



Greenfield High School Alumni Association

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Reuniting with our Past; Investing in the Future

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G.H.S. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT:

The GHSAA was organized in October of 2001 to find ways to enhance the educational experience offered at Greenfield High School and to create a family of GHS alumni and friends of public education. We will work to increase awareness of the achievements and activities of alumni and present GHS students. We will maintain an association of graduates and create connections to our local community to develop financial support. We accept donations, gifts, endowments and bequests so we may foster improvements in the programs offered in three areas: technology, academics and athletics. We are volunteers dedicated to enhancing the education offered at GHS.

ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 11/10 TO 11/11:

Cindi Bompastore, President, Susan Oxley, Vice-President, Secretary, Andi Drew, Joseph Lemay, Treasurer, Betty Nee, Membership Coordinator, John Spencer, Website Manager, Steven Lepore, Chairman-Board of Directors, Deb. Descavich, Dic Fournier, Drew Hutchison, Bryan Phillips, John, Nee, Jr., Bill Smith, Bryan Smith, and Linda Smith are members of the Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT (CINDI LEPORE BOMPASTORE '75)

The plans for the renovation of GHS are moving forward. The committee is in the process of choosing an architect and project manager. The submitted site plans have been reviewed and we are excited to see what changes the renovation will bring. Our association is very important, in the eyes of the state, because they require proof of community involvement. We have met our goal of enhancing GHS and with your help will continue to support the students and teachers of our alma mater. Recently we supplied classroom and project supplies for several very grateful teachers. These small gifts were so appreciated; the teachers spread the word among their colleagues resulting in many asking for specific supplies for their

classrooms. I am very surprised at the difference a small donation can make. I feel very satisfied that we can fulfill their wishes and make projects possible.

My class held our 35th reunion on October 6th, 2010. We met at GHS and were escorted on a tour by the current principal, Donna Woodcock. Many of us hadn't seen the entire building in many years. The science lab is incredible; the students are actually raising tortoises and seahorses! After memberships, donations and a 50/50 raffle; we were able to present a class gift of \$1200!!

I would like to personally thank all of you for your donations and hope that you will continue to support GHS!!

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT (STEVE LEPORE '78)

We utilize donations to create connections. We get teachers, students, and local businesses involved in projects, such as the installation of the scoreboard and a CAD design for our long term project, an Alumni Memorial Garden and all-weather track with field turf behind GHS. We have completed designs for both the sports complex and Memorial Garden. We would like to present them to you for evaluation, and hopefully, for your support to initiate a campaign to raise the funds needed to complete such a project.

Our community and school system needs a project like this to rally around, and to bring alumni and citizens together to enhance the spiritual and physical well-being of our children, residents, and visitors. We meet every third Thursday of each month in the Faculty Lounge at GHS @ 7:00 pm. Meetings usually last no more than

90 minutes. Please feel free to attend any meeting or contact the GHSAA by email or phone(413-772-1350 Ext.111).

Thank you for your time, and your commitment to improving our school community.



GHSAA TREASURER'S REPORT (JOE LEMAY '77)

Contributions and gifts were \$2,109. Gross support and revenue totaled \$7,990; this came from membership dues of \$3,105, investment income of \$1,437 and special events (Broadway show) of \$3,448.

Total Revenue for the year came to \$10,099.

Total expenses came to \$986. This included filing fees, postage, mailings, ads etc.

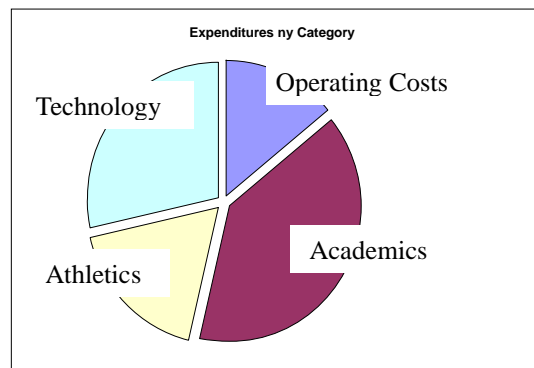
Our net assets for the end of the year are \$74,710.

Athletic Equipment and Supplies, Cheerleader's uniforms, Whiteboards, Smartboards 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. Thank you, **Joe Lemay, Treasurer.**

Where Your Donations Go

A list of our accomplishments to date:

Over the past 9 years that the GHS Alumni Association has been in existence, we have given over **\$60,000** 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.



The GREENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

--Is in need of additional membership to keep the association alive. If you would like **to join** the GHSAA, membership dues are \$20 annually from November to November. Five-Year Membership is \$80, Ten-Year Membership is \$150 and Lifetime Membership is \$200. The memberships are discounted 50% for senior citizens (60+) and graduates attending

schools of high learning. Call Betty at 413-772-1350 Ext. 111 for a membership form. Donations are always welcome and can also be counted toward your membership.

E-MAILS FOR NEWSLETTERS:

The Alumni Association would like to reduce costs by sending out as many as possible newsletters by e-mail. If you would like to receive a copy of future newsletter via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to betnee1@gpsk12.org.

GRADUATES WALL OF HONOR:

The next time you are in the high school check out the 47 pictures of graduates that are hanging in the corridor between the Main Office and the Library. They are:

John Bednarski	1945	Architect/Designer of present GHS- Retired
Robert Bitzer	1945	Post Office worker for 44 yrs.- Retired
George Jonelunas	1945	GHS Math Teacher-Retired
Robert E. Faust	1945	Pharmaceutical/Chemistry Positions-Retired
John P. Nee, Sr.	1949	Elem. School Custodian-Deceased
Betty Manners	1951	Community Services, EMT, and Nurse’s Office at FCTS-Retired
Betty Spencer Nee	1952	HS Principal’s Secretary-Retired - 1997 Full-time Volunteer at GHS – 1999 to present
George Herzig	1957	Greenfield Fire Chief - Retired
Paul McDonald	1958	Chief Probation Officer-Retired
Rose-Marie Alex Bassett	1959	HS Paraprofessional-Retired
William F. Bassett, Jr.	1959	HS Art Teacher, HS-Retired Assistant & Principal at GHS
Edward “Skip” Hammond	1959	Founder of GBI Marketing-Retired
Sandra Herzig	1959	Greenfield School Dept., Director of Food Services-Retired
Neal Owen Graves	1960	Accounting Firms, Retired
Len Remaly	1960	Chemical Companys & Hiker - Retired
Monsignor John Sweeley	1961	Theologian and Writer
Dr. Phil Gris�	1965	Professor – Florida State Univ. at Tallahassee, FL. - Retired
William Phelps	1965	Former Vet.’s Job Counselor-Retired
Christopher Ethier	1966	Owner/Operator-Bicycle World
Cheryl Harvey Misch	1966	GHS History Teacher-Retired
Harold L. Shattuck, Jr.	1966	US Marine/Deceased
Dean Tatro	1969	Business Owner/New Zealand
Andie McGahan Drew	1970	GHS Para-Professional, GHSAA Secretary
Michael Maleno	1971	ROV Technologies
Christian Jacobs	1972	GHS History Teacher
Jane (Kowalski) Smith	1973	HS Nurse
Barbara Ferrante	1975	Investigator.Fed.Inv.Service/Boston
Donna Woodcock	1976	GHS Principal
Lisa Dusell	1977	GHS Para-Professional
Kathleen Merrigan	1978	US Dir. Of Agriculture
Andrew (Drew) Hutchison	1989	GHS TV Studio; GCTV Producer
Suzanne(Oakes) Herzig	1980	Para – Sunderland Elementary School
Timothy Herzig	1980	Controller, Community Health Center of Franklin County
Lisa Facey Moore	1981	GHS Phys.Ed./Health Teacher
Timothy Kenny	1981	Portfolio Mgr.-Babson Capital Management
Nancy Walsh	1983	Stage & Film Performer, Co-founder of “PresentCo.”A Theater Co. in NYC
Michael Kuchieski	1984	GHS Athletic Director

Bobby Campbell	1985	Owens a DJ Business and is a Radio Announcer
Michael S. Johnson	1985	Asst. VP Greenfield Coop.Bank in Financial Services
Bill Bomtempi	1986	Dentist
Tara Phelps Cloutier	1988	GHS Spanish Teacher, Yearbook Advisor
Timothy Farrell	1989	F.W.Farrell Insurance Agency, President, Greenfield City Council
Patrick Garland	1989	GHS English Teacher
Kenneth Fortin	1990	GHS Student Services
Jed McColgan	1991	Sergeant, U.S. Army
Maura McDonald	1993	Assistant Probation Officer
Angela DeSanty Mass	1995	GHS Math Teacher, Student Council Advisor
Nils Taylor	1998	Filmmaker-Calif.

Mr. Pat Garland, English and Computer teacher has contributed much time to this program since the beginning. Betty 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

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT GIVEN 3-YEAR CONTRACT:

After serving two years as Interim Superintendent, Dr. Susan Hollins has been awarded a three year contract at Superintendent. Dr. Hollins came to Greenfield Public Schools when the schools were at a very low moral and financial time. She has spent days devoted to the correction of the schools problems and with her guidance the schools are now stable and improving. Students who chose to leave the system are now returning to new programs both educational and extra-curricular.

GHS LOSES MUCH LOVED HISTORY TEACHER:

GAIL STEINBRING, age 53, died on Friday, July 16, 2010 after a three-month battle with ovarian cancer. Gail touched the lives of many students during her 16 years at the high school. She was beloved and admired by her colleagues, friends and family. Gail was the advisor to the National Honor Society and a scholarship in her honor was established through donations from her family, colleagues and friends. The award will be presented at Graduation, 2011 for the first time to an outstanding history student.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES: MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Senior Activities – Last Day of Regular Classes is Monday, May 25. Senior Final Exams start on Tuesday, May 26. Senior Prom at the Delaney House on Thursday, May 27. First Graduation Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 2. Senior Last Assembly at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2. Second Graduation Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 3. Senior Class Night at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 3. The Senior Class Trip to High Meadows is Friday, June 4th at 7:30 a.m. GRADUATION is at 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, June 6th at GCC.

GCC PROFESSOR HEADS FOR OXFORD:

Carolyn McLellan, a professor of English at GCC for the past 40 years, supporter and graduate of GHS, traveled to England this past summer to participate in this year’s Oxford Round Table. She shared her editing method, X-Word Grammar, with attendees at Harris Manchester College at the University of Oxford.

SOME TIBITS FROM CHIP AINSWORTH’S COLUMNS:

At the end of a column, I asked readers to follow up with their own memories of living in Franklin County and Jim (Skip) Fotopulos e-mailed that he remembered boxing with 32-ounce gloves in GHS gym class. “The best matches were Ray Bryant against Ken Myers or Ed (Bubba) Hayes. He also wrote that before Fribbles at Friendly’s there were awful-awfuls at the Greenfield Dairy – “Drink three and get the fourth free.”

Beth Davenport (daughter of Buster and Helene) grew up in Greenfield and is now a marathon runner who lives in Santa Fe, NM. She wrote to suggest, “You might be from Franklin County if your boyfriend is sick of hearing where Woolworth’s was and where Brown’s Toy Store used to be, and you bought your dad his Father’s Day bow ties at

Michaelman Carson where the clerk put your money into a little metal “mouse” that ran on a track up the wall and along the ceiling to the cashier’s office on the second floor, and your receipt and change came back in the same little mouse.”

Steve Kramer remembers a wintry night in the 1960s when GHS played St.Joe’s at Springfield College, but we’ll let tom Almstead tell the rest of the story. “The summit house atop Mt. Sugarload was burning as we rode the “pep” bus back from Springfield following a tournament hoops loss to St. Joe’s in 1966. We had a good team that year; Pete Hanley, Billy Bush, Rick Sibley, Dan MacDonald, Ed Haseltine and one of the finest pure shooters GHS has ever seen in Steve Kelleher. It needs to be mentioned here that Kramer had GHS winning in 1965, while Almstead had them losing in 1966, but the Summit House burned just once so somebody’s a year off and a game short.

WHAT’s Jeff Tirrell says he won’t forget former Greenfield YMCA director Peter Duffy. He also says, You know your from Franklin County if you took a step-ladder to the Turkey Day game so you could peer over the heads of the four-deep crowds in the end zone, and you remember the 1981 Thanksgiving Day game, with SuperBowl-bound Greenfield sporting ‘BEAT TURNERS’ on special jerseys. The final score was Turners 21, Greenfield 14.

And no one will forget Stan Benjamin who passed away of Christmas Eve, 2009 at age 95.

Greenfield’s **Josh Hillman** had a busy two weeks running a pair of pro-ams at Casa de Campo in the Dominican Republic. Josh, who is the head pro at Berkshire Hills in Pittsfield says he was down there in December and they asked if I’d come back for the two tourneys. He met the boss of the U.S, Golf Assoc., David Fay and Prince Hassan from Morocco. Also saw the local team sweep five straight to win the Dominican version of the World Series.

If you have stories about GHS Grads that you would like to share, please send them along to Betty Nee so that she can put them in the next issues of the GHS Alumni Newsletter.

A FEW OF THE MANY GHS GRADS WHO ARE DOING WELL WITH THEIR HIGHER EDUCATION:

Charles Cooper, a junior majoring in actuarial mathematics and **Megan McKenzie**, a senior majoring in international business in finance, at Bryant University, Smithfield RI, has been named to the dean’s list for the fall 2010 season.

Meghan McHugh, a sophomore majoring in health science at Springfield College, has been named to the dean’s list for the fall 2010 season.

Jonathan Hillman, GHS and UMASS-Lowell summa cum laude graduate with a Master of Science degree in Energy Engineering and a team of young engineers have been selected to be one of 20 teams from around the world to compete in the fifth U.S. Dept. of Energy’s Solar Decathlon. The competition will be located on the National Mall in Washington DC, in the fall of 2011.

GREENFIELD EDUCATION FOUNDATION:

In year one, the foundation raised \$54,000 to purchase extras for the Greenfield School System. The high school’s share of this money was used to purchase software for a high school virtual chemistry lab, a high-powered microscope and power meters for physics and chemistry, alternative energy Aerocoupe vehicle kit, warm-up suits for track and field teams, set materials and cameras for the newly reopened TV Studio (filmmaking at GHS-watch for the April 1&2 Film Festival), and microphones for the Music Department.

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 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 appreciate 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 p.m. in Rm. 118. It is open to grades 8-12 and there is no cost to join.

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 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!

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! Paul Calcari, Instructor

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 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. Hutchinson 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. Hutchinson 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!

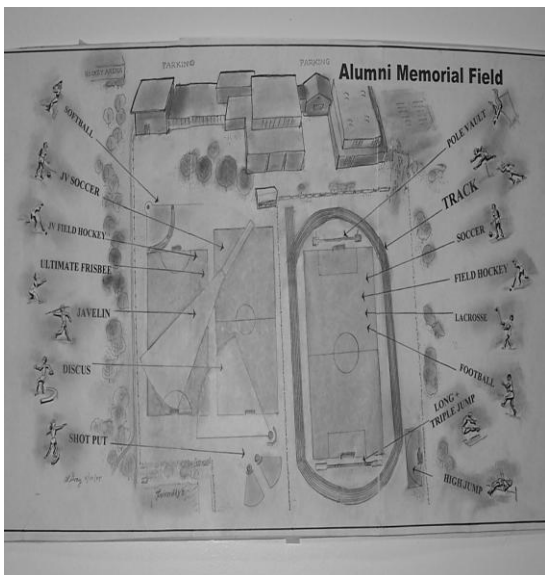
Jeff Sadowski, Instructor

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

A HOPE FOR AN ADDITION TO THE GHS RENOVATION PLANS!!!!!!!!!!!!



**Alumni Memorial Field
And Track**



Alumni Memorial Garden