie Vinci, a euphonium player, started with us on [January 18th](#) and continues through [March 15th](#). David Kelly, a trombone player, will start on [March 21st](#) and work with us until [May 13th](#). We prepared three GHS Music students for the All-State auditions held on [January 29th](#). The entire Music Department is

preparing for our Annual Music Telethon, to be held on [Wednesday, March 2nd](#) from 6-9pm on channel 15 (GCTV). The Telethon will be broadcast at the same time on local radio stations. Our annual trip to Broadway in New York City will be held on [Wednesday, March 9th](#). We have purchased 57 prime orchestra seats to see "The Addams Family". If anyone is interested in joining the fun, please contact Mr. C at (413) 772-1350 ext. 113, tickets are still available. The annual All-State Music Conference will be held at Boston Symphony Hall on [March 24th-26th](#). We are again hosting the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association Music Festival at GHS on [Friday, April 8th](#). The GHS Concert Band will be competing at the 6:30-7pm time slot. The GHS Select Choir will be competing on [Saturday, April 9th](#) at Algonquin High School in Shrewsbury, MA. The GHS Spring Scholarship Concert will be held on [Wednesday, May 4th](#) at 7pm in the GHS Auditorium. Admission is \$5 per person, all proceeds going to scholarships for graduating music students. Hope to see you there!

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT:

Join Greenfield High's most prestigious students on Thursday, March 3rd. Come and enjoy our Science Symposium open to the public from 4:00pm - 7:30pm with awards beginning at 7:00pm. The Science Symposium is a celebration of the world of sciences. Students were asked to formulate a science hypothesis. Through dedication students worked tirelessly to answer and discover the science around a simple hypothesis that they had created. It is with determination that Greenfield's finest have completed a yearlong project in hopes of making it to the Regional level in Science Fair competition. On display will be projects based on biology, physics and chemistry. It is time for Greenfield High to shine and show our community what we are capable of doing. Support our future scientists as they display their science fair projects for the community to see. Save the date. Support your children, grandchildren, or just your community on this night of fun here at Greenfield High in our Science Laboratory. Thank you for your support. We hope to see all of Greenfield's friends and family there! Cathy Wilkins, Instructor

FRENCH CLUB:

The GHS Club Francais visited the Sterling and Francine Clark Museum of Art on [December 16](#). Fifty-five students enjoyed croissants and hot "chocolat" from Shelburne Falls Coffee Roasters, viewed a Québécois film in the museum's gorgeous auditorium, and took tours of the museum's collection in which docents spoke (and solicited from students) as much French as possible. Our January activities included an afternoon of

learning to make crêpes on [January 26](#), and a raffle. Three lucky winners received gifts certificates to either Chez Albert in Amherst, the Blue Heron in Sunderland, or Di Paolo's in Turner's Falls. Proceeds benefit GHS students' trip to Paris, Brittany, and Normandy in [April 2012!](#)
Tamara Grogan, Advisor

SPANISH CLUB: The Spanish Club is working on plans for the 15th annual Taste of World Cultures. This year it will take place on March 15th in the Wave Café. We look forward to some great performances including all Spanish classes performing Shakira's Waka Waka song and dance. We hope to attend a performance at Umass in the coming weeks.

Tara Cloutier, Advisor

GHS DRAMA CLUB:

The more Drama, the better! Are you looking for a few good laughs? Do you need a night where you can just kick back and literally "enjoy the show?" Well, come join the GHS Players as they proudly present the theatrical production of *Arsenic and Old Lace* by Joseph Kesselring. This is a comedy filled with spoofs and slapstick humor revolving around a theater critic, Mortimer (Zack Howes), who has a lot to deal with in life: his longtime girlfriend, Elaine (Emily Stryszko), who just wants to get married, his homicidal aunts, Abby (Melanie Cantini) and Martha (a newcomer, 8th grader Tatiana Santiago), who just poison visitors with a "pinch of Arsenic" then bury them in the basement, his disturbed brother, Teddy (Katie Parzych), who truly believes he is President Roosevelt, and let's not forget, his villainous brother, Jonathan (Michelle Jackson), who is hiding from the police with his equally deranged friend, Dr. Einstein (Jameson Clevenger). Your belly will hurt as you leave the theater from all of the laughter! But that is not all, there is so much more to this play, including surprise appearances by GHS's very own, Ken Fortin and our very own librarian, Jessica Pollock. Other cast members include: Brittany Sheperd, Sharon Brown, and Amy Warren. All members of the cast have been hard at work rehearsing to put on a performance you will love! So, be sure to mark your calendars! Shows dates and times are Friday, March 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 19, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. All shows are free and open to the public. Donations, however, will be accepted at the door.

GHS LIBRARY

Learning can be Loud in the Library:

Unlike the stereotype of a quiet library, the GHS library is a bustling place full of students, teachers, computers, and books. Noise is a common occurrence here. I regularly see students talking about books they have read, playing a heated game of chess, and chatting as

they work on computers. Learning often happens collaboratively, with students working together on research projects and giving each other guidance on their assignments. As the school librarian, I can frequently be found teaching classes on a range of topics that help students become better researchers and develop 21st century technology skills. I talk to students about what they are reading and make suggestions for new titles that may interest them. Only once have I had a complaint from students that the library was too loud. The library has a private conference room available to any student needing a noiseless study space. In this instance, though, the students decided not to use the quiet zone; I guess they preferred the loud library after all.

Jessica Pollock. Librarian

GHS TV STUDIO:

Mr. Hutchison of the GHS TV studio is pleased to announce that Dan Pelc and Alex Richardson have each been named Senior Producers for the film production class during the second semester. Their duties will include deciding on the theme of the class film project, script and storyboard. They will also co-direct the class film production. Mr. Hutchison is also pleased to name Samuel Trombley as the most improved student from quarter 1 to quarter 2. Dominic Yestramski has been named chief audio engineer for the TV Production class. A reminder that the Greenfield Public Schools "Five-Minute Film Festival" is accepting submissions until March 15th. Mr. Hutchison is available to consult with any students or faculty interested in participating and will also assist in filming and editing if time permits.

Drew Hutchison, Instructor

CULINARY ARTS COURSE:

Culinary Arts class made these delectable treats a few weeks ago and received very high marks! They're super easy and super delicious. You can purchase the wonton wrappers at any Asian market.

Asian Dumplings

4 oz. ground pork or chicken
1 Tablespoon soy sauce
¼ teaspoon cornstarch
¼ teaspoon sesame oil
¼ teaspoon garlic powder
1 scallion, finely chopped (optional)
16 wonton wrappers (can buy in some supermarkets and ALL Asian markets)
Oil, as needed

Directions:

1. Mix well all ingredients except won ton wrappers and oil.
2. Place about 2 teaspoons of filling onto the center of wrapper.
3. Moisten ½ of the rim of the wrapper with water then fold together and seal completely.
4. Repeat until all the filling and/or wrappers are used.

5. Heat about ¼ inch of oil in a large sauté pan.
6. Cook 4-6 dumplings on one side until golden brown. Carefully flip over and brown other side. If the dumplings brown too fast, turn down the heat. It should take 3-4 minutes per side.
7. Gently and carefully lift dumpling out of the oil. Place on a paper towel to absorb excess oil.
8. Sprinkle with salt and enjoy!

EIGHTH GRADE ACADEMY:

In Social Studies, 8th Grade Academy students have finished studying a unit on medieval Europe. As a part of this project students researched a Medieval European castle, wrote a report on it, and designed and constructed a model of the castle using graham crackers, frosting and other food decorations. The top ten castles were announced and awards were given. Castles were on display at our second quarter awards assembly on February 3rd. At that time, castles will be destroyed by catapults that were designed and build by students in Crazy Science class.

8th Grade Academy students also had the opportunity to give back to the Greenfield community by celebrating National Family Literacy Month. All students traveled to the Greenfield Public Library where the children’s room librarian, Kay Lyons, assisted them in receiving a library card and in checking out a picture book. On the day before Thanksgiving, the 8th graders walked to the Academy of Early Learning and Four Corners School to read to the pre-school and kindergarten students. The students expressed pride, enjoyment, and satisfaction in the experience and would like to do it again.

The 8th Grade Team

GREENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Over the past 9 years that the GHS Alumni Association has been in existence, we have given over \$50,000 to the high school from monies raised through donations and memberships. This money was used to buy English and Science Dept. Textbooks, Library Books and Furniture, Sustainable Energy Tools and curriculum materials, Art and Music Supplies and Equipment, Scientific Calculators, six Laptop Computers, various printer cartridges, Weightlifting Room Equipment, Misc. Athletic Equipment and Supplies, Whiteboards and supplies to replace chalkboards and chalk, and contributed to the purchase and building of the Softball Scoreboard at Vet’s Field. We also pay for the supplies for the Wall of Honor.

The GHSAA holds monthly meetings on the third THURSDAY of each month in the Faculty Lounge at GHS. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and usually ends by 8:30 p.m. All GHS graduates are welcome to attend.

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Wall of Honor

The next time you are in the high school check out the pictures of graduates that are hanging in the corridor between the Main Office and the Library. A complete listing of them will be printed in the next newsletter.

Mr. Pat Garland, English and Computer teacher have contributed much time to this program since the beginning. Betty Nee also works on making contact with former graduates and encouraging them to participate in this project. New members have been put up on the “Wall” during the summer and fall. If you know a graduate who has been out of high school ten or more years and who would like to be part of this program, pick up an application form from Betty at the high school office or call her at 413-772-1350 Ext. 111 and she will be glad to mail you the materials.

SUPPLIES FOR EDUCATION:

Please support Stop & Shop’s program of giving supplies to the high school.



SPRING, 2011 MCAS DATES

March

March 22nd ELA

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March 24th ELA

May

May 17th Math

May 18th Math

June

June 1st Science

June 2nd Science