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The official quarterly GSD community newsletter

WINTER 2025

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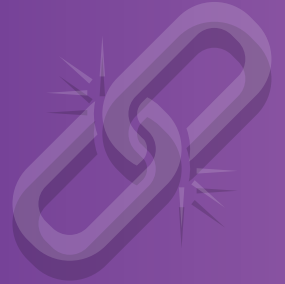
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Addison Czeck, GHS Assistant Principal, Athletic Director, and Summer School Director, zooms through the GHS Homecoming Pep Rally showing his Pirate Pride!



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EXCITING CLASSES IN THIS YEAR'S CLC AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The CLC After-School Program is in full swing, offering an expanded lineup of exciting classes for students to try.

New additions this year include:

- Rock Art
- Free Time
- Storytime
- Draw What You Hear
- Painting
- Chess
- Creative Coloring
- Learn to Hand Sew

Students can also enjoy returning favorites like:

- Puzzles
- How to Draw
- Computer Fun
- Math & Music Integration
- Building/Engineering
- Minecraft
- Knitting & Crocheting
- Tutoring
- Girls Basketball
- Lego Building
- Play-Doh
- Volleyball Basics
- Card & Board Games
- Games & Activities

We love seeing our students exploring, creating, and learning together!



TRIMESTER 3 - CLC AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Registration is open ONLINE ONLY from 3:30 p.m. on Friday, February 21, to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, February 28. The online form will be available for registration.

Learn more by visiting:

www.gk12.net/page/clc-after-school-program

REMINDER

'JOY IN CHINESE COOKING' BRINGS FLAVOR AND FUN

On October 24, Community Education hosted a sold-out cooking class led by Chef Peter H. Kwong, titled "Joy in Chinese Cooking."

Participants enjoyed hands-on instruction to create a variety of delicious and simple dishes. The class culminated in tasting their creations and taking home a plate of their culinary masterpieces.

Mark your calendar—Chef Peter returns for more cooking classes on February 27 and April 3! Don't miss the chance to join the fun.

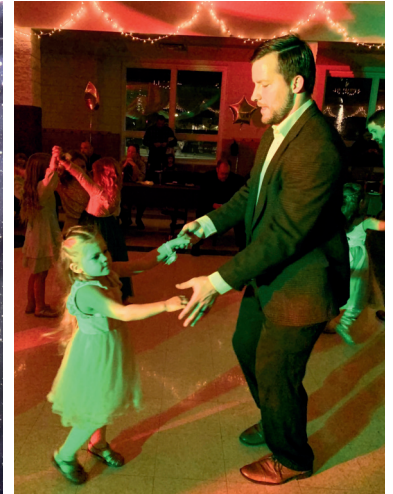


DAZZLING DAUGHTER DANCE - A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

Over 200 girls and their fathers or father-figures enjoyed “A Night Under the Stars” at this year’s Dazzling Daughter Dance, hosted by Grantsburg Community Education.

The evening began with the fathers receiving corsages to present to their daughters, while each girl was given a gold star to write down her favorite thing about her escort, to be later drawn for a chance to win prizes.

A heartfelt thank-you to the many volunteers who made this event shine: Theresa Anderson, Sue Bunting, Carrie Byers, James Hinrichs, Jenna Michel, Jennifer Michel, Kristine Peterson, Stephanie Peterson, Wade Peterson, Joan Quimby, Sally Schultz, Leesa Shultz, Erin Spohn, Michelle Taylor, Cheryl Wedin, the Grantsburg Drive-In, Nonna Luce Del' Sole Pizzeria, and the High School FCS & Design Classes.



Mark your calendar for
October 18, 2025 to join us for
 this magical tradition!



DIY DECORATIVE SIGNS CLASS BRINGS CREATIVITY

This fall, community members enjoyed a DIY Decorative Signs class by instructor Sue Bunting. Participants had the opportunity to design and assemble their custom wooden signs, creating pieces perfectly tailored to their homes.

The class offered a complete "do-it-yourself" experience, and everyone left with a professional-looking sign and plenty of smiles.



CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING CLASS

On December 7, Community Education hosted a Christmas Cookie Decorating class with Zoe Picton of Chaos & Coneflowers Custom Cookies.

Participants followed step-by-step instructions to craft stunning sugar cookie designs!





ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

GIRLS GOLF TEAM CELEBRATES HISTORIC SEASON

The Grantsburg girls golf team wrapped up its first season in the Heart O' North Conference and fifth season overall with outstanding achievements. This year, the team secured its first-ever conference meet win, and every member earned all-conference team points—a feat that may be a first in Grantsburg history for any golf team, boys or girls!

Congratulations on a remarkable season!



PIRATES CROSS COUNTRY FINISHES STRONG

Pirates cross country wrapped up a successful season with impressive performances from both the girls and boys teams. One highlight was the girls team taking first place at the Frederic-Luck Meet.

Both teams consistently improved throughout the season, with runners achieving personal records at multiple meets.

Congratulations on a tremendous season!



#GoGrantsburgPirates





ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL SHINES IN A STELLAR SEASON

The GHS varsity volleyball team celebrated an outstanding season, finishing with a 26-8 record and ranking among the top 10 Division III teams in the state all season.

Their only losses were to Division I and II teams and state-ranked Division III and IV teams. The team's impressive season concluded with a hard-fought match against Barron, the #1 ranked Division III team and eventual state champs.

Six Pirates earned All-Conference honors:

- First Team: Whitney Myers, Ruby Rengo, Aliya Henderson
- Second Team: Anika Lee, Selah Prusinski
- Honorable Mention: Kaylie Moore

All-State voting is still to come. Congratulations on an incredible season, Pirates Volleyball!



FOOTBALL MAKES HISTORY WITH CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP, STATE FINALS APPEARANCE

The Pirates football team had a season to remember, capturing its third consecutive Lakeland Conference title with an impressive 8-1 overall record and an undefeated conference run.

For the first time in school history, the team advanced to the state championship game. This historic season was driven by a dedicated senior class: Nolan Branstad, Avery Brown, Ian Burkman, Brady Burton, Zach Carlson, Dane Lozier, Alex McCormick, and Norm Jensen.

Congratulations, Pirates football, on an unforgettable season!





GHS, GMS STUDENTS SHINE IN FALL PLAY

GHS and GMS students presented the comedy *Everything You Wanted to Know About Your Teachers But Were Afraid to Ask* this fall. Rehearsals began in mid-September, with a flexible schedule that allowed students to balance the production with their busy fall activities.

The play explored teachers' lives inside and outside the classroom, with hilarious scenes imagining what it's like to meet a teacher at the grocery store or uncover the "training" they receive.

Students had a blast bringing this lighthearted story to life. It was a fun, inclusive way to engage everyone involved. Bravo to the cast and crew on a fantastic performance!



ART STUDENTS EXPLORE CULTURE, CREATIVITY ON MUSEUM TRIP

On December 6, a full bus of art students set off for a field trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Art and the Midtown Global Market. Upon their arrival, students participated in docent-led tours, giving them insight into the diverse art collection across three floors.

Some student favorites included the expressive Impressionist painting *Grainstack, Sun in the Mist* by Claude Monet, the intricate Italian sculpture *Veiled Lady* by Raffaello Monti, and the elaborate 17th-century Japanese suit of armor.



After exploring the museum, students enjoyed lunch at the Midtown Global Market, where they sampled cuisines from different cultures, including Mexican, Thai, and others.

A special thank you to our adult chaperones for their support and assistance. Your help made the day run smoothly, and it was truly an enjoyable experience for all.

HEALTH 10 STUDENTS TAKE ON ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE

Students in Health 10 took part in an interactive escape room challenge designed to educate them about the dangers of vaping. The Burnett County Health Department and Burnett Medical partnered to bring staff and supplies to facilitate the engaging and informative experience!



GHS ART STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE MEMORY PROJECT

The High School Art room is abuzz with creativity as students take on unique challenges and develop meaningful projects. One favorite activity is the **Memory Project**, a nonprofit organization that invites art students to create portraits for children who have faced significant challenges, such as neglect, abuse, violence, and extreme poverty.



This term, seven GHS Art students volunteered to create portraits for children in India who are living in deep poverty and facing difficult family situations.

Despite these challenges, the children remain hopeful about their education and future. The portraits provide young individuals with a sense of acknowledgment, encouragement, and cherished memories from childhood.

The completed portraits will be mailed to the Memory Project and distributed to children across various countries. Students will

even receive the unique opportunity to learn about the children's reactions to the artwork, making it a meaningful exchange of kindness and friendship.



FEAR-ME-NOT MONSTER PROJECT COMFORTS LOCAL CHILDREN

As part of the Toddler Development Unit in Ms. Taylor's Child Development class at GHS, students explored the social and emotional development of children ages 2-5. To address the challenges children face when encountering new experiences, social situations, learning tasks, or recovering from trauma, students created hand-sewn "Fear-Me-Not Monsters."



These cuddly companions are designed to provide comfort and security to children. Each monster is unique and will be donated to kids in the Grantsburg area. A personalized profile will be included with each stuffed monster, featuring its name, a brief description, special abilities, and a list of its favorite things.

The project aims to help young children feel supported and empowered to overcome their fears and foster a sense of confidence and comfort.



RECOGNIZING RED RIBBON WEEK

Grantsburg Middle School recognized Red Ribbon Week October 23-31, 2024. During this week, GMS Hope Squad members worked to promote respectful and responsible behavior, healthy decision making, and drug and alcohol prevention.

Activities included a schoolwide assembly, daily morning announcements, positive poster messages, and encouraging all students to pledge to stay healthy and drug free. The Hope Squad also engaged with the community by participating in the bi-annual GMS Family Engagement Night.



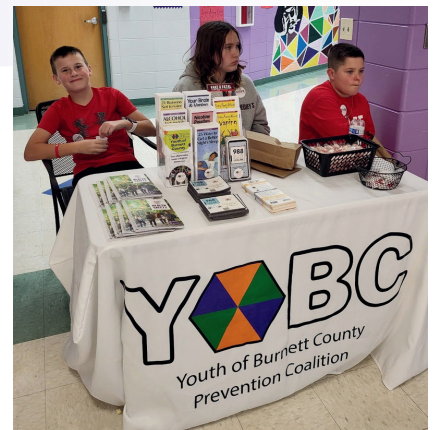
The week was a great success in encouraging students to make positive choices for a healthier future!



GMS HOSTS FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT

On October 29, Grantsburg Middle School hosted its bi-annual Family Engagement Night. The event featured several informative and engaging activities, including YOBC Red Ribbon Week AODA awareness and prevention trivia.

One highlight was the “Hidden In Plain Sight” demonstration room, presented by Jessica Demontigny from the Burnett County Department of Health and Human Services, showcasing signs of substance abuse. Carissa Kammeyer led a presentation on cyber safety.



In addition, the GMS Hope Squad, GMS Student Council, YOBC, and Burnett County set up booths, offering a mix of information and entertainment for event guests. The evening was a valuable opportunity for families to learn about safety, prevention, and healthy decision-making.

7TH GRADE GIRLS ATTEND SONIA KOVALEVSKY DAY AT UW-EAU CLAIRE

On November 2, Ms. Owens took a group of 7th grade girls to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire for the Sonia Kovalevsky Day event, hosted by the university's Math and Computer Science departments. Students learned about the mathematics of voting and how the Electoral College functions.



GMS RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING STUDENT CITIZENS

Grantsburg Middle School recognized the Outstanding Student Citizens of Quarter 1 on December 6. This recognition was part of an effort to practice gratitude and reinforce the values of the Pirate Way and the GMS School Culture Goal.

These students who demonstrated respectful, responsible, and safe behavior throughout the first quarter were celebrated during the assembly:

- Audrey Anderson
- Branson Flanagan
- Whitney Goldman
- Allison Hansen
- Axel Jensen
- Karina Lee
- Luella Melin
- Dane Moore
- Aidan Quin
- Aria Seume
- Aubrey Taylor
- Gabe Tyberg
- Violet Tyberg
- Tristan Vaksdal



GMS HOPE SQUAD HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Grantsburg Middle School Hope Squad organized a schoolwide food drive for the Grantsburg Area Food Shelf, collecting over 500 pounds of food on December 17.

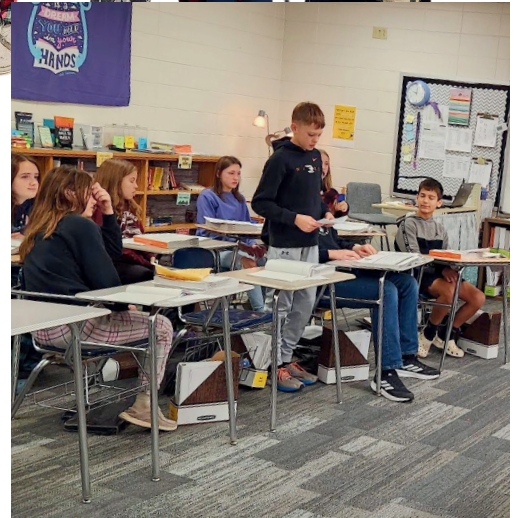
Thanks to the generosity of students and staff, this food drive significantly contributed to helping local families in need. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated to this worthy cause!



WAS HE INSANE? DEBATING 'THE TELL-TALE HEART'

After reading Edgar Allan Poe's *The Tell-Tale Heart*, 7th grade students engaged in a lively debate about the narrator's sanity.

To prepare for the debate, students first studied the legal definition of criminal insanity. Then, they examined evidence from the story to support their assigned argument. They collaborated effectively in teams, presenting evidence and engaging in spirited arguments against the opposing side.



"Judge Poe" was impressed with how well the students represented the story!

GRANTSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Do You Have Children Aged **BIRTH TO 4 YEARS OLD?**

Let us know by completing the form in the QR code below.
The Grantsburg School District supports your child's development
with valuable resources to help you through **every** milestone.



Please fill out the short form to add your children to our school database.

Scan the QR Code
or visit www.bit.ly/gsdchildform





COUNTDOWN TO WINTER BREAK WITH KINDNESS

In the leadup to winter break, students at GES focused on giving rather than receiving. Each day, students opened an ornament from their class "giving tree," revealing a task to complete.

Some of their favorite tasks included delivering treats to other classes, making dog toys for the Humane Society, bringing donations to the food shelf, writing letters to active military personnel, and making tie blankets for the local emergency room. These daily acts of kindness have filled the days with meaningful moments and a spirit of generosity!



3RD GRADERS PERFORM 'ANDROCLES AND THE LION'

In the final celebration of their reading unit on Ancient Rome, 3rd grade students in Miss Dahl's class performed a readers' theater of the Roman fable *Androcles and the Lion*. Students brought the story to life with costumes and shared their performance with family members!





Celebrating the holiday season!



INTRODUCING YOUTH VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

We are excited to introduce Tyler and Alexis Nerison, Youth Volunteers of the Year, at the Rhode Center for the Arts with Lakeside Players!

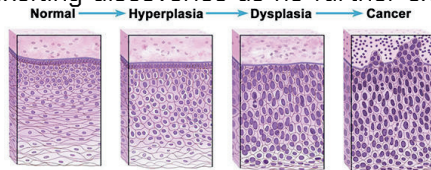
Alexis shines both on and off the stage. She works behind the scenes while not performing, helping with crew duties. Tyler is the youngest stage manager in the Lakeside Players' 100-year history! His dedication, skill, and leadership in the tech booth have earned him high praise from directors and board members.

Congratulations to Alexis and Tyler for their outstanding contributions—and thank you for your two years of volunteering!



STUDENTS ENGAGE IN EXCITING SSEP PROJECTS

Students are putting their hard work and enthusiasm into their Science and Space Exploration Program (SSEP) projects! Seventh grader David Croft has been closely studying cancer cells for his project. Using a microscope, David could observe the cancer cells most clearly at 40x magnification power, making exciting discoveries as he further explored his scientific research.



IFORWARD CELEBRATES HOMECOMING

iForward had fantastic representation at the Homecoming Parade this year! Staff, families, and students gathered for a fun-filled day, including enjoying lunch together, playing outdoor games, and handing out candy during the parade. It was a great way to celebrate school spirit and connect with the community!



SOLIDWORKS CLASS-3D PRINTER CREATIONS

This year, the SolidWorks class is back in action with fantastic 3D printing projects!

- Ethan Smith (12th grade) started with a custom dog food scoop designed for his mastiff, Prince.
- Kale Tautges (9th grade) created a sleek and practical iPhone stand.
- Conner K. (10th grade) took on the challenge of creating a set of LEGO pieces!

It's great seeing our students use their skills to create unique and practical items with the 3D printer.



FALL FAMILY FIELD TRIPS

On October 18, iForward families gathered for the Fall Family Field Trips! Participants enjoyed nine in-person field trips all across Wisconsin. Three virtual field trips were also hosted for those unable to attend the in-person events to ensure everyone could take part in some way. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make these field trips a big success!



NHS MAKES A DIFFERENCE

NHS members have dedicated their time to projects that benefit the local community and beyond. From clearing trails at a nature center to coaching youth sports and volunteering at a NICU, these students have worked tirelessly to create positive change.

Thank you to all NHS members for your dedication and hard work this season. Your efforts are making a lasting impact!

