

THE GREEN REPORT

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GREEN LOCAL SCHOOLS – BULLDOG STRONG

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District Notes

"It takes a Village to Raise a Child" is an old African proverb. The concept is based on the successful combination of an environment paired with nurturing care. It equates to a child being raised in a community rich in society benefits and rewards. As Superintendent, I am equally confident the extraordinary quality of school districts performing at high achieving levels, attain the status through an environment full of varying outstanding partnerships. The Green Local Schools is privileged to be one of those districts, surrounded by wonderful community partners.

In the past few weeks, several partnerships exemplified this concept. The Summit County Sheriff's Office serves as our first responders. Members of the department were summoned and swiftly responded during a recent situation at our high school. Working with our administration, the officers quickly and without incident evacuated and returned the student body in a very short period of time. Officers remained on-site to ease any fears and respond to questions. Partners in safety. On September 11, fifty middle school students boarded a

bus for the Flight 93 National Memorial. This inspiring and unforgettable experience was provided at no cost to the district thanks to the efforts of the Halo Foundation and ACME Fresh Market. Partners in funding.

The Young Professional group of the Green Chamber of Commerce, Doug Chevrolet and Park Auto Group rallied to collect thousands of canned goods and dollars to benefit the district's Blessings in a Backpack program. No dollar amount can be attached to the value of exposure and call to action the event created. Part-

ners in basic need.

I hope you were able to attend the first Wellness Fair at Akron General Medical Center. Classes, demonstrations and information booths offered something for everyone throughout the day. The health of our Bulldog families is essential for success in the classroom. Partners in health and nutrition.

Green Local Schools is proud of the relationship and partnership with our local media outlets. We are excited to be included in the South Side Leader's publication. The Green Report will highlight

our outstanding staff, students, families, and facilities as we continue to be recognized as a high performing district. Our numerous arts, highly competitive athletics and rigorous academics equate to public education serving the community of Green. Partners in promoting.

Through these partnerships and many others, students learn that the community cares about education, cares about their academic success, cares about their basic well-being, and cares about their health. The message from our community to our students is "Green



Jeffrey L. Miller II
Superintendent

Cares About Me." It is a powerful, positive environment that makes and keeps Green great. On behalf of the Green Local School District, thank you for being a village to our kids.

Green World Languages Program Expands to include 4th grade and offers German

Sprechen Sie Deutsch? Parlez-vous français? ¿Hablas español? Do you wish you could? If you had only had an opportunity to start when you were young! This school year, Green students as young as 4th

grade will get to embark upon their own language-learning journey. We have all heard that research supports the introduction of second languages at an early age. In fact, evidence suggests that a student who begins

to learn a second language before the age of 12 has a much better chance of becoming fully fluent in the language than someone who starts later in life. With that in mind, teachers and administrators have worked diligently to create a vision and a plan to address this very need. While full implementation will take three years, the enthusiasm about its introduction in both the schools and the community has been extraordinary.

At Green Intermediate

School this year, students in the 4th and 5th grades are introduced to Spanish while the 6th graders explore French. Señora Berkhouse, who is new to the building this year, facilitates their learning in one-week cycles, for a total of six weeks by the end of the school year. Students also have access to technology which uses Middlebury Interactive Languages programs. Next year, German will be introduced in the 6th grade.

As students move to Green

Middle School, their language learning accompanies them. Instead of having only one week at a time, all 7th graders receive nine continuous weeks of French, Spanish, and this year, German. Veteran teachers Sra. Mayhew and Mme. Mullett welcome new teacher Herr Bauknecht to their group. With a longer period of time, they are able to help students appreciate each language and culture in more detail which, in turn, helps them decide which one they would like to take for high school credit. In the 8th grade, level I of French and Spanish continue to be offered to select students, and next year German I will be added.

Green High School continues to offer Spanish I-IV, Advanced Grammar and Advanced Placement. Señoras Matisak, Garritano and Popovich are thrilled to also welcome back French and German to the department. French I and II are taught by new teacher M Gustafson. Herr Bauknecht joins them mid-day



Angie Garritano
World Language
Department Chair

to teach German I and World History. Additionally, students of Latin and Chinese take courses in an online setting during the school day.

Another exciting aspect of the new program is the integration of new resources, starting in our introductory and level I classes and continuing next year in the remaining levels. Class sets of Google Chrome Books were purchased for the classrooms as well as new textbooks which combine traditional and progressive learning models to help teach our students the 21st century skills needed to become global citizens of an ever-connected world.



4th graders explore Spanish using technology



GHS Spanish IV class

District Events

- Oct. 30 Chili Supper/GMS 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Oct. 30 Report Cards go home (grades 1-12)
- Nov. 3 Election Day - No School Students/Teachers-Professional Development
- Nov. 7 Band Boosters Craft Show/GHS 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (No Strollers)
- Nov. 18 – 22 GHS Musical Theatre presents Mary Poppins
- Nov. 26 – 30 Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 12 Green Schools Holiday Celebration/GHS
- Dec. 21 – Jan. 1 Winter Break

Congratulations to the 2015 Green Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees!



- Kelsie Ahbe – 2x Pole Vault State Champion 2007, 2008
- Paul Kapper – Wrestling State Champion 1983
- Dan Drake – Numerous League Varsity Football Titles, High School Football Coach
- Carrie Kayes – Pole Vault State Champion 2005

Friends, families and fans are invited to share in the honor and recognize our former athletes at the Chili Supper.

GREEN MIDDLE SCHOOL CHILI SUPPER & HALL OF FAME CELEBRATION

GREEN MIDDLE SCHOOL • OCTOBER 30, 2015 • 4PM – 7PM

BASKET RAFFLE! BID ON YOUR FAVORITE BASKET – \$1.00 A CHANCE!!

TICKET PRICES: ADULT PRE-SALE - \$6.00

DOOR PRICE - \$7.00;

SENIOR PRICE - \$5.00; CHILDREN 3-10 YRS. - \$4.00

CHILDREN 2 AND UNDER FREE

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT GREEN SCHOOLS

The Arts In Green

Eleven students were chosen to represent GHS at the 2015 Kent State University All-Star Choir Festival this past weekend. Selection was based on leadership and musicianship. Rylee Adam, Taya Andrews, Denton Cohen, Camden Diver, Megan Hellenenthal, Elise Hooker, Tyler Kemerer, Nathaniel Kozak, Max Levinsky, Lauren Smith and Annie Zwisler were among 160 high school students from 18 different schools throughout Ohio chosen to participate. The All-Star students spent two days learning and rehearsing music, meeting music faculty and students at Kent State, and touring the campus. Extensive time was spent in rehearsals and preparing for a final performance. Tyler, Nathaniel and Lauren participated in mini voice lessons with KSU Vocal Music faculty. The All-Stars gave a spectacular final concert Monday evening under the direction of Dr. Scott MacPherson, director of choral activities at KSU.

Mrs. Julie Pickering serves as the Green High School Choir and Ensemble director.

Thank you for proudly representing GHS and our choir department!



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Green High School

GHS students continue to excel in the three A's – Arts, Athletics and Academics.

Musical Theatre is excited to present Mary Poppins next month. Several students were selected to participate in an hon-

ors choir festival at Kent State University. Our bulldog athletic teams continue to establish new records and earn titles in our first year in the Federal League. The AP Government students organized and hosted a Mayoral

Forum. The event required an enormous amount of planning in a very short period of time. GHS continues to support and embrace the district's diversity initiative. Members of Chain Reaction were invited to participate in a weekend diversity symposium in Chardon, bring-

ing back to our building new skills and knowledge to implement into our student and staff culture. We would like to welcome all veterans to join us on Tuesday, November 10th, for a remarkable celebration and take a view at our new Veterans Memorial Courtyard.

- Oct. 26** Winter Sports Parent Meeting
- Oct. 26** "Recruiting the College Bound Athlete" – 7:30 p.m. Auditorium
- Oct. 27** Green High School Marching Band Thank you Concert – 7:30
- Oct. 29** Seniors Serving Seniors – 5:00 pm
- Oct. 30** Report Cards go home
- Nov. 3** Election Day – No School
- Nov. 7** Band Boosters Craft Show – 9:00 a.m.
- Nov. 10** Veterans Day Celebration – 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.
- Nov. 18 - 22** Green Musical Theatre presents Mary Poppins

Green High School Events

dents and staff were able to participate in this trip at no cost to the district. The students will continue to raise funds for the memorial throughout the year. The STEM classes have been busy utilizing the Growing Green Wetlands as an outdoor classroom gathering

and measuring multiple data points for numerous projects. STEM students also participated in distance learning opportunities with scientists from NASA. Congratulations to the GMS boys cross country team winning the Bulldog Invitational Championship.

- Oct. 26** Winter Sports Parent Meeting
- Oct. 30** Report cards go home
- Nov. 17** Class trip luggage drop off
- Nov. 18 - 20** Washington DC/Gettysburg Class trip
- Nov. 26 - 30** Thanksgiving Break

Green Middle School Events

Green Middle School

Students not only learn about history at GMS but live it. 50 students traveled to the Flight 93 National Memorial in Pennsylvania on September

11 to take part in a ceremony honoring those who lost their lives on Flight 93. Thanks to the Halo Foundation and Acme Fresh Market, the stu-



Flight 93 National Memorial – Thanks to the generosity of the HALO Foundation, students from GMS made a trip to the Flight 93 National Memorial. The students took part in a special ceremony to honor those who lost their lives on September 11th, 2001.

NASA – Students from the STEM class had an opportunity to learn from a representative from NASA in our distance learning lab. Students learned how NASA satellites are used to monitor ocean currents and how it relates to the global climate.



Green Intermediate School

GIS believes in leadership! October has been changed to Socktober. Students are challenged to "stand in someone else's shoes" by collecting

new socks for the local homeless shelters to help prepare for the cold winter ahead. This initiative began with Robby Novak who is better known as

"Kid President." Kid President shares his positive and encouraging leadership messages via YouTube and through his popular book called Kid President's Guide to Being Awesome. All socks collected



Students in 5th grade band trying out their instruments for the first time.

Students in 6th grade Social Studies classes were using QR codes to practice latitude and longitude.



will be personally delivered to a local shelter. GIS students are also planning their future by selecting an occupation during Career Day. 32 guest speakers from the community volunteered their day to spend time with our students.

- Oct. 29** Parent Teacher Conferences – 4 - 8 pm
- Oct. 30** Report Cards go home
- Oct. 30** Class Halloween Parties
- Nov. 11** Hero's Day and Veterans Day Celebration
- Nov. 26 - 30** Thanksgiving Break

Green Intermediate School Events

Green Primary School

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all those who played a role in organizing, volunteering, sponsoring or partici-

pating in the 5th annual Bulldog Dash. Nearly 1,300 people participated in the 5K race and Fun Run on Sunday, October 4th. The

Dash generated over \$47,000 for technology enhancements, student programs and instructional resources for students at Green Primary and Greenwood. The Bulldog Dash epitomized all

that is good about our community and demonstrated the power of collaboration between various stakeholders.

Thank you community of Green!



Greenwood's winners in the Bulldog Dash 5K.

- Oct. 25 - 31** Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 30** Report Cards go home
- Oct. 30** Halloween Party
- Nov. 11** Veterans Day and Flag Ceremony – 9:00 a.m.
- Nov. 12** Conferences and Book Fair – 4:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
- Nov. 17** Triple P Parenting Program sponsored by Parent Mentors – 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 19** Conferences and Book Fair – 4:15 p.m. - 8:15 pm
- Nov. 25** Ohio State Day

Green Primary School Events

Greenwood Early Learning Center

Greenwood Early Learning Center October Events

Fire Prevention Assembly – On October 1st the students of Greenwood were treated to an assembly put on by the Green Fire Department. During this assembly students learned how to be safe in

the event of a fire and things their families can do to be prepared.

Boyert's Farm Field Trip – The kindergarten students visited Boyert's farm. During this field trip they were able to see and learn about farm animals, practice lassoing, work their way through a

hay stack maze, and pick out a pumpkin to take home.

Halloween Parties – Both Preschool and Kindergarten will have a party to end the month. The Preschool harvest party is on October 29th and the Kindergarten Halloween party is on Octo-

ber 30th.

Student Teacher Conferences – Conferences will be on November 12th and 19th for both preschool and kindergarten. Parents should contact their classroom teacher if they need a conference time.

Veterans Day Celebration – Greenwood will have a special Veterans Day celebration on November 11th. Greenwood students will invite

relatives who have served or are serving in our military to be our special guests for the event.



- Oct. 29** PreK Harvest Party
- Oct. 30** Kindergarten Halloween Party
- Nov. 11** Veterans Day Celebration
- Nov. 12** Fall Conferences 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 19** Fall Conferences 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 25** Ohio State Day at Greenwood
- Dec. 1 - 3** Kindergarten Plays

Greenwood Early Learning Center Events

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Athletic Update

Bulldog Fans! Bulldog Nation is buzzing and celebrating multiple championships.

Girls Golf Team is Going to STATE!

The Girls Golf Team has put together an unbelievable run this year filled with broken records, championships and now a state qualification. This highly talented group claimed their place in history as the first girls golf team in school history to make it to the OHSAA state tournament! Congratulations

once again to Coach Shocklee and all members of the 2015 girls golf team! **Federal League CHAMPIONS Crowned!** Congratulations to Head Coach Jason Nelson and The Boys Soccer Team as they won the 2015 Federal League Title. The Bulldogs finished the regular season with a 15-0-1 record and a league record of 5-0-1.



Zivick Sisters Head to State Competition!
Green High School sent off



Girls Golf Team



Boys Soccer Team

Anne and Maria Zivick with the traditional "Parade of Champions" on 10/15/15, as they get ready to compete for that coveted State Championship. Good Luck Ladies! **Congratulations to freshman golfer Cade Breitenstine:**

Cade competed in the District tournament at Pine Hills Country Club but fell one stroke shy of making the cut to states. Congratulations Cade and the rest of the Boys Golf Team on a great season! **David Lough returned to Give Pre-Game Speech:**

Green soccer alum, MLB standout and current record holder for most goals, David Lough, made a surprise appearance to give the Bulldog soccer team a pregame speech prior to their game with Lake. The boys played to a tie in front of a great crowd. Welcome Home David! **The Recruiting Process and the College Bound Athlete**

This year the Green Athletic Department will sponsor a FREE seminar to our parents, athletes and coaches about "recruiting and the college bound athlete." This presentation will be Oct. 26th at 7:30pm in the GHS Auditorium and will cover the following:

- Explain the NCAA Eligibility Center and when and

how to register

- Educate parents/athletes on the REALITIES of college athletics
- Discuss the opportunities at D-III, NAA, and junior colleges
- Provide academic eligibility requirements needed to be eligible to play

- How to schedule "unofficial visits" and when to start taking them
- Teach student-athletes about the commitment it takes to play in college
- Help families create a "Recruiting Plan"
- Show them how to find the right schools

Advanced & Enrichment

Based on needs for the 2015-2016 school year, Green Local Schools Superintendent Jeffrey L. Miller II approved the transfer of teacher Kristi Ovak to the position of Advanced Academic Program Coordinator. In this position, Ovak will work with the director of student services and the district gifted consultant to provide district-wide support for the development and continuum of advanced curriculum and enrichment opportunities.



Kristi Ovak

Ovak will focus on three goals this year: continuum of service, criteria for placement, and communication. She will collaborate with school personnel to review the district advanced programs and support teachers in the planning, development, delivery, and continuation of advanced curriculum and enrichment for students. With school counselors and the gifted consultant, she will help establish a criteria for placement into programs appropriate for those students showing a need for an advanced curriculum. Providing information to families about advanced programs and services is one of her top priorities. She looks forward to meeting with parents and opening the lines of communication to better advocate for advanced students.

This is Ovak's 13th year with Green Local Schools. She has served as a Gifted Intervention Specialist for grades 6-8 and an 8th grade language arts teacher. During her time in Green, she has been involved in several enrichment programs, including coaching GMS Academic Challenge, organizing the opportunity for middle school students to attend the annual Reading and Writing Festival at Kent State University, and the Laws of Life writing contest, to name a few.

Prior to coming to Green, Ovak's experience included teaching high school journalism, drama, and English, middle school language arts, and elementary school reading. Both her bachelor's degree (Comprehensive Communications 7-12) and her master's degree (Reading K-12) were completed at Bowling Green State University. She received her Gifted Specialist license from Ashland University.

Watch for updates and information on Advanced and Enrichment. To contact Kristi Ovak with questions about advanced programs, please email her at ovakkristi@greenlocalschools.org or call her at 330-899-8700.

The Bulldog Beat

The Bulldog Beat is a new, unique program designed to train students to become backpack reporters, news anchors and video technicians. Students

in grades 6 – 12 have the opportunity to work with and learn from each other writing news stories, conducting on-camera interviews,

editing, shooting and directing programs that will air on our GCTV Channel 16. The Bulldog Beat students will be assigned their own

"beats" throughout the district and the city. Their articles and programs will appear on GCTV, various web sites and local media outlets.

Blessings in a Backpack is a blessing to Green community in more than one way

The local program, Blessings in a Backpack, is helping the community in many ways. Blessings is a hunger fighting program that provides food for kids to have on the weekends. They pass out bags of food with ten to twelve items per bag. They also give each of the siblings a bag for the weekends along with that child's bag. Blessings has been uniting the community together since it started. Community members help volunteer to pack the children's bags every three weeks. Blessings in a Backpack also has school and company food drives.

Jennifer Doerr, the Blessings in a Backpack coordinator, said that her volunteers were some of the kindest and most generous people she ever met. "It is an honor working with them," said Doerr. The volunteers make this program work and make sure the kids in Green Local Schools get food over the weekends.

The reason this program can serve about 200 kids this year is because of the food drives. "The food drives are what make our program able to never turn a family away," said Jennifer Doerr. The school fund raisers really have helped the program sustain the kids. Last year, the Middle School donated 10,000 items. As of October 13, 2015 the food drive at the Primary School had donated 1,400 items for Blessings. The teachers and staff at Green Primary and Greenwood Elementary raised 70% of the initial cost

to fund the program for the first year. The schools weren't the only ones who helped raise money and food for Blessings. Over the four years that Blessings has been operating, the program has been community driven. The Green Fire Department had a pancake breakfast and donated a portion of the money to the Blessings program. Panchos Southwestern Grille raised \$1,500 with the help of Green student, Paige Miller. The Boy and Girl Scouts and Park Auto Group held food drives. FedEx gave monetary donations as well as food items. The "Hotels on the Hill" off Arlington Road donated items as well as providing volunteers to pack bags. The churches throughout Green have also stepped up to the plate providing volunteers and donations. The whole community is pulling together to make Blessings a big success.

You may have already



By: Parker Doerrer, 7th grade - Green Middle School Member, The Bulldog Beat

donated to Blessings in a Backpack without realizing the service you were providing. The community has made Blessings in a Backpack a huge success that it is not just for the children that have full tummies, but for a community that has united against childhood hunger.

Parent Mentors

My name is Amy Atallah, and I am the Parent Mentor for the Green Local School District.



Amy Atallah

A Parent Mentor is the parent of a child with a disability employed by a local education agency to help school districts and families by providing training, support and information services.

My youngest son Zayne is 6 years old, and a kindergartner at Greenwood. He was born with a rare non-genetic birth defect called Proximal Femoral Focal Deficiency (PFFD). PFFD is a fancy term for very tiny femur bones, and missing his fibula in both legs as well. Zayne has had to learn to re-walk on several occasions, and he continues to amaze me every day. He may do things a bit different than most, but he gets the job done. Zayne has taught my family to never judge on appearance. All kids come in different sizes, shapes and abilities. I'm here to help your child deserve a chance at whatever they want to do.

As a Parent Mentor it is my job to listen and provide support to families and educators on an individual basis. The program is a great resource to families and school personnel on education laws, district programs and community resources. One of those resources is the Parent Mentor Involvement Series, which brings pertinent parenting issues to our district in the form of unique programming.

The first program in our series is Stepping Stones Triple P. **Stepping Stones Triple P** is based on Triple P's positive parenting strategies. It helps you manage problem behavior and developmental issues common in children with disabilities. It also helps encourage behavior you like, cope with stress, develop a close relationship with your child and teach your child new skills. You choose the type of Stepping Stones help based on your own needs.

Triple P will be held on Thursday, November 19th from 6 – 7:30 pm in the GPS Library. There is no cost to attend.

Please feel free to contact me about this program, or any other topic relating to your child. The most important aspect of being a Parent Mentor is to build collaborative partnerships between families, schools and committees to benefit students with disabilities.

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