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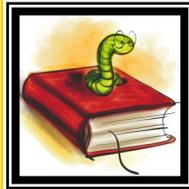
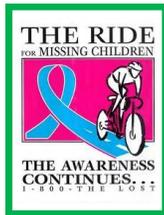


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Next issue will include news about the **Ride for Missing Children** which Mrs. Harter will be sharing with us.



GH
Scholastic
Book Fair
&
Autism Awareness Month
By Geri Teal



This year, we held a book fair and we all got a chance to buy a book. I hope most of you bought a book because not everyone in the world gets to read or even go to school. I asked around school and got students thoughts about the book fair.

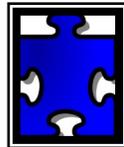
I asked Alexander Lyubezhanin what book he got. He exclaimed, "I got I Survived: D- Day, 1944." I also asked him if he enjoyed the book fair. He said, "Yes, it was wonderful."

I also asked Sophia Contreras what book she bought. She replied, "I got The Girl in The Locked Room." She stated, "I just didn't like the line to the cash register."

Jimmy Hong said that he didn't buy any books but he found a book called All The Wonders of The World and it looked interesting.

Books are fun to read and can help your vocabulary skills. They can also give you a bigger imagination.

Everyone, please read at least 1 book. You never know, maybe you'll find a love for reading you never knew you had.



All of March our school along with Mrs. Karas celebrated Autism Awareness month in order to generate donations for the Kelberman Center in support TEAM ANDREW. One of the big events was when Andrew Karas and his dad visited GH to hold our annual POPCORN sale. Mrs. Karas also made her delicious puzzle chocolate pops which students bought and enjoyed.

The Kelberman center helps kids like Andrew and his friends. They attend the Kelberman Center where children participate in swimming, dancing, arts and crafts, and the Kelberman Club House.

You have seen items you could purchase, as well as raffles. Drawings will happen on April 2nd, which is Autism Awareness Week, There will also be a walk on May 4th starting at SUNY. Walkers collect donations and again it helps the Kelberman Center.

If you were wondering what the puzzle shapes mean in the pops, Mrs. Karas said, "Everyone who has autism, has it differently, because it is very puzzling to researchers who are studying it. Researchers really do not know what causes autism.

GH loves to help and support organizations that support good causes.

GH 2nd & 3rd Graders celebrate Valentines Day Dancing

By Tiara Teal

In February, there was a dance for the second and third graders. I was pleased to interview a couple of teachers and students who went.

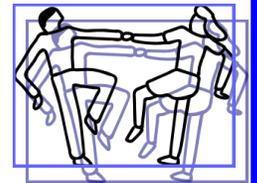
First, I interviewed a girl named Mariam Alfarhood. "Were there any food choices?" was my first question. Mariam answered, "Yes, I do think so." For my next question, which was "how many students were there?" she stated that she thought about 13 students attended. "Did you have fun?" was my third question. Mariam answered, "Yes." Then, I asked what she thought was fun. She said that she thought the dancing was fun. Finally, I asked about how many teachers she thought went to the dance. She answered, "12 maybe."

Then, I interviewed one of our amazing teachers, Mrs. Scalise. She answered, "Candy, water bottles, and popcorn" for my first question. For my next question, she did not know how many children attended. Third, she answered, "Yes, it was a lot of fun." She answered, "seeing the kids dance." for my fourth question. Lastly, she stated that roughly 15 teachers attended the dance.

It was fun discussing my questions with Kristina Mathis. She enjoyed the treats at the dance and told me she had a great time.

Mrs. Fernalld informed me there were over 100 kids in attendance and also 10 teachers helped out. Mrs. Fernalld agreed that the dance was fun.

I think it is fair to say the dance was a success!



WHY STUDENTS ENJOY OUR STUDENT COUNCIL

By Evalysse Balboa

In GH, there are many clubs, but there is one that is my favorite, and in my opinion, it is Student Council. Student Council is a group of 5th and 6th graders that love to help the school and volunteer for certain activities such as bake sales, dances, and other fun activities.

I love student council because it is something that keeps me busy in the mornings, and it's fun. I asked two of my friends a question about what they felt about Student Council. I first interviewed my friend, Tina Thein. I asked why she volunteered for Student Council and she answered, "I enjoy to help the school because it makes me feel good to know I helped out GH."

I asked my other friend in Student Council, Kendra Adamson, what activities in Student Council she liked and she said, "Some of my favorite activities are helping out the book fair and the holiday shop, because it's fun to spread cheer to GH students."

In conclusion, Student Council is a helpful and a hardworking club. If you like to help, and have fun, then this is the right club for you.

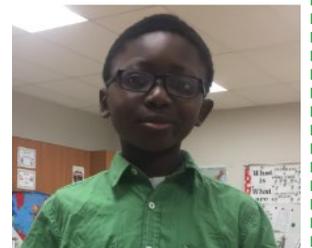


WEAR GREEN DAY

By Jaiden Felder

On march 15th, it was wear green day, but some kids weren't wearing green but many were. I interviewed my friend Joshua Htoo who was wearing a green shirt. He said was wearing green for good luck and so nobody would pinch him.

I also interviewed Niara Durham who said she was to lazy to wear green. Our school has many fun days during the year. I think this one is neat!





Safety Officers at GH

By Jisayla Balboa



Our school is very fortunate to have school safety from our new school officers. The first officer is named Officer Brady. Officer Brady is a security officer in General Herkimer School.

His family includes his wife, Sherry as well as a brother in Connecticut and a sister and mom in New Jersey. He also has a brother in Philadelphia. He said he lives in North Utica since 1994. I also asked him if he has any hobbies and he said he is a defensive driving instructor for all ages including ambulance drivers, police drivers, and firefighters. I wanted to know why he decided to come to General Herkimer school, and he said because he lives nearby and really likes this school. His favorite part of his job is "the interaction with the students at school." Officer Brady ended our interview by saying he hoped that students, teachers, and staff liked Officer Brady as much as he likes them.

The next officer is named officer Tartaglia. I had the opportunity to ask him about his job description, and he said he is a special patrol officer. I also got to ask him about his family he said was married for 31 yrs. And has two sons and one of them is an police and the other is a physical therapist .

I also asked him where he lives and he said in North Utica which is close to our school . His hobbies are that he coached hockey for 13 yrs. He came to general Herkimer because he went to this school 50 yrs. ago k-6. His favorite part of the job is knowing he is protecting students, teachers, and staff. Lastly he told me he would like to let everyone at General Herkimer know that he enjoys walking in the same halls he was walking in 50 years ago.

It is certainly a pleasure to welcome our new officers who with Mr. Jim and Mr. Joe, keep our school safe.



General Herkimer's FOURTH Penny Auction

By Aaliya Mohamed

We are very lucky at our school to have such a supportive and helpful PTO and Mrs. Grieco. One of the many events is the annual PENNY AUCTION, and this year was our 4th one.

I had the pleasure of speaking to Mrs. Grieco when I wanted to thank her for all she does to help our 5th grade plan for our bowling field trip. I also wanted to know why she loves the Penny Auction. She informed me that, "We like to have events where our students are involved, donations are received from the community, and the best part is a night when families gather to have a fun night.

So on March 27th, families, students, and staff gathered to enjoy a night of raffles and prizes. There were big prizes, small prizes, and an auditorium full of excitement! Thank you to all who attended and made our



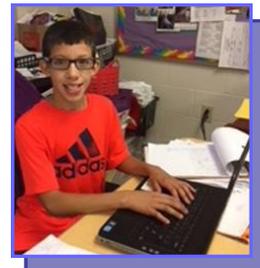
DECEMBER PBIS ASEMBLY

By Rashondan Burks

Since our last edition of the Herkimer Journal, we have had two PBIS assemblies. Character traits of caring (February) and curiosity (March) were recognized. Thanks to 2nd grade as well as Kindergarten for entertaining us with beautiful songs.

Congratulations to all of the award winners and top DOJO winners. Everyone can earn DOJO points by following your basic school rules like completing homework, proper hallway behavior, playing safe outside, and showing effort.

Lastly, enjoy seeing our 2nd marking period honor roll students on the next page. Remember GH students to always try your best!



Students Grade 6 were awarded **HONOR ROLL** certificates for the second marking period. These students maintained a 90% average or above in all subject areas.



Row 1: Bianca Marino, Sean Miles, Rashondan Burks, Tatiyana Fosu, Gabby Drennen, Marco Rivera Ramirez

Row 2: Kendra Adamson, Oh Zite, Duncan Riverea-Viti , Natalie Parsaso, Tina Thein, Melissa Santos, Geri Teal

Row 3: Tiara Teal, Maurice Gamble, Elea Alsaadi, Hadea Wilson, Jerome Mathis, Anjilae Pulliam, Alina Tsvd, De'Asia Burks, Andrea Febo, Alexandria Sharp