

Green Local Schools

“Drive to Excellence”

2015-2016 Smithie Newsletter Issue #3

VISION

“Preparing Students for Life
through
Excellence in Education”

MISSION

Educate Everyone, Everyday

WE BELIEVE

- ◆ All students can and have the opportunity to learn
- ◆ All students matter and their best interest is the foundation of all decisions
- ◆ In continual improvement and the ongoing pursuit of excellence
- ◆ A quality education is the shared responsibility of family, schools and community
- ◆ Resources are finite, and we must use them responsibly
- ◆ Safe and healthy facilities promote positive learning experiences
- ◆ The values of the community are important to the learning process
- ◆ Good communication is open, honest, and timely

Dear Parents and Community Partners,

As we head into 2016, the Green Local Board of Education and I would like to share the district's Vision, Mission and Beliefs statements. The vision directs “where we want to go”, the mission defines “how we are going to get there” and the beliefs provide the framework for “how we make decisions along the way” in the areas of continuous improvement, student achievement, management of capital and financial resources and student safety.

At this time of year, we are reminded of how fortunate we are to have such a supportive community. Parents and staff members have volunteered time, food, craft supplies and many other items to enable our students to have a great holiday season. Students learn not only the lessons in the classroom but lessons of life by witnessing compassion and kindness in the adults around them. Thank you!

Warmest holiday wishes, Judy Robinson, Superintendent



The SHS/GMS Drama Club held “Breakfast with Santa” on Dec. 12. Shown are several “elves” that helped that day and agreed to pose with Santa and Superintendent Robinson.

Pictured Left to Right are: Tyler Ullman, Rebecca Snure, Brandon Shearer, Judy Robinson, Justin Gerber, Matthew Yount , Santa, Alexis Yount, Sydney Mullin, Cassandra Kuehn. **Photo courtesy of www.sylvart.com**

Appreciation Breakfast Invitation!

Business, agricultural and organizational partners are invited to the 5th Annual Appreciation Breakfast, Friday, March 4, 2016, SHS cafeteria from 7:00am—8:00am.

The breakfast is open to anyone who supports our schools through their work - whether you are a business owner, farmer, church or non-profit organization!

Please RSVP by calling 330-669-3921, ext. 5000 or email gren_shaffer@tccsa.net

Live from GES!

This year at Green Elementary School, the fifth grade has assumed the responsibility of writing and presenting the morning announcements daily. The students volunteer to participate on a crew of three. Each crew is responsible for a week of announcements. The students report to Mr. Besancon's room during WIN (What I Need) time to research items to be included in the announcements, write the script, and practice the announcements. The scripts are typed on a shared document via Google Drive so that all students are involved in creating the script. Students have a wide variety of information available to include on the announcements. Some of the most popular parts of the announcements are "Trivia Thursday" and "On this day in history...". Students develop a trivia question that is asked every Thursday and is answered electronically by each homeroom. Most questions are related to current or seasonal events. The historical facts usually tell students about the history of the United States or important world events. The students have embraced the responsibility and leadership provided through this educational experience.

Pictured are (L to R)
Evan Sustar, Ashley Luginbuhl, and
Kayla Bumgardner.



Kindergarten registration for Green Elementary will be held [Monday, March 7th, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday,](#)



[March 9th, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.](#) Your child will need to be five by August 1st to be eligible for kindergarten. After January 11th please call the school at 330-669-3501 to set up an appointment. Please bring your child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof of residency and custody papers (if applicable).

SAGE SCHOLARS TUITION REWARDS

Simply by participating in the Great American fundraising program, GES students earned a total of \$26,000 in college tuition. Over 340 Private Colleges and Universities across American participate in this exciting program. Students may earn up to "One Full Year" of credit towards tuition! Tuition Rewards Points may be earned through every eligible Great American program they participate in...year after year. Please check out www.tuitionrewards.com to learn more about participating schools, how to register and how to redeem rewards. Congratulations to Austin Sanderson, Emma Sayre, Conrad Marshall and Noah Stoll who each earned \$2,500 towards college tuition.

A Blast from the Past!!

On November 25, 2015, second graders at Green Elementary experienced how life as a Pilgrim and Wampanoag Indian lived in the 1620's. Our students traveled to all three second grade classrooms. Parent volunteers came in to help make this experience come to life! In Mr. Johnson's room the children got to see how the Native Americans got their food through hunting and planting. They made medicine bags. They were also able to learn about how they used animals for tools, clothing and jewelry. They even got to touch the real pelts (courtesy of Mr. Indermuhle). The children played a Native American game called the basket game. In Mrs. Martin's class the students created a tin punch ornament by using a hammer

and a nail. They played on stilts as the Pilgrim children would have. They also made butter and ate it on delicious homemade bread made by Mrs. Martin! In Mrs. Sundberg's room the students dipped candles and learned how they used to use animal fat. They made a four square quilt design with fabric and they learned how to play the game of marbles and jacks (the later was a game introduced after the Pilgrims.) Everyone had a great time and learned a lot. This all tied into our Social Studies Curriculum through the History Strand by showing change over time with artifacts and how science and technology have changed daily life.





Green Elementary Teachers Assist ODE

In the last newsletter it was reported that 4th grade teacher Deana Hawk from Green Local was chosen to participate with other teachers in the development of new state assessments. The district is pleased to report that two more teachers, Nancy Dravenstott and Joel Besancon have also been invited to provide input to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) on the various components of the 5th grade language arts and math state assessments. Congratulations Nancy and Joel and thank you for being willing to serve in this capacity!

For information on the new state assessments, please visit the district's webpage www.green-local.org and click on "Accountability" on the left hand side.

GIFTED PROGRAM TESTING REFERRALS

For the 2016-2017 school year, our district will offer gifted services for 1st-8th graders in reading and math through cluster grouping. Current Kindergarten through 7th grade students must be referred in order to participate in gifted identification testing. (2nd graders do not need to be referred for testing, as all students were tested in November.) Parents / guardians may refer their children by submitting the "Referral Form" that can be found on the district gifted page, <http://www.green-local.k12.oh.us/district/content-page/green-local-gifted-program>. Under "Area of Consideration" on the referral form, "**Superior Cognitive Ability**" must be selected. The "Parent Consent for Testing Form" is also available at this link, and is required for test administration. Both forms should be completed and submitted to Lori Ebert at either Green Local Schools' office by **January 29, 2016**. This is a very firm deadline. For more details about the gifted program, go to the district gifted page at the address above. If you have any questions or need to request paper copies of the referral and consent forms, please contact Lori Ebert at 330-669-3501 or gren_ebert@tccsa.net.

"Superintendent's Student Advisory Cabinet"



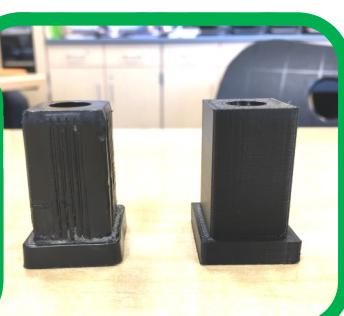
Attention High School Seniors: Superintendent, Judy Robinson, will be taking applications from high school seniors in January to fill student advisory cabinet positions. The cabinet will meet monthly and will provide input to the school district from a student's perspective. As seniors preparing to graduate, feedback on your experiences at Green Local Schools is important for the district's ongoing commitment to excellence! Please consider this leadership opportunity! The Guidance Office will send information out in early January.

THANK YOU!

To Mr. Frank Besancon for
12 years of service on the
Green Local
Board of Education.

DESIGN AND 3D PRINTER

When a wheel assembly broke on a computer cart, Mr. Hochstetler turned to Smithville senior Jaret Woodward to design and 3D print a replacement part for the cart. Jaret started by taking measurements of the original piece. He then entered the data into the design software and started constructing the replica. The printing of the part was the final step. The final product was a perfect fit and the cart was soon back in action transporting computers throughout the school. The cost of the 3D printed replacement part was only \$0.63.



Great job Jaret!

Wayne County Farm Toy Show
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2016

Smithville High School
200 Smithie Drive
Smithville, Ohio 44677
Sponsored by: *Smithville FFA Alumni*
Show Hours 9:00am-3:00pm
Dealer Spaces (8 feet): \$15.00 (Your table) - \$20.00 (Our table)
Admission: Cost: \$2.00 Free – 10 and under w/ Adult
For Information and Tables Contact:
Mandy Atterholt, Smithville FFA Advisor
330-669-3165 ext. 3119
Email: gren_aatterholt@tccsa.net
or Bob Platt 330-669-9455

"School Closing & Delay"

It is always a good idea to check two sources in the morning before sending your child out to wait for the bus.
*WQKT online at <http://wqkt.com/closings-delays/> and on the radio at 104.5 FM
*Green Local Schools Weather Alert - Sign up on the district webpage to receive a text message; Green Local website (green-local.org)
*MCTV Channel 10 Wooster
*Fox TV 8 Cleveland (will also send text alerts) <http://fox8.com/closings/>
*Channel 19 News Cleveland - also sends text alerts <http://www.cleveland19.com/>

Green Elementary 330-669-3501

Smithville High/Green Middle 330-669-3165

Green Local Schools Board Office 330-669-3921

DATES TO REMEMBER

January

January 4—School Reconvenes
January 5—Board of Education Mtg.—Berkey FH 7:00am
January 12—Coffee w/Superintendent—Board Office 8:30am
January 15—No School—Staff Prof. Dev.
January 18—No School—M.L. King Jr. Day
January 21—GES Blood Drive 2-7:00pm
January 25—GES PTO Mtg. 7:00pm
January 27—2 Hour Early Release
January 30—Daddy Daughter Dance @ GES 6:00pm

Check out the Interactive Calendar on the District webpage for all district activities. www.green-local.k12.oh.us

Winter Sports Schedule

www.green-local.k12.oh.us/hs/athletics

February

February 3—Coffee w/Superintendent—Board office 7:30am
February 5—SHS Basketball Homecoming 6:30pm
February 6—FFA Tractor Show 9:00am
February 7—Honors Band @ College Of Wooster @ 2:30pm
February 9—GES P/T Conferences 3:30-8:30pm
February 11—GR. 6-12 P/T Conferences 2:30-7:30pm
February 12—No School—P/T Comp Day
February 13—SHS Band/Choir Solo Ensemble
February 15—No School—Presidents' Day
February 18—Winter Music Program Gr. 1 & 2 7:00pm
February 23—Family Math Night Gr. 3 – 5 6:00pm
February 24—2 Hour Early Release
February 25—Family Literacy Night Gr. K-2 6:00pm
February 27—GES Funfest/Basket Raffle 5:00pm
February 27—GMS Solo & Ensemble
February 29—Festival of Choirs @ Berkey FH 7:30pm

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