

Gator Bites

The Official Newsletter of Greene Central School - January Edition

The staff at GCS would like to wish all of you a very happy new year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday & vacation. We're looking forward to reconnecting with the students this week! Read on for all the news that's fit to print.

- Principal McDonough



Winter is here!

The recent snowfall is sure to create some excitement around recess at GCS! Please be sure to send your child to school with the proper winter clothing including a hat, mittens (or gloves), a winter jacket, snow pants & boots. We do keep extras on hand in the office, but not nearly enough to go around! If you need assistance obtaining any of the items listed above, please contact Jennifer Simmons, our School Counselor.



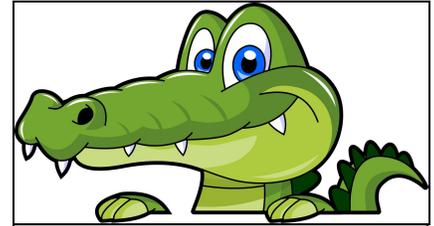
Substitute Teachers Desperately Needed

Have you ever considered becoming a substitute teacher? There are many benefits to "subbing" at GCS. First, we have great kids and an awesome staff. Though I suppose you already knew that! :) You can become a

part of our team! Second, your hours will match those of your child(ren). Pick up and drop off would be convenient. Third, there is little to no take-home work for substitute teachers. Your afternoons and evenings would be free! Fourth, the pay rate for substitute teachers was recently increased by district administration and the school board. Daily pay rates range from \$70-80 for teaching positions. Long-term Substitute Teachers may earn as much as \$150 per day, and Substitute Educational Technicians earn \$65-70 per day. Often, half-day assignments become available if a full day does not fit your schedule. MSAD 52 Adult Education offers a substitute teacher training course to provide you with the basics. Please consider applying to become a substitute teacher.

Congratulations GCS Bands & 5-6th Chorus!

The Beginning and Intermediate Bands and 5th-6th Chorus put on a terrific show last month. The performances featured a number of traditional, contemporary, and holiday songs that showcased our students' talents. Assistant Principal Pilote was thoroughly impressed with the musicianship and the size of the audience as well.



IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
1/5	Board Mtg. @ LCS 6p
1/6	Tooth Fairies at GCS
1/16	NO SCHOOL: MLK Day
1/19	Board Mtg. @ TES 6p
1/23	NO SCHOOL: Teacher In-service
1/24	Start of 3rd Quarter
1/31	Friends of GCS Mtg. 6p

From the School Counselor's Desk:

A huge thank you to Maine State Police Detective Abbe Chabot for presenting to parents on Wednesday, December 14th, on the advantages and disadvantages of social media. She provided up-to-date information on the danger that children unknowingly put themselves in when using some of the most common apps on their electronic devices. (Continued on back.)



More on reverse!

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Parents were encouraged to:

- Call cell phone carriers to find out what specific parent controls can be placed on phones for safety reasons.
- Research the common apps in order to make decisions in their household about usage of those apps.
- Make thoughtful rules and set boundaries regarding how their children access social media.
- Monitor own (parent) behavior on social media and how it is influencing your child's behavior or what message you are sending to your child about appropriate use.
- Keep communication open with their children, children's friends, and children's friends parents to discuss what kids are experiencing and to stay alert to signs of risky behavior.

Thank you, Detective Chabot for presenting to us. We appreciate your time and expertise!