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The official quarterly GSD community newsletter

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Leo and GHS  
Head Football  
Coach, Adam Hale

## PIZZA WITH NFL STAR LEO CHENAL

Two-time Super Bowl champion Leo Chenal of the Kansas City Chiefs surprised students with a pizza and root beer float party. The GSD alum visited for a second year and continues to share his gifts, talents, and time with fellow Pirates. He provides a great example to so many and has become a set role model for our community!



## FULL-TIME 4K PROGRAM TO START IN 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

**GES is excited to begin offering all-day 4K next school year!**

Students will enjoy newly renovated classroom spaces while having access to services and resources like transportation, pupil services and interventions, school breakfast and lunch, and our experienced instructional staff.

**In-person registration is set for Monday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Nelson Primary School.**

Caregivers are reminded to please bring their child's birth certificate, immunization records, as well as emergency contact information.



**A FULL-TIME PROGRAM IN 24-25!**

**Register for our exceptional full-time 4K program!**

- Monday - Friday, 8:20 AM - 3:25 PM
- New space in the Elementary School
- Access to GSD services and resources
  - Transportation
  - Student services and interventions
  - School food service
  - Experienced instructional staff

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## BOARD MEMBER RETIRES - RECOGNIZED AT STATE CONVENTION

Christine Erickson was celebrated for 30 years of service on the Grantsburg School Board at the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) State Convention at the Baird Center in Milwaukee in mid-January.

*Thank You Christine!*

*For your passion and tireless efforts. You have undoubtedly left a lasting impact on countless students, staff, and community members!*



## 2024 PRINCESS 'CRAFTERNOON' TEA PARTY

Grantsburg Community Education hosted nearly 200 guests for its highly anticipated Annual Princess "Crafternoon" Tea Party on February 3. The event featured lunch, snacks, crafts, and a lively photo booth graciously hosted by Sue Bunting.

The event's continued success is possible thanks to the dedication and hard work of volunteers who contributed countless hours to planning, preparation, decoration, and cleanup. Grantsburg Community Education extends its sincerest gratitude to Ann Hanson, Anna Wedin, Carrie Byers, Deb Gutzman, Leeza Shultz, Liz Ekblad, Jenna Michel, Jennifer Michel, Olivia Matthews, Sally Schultz, Leesa Shultz, Madi Shultz, Stephanie Peterson, Sue Bunting, and Michelle Taylor and her FACE Room students for their invaluable support.



**Thank you to all who attended!**  
**We are already anticipating next year's event, tentatively scheduled for February 1, 2025.**

*More photos on the next page!*



## 2024 MOM & SON FUN NIGHT

Over 125 mothers and sons gathered on March 1st for the Annual Mom & Son Fun Night, hosted by Grantsburg Community Education. The theme for this year was "Game Night" and included a challenge to complete activities and games throughout the evening. Activities included board games like checkers and Connect4 and basketball and yard games in the gymnasium. The moms won the champion title in the anticipated tradition of a dodgeball showdown!

Sue Bunting generously hosted the photo station for this event to capture the memory of such a fun and well-attended event.

The event's success was made possible by the dedication and hard work of numerous individuals, including Carrie Byers, Liz Ekblad, Jenna Michel, Jennifer Michel, Emalee Nutt, Stephanie Peterson, Sally Schultz, Leesa Shultz, Madi Shultz, and Ms. Taylor's FACE class. Their efforts contributed to an unforgettable evening of family fun and cherished memories.

*Thank you to all who contributed to and attended this special event. It is a great occasion to foster connections and create lasting memories between mothers and sons!*





## UW-RIVER FALLS ART WORKSHOP



In February, GHS artists rolled up their sleeves and enjoyed a day at the UW-River Falls campus, participating in creative activities like working with clay, printmaking, and painting. This annual visit gives students an opportunity to tour the Kleinpell Studios, learn about UWRF art programs and scholarships, and get hands-on experience in the workshop activities.

The day's highlight was the glassblowing demonstration from GHS alum Jolie, a current double major at UWRF!

The UW-River Falls faculty and student ambassadors were gracious hosts and provided a welcoming, encouraging, and helpful environment to maximize students' experiences.



## 'LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS' MARKS RETURN OF THEATRE AT GHS

In February, Mr. Lawrence directed 24 cast members and nine crew members in the musical version of Little Shop of Horrors, based on the 1960 movie. The crew put on a crowd-pleasing production with only 28 days of rehearsals. What an incredible testament to the passion and dedication of the group!

"Our first season with theater back in Grantsburg was a success, and I cannot wait to see what we accomplish next year," Mr. Lawrence said.



## BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION CLASS AT GHS

GHS students gained hands-on experience in the building trades during a recent shed construction unit through which they positioned floor joists and installed doors, windows, and headers while forming the walls. The students' craftsmanship was tested when they framed rafters and shingled the roof.



## GHS CLASS OF 2024 VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN ARE NAMED

Lucy Dahlberg and Vincent Vogland are the 2024 GHS Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively! These titles commemorate their exceptional academic achievement and dedication to their studies.

Thank you to the Class of 2024 for your meaningful contributions to GHS's academic culture. We invite the community to join in celebrating this milestone at the 2024 Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 17.



Lucy Dahlberg



Vincent Vogland



# ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

## GYMNASTICS

Congratulations to the Grantsburg Gymnastics team on a very successful season! The team competed in four invitationals, two triangular meets, one dual meet, and the Sectional meet held in Antigo. The athletes continued to push themselves throughout the season and saw incredible improvement and growth.



### Team highlights:

- Best team meet: Ashland Valentine Invitational scoring a team high of 121.55!
- Individual's 29 Season Highs and 31 Personal Bests
- Stick Beam routines 13
- Abby Rombach- State Qualifier in Vault and Uneven Bars. She also earned a Personal Best at the most challenging meet of the season, competing against the top 25 gymnasts in the State for Division II.
- All State Awards – Sammi Kramer Honorable Mention Vault and Abby Rombach 2nd Team All-State
- Academic All-State – Megan Harmon, Abby Rombach, and Molly Hart.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the GHS Girls' Basketball team on a successful season! The team finished third in the conference with a regular season record of 16-8 and an overall Conference record of 13-5.

Megan Schafer, Ruby Rengo, and Kaylie Moore were nominated to the All-Conference Team!



## DANCE TEAM

The GHS Dance Team saw its most significant number of participants this year, with 11 students committing to the team! The group impresses with learning and rehearsing routines with just one weekly practice. Highlights from the season include several halftime performances for varsity boys' basketball games and holding a fundraiser that consisted of teaching a routine to 20 young dancers in grades 1-3 and performing alongside them during halftime of a GHS football game.



## BOYS' BASKETBALL

The Pirates Boys' Basketball team finished the season 12-12, winning eight of their last 11 games. Zach Rombach and Jayden Brown averaged double-digit scoring and were both voted 1st Team All-Conference.

Zach recorded his 500th rebound against Luck on January 5, becoming the sixth player in school history to hit the milestone. He finished his career as the school's second all-time rebounder, behind John Chenal.





## 7TH & 8TH GRADE DANCE

*Our 7th and 8th graders had a blast with friends at their red carpet dance in February!*



## MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

*GMS students in grades 6-8 celebrated students achieving "A" and "B" honor roll status. Their hard work in the second quarter has really paid off!*





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## RECORD-BREAKING PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST



Third grader Izzy Peterson broke the GES record for the longest flex-arm hang, an event part of the Physical Education Fitness Test. Izzy broke Maleah Luke's 2022 record by three seconds, with an astounding 135 seconds. Congratulations!

## 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

Students celebrated their 100th school day on February 8 with "glow room," games, and several other fun activities!



## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Students celebrated Valentine's Day with games and treats!



## WESTWARD EXPANSION UNIT

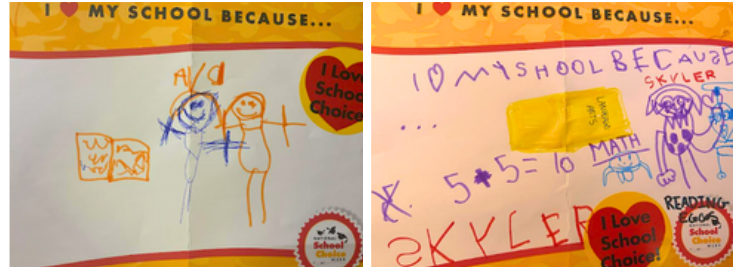
Students recently finished a unit on westward expansion. To better understand life at the time, students made their own butter and constructed toys that children used to play with.





## NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

iForward students and staff celebrated National School Choice Week (NSCW) in January. Students designed posters to show how much they love their choice school. NSCW informs parents of the K-12 education options available for their children, such as GSD's virtual school, iForward.



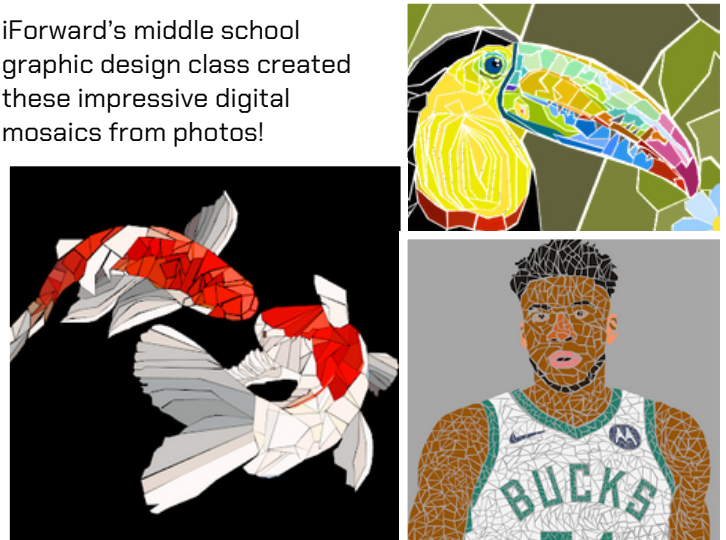
## 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL



Mrs. Washa's Kindergarten class has fun on their 100th day of school!

## DIGITAL MOSAICS PROJECT

iForward's middle school graphic design class created these impressive digital mosaics from photos!



## TEACHER SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS CIVIC INSTRUCTION WORKSHOP

Congratulations to Hilarie Mukavitz for being selected to attend the Civic Education Teacher Workshop in February at the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library in Fremont, Ohio!

Ms. Mukavitz was selected from applicants across the nation to attend the workshop titled "Teaching the Electoral College With Primary Resources: The 1876 Presidential Election."



## UPDATE: SSEP MISSION 17

Students worked with Dr. Terese Barta and Dr. Sol Sepsenwol, professors emeritus at UW-Stevens Point, and Aiden Arbough, an undergraduate student and the president of the UWSP Mycology Club, to establish harvesting and imaging protocols as the first electron micrographs were obtained from space. Post-flight analysis of the Mission 17 sample is underway!

Learn more about SSEP Mission 17 on page 17 of the [Winter 2024 Good News](#).

*Pictured in the background is the Electron Micrograph of the fungal mat edge from the UWSP Control Sample, courtesy of Dr. Sepsenwol.*