



Green Wave Nation

November Newsletter

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"The Greenfield Public School District is a place where every child is supported on their path to success."

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Principal's Message

GHS Families!

As we head into November, and the time of year that we often reflect on what we are thankful for, as well as opportunities to connect with those who are important to us, I want to take a second and first thank all those in our GHS community that are in the spirit of giving as a norm, some are staff members, parents, guardians, community members and students, who continually find ways to give to our community, and I want to say thank you for all you do to contribute to this great community. I hope all find ways to connect this season and enjoy those close to you! As usual, we have a lot going on this month, so please check out all the opportunities below for both students and families!

Thanks,

Mike

SNAP Resources

Dear School Families,

We're reaching out to provide information and resources regarding the anticipated disruption to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). [This link provides information about the particular ways in which SNAP is being impacted.](#)

The Greenfield Public Schools are committed to ensuring all students have access to healthy meals. The Greenfield Public Schools Food Services Program provides free, nutritious breakfast and lunch for all students every school day.

Food insecurity is a significant concern for many families, and many families are expected to be impacted by the suspension/disruption of the SNAP program. If you or your family are facing food insecurity, please consider accessing the resources available in the region, including those listed in the links below:

[Food Pantries, Meal Sites, and Local Resources](#)

[Food Bank of Western MA Resources](#)

One significant resource is Project Bread's Hotline, <https://projectbread.org/foodsource-hotline>.

Their hotline counselors are available in 180 languages and can help find food assistance through other sources such as the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program, and local food pantries. WIC is funded through the state of Massachusetts and will not be impacted at this time by the SNAP suspension/disruption.

Families are able to spend any SNAP that remains on their EBT card. Those funds from October or earlier will still be available. If a SNAP recipient has \$0.01 or more on their EBT account they can access \$40+ of HIP. HIP is a state funded program and is not affected by the shutdown. Please see this list of HIP vendors: <https://dtafinder.dtadash.ehs.mass.gov/>

It is our hope that these resources are helpful as we move forward.

Sincerely,

David Messing, Director of Pupil Services
Kristen Osborn, Director of Food Services

Kids Night Out

"The GHS Senior Class of 2026 invites all Greenfield Public Schools students pre-k through grade 4 to play games, do arts and crafts, watch movies, and eat some snacks with them at our Kids Night Out fundraiser on Friday, November 7th!

The cost is \$20 per child. Payment must be made via cash!! Pre-registration is required!!

This will be the first of three Kids Night Out fundraisers this school year. We're planning to host nights in December and February as well.

Please use this link to register: <https://forms.gle/Y6QQ6K9ttYWpckNc9>

Please spread the word to any families you think would be interested!

If you have any questions, please email class advisor, Erich Leaper, at erilea1@gpsk12.org"

Student Council

The student council had a busy October. We helped out at the Moose Halloween party, attended two unified basketball games as fans in the stands and have started our plans for our big Thanksgiving Pep Rally. November brings lips syncs, dress up days, penny wars and our traditional Lock-in. We will be attending the fall conference at Easthampton on Nov 6th with 17 students.

Key Club

Key club students were excited to participate in the PTO Trunk-or-Treat to hand out candy and decorate a trunk. We'll also be downtown with the Kiwanis club to hand out candy during trick-or-treating. Key Club students cleaned up the GHS campus with one of our regular trash pick up events after school. Next up we are bringing back the Key Club Food Drive to benefit GHS families and families in the community. If anyone would like to donate shelf stable items there will be a donation bin in our lobby until November 17th.

Athletics

As fall sports come to an end 3 of our teams have made the state tournament! Field Hockey received a 17 seed and will play at Lunenburg HS on Friday Oct 31. Volleyball received a 22 seed and will travel to Lee HS. Girls soccer has qualified for the states but the seedings have yet to come out. Winter sports start Monday Dec 1. Go Wave!

NHS

The National Honor Society at Greenfield High School has worked on activities to bond us together and improve our environment. Before school began, we came to clean out the community closet and organize the donated clothes that our students have access to. After 23 new members were inducted in October, we welcomed them with a pumpkin painting for our first meeting. As the holidays approach, we are working on fundraising for Adopt-a-Family, a charity where we provide gifts for families in need. We are excited to go to Holy Family Church in South Deerfield again to help with the organization of the program and load these presents into the families cars and talk with them.

French Club

Club Français recently enjoyed *la cueillette de pommes* at Apex Orchards as well as *Film français* night, where we watched *Les aventures extraordinaires d'Adèle Blanc-Sec*, an exciting and hilarious movie with an Indiana-Jones style heroine. We look forward to our *Table française* event after school on November 3rd where we will play board games *en français* and enjoy a feast of Canadian snacks (ketchup chips, Oh Henry bars, pattes d'ours, and all things maple) that Madame brought back from her recent weekend trip to Montréal. Stay tuned for information about performing for and attending our Coffeehouse fundraiser event on December 4th!

Spanish Club

This year the Spanish club has more than tripled its membership. So far this year we have hosted a cooking night and had a club trivia night. This Monday, we're coming to school early to paint our faces and learn about Dia de Los Muertos. We also have plans this year for more cooking nights, field trips and fundraising for our upcoming trip to Spain this April.

Drama Club

Drama Club is proud to present our Fall production, *Nightfall with Edgar Allan Poe* by Eric Coble, on Friday, November 14th at 7:00pm and Saturday, November 15th at 2:00pm and 7:00pm in the GHS auditorium. Tickets are limited as we are presenting this intense and intimate show black-box style and the audience will be seated on the stage with the performers. Therefore, we highly recommend advance reservation. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults and can be paid for with cash or check at the door. To reserve your tickets in advance, please email

ghsdramaclubtickets@gmail.com and specify the date, time, and number of student/adult tickets. Due to the subject matter, this show is recommended for middle grades and up. See you on the Night's Plutonian shore!

"Edgar Allan Poe stands alone in the flickering darkness of his mind, trying desperately to convince himself -- and us -- that he's not mad. The spell he weaves brings us a highly theatrical adaptation of three tales Poe himself considered his best: "The Raven," "The Fall of the House of Usher," and "The Tell-Tale Heart." Enter the world of Poe and check your heartbeat at the door."

[Nightfall by Eric Cable](#)

Library Club

Library Club hosted the 6th annual Comic Con on Wednesday, October 29th. Our keynote speaker, Paul Hake who founded HitPoint Studios, spoke about Video Game Development - Past Present, and Future and even had vintage computers and gaming systems for students to check out. We had fantastic student sessions on these fascinating topics: Poetry Collage, Ciphers, Kawaii & J Fashion, Doctor Who - What, Where, When, Taylor Swift's Marketing Strategies, Aviation with Paper Airplanes, Fashion Drawing Tutorial, Live Action Role Play, and Shark School. Another guest speaker, digital navigator Rich Vaden, explored fun and creative ways to use AI. The cosplay fashion show was a hit and we saw some truly incredible homemade costumes in the cosplay contest. We closed out the evening with pizza generously provided by the Greenfield Public Library and a fun game of fandom trivia. Several local businesses sponsored this event by providing wonderful prizes for our trivia and cosplay contests, including:

- Alchemy of Avalon
- All About Beads
- Federal Street Books
- Goodie's Pizza
- Green Field's Market
- Greenfield Garden Cinemas
- Shelburne Falls Coffee Roasters
- Sophia's Pizza
- Sweet Phoenix
- Village Pizza

Library Club would like to thank our sponsors, guest presenters, GPS administrators, and our fantastic student and staff presenters for making this Comic Con spectacularly fun!

Library

Green Wave Reads - Reader of the Month - Kali Lewis

By Delia Ekblom

In this edition of Green Wave Reads, I interviewed Kali. She is a junior, and a member of Student Council and Drama Club. She's also the treasurer of the junior class. Mr. Tucker has affected Kali's reading the most because he taught her not to look at just the words, but to look into them. Kali is currently reading "The Spiral Notebook" by Stephen and Joyce Singular, a nonfiction book about mass shootings, and has just started "Powerless" by Lauren Roberts, a popular fantasy novel. She usually prefers the dystopian genre, and it makes up most of the books she has read. Kali does not have one singular favorite book, but a favorite series, *The Hunger Games*. She thinks the books create an interesting world with many real-life elements, and that it explains the consequences of the story in a way that can be understood by just about anyone. The series has lots of symbolism that tracks through all the books that Kali really likes. In contrast, the worst singular book she's ever read was a short novella called *No Escape* by Maren Stoffels. She said that it didn't make any sense, and the story was very face value. Kali first started reading because her older sister had amassed a huge collection at a similar age, and inspired her. If Kali could recommend any book she would recommend *The Maze Runner*. She says that the movies are good, but the books provide a more important insight into the internal dialogue of the main characters. She really wants to read *The Princess Bride* because she loved the movie as a kid, and wants to see where the differences lie. Her favorite book to screen adaptation is *13 Reasons Why*, but she's really excited for when the *Sunrise on the Reaping* movie comes out. Thank you, Kali, for giving us a peek into your reading life.

Art Club

This year, craft club has combined with Art club to form Arts & Crafts club. Every week members have the option of learning a new craft or working on their own projects. So far this year, we've worked on crochet projects and made macrame bracelets. We plan to start making macrame plant hangers, sewing and making various origami projects.

Nurses Corner

GHS Students and guardians,

School Screenings Notice

Hello parents/guardians, from November 10-14 we will be conducting mandated screenings of Body Mass Index/BMI, vision and hearing, and SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment or SBIRT- for substance use risk) for students in 9th grade. Postural screening will be done for our 8th grade students. These screenings are meant to be supplemental in nature, and will help us make appropriate referrals as needed.

Parents/guardians may choose to opt out of the postural, BMI, and SBIRT screenings; to do so, please send an email to me at allmic1@gpsk12.org.

Additionally, all students in 10th grade should submit a copy of a physical from their primary care provider. This is required for all 9th/10th grade students in the state of MA. These may be submitted in person or via email at allmic1@gpsk12.org.

The scheduled CHCFC portable dentistry program visit has been delayed to a date TBD- if your student is interested in having a dental checkup at GHS, please return dental forms to the main office or nurses office asap- new forms may be obtained from these offices as well. Thank you for your help keeping our students safe and healthy!

If your child has any prescription medications they anticipate needing during the school day, please contact my office at 413-772-1350 x1137 to coordinate completing required paperwork. I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone this coming school year!

Allyson Michal, RN

Crochet Club

We will start our macrame plant hangers this Friday, Oct 31 in the Art Room 2007. All are welcome and there is no cost. Members of Art Club last year are welcome to join us and use the art supplies available. We hope to see you!

Artspace

Artspace has announced their arts programming for the fall with info available here:

[After School Arts Program](#)--THURSDAYS! Doors are open 2:15-5:15pm, for Teens 13-18yo

[Classes, events and workshops](#) Schedule

[Financial Support](#)--Artspace offers 50% discounts for folks who qualify.

Attendance Matters

Attendance and punctuality are extremely important to the success of our students, not only in school, but in society as a whole, and as we partner to help guide students as they prepare to be successful beyond their time with us, we know that being on time and ready to learn is a fundamental and well documented part of being successful in school and life. GHS took great strides forward last year with automated calls home, attendance letters, and parent meetings, and we'll continue to grow our practices to ensure we are effectively working with our students and their families in their attendance and punctuality success.

Greenfield Public Library

Attached is links to the Greenfield Public Library's youth program listing for November!

- [Family Game Night](#)
- [GPL Program Calendar November](#)
- [GPS 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge](#)
- [Kids Graphic Novel Book Club](#)
- [Kids Vote 2025](#)
- [Meet a Therapy Dog](#)
- [Tween Advisory Board](#)
- [TweenTeen Nutrition](#)

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thank you,

Pamela

Yondr Cell Phone Pouches

The YONDR program will continue to be utilized at GHS again this year. In many districts across the state, this has not only been a very effective program, but has had many positive effects on the students and culture of the school. I'm excited about the positive outcomes we will have as a community this year, and we are committed to see this process be a success at GHS!

The basic rule is that cell phones/ear buds are to be **off and away during school hours**. Upon

arriving at school, students will place their phone/earbuds in a YONDR pouch and retrieve their items as they leave for the day. If a student does not have a cell phone/earbuds on them, then they won't need a pouch, but please understand the policy and if a student is found with a phone/earbuds out during the school day, discipline measures will be continue to be enforced.

Drop off/ Pick up



Parent Reminder

Reminder that the Staff Parking lot is not a drop off zone.

Morning arrival:

- Students being bussed to school will be dropped off in the rear of the building.
- Students being transported by parents will be dropped off in the front of the building.

Afternoon Dismissal:

- Students being bussed home will get on the bus in the rear of the building.
- Students being picked up from school by their parents, will be picked up in the front of the building.

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GHS Clubs

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- ★ KEY CLUB
- ★ SPECTRUM
- ★ DRAMA CLUB
- ★ A/V CLUB
- ★ FRENCH
- ★ SPANISH
- ★ NHS
- ★ LIBRARY
- ★ STUDENT COUNCIL
- ★ GARDENING
- ★ STUDENTS OF COLOR

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Teen Room Policy

The staff of the Teen Room at the Greenfield Public Library strives to create a safe, respectful, warm, inviting and fun environment for young adults. The Teen Room represents the Library's effort

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Mike is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

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