

# GCCS K-8

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

# 2022



*Thank you for a great start to the school year! We look forward to our continued partnership in 2023!*

*Best wishes for the New Year!  
Ms. Ziobro, Mr. Schaub, and Mrs. Storey*



### Diversity Committee News:

*"The beauty in the world lies in the diversity of its people."*

Native American Heritage Month was November and our Diversity Committee provided several awesome experiences for our students to learn more about Native American Culture.

Our BOOKMOBILE comes to school every month and delivered another amazing selection of books for our students and staff to read this month



### Third Grade Mini-Mall

Third grade students were learning about Economics and how businesses run. They learned that goods are something businesses create and sell to people (ex. food, ornaments). They learned that services are something businesses provide for people (ex. face painting, teaching how to play a sport, painting nails). They have also learned about budgeting money and buying expenses before they can run a business. To wrap up students worked with their parents to create a business and bring in supplies at the Mini-Mall that was held on December 1st, 2022. Students advertised for their businesses and students from other grades and teachers came to shop at the Mini-Mall.



They also invited grades K-5 to a Native American Cultural performance. The All Clans Haudenosaunee Singers and Dancers came and performed in our Auditorium. The students and staff enjoyed learning about the meanings of their



On Saturday December 17th GCCS students, staff and parents in conjunction with the Lackawanna Police Department, went Christmas shopping. Thank you everyone who participated in this event and made it a success for our students and their families



National Honor's Society went on a field trip in October to Tift Nature Preserve to learn about survival skills (i.e. fire starting and shelter building using natural resources). In November, students made Gobble Treat Bags for all of the staff members in our building as a way to say thank you for all they do to help make our school amazing. Author: Mrs. Winkler



Our Second and Third Grade students took a trip to the north Pole on the Polar Express. We boarded the train in Arcade and when we

arrived at the North Pole Santa came through the cars to say hi to all of our students and staff. Our students were able to visit Santa's workshop, have chocolate milk and cookies, and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. It was a magical experience!



The 5th and 6th Grade Student Ambassadors sponsored their first service project of the year during the month of November. They collected new pajamas to be donated to Baker Victory Services that will be distributed in the community along with a book donated by Scholastic Books. They collected a total of 45 pairs of pajamas. Great work Student Ambassadors! Their next service project will be volunteering their time at The Teacher's Desk in Buffalo in January.

Author: Mrs. Payne



First Grade Native American Doll Making activity—Our first graders had the opportunity to make Native American Dolls with Ms. Nicole Sundown. Ms. Sundown is the mom of two of our students at Global and volunteered her time and resources to come work with our first graders. The dolls turned out great and all the students had fun participating and learning about Native American Culture.

Author: Mrs. Rabb





Thanks to Ms. Aldrich and our Veterans day committee our school and those who donated to our fundraiser in November. As a community we raised

\$1,3000 for WNY HEROES, "Little Heroes". This program provides assistance to children of Veterans! Thank to all those who serve and protect our country!



Our first door decorating contents was a huge success. Teachers thanks you for the amazing job you did decorating your doors:

1st Place: Mrs. Hajduk

2nd Place: Mrs. Michael

3rd Place: Mrs. Dent

Some of our specialist teachers also joined in on the fun:

1st Place: 5th/6th grade specialist

2nd Place: Mr. McCarthy

3rd Place: Mrs. Khoury

Please join us for our PTA meetings. The more involvement we have the more opportunities and possibilities we have to provide for our students. Mark your Calendars for the following dates:

- January 23, 2023
- February 27, 2023
- March 20, 2023
- April 17, 2023
- May 15, 2023

### Winter Concerts!

This past month, we had the pleasure of hosting the K-4 violin concert and the 5-12 Band concert. All of the students did a phenomenal job performing for their families and their peers at school!



**Our December to Remember was a huge hit! Thank you parents for helping your child/children participate in this school wide activity that helps makes the last two weeks of school before break just a little more festive and fun. Thank you teachers for all your hard work and creating themes for team day that were easy and fun for our students! Enjoy your Holiday Break and we look forward to seeing you in the new year!**

