



# Green Wave Nation

Parent Update - November 2025

## Dear Green Wave Nation,

The November chill is just starting to set in, and our school year is moving quickly! This past month, our schools celebrated Unity Day, the 6th annual Comic Con, a Great Literacy Pumpkin Contest and so much more. Our classrooms were bursting with growth and learning, and we are proud to invite you to read through our monthly newsletter and learn more about all of the exciting things happening in our schools.

With gratitude,  
**Superintendent Joyal**

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## November Dates to Remember

- November 3 - Second quarter begins
- November 4 - No school (professional development)
- November 11 - No school (Veterans Day)
- November 26 - Early dismissal for K12 students and staff, and no PreK
- November 27-28 - Thanksgiving break

# 2025-2026 School Calendar

## Greenfield High School

### Library Club's 6th Annual Comic Con

The Library Club hosted the 6th annual Comic Con on Wednesday, October 29th. 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.

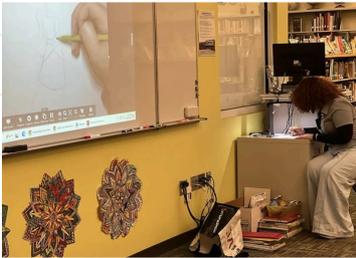
There were several fantastic student sessions on the following fascinating topics: Poetry Collage, Ciphers, Kawaii & J Fashion, Doctor Who - What, Where, When, Taylor Swift's Marketing Strategies, Aviation with Paper Airplanes, Fashion Drawing Tutorial, Live Action Role Play, and Shark School.

Another guest speaker, digital navigator Rich Vaden, explored fun and creative ways to use AI. The cosplay fashion show was a hit, and there were some truly incredible homemade costumes in the cosplay contest.

The evening concluded 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 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 their sponsors, guest presenters, GPS administrators, and their fantastic student and staff presenters for making this Comic Con spectacularly fun!



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## Drama Club

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The Drama Club is proud to present their 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 they 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](mailto: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!

GREENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS

# NIGHTFALL

WITH EDGAR ALLAN POE  
By Eric Cable



NOVEMBER  
14TH 7PM  
15TH 2PM  
7PM

THE RAVEN, THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF USHER, THE TELL-TALE HEART

STUDENTS K12 \$5  
ADULTS \$10

SEATING LIMITED, ADVANCE TICKET RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED.  
EMAIL [ghsdramaclubtickets@gmail.com](mailto:ghsdramaclubtickets@gmail.com) TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS AND PAY CASH OR CHECK AT THE BOX OFFICE.



## Greenfield Middle School

### National Unity Day

GMS students and staff wore orange in support of National Unity Day, a day focused on spreading kindness and preventing bullying.



### 5th Grade Team

The fifth grade advisories have been focusing on the theme of self-awareness and how we are all connected as a school community. Many students are making new friends at the middle school and adjusting to the new environment well. In advisories, students play games and learn about one



### 6th Grade Team

In ELA, students are diving into argument writing using excerpts from Roald Dahl's memoir, Boy: Tales of Childhood. They are learning to analyze Dahl's early experiences and form their own well-supported opinions on the ideas and events he describes.



### 7th Grade Team

In ELA, students have completed reading Red Scarf Girl by Ji-li Jiang. We are writing our first essay about how Ji-li has changed throughout the course of the story due to her experiences living through the Chinese Cultural Revolution. We will be starting our second unit, and we are reading the play A

another through shared activities.

In Math, students are learning how to solve real-world problems by finding equivalent ratios using double number lines and tables. Students will use tables in future courses to represent functional relationships.

Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry.

October was a busy month in math! Students finished up their first unit about scale drawings and are now working on proportional relationships. GMS has also welcomed a new math teacher, Jennifer Murray!

In Science, students have wrapped up our thermal energy unit and are moving on to matter cycling! In this unit we will learn about how matter travels through trophic levels and what happens to it when it is used by plants, animals, fungi and bacteria!

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## Discovery School at Four Corners Updates

DSFC 2nd graders presented at the All-School Assembly! This was a fantastic assembly about how school is like a family, with so many adult family members in attendance.



**Discussing the nerves in a human body!**



**Making skeletons with Q-tips!**

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## **Federal Street School Updates**

**Great Literacy Pumpkin Contest**

Federal Street School held its 6th annual Great Literacy Pumpkin Contest! Students were invited to decorate pumpkins inspired by a character from literature. We loved seeing their creative minds at work!







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## Newton Elementary School Updates

### Newton PTO "Touch a Truck" Event

The Newton PTO held the "Touch a Truck" event in October where students



## Academy of Early Learning Updates

### Fire Safety with Firefighter Alex

AEL students had a fantastic time with Firefighter Alex learning about fire safety! Students learned safety skills, and had the chance to try out fire safety equipment.



### Busy AEL Classrooms

Students have been busy learning in their classrooms! This month, AEL is focusing on **gratitude, kindness, and community**. Students are discovering what it means to be a kind community member and to practice gratitude – for family, friends, teachers, and all the little things that make each day special.



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## November Lunch Menus



# November 2025 GPS LUNCH MENU Elementary School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Pancakes &amp; syrup</b> Egg Patty, home fries orange slices	<b>Election Day- No School</b> 4	<b>Beef hot dog</b> 5 oven fries Baked Beans watermelon	<b>Grilled Chicken sandwich</b> 6 honey glazed local carrot coins, grapes	<b>Pizza</b> 7 salad w local kale and romaine
<b>Mozzarella Sticks</b> 10 mixed vegetables	<b>No School- Veterans Day</b> 11	<b>Chicken enchilada empanada</b> 12 ranchero beans	<b>Orange Chicken w/</b> 13 Rice, Broccoli, Fortune Cookie, Mandarin Oranges	<b>Meatball Sub w/ Marinara &amp; Mozzarella,</b> 14 green salad
<b>Ciabatta grilled cheese sandwich</b> 17 tomato soup	<b>Hamburger/ black bean burger</b> 18 carrot sticks smiley fries	<b>Chicken Patty Sandwich</b> 19 Assorted vegetables	<b>Turkey, Mashed</b> 20 potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, roll, local cider, apple crisp	<b>French bread pizza</b> 21 Salad and assorted vegetables
<b>Black bean Quesadilla w/ local kale</b> 24 assorted fruit & vegetables	<b>Chicken nuggets,</b> 25 whole grain dinner roll, curly fries, kale chips	<b>Early release K-12 Deli wrap</b> 26 apple, carrots & ranch, chocolate chip cookie	<b>No School Thanksgiving Break</b> 27	<b>No School Thanksgiving Break</b> 28
Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5

## Daily Alternates

Sunbutter & Jelly and Cheese Sandwich available every day

- Monday**
- Nacho Kit**
- Tuesday**
- DIY Pizza Kit**
- Wednesday**
- Breakfast Sandwich**
- Thursday**
- Bagel & Yogurt**
- Friday**
- Chicken Patty Sandwich**



**Fun Fact: Lacinto kale is also called "Dinosaur" kale, due to its lumpy leaves that resemble reptile skin!**

If students do not take a meal, they may purchase milk separately for \$0.60

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. **Menus may contain allergens.**



### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- ALL GPS students qualify for FREE breakfast and lunch under CEP through School Year 2026-2027!
- All meals are served with milk and assorted fruits & vegetables
- Menu subject to change

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# November 2025 GPS LUNCH MENU Middle & High School

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**Available Daily:**  
 Sunbutter & Jelly or Cheese Sandwich  
**Monday**  
 Pizza  
**Tuesday**  
 Meatball Sub  
**Wednesday**  
 Nachos  
**Thursday**  
 Cook's Choice  
**Friday**  
 Chicken Patty  
**Harvest of the Month:**



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## Greenfield Community News

# 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

AT THE GREENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

A FREE READING PROGRAM FOR NEWBORNS, INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND PRESCHOOLERS.

**{ (RE)LAUNCH PARTY! }**  
**Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025**  
**10am-1pm**

BILINGUAL MUSIC & MOVEMENT WITH TOM & LAURIE  
ASTRID SHECKELS READING HER NEW BOOK "FLORA AND THE JAZZERS"  
WITH BOOK SALE & SIGNING

LIBRARIANS & VOLUNTEERS AVAILABLE  
TO HELP YOU REGISTER

BRING YOUR PHOTO ID TO GET  
A LIBRARY CARD



REGISTRATION • BOOK BAGS • SPECIAL EVENTS • BOOKS • SNACKS  
ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 0-5 • SPECIAL EDITION LIBRARY CARDS



PROGRAM IS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE FRIENDS OF THE GPL



# FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT



Join us for a fun night of board games in our activity room.

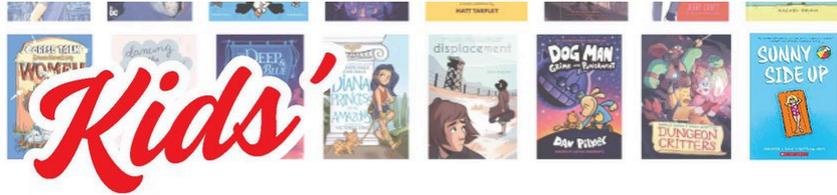
*\*Now with more games for ages 3-5!\**

November 17  
5:30 - 7:30pm



Not a school sponsored event.





# Kids' GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB



## This month's book:

### *Squire and Knight*

- Pick up a copy in the Children's Room and meet on 11/20 to talk about the book.
- Club members will choose our next book at each meeting.



Choice selections made for 8-12 year olds.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

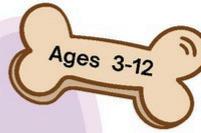
## 3:45-4:45PM



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# MEET A THERAPY DOG



IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
3:30-4:30 PM  
(DROP-IN)

Not a school sponsored event.

**TWEEN** **ADVISORY**  
**BOARD**



A monthly meeting for 8-12 year-olds who love the library and want to give their input!

**THIS MONTH:**



Learn a board game or try a craft from the craft cart.



Sneak preview of upcoming tween books for the collection.

Enjoy a slice of pizza!



**Next Meeting:**  
**Wednesday, November 12**  
**at 3:45 pm**



Not a school sponsored event.

# YOUTH & TEEN Nutrition Taste Test Activity!

Ages  
8-18



Join us for a tasty adventure in food processing! We'll explore how foods go from fresh to ultra-processed.

In this interactive class, students will line up different food samples and discuss how processing affects health and taste. This program is suited for people ages 8-18.

They'll discover the perks of whole and minimally processed foods while sharpening their food detective skills to spot the healthiest options!

Register Here:

<https://greenfieldpl.libcal.com/event/15540453>



**Tuesday,  
November 4<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Greenfield Public Library**

Held in the *Makerspace*



412 Main Street Greenfield, MA

(413) 772-1544

*Reservations are required for this event.*

**Contact us to schedule your free nutrition event!**

Abigail Killian, Nutrition Coordinator  
abigaik@foodbankwma.org | 413-247-9738 ext# 134  
[foodbankwma.org/nutrition-program](http://foodbankwma.org/nutrition-program)



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Sunday CLOSED	Monday Open 9:30am-8pm	Tuesday Open 9:30am-8pm	Wednesday Open 9:30am-8pm	Thursday Open 9:30am-5pm	Friday Open 9:30am-5pm	Saturday Open 9:30am-2pm
	November Scavenger Hunt: Dinosaurs 	<b>(RE)LAUNCH PARTY!</b> Sat., Nov. 15, 2025 10am-1pm  <b>1000 Books Before Kindergarten</b> <small>an interactive story</small> A free reading program for families with children ages 3-5 • Program sign-ups • Bilingual Music with Tom & Laurie • Ashli Shetty's book reading → MORE!				<b>1</b> 10am-1pm Friends of the GPL Book Sale
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 3:30-5pm Lego Club (drop-in)	<b>4</b> 10am Book Babies 2pm-8pm Kids Vote! (drop-in) 3pm Tween & Teen Nutrition Taste Test (Makerspace)	<b>5</b> 10am Toddler Time	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30-11:30am Drop-in playgroup 3:30-4:30pm Meet a Therapy Dog	<b>8</b>  10am-1pm Greenfield Recycling Button Making
<b>9</b>  Follow us on Facebook @GPLCLib	<b>10</b> 3:30-5pm Lego Club (drop-in)	<b>11</b>  Library CLOSED	<b>12</b> 10am Toddler Time 3:45pm Tween Advisory Board Meeting (ages 8-12)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30-11:30am Drop-in playgroup	<b>15</b>  10am-1pm 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Relaunch Party!
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 3:30-5pm Lego Club (drop-in) 5:30-7:30pm Family Board Game Night (drop-in)	<b>18</b> 10am Book Babies	<b>19</b> 10am Toddler Time	<b>20</b> 3:45pm *NEW* Kids' Graphic Novel Book Club Meeting (ages 8-12)	<b>21</b> 9:30-11:30am Drop-in playgroup	<b>22</b>  10am-1pm Thanksgiving Craft
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 3:30-5pm Lego Club (drop-in)	<b>25</b> 10am Book Babies	<b>26</b> 10am Toddler Time	<b>27</b>  Library CLOSED	<b>28</b>  Library CLOSED	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>						

\*\*An adult is required to be present with children under 8 participating in GPL programs.\*\*

\*These are not school sponsored events.\*

## FY26 Budget Calendar

## School Handbooks

For your convenience, please find links to our school handbooks below..

[Academy of Early Learning Handbook](#)

[Federal Street School Handbook](#)

**Discovery School at Four Corners Handbook**

**Newton School Handbook**

**Greenfield Middle School Handbook**

**Greenfield High School Handbook**



**Superintendent Joyal**

