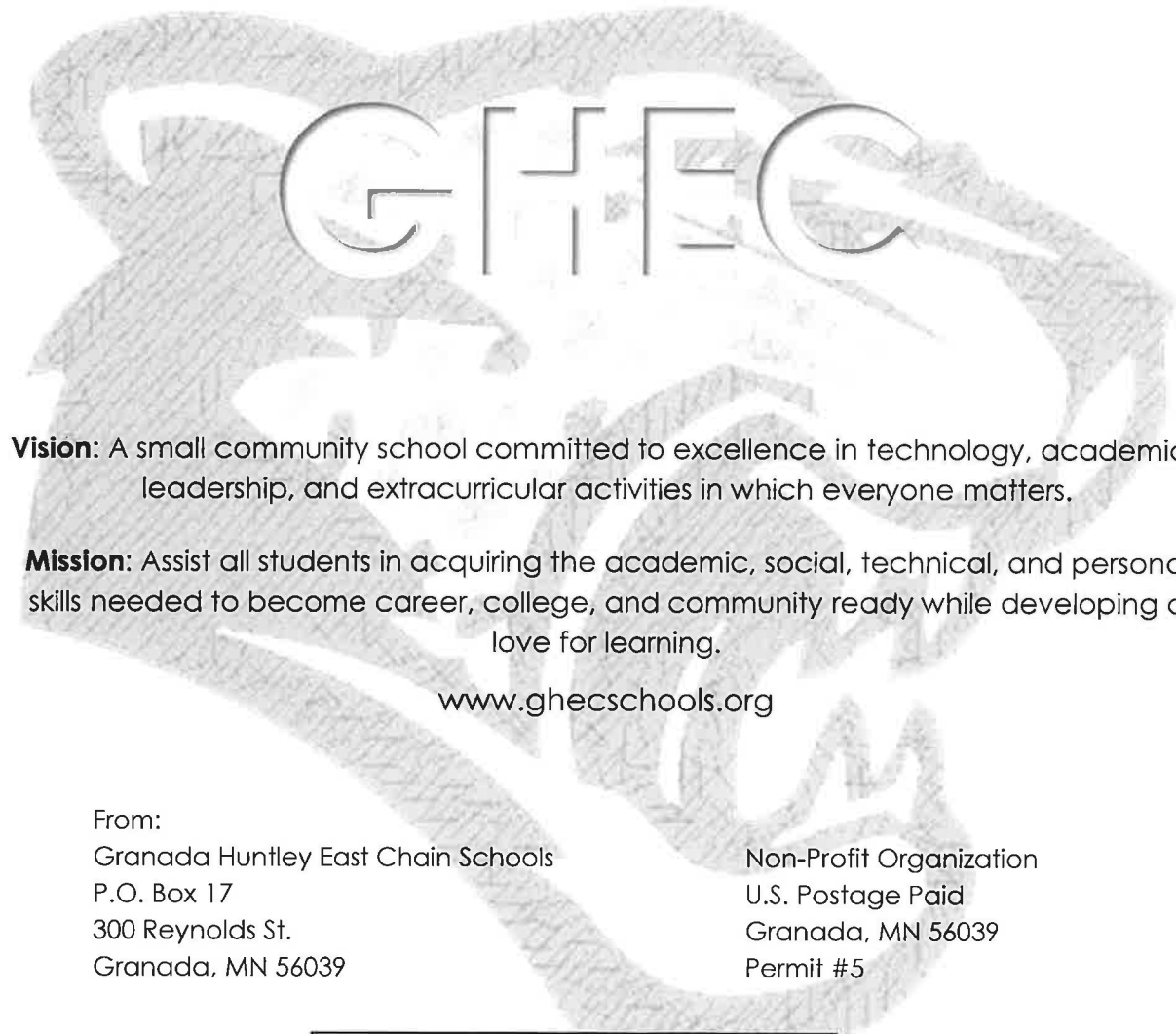


The Jaguar Journal

December 2024

Newsletter for the residents of the Granada Huntley East Chain
School District #2536



Vision: A small community school committed to excellence in technology, academics, leadership, and extracurricular activities in which everyone matters.

Mission: Assist all students in acquiring the academic, social, technical, and personal skills needed to become career, college, and community ready while developing a love for learning.

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Doug Storbeck, Superintendent

Dear GHEC Community Members,

Have you ever been thankful for something that a younger you would have dreaded or at least never thought you would be grateful for? As I have grown up and perhaps matured a little, I have become thankful for many experiences that a younger me would have avoided.

When I think back to my high school days, I do not remember interacting with many students with special needs. Now that I have been in education for nearly twenty years, I know why this was the case. When I was in high school, and all the years prior, most students with significant learning disabilities were not integrated into mainstream classrooms. Students who received special education services were often taught in a resource room with a special education teacher.

When I became a teacher, not much had changed. A little of this had to do with the fact that I was a math teacher. At that time, most students who received special education services were taught math in the resource room. To be honest, there was a part of me that was a little relieved not to have the challenge of meeting the needs of students who received special education services. However, another part of me thought of students like "Jake".

Who is "Jake"? Jake was a student who received special education services I met when I was in college, working on my math education degree. As part of my various educational courses, we were required to accumulate hours in different educational settings. One day, I had an opportunity to work with a local school district and participate with Jake and his classmates at a Respect Retreat. Jake and I had a great time throughout the day as we were partnered up many times to participate in a variety of activities. I will never forget how that day ended. Jake and I had quickly established a bond. Before he left for home, he said "Thanks for not making fun of me today." I was totally caught off guard with this comment. I asked "What do you mean?" He went on to explain how most kids just make fun of him because of his disability. Obviously, this interaction has had and will continue to have a life-long impact on how I treat and how I can impact how others treat individuals with disabilities.

Over my career in education, there has been a continual push for the inclusion of students who receive special education services into the mainstream classroom, where students with disabilities learn alongside their non-disabled peers in general education classrooms. There are many benefits to all students. Here are some key advantages:

1. Academic Growth

- **For Students with Disabilities:** Inclusion provides access to the general education curriculum and higher academic expectations, which can lead to improved learning outcomes. With appropriate support, they benefit from exposure to diverse instructional strategies and resources.

- **For Non-Disabled Students:** Inclusion fosters a richer learning environment where diverse perspectives and problem-solving approaches are shared, enhancing critical thinking and collaboration skills.

2. Social Skills Development

- **For Students with Disabilities:** Interacting with peers in a mainstream environment helps develop communication, teamwork, and interpersonal skills. It also reduces feelings of isolation and promotes friendships.
- **For Non-Disabled Students:** Inclusion teaches empathy, respect for differences, and the value of diversity. These experiences prepare students for interactions in the broader, diverse society.

3. Increased Self-Esteem and Confidence

- **For Students with Disabilities:** Being part of the general classroom fosters a sense of belonging, improving self-esteem and reducing stigma.
- **For Non-Disabled Students:** Helping peers or working collaboratively boosts confidence and a sense of responsibility.

4. Promotes Equity and Reduces Stigma

- Inclusion demonstrates a commitment to equity, showing that all students have value and potential. This helps break down stereotypes and reduces societal discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

5. Preparation for the Real World

- Inclusion mirrors the diversity of the real world, preparing all students for future workplaces and communities where people of varied abilities work and live together.

6. Improved Teaching Practices

- Inclusion encourages educators to adopt differentiated and innovative teaching strategies to meet the diverse needs of all learners, improving overall classroom instruction.

7. Fosters a Collaborative Community

- Inclusion encourages collaboration between teachers, specialists, parents, and students, creating a supportive network that benefits everyone involved.

Over the years, some of my best student relationships have been established with students who receive special education services. I always have Jake's statement in the back of my mind. This motivates me to stand up for those students who may be a little more vulnerable than others. It is as simple as the Golden Rule: "Treat others as you want to be treated."

Please join me on Tuesday, December 3rd, to recognize and celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities by wearing purple, the perfect color for our Jaguar community.

Doug Storbeck, GHEC Superintendent

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		GBB-St. Clair (ABC) at Northrop-4:30 JHGBB at St.Clair-4:30 BBB at MCW (ABC) in Sherburn-4:30 JHBBB-MCW at Granada-4:30	Progress Reports sent home grades 6-12 CER-Pickleball at 6:30 CER-Mens BB at 6:30	CER-Christmas Tree Weaving-3:10 JHGBB-Nicollet at Truman-4:30 GBB-Nicollet (AB) at Truman-5:45 BBB (C) at Madelia-4:30	GBB at LCWM(ABC)-4:30 JHGBB-LCWM at Truman-4:30 BBB-Alden-Conger(ABC) at Granada-4:30 JHBBB at Alden-Conger 4:30	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	MS/HS Winter Concert 7:00 CER-Wreath Ornament class at 3:05-4:15	JHGBB-MCW at Granada-4:30 GBB at MCW (AB) at Sherburn-5:45 BBB@ St.Clair(ABC)-4:30 JHBBB at St.Clair-4:30	CER-Pickleball at 6:30 CER-Mens BB at 6:30	JHBBB at Cleveland-4:30 BBB-Cleveland (ABC) at Granada-4:30 School Board meeting in Media Center-5:30 Truth in Taxation-6:01	JHGBB-AC/GE at Granada-4:30 GBB-AC/GE (AB) at Granada-5:45 BBB at Nicollet(ABC)-4:30 JHBBB-Nicollet at Truman-4:30	Elem. Robotics Competition BBB/GBB C teams at MVL Tourney in New Ulm-9:00 AM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Elementary Winter Program at 7:00 F.F.A. meeting at 6:30	CER-Gingerbread House Party 5:00-7:00	CER-Pickleball at 6:30 CER-Mens BB at 6:30	JHGBB-Madelia at Truman GBB at Madelia (AB) 4:00/6:15 BBB at Madelia (AB) 5:00/7:30 JHBBB-Madelia at Granada-4:30	GBB (BC teams)-LeSeuer Henderson at Northrop 4:30/6:00 GBB (A)-BLHS at Northrop-7:15	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Winter Break -> NO School	-> NO School	-> NO School	-> NO School	-> NO School	
					GBB-SMSU Tourney in Marshall -> BBB at BEA Holiday Tourney in Blue Earth ->	
29	30	31				
	Winter Break -> NO School	-> NO School New Year's Eve	classes resume Jan. 6th			

GHEC MENUS



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BREAKFAST	Cereal Choice Pop Tart Assorted Fruit Assorted Juice, Milk	Pancakes, Bacon slice or Cold Cereal Assorted Fruit Assorted Juice, Milk	Cheesy Omelet or Cold Cereal, Cinnamon Roll, Assorted Fruit Assorted Juice, Milk	Breakfast Pizza or Cold Cereal Yogurt Assorted Fruit Assorted Juice, Milk	Cereal Choice WG Toast Assorted Fruit Assorted Juice, Milk
LUNCH	Chicken Alfredo, Steamed Broccoli, Garlic Toast, Fresh & Canned Fruit, Vegetable Bar, Milk	Chicken Wild Rice or Chicken Tortilla Soup Crackers Assorted sandwiches Crackers Fresh & Canned Fruit Vegetable Bar, Milk	Meat Loaf W Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Corn Fresh & Canned Fruit Vegetable Bar, Milk	Cheesy Turkey Sandwiches or Sloppy Joe Smile Fries, Baked Beans Fresh & Canned Fruit, Vegetable Bar, Milk	Meat Lovers Pizza Green Beans Fresh & Canned Fruit Vegetable Bar, Milk
BREAKFAST	Cereal Choice English Muffin Assorted Fruit Assorted Juice, Milk	Mini Waffles Sausage Links or Cold Cereal Assorted Fruit Assorted Juice, Milk	Yeast Raised Donut or Cold Cereal Yogurt or Cheese Stick Assorted Fruit Assorted Juice, Milk	Breakfast Bagel or Cold Cereal Yogurt Assorted Fruit Assorted Juice, Milk	Cereal Choice WG Toast Assorted Fruit Assorted Juice, Milk
LUNCH	Crispy Chicken on WG Bun, Waffle Fries, Baked Beans Fresh & Canned Fruit, Vegetable Bar, Milk	Soft Shell or Hard-Shell Tacos Potato Coins w Nacho Cheese, Corn Fresh & Canned Fruit Vegetable Bar, Milk	Cream Chicken over Biscuits Peas and Carrots Fresh and Canned Fruit Vegetable Bar, Milk	Shrimp Poppers Au gratin Potatoes or Baked Potato (MS/HS) Steamed Broccoli Fresh & Canned Fruit Vegetable Bar, Milk	Pizza Green Beans Fresh & Canned Fruit Vegetable Bar, Milk Cookie
BREAKFAST	Croissant Egg, Cheese and Ham Sandwich or Cold Cereal Assorted Fruit Assorted Juice, Milk	Cereal Choice Bagel Assorted Fruit Assorted Juice, Milk	Dutch Waffle w Fruit / Syrup or Cold Cereal Assorted Fruit Assorted Juice, Milk	Breakfast Burrito Baby Cakes or Cold Cereal Assorted Fruit Assorted Juice, Milk	Cereal Choice WG Toast Assorted Fruit Assorted Juice, Milk
LUNCH	Mini Corn Dogs, Macaroni and Cheese Broccoli Fresh & Canned Fruit Vegetable Bar, Milk	BRUNCH LUNCH Omelets, Sausage Patty, French Toast Sticks, Tri Tater, Assorted Juice, Fresh & Canned Fruit Vegetable Bar, Milk	Hamburger or Cheeseburger French Fries Baked Beans Fresh & Canned Fruit Vegetable Bar, Milk	HOLIDAY MEAL Ham Slice, Cheesy Potatoes Glazed carrots, Dinner roll, Fresh & Canned Fruit, Vegetable Bar, Milk	Pizza Green Beans Fresh & Canned Fruit Vegetable Bar, Milk Cookie
WINTER HOLIDAY BREAK	No School	No School	No School	No School	No School
	No School	No School	<p>Fresh Vegetable Bar served daily with lunch may include the following: Tomatoes, carrot sticks, cumpers, celery, broccoli. Cauliflower, red and green peppers, radishes, onions, dark green lettuce.</p> <p>1% white milk or chocolate skim milk is served daily with breakfast and lunch.</p> <p>Fresh and Canned Fruit Choices Served Daily. Fresh Fruit Choices may include: Grapes, Bananas, Oranges, Apples, Strawberries, Melons, and other seasonal fruits. Frozen or Canned Fruit choices may include: Applesauce, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, Strawberries, Apple Slices.</p> <p><i>*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</i></p>		



Grab and Go Breakfast available to grades 6th to 12th.

Students may choose to eat Regular Breakfast or to Select the Grab and Go option. **ONLY ONE FREE BREAKFAST PER STUDENT DAILY.**

Students will be **CHARGED** ala carte prices if they choose to select a second juice, milk or entree.

Students will punch in their meal numbers when choosing the Grab and Go option.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Cereal Mini Cinnis Apple sauce Cup Juice	Sausage Gravy over Biscuits Fruit Tower Choices Juice	Mini Donuts Yogurt or cheese Stick Fruit Tower Choices	Breakfast Sandwich (Ham) Fruit Tower Choices Juice	Pancakes, Sausage links Pineapple tidbits Juice
9	10	11	12	13
Cereal Boli Apple sauce Cup Juice	French Toast Sticks w Syrup Cup, Sausage Patty, Fruit Tower Choices Juice	Cereal Bar Yogurt or Cheese Stick Fruit Tower Choices	Sandwich (Bacon) Fruit Tower Choices Juice	Omelet Bagel w Cream Cheese Raisins/Craisins Juice
16	17	18	19	20
Cereal Breakfast Bread Apple sauce cup Juice	Pancake on a Stick W Syrup cup Fruit Tower Choices Juice	Cinnamon roll Yogurt or Cheese Stick Fruit Tower Choices	Breakfast Sandwich (Sausage) Fruit Tower Choices Juice	Breakfast Burrito Potato Bites Fruit Tower Choices Juice
23	24	25	26	27
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
30	31			
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL			

- ALL MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
- THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

If students choose to eat the pancake meal on Wednesdays provided by area churches, that meal must be consumed in the **Commons Area** and not brought into the lunch room.



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 <p data-bbox="553 1163 683 1629">Red Starkrison Pears</p> <p data-bbox="496 1079 532 1108">3</p>	 <p data-bbox="553 239 643 932">California Blend Vegetables Carrots, Cauliflower and Broccoli</p> <p data-bbox="496 128 532 157">5</p>
<p data-bbox="906 1619 1073 1986">Navel Oranges from the Sunbelt!</p>  <p data-bbox="849 1079 885 1136">10</p>	<p data-bbox="906 407 1013 764">Cheery Cherry Tomatoes</p> <p data-bbox="849 128 885 184">12</p>
<p data-bbox="1268 1514 1325 1965">Pomegranates</p>  <p data-bbox="1159 1079 1195 1136">17</p>	 <p data-bbox="1219 212 1268 548">Veggie Kabob</p> <p data-bbox="1159 128 1195 184">19</p>

2024-2025 First Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

Seniors: Jayden Bellecourt, Lindsey Diegnau, Madisen Lewis, Jackson Madsen, Ashton Spear, Makayla Theobald, Elsa Thompson, Leysa Thompson, Landon Zimmer

Juniors: Keira Benck, Jackson Clow, Ava Donohue, Reagan Emmert, Brody Grathwohl, Lane Kruse, Phoebe Madsen, Kayla Mattson, Josie Moeller, Addison Nowicki, Samantha Viland

Sophomores: Addison Barrick, Alex Benck, Bryce Borkenhagen, Elijah Jensen, Blake Steuber, Samantha Steuer

Freshmen: Lylah Becker, Ava Geroncin, Avianna Jordan, Wyatt Lewis, Vannah Madsen, Laticiana Rosales-Wegner

8th Grade: Lucy Koch, Troy Peterson, Allison Steuber

7th Grade: Evan Barrick, Kyla Benck, Charlotte Berhow, Colten Donohue, Beau Madsen, Cecilia Nowick, Deacon Thompson

6th Grade: Wyatt Jaskulke, Makayla Larson, Athena Opheim, Ellie Steuer

Honor Roll

Seniors: Kaydon Barglof, Carter Langford, Luis Montes De Oca, Mason Williams

Juniors: Leighton Hugoson, Layla Johnson, Carly Jorgensen, Addison Smith

Sophomores: Curtis Bressler, Draven Frank, Sadie Popp Langford

Freshmen: Jacelynn Bellecourt, Jack Bursell, Aidan Donohue, Ainsley Gronewald, Ethan Jaskulke, Aiden Preston, Vaughn Thompson, Logan Zimmer

8th Grade: Jaxson Bellecourt, John Carr, Etta Clay, Autumn Davis, Addison Goodvin, Henry Hugoson, Ryker Johnson, Skyla Larsen, Jacob Mattson, Jacob Mattson, Jonah Moeller, Kamden Schwebke

7th Grade: Cash Becker, Eli Cartwright, Weston Emmert, Marlee Grunewald, Zoe Hugoson, Skyabellin Langford, Levi Lewis, Madden Meixell, Leland Stenzel

6th Grade: Ellie Andringa, Adeline Diekmann, Sophia Dorschner, Kinsley Gorackowski, Lyla Peterson, Briley Rettke, Parker Sadler

Congratulations to our Students of the First Quarter!

English: Autumn Davis, Jacelynn Bellecourt

Social Studies: Lucy Koch, Avianna Jordan

Spanish: Morgan Haken

Math: Deacon Thompson, Elijah Jensen

Science: Xavier Hausladen, Alex Benck

Art: Carter Frank, Tasia Palmquist

Music: Henry Hugoson, Layla Johnson

Industrial Tech: John Carr, Luis Monte De Oca

Health: Laticiana Rosales-Wegner

Phy Ed: Kinsley Goraczkowski, Jacob Mattson, Maddison
Schulenburg

Agriculture: Wyatt Jaskulke, Lindsey Diegnau

MS Robotics: Jericho Ibarra



GHEC Student Council's

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Students (Pre-K through 12th grade) will be competing in this year's food drive. Each group's goal is to bring in **3,000** points worth of food. Whichever group brings in the most points will receive bragging rights and an ice-cream party!!! There will also be a school-wide reward for students on Friday, December 20th if both groups reach their goal!!!

10 Point Items: These items will be worth 10 points if you bring them in on the day listed.

Monday: Side Dishes

Tuesday: Vegetables & Fruits

Wednesday: Breakfast Foods

Thursday: Personal Hygiene Items

Friday: Desserts & "Extras"

5 Point Items:

- Canned Meat (i.e. Stew, Slappy Joe, Mix, Meatloaf)
- Canned Fruit
- Soups
- Hamburger Helper/Tuna Helper/Chicken Helper
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Potatoes (BOXED)
- Toilet Paper (every 6 rolls)
- Kleenex
- Baby Food
- Cereal
- Noodles
- Fruit Juice
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Pie Filling
- Pork 'n' Beans
- Pudding
- Cake Mixes
- Ramen Noodles
- Toilet Paper (every 6 rolls)
- Rice/Rice Dishes
- Canned Vegetables
- Stuffing (BOXED)
- Other items not listed

Items Will Be Collected

**December
9th-13th**

Drop Off Location

Students can drop their items off in the front entryway. Items will be counted by 10:00 A.M. everyday.

**ELEMENTARY VS
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL**

CONCERT TIME!

PLEASE JOIN US AT GHEC FOR THE
FOLLOWING HOLIDAY EVENTS!

DEC. 9TH
7:30PM

MS/HS CHOIR & BAND HOLIDAY
FAVORITES & MORE!

DEC. 16TH
7:00PM

K-5 ELEMENTARY PROGRAM
5TH GRADE BAND-OUR FIRST CONCERT!
JINGLE BELL JUKEBOX - THE FLIP SIDE!



GHEC FFA FALL NEWSLETTER

2024-2025 Officer Team



President: Layla Johnson
Vice President: Kayla Mattson
Secretary: Aubrey Benoit
Treasurer: Lynsie Salic
Reporter: Ava Donohue
Sentinel: Leighton Hugoson
Historian: Elsy Johnson
Officer @ Large: Tisa Rosales-Wegner
Student Advisor: Lylah Becker

2024-2025 Middle School Officer Team



Heritage Acres Fall Festival



This year, on October 20th we had five FFA members help set up and run the annual Heritage Acres Fall Festival! These member were Hank Hugoson, Alivia Saunders, Layla Johnson, Ava Donohue, and Kayla Mattson.

President: John Carr
Vice President: Jonah Moeller
Secretary: Alivia Saunders
Treasurer: Hank Hugoson
Reporter: Zoe Hugoson
Sentinel: Cash Becker

GHEC FFA FALL NEWSLETTER

Livestock Evaluation CDE Team



3rd place team State Qualifiers

Team members included (L-R): Leighton Hugoson, Lysie Salic, Lylah Becker, Cash Becker.

Leighton placed 1st and Cash placed 6th out of 117 individuals!

Horse Judging CDE Team



6th place team State Qualifiers

Team members included (L-R): Alivia Saunders, Addison Barrick, Elsy Johnson, Zoe Hugoson.

zoe placed 13th and Addison placed 16th out of 73 individuals!

Grain Drive



This year we had great participation from students and farmers. We had 33 students who helped out by pulling gravity wagons and handing out meals in October. We would like to give a big thank you and shout out to those who donated grain or money to our chapter. Funds will help pay for chapter meetings, conventions, community service projects, and other chapter expenses.

GHEC FFA FALL NEWSLETTER

October Halloween Meeting



Members of the Month



October: Wyatt Jaskulke,
Addie Diekmann, Lylah
Becker, Madisen Lewis
September: Cash Becker,
Jonah Moeller, Layla
Johnson, Ava Donohue



GHEC FFA FALL NEWSLETTER

National FFA Convention

This year we had 20 FFA members go to the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis. They got to go on a Dairy Farm tour, Ozarks Fishery tour, Exotic Feline tour, Hunter's Honey Farm tour, a fun trip to sky zone, a haunted house, a Megan Moroney concert, and a rodeo. They also went to three sessions, where at one we were able to send up two of our members to receive our three star chapter award!



GHEC FFA FALL NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Events

November 21st: H2O Leadership Conference

December 4th: Fish & Wildlife CDE Contest

December 9-10th: State LDE & Leadership Conference

December 15th: FFA Meeting @ 6:30 pm

ALL ABOUT MINDFULNESS

What Is Mindfulness?

Mindfulness is the act of being present in the moment and being aware of our thoughts, feelings, and actions. Examples include taking time to:

- Notice how you are feeling
- Think before you speak
- Pay attention to what your body is doing
- Control how you show your feelings
- Think about how others feel
- Notice what's going on around you
- Focus on your breathing
- Accept your thoughts and feelings

The Benefits Of Mindfulness

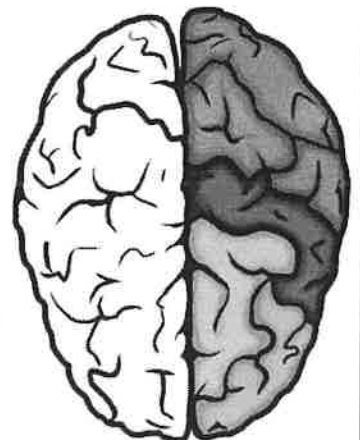
While the research about mindfulness is still ongoing, it shows that mindfulness has many possible benefits such as:

- Lower stress levels
- Improvement in managing emotions
- Lower levels of anxiety
- Lower levels of depression
- Improved focus & concentration
- Improved physical health
- Improved relationships
- Decrease in aggressive behaviors

Activities To Try

Try these mindfulness exercises with your child, or together as a family! Before and after the exercise, take three deep, slow breaths.

- **5-4-3-2-1:** Try to notice 5 things you can see, 4 things you can feel, 3 things you can hear, 2 things you can smell, and 1 thing you can taste.
- **Belly Breathing:** Take a big deep breath in and pretend you just breathed in a ball of light. Notice as the ball of light travels through your body all the way to your toes.
- **Noticing New Things:** Look around the room and try to notice 3-5 things you haven't noticed before.
- **Noticing Your Thoughts:** Sit for one minute. Notice all of your thoughts. Do not try to change your thoughts, just try to notice them.
- **Body Scan:** Pay attention to the parts of your body individually and see what you can notice about how they feel. Start with your feet and move upward.
- **Find The Rainbow:** Look around the room and find one thing for each color of the rainbow. For an added challenge, try to find 5 things for each color.
- **Color Breathing:** Take 10 deep breaths. As you are breathing in, imagine that you are breathing in your favorite color. As you are breathing out, imagine that you are breathing out your least favorite color.



GHEC Concession Schedule for 2024-2025

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Tickets</u>	<u>Popcorn</u>	<u>Concessions</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Bars</u>
Football					
8/29/24 7:00 p.m.	School Staff	Heather Benoit	Todd & Betsy Steuber Laura & Zach Koch	Juniors	N/A
9/13/24 7:00 p.m.	School Staff	Aaron or Katie Benck	Bryan & Jacque Nowicki	6th Grade	N/A
Volleyball					
9/9/24 ABC Teams 4:30 p.m.	School Staff	Brian Borkenhagen or Magen Borkenhagen	Todd & Malorie Thompson Lindsey Wegner or Erick Rosales	7th Grade	Borkenhagen Family, Thompson Family, Chelsea Celandier, & Sarah Emmert
Basketball					
12/6/24 Boys ABC 4:30 p.m.	School Staff	Kayla or Harley Emery	Zach & Laura Koch Todd & Betsy Steuber	8th Grade	Emery Family, Steuber Family, Linda Bakken, McKenzie Waglie
12/12/24 Boys ABC 4:30 p.m.	School Staff	Ben or Staci Johnson	Ross & Jessica Gronewald	Freshmen	Johnson Family, Gronewald Family, Dan Anderson, Bethany Maday
12/13/24 Girls ACJH 4:30 New Date	School Staff	Please let us know if you are able to help out. We are in need of 1 worker for this area.	Please let us know if you are able to help out. We need two workers for this area.	Juniors	Please let us know if you can make bars for this game.
1/3/25 Girls ABC 4:30 p.m.	School Staff	Aubrey Clay or Jason Reynolds	Tyler and Lacey Meixell	8th Grade	Clay/Reynolds Family, Meixell Family, Karen Weets, Erin Roiger
1/10/25 Boys ABC 4:30 p.m.	School Staff	Lindsey Wegner or Erick Rosales Todd & Malorie Thompson	Dan and Nikki Smith	Sophomores	Wegner/Rosales Family, Smith Family, Becca Johnson, Stephanie Topinka
1/13/25 Boys ABC 4:30 p.m.	School Staff	Derik or Melinda Garry	Todd & Marie Barrick	NHS	Garry Family, Barrick Family, Rachael Neufeld, Monique Brockmann

GHEC Concession Schedule for 2024-2025

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Tickets</u>	<u>Popcorn</u>	<u>Concessions</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Bars</u>
1/16/25 Boys ABC 4:30 p.m.	School Staff	Cassie Stevens or Hunter Handevidt	Lucas & Jessica Nowicki	FFA	Stevens/Handevidt Family, Nowick Family, Michelle Hernes, Emily Gillingham
1/23/25 Girls ABC 4:30 p.m.	School Staff	Curtis or Annie Gibson	Paul & Karla Carr	Student Council	Gibson Family, Carr Family, Courtney Pytleski, Desiree Jensen
1/30/25 Boys ABC 4:30 p.m.	School Staff	Heather or Dustin Philipp	Brooke & Eric Colby	Spanish Club	Heather or Dustin Phillip, Colby Family, Kayla Ekstrom, Leah Rode-Mulder
1/31/25 Girls ABC 4:30 p.m.	School Staff	Josh or Becki Peterson	Alex & Katie Roorda	Juniors	Peterson Family, Roorda Family, Niki Lewis, Angie Deboer
2/3/25 Girls ABC 4:30 p.m.	School Staff	Josh or Tina Jaskulke	Mike & Jenny Preston	Sophomores	Jaskulke Family, Preston Family, Spencer Chirpich, and Haley Schock
2/7/25 Girls ABC 4:30 p.m.	School Staff	Carissa or Bobby Maday	Kevin Zimmer & Amy Subbert	Freshmen	Maday Family, Zimmer/Subbert Family, Alec Saxon, Shayna Wolff
2/13/25 Girls ABC 4:30 p.m.	School Staff	Dale or Cindy Jensen	Travis Berhow & Anna Stine	7th Grade	Jensen Family, Berhow/Stine Family, Shy Hornick, Kari McGregor

*****CONCESSION GUIDELINES*****

*If you are unable to work when scheduled: switch with someone or find a replacement

*1 adult worker is needed for popcorn and 2 adults are needed for concession workers

*Bars should be cut and put in ziplock bags - one 9x13 pan equals 12 bars.

Thank you for your dedication to our school!



The Jaguar apparel website has been updated with basketball clothing!



Choose from Sweatshirts, Long Sleeve T-shirts, Short Sleeve T-shirts or Joggers.

Generic Jaguar Apparel Items are available also.



Order by December 6th to get your items by Christmas.

Stocking Caps will be added soon.

[GHEC Jaguars + Basketball | D&S Trophies \(dstrophiesmn.com\)](https://dstrophiesmn.com/ghec-jaguars-football-volleyball/)

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Community Education Offerings at a Glance

DECEMBER

- 4TH/11TH/18TH: PICKLEBALL 6:30-8:30
- 4TH/11TH/18TH: MEN'S BASKETBALL 6:30-8:30
- 5TH: K-5 CHRISTMAS TREE WEAVING 3:05-4:15
- 9TH: K-5 WREATH ORNAMENT 3:05-4:15
- 17TH: GINGERBREAD HOUSE PARTY:5:00-7:00

JANUARY

- 13TH: K-5 LEGO CLUB 3:05-4:15
- 8TH/15TH/22ND/29TH: MEN'S BASKETBALL 6:30-8:30
- 22ND & 29TH: PICKLEBALL 6:00-8:00
- CHECK BACK FOR MORE OFFERINGS

FEBRUARY

- 5TH/12TH/19TH/26TH: PICKLEBALL 6:00-8:00
- 5TH/12TH/19TH/26TH: MEN'S BASKETBALL 6:30-8:30
- 6TH: K-5 VALENTINE'S BOX CLASS 3:05-4:15
- 8TH: GREAT PUZZLE RACE 11:00 AM
- 8TH: FAMILY DANCE 6:00-8:00
- CHECK BACK FOR MORE OFFERINGS

MARCH

- 1ST & 2ND: ROLLERSKATING 1:00-4:00
- CER AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES
- CHECK BACK FOR MORE OFFERINGS

APRIL

- 26TH: GREAT PUZZLE RACE 11:00 AM
- CER AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES
- CHECK BACK FOR MORE OFFERINGS

MAY

- CER AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES
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JUNE

- CER AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES
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JULY

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OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

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**GHEC
SCHOOLS**

Community Education Survey

Please take a few minutes of your time to complete this survey to help our Community Education Department develop a program that is best for our GHEC community.

Scan the QR code to complete the survey



Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Erin Roiger at erin.roiger@ghec.k12.mn.us

THANK YOU!

GHEC's December K – 5th Grade "Christmas Tree Weaving" Community Education Class

Come join us after school for a fun and creative class where you will learn how to weave your own Christmas tree using yarn. Each participant will also enjoy a snack and juice.

Grades: K - 5th Grade

Date: Thursday, December 5th from 3:05pm – 4:15pm

Location: GHEC Art Room

Instructor: Mrs. Johnson

Cost: \$8

Register by filling out the form below or scan the QR Code
by: Friday, November 29th

Please send a note,
email or call the office
to verify your student is
staying after school that
day.



GHEC's December K-5th "Christmas Tree Weaving" Community Education Class

Student Name: _____



Paid \$8 :

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Cash

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Check (Payable to "GHEC CER")



GHEC's December 3rd – 5th Grade "Wreath Ornament" Community Education Class

Come join us for an after school snack while you create your own cloth wreath ornament. This will be a perfect class right before the holidays!

Grades: K-5th Grade

Date: Monday, December 9th from 3:05pm – 4:15pm

Location: GHEC Media Center

Instructor: Mrs. Brockmann & Mrs McGregor

Cost: \$8

Register by filling out the form below or scan the QR Code by:
Thursday, December 4th

Please send a note,
email or call the office
to verify your student is
staying after school that
day.



GHEC's December K – 5th "Cloth Wreath Ornament" Community Education Class

Student Name: _____



Paid \$8 :

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Cash

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Check (Payable to "GHEC CER")



GHEC SCHOOLS
INVITE YOU TO OUR

GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Decorating Party

Get into the holiday spirit with our Gingerbread House Decorating Party! Gather your friends or family for a delightful evening of icing, candies, and creative confections

DECEMBER 17, 2024

5:00-7:00PM

CAFETERIA

Bring a container to transport your
gingerbread home in
Call the school by 12/13/24 to
save your spot or register online
by scanning the QR code

507-447-2211



GHEC COMMUNITY EDUCATION

PICKLEBALL WINTER LEAGUE

JANUARY: 22, 29

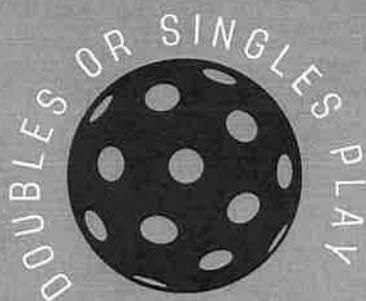
FEBRUARY: 5, 12, 19, 26

MARCH: 5, 12, 19, 26

APRIL: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**NEW TIME
6:00 PM-8:00PM**

**EQUIPMENT
PROVIDED
WE'LL TEACH YOU
HOW TO PLAY!**



**MORE INFORMATION
ERIN.ROIGER@GHEC.K12.MN.US**



**COST:
\$15/SEASON
OR
\$2/DAY**

**GHEC SMALL
GYM**

GRANADA, MN 56039

THE GREAT PUZZLE RACE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

11:00 AM

GHEC COMMONS

TEAMS OF 4

500 PIECE JIGSAW PUZZLE

COST:\$20/TEAM

TO REGISTER:

SCAN THE QR CODE

OR EMAIL ERIN ROIGER @

ERIN.ROIGER@GHEC.K12.MN.US

OR CALL 507-447-2211





Join us for a

FAMILY DANCE

**BRING YOUR KID(S) AND ENJOY A NIGHT OF
DANCING AND FUN!**

Saturday, February 8th

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

GHEC Schools

Fun for all ages

Cost: \$5/person and \$20 family max



Help your neighbor.
help your friends,
help your family.
Help them to apply today

2024-2025 Energy Assistance Program

Deadline: May 31, 2025

A grant for income eligible households to assist in paying heating and electric bills.

Available to homeowners, renters who pay heating/electric costs and renters with heat included in their rent*

MVAC serves the following counties:

**Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault,
Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley,
Waseca, and Watonwan**

Hablamos español

* Crisis assistance is also available for disconnection notices, shut-offs, and no fuel emergencies.

Assistance with heating unit repairs is available to approved homeowners who have a no-heat situation.

Household income cannot be more than these income guidelines:

Household Size	Annual Income	1 Month Max Guidelines
1	\$35,799	\$2,983
2	\$46,814	\$3,901
3	\$57,829	\$4,819
4	\$68,845	\$5,737
5	\$79,860	\$6,655
6	\$90,875	\$7,572
7	\$92,940	\$7,745
8	\$95,006	\$7,917
9	\$97,071	\$8,089



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APPLICATION

MINNESOTA VALLEY ACTION COUNCIL
"Community Action: Helping People. Changing Lives"

To request an application:

(507) 345-6822 | (800) 767-7139

Applications available for download at:

www.mnvac.org





Save Receipts For Your Child's Education Expenses

If you're buying school supplies for your children in kindergarten through 12th grade, you may qualify for these tax relief programs:

- K-12 Education Subtraction
- K-12 Education Credit

Save your receipts! Both programs can help lower your taxes and may provide a larger refund when filing your Minnesota income tax return.

Common Expenses That Qualify:

- School supplies (pencils, paper, calculators)
- Educational computer hardware and software
- Tutoring K-12 curriculum by a qualified instructor
- Rental or purchase of musical instruments used during school

Expenses That Do Not Qualify:

- School supplies not used in education (backpacks, tissues, organizers)
- Clothing, including school uniforms (except required gym clothes)
- School lunches
- Family trip to museum or zoo

Do I qualify?

To qualify for either the credit or subtraction, both of the following must apply:

- You purchased educational services or materials to assist with your child's education
- Your child is attending kindergarten through 12th grade at a public, private, or home school

Income limits for Each Program

K-12 Education Credit: Your adjusted gross income must be below the levels shown here. If you qualify for the credit, you must file a Minnesota return to claim a refund.

Number of qualifying children in K-12:	Adjusted gross income must be less than:
1 or 2	\$79,760
3	\$82,760
More than 3	\$85,760 plus \$3,000 for each additional child

K-12 Education Subtraction: There are no income limits for the education subtraction.

For more information on these programs and other valuable tax information, visit www.revenue.state.mn.us and enter **K12** in the Search box or call us at 651-296-3781 or 800-652-9094.



Minnesota Child Tax Credit: Helping families and children!



The Child Tax Credit delivers tax relief to individuals with children. The credit can reduce the tax you owe and provide you with a refund.

Am I eligible for the Child Tax Credit?

Generally, you must meet these requirements to claim the Child Tax Credit.

- You were a full-year or part-year resident of Minnesota in 2024 (with certain exceptions for military members)
- You are not a dependent of another person
- You have one or more “qualifying children” as defined by the IRS

How much is it?

The maximum credit is \$1,750 per child under age 18, with no limit on the number of children claimed.

The credit is phased out if your income is over \$36,880 for Married Filing Jointly or over \$31,090 for other filers.

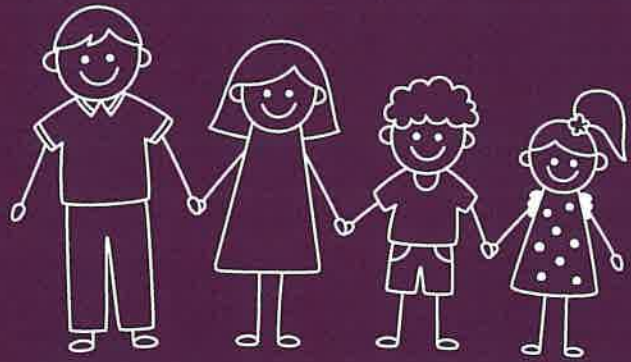
How do I claim it?

Claim the Child Tax Credit using Schedule M1CWFC, *Minnesota Child and Working Family Credits*.

You may also qualify for free tax return preparation! Go to www.revenue.state.mn.us and enter **free tax preparation** into the Search box to find free tax preparation services near you.



Minnesota Working Family Credit: Working for you!



The Working Family Credit delivers tax relief to individuals whose income is below a certain level. The credit can reduce the tax you owe and provide you with a refund.

Am I eligible for the Working Family Credit?

Generally, you must meet these requirements to claim the Working Family Credit.

- You were a full-year or part-year resident of Minnesota in 2024 (with certain exceptions for military members).
- You are not a dependent of another person.
- If you are married and you or your spouse are a nonresident alien, your filing status must be Married Filing Jointly.
- If you have no qualifying children, you and your spouse must have resided in the U.S. for more than half of 2024.

How much is it?

The Working Family Credit is 4% of your earned income up to \$369. The credit is phased out if your income is over \$36,880 for Married Filing Jointly or over \$31,090 for other filers.

How do I claim it?

Claim the Working Family Credit using Schedule M1CWFC, *Minnesota Child and Working Family Credits*.

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Minnesota Credit for Qualifying Older Children: Helping families and children!



The Credit for Qualifying Older Children delivers tax relief to individuals with children. The credit can reduce the tax you owe and provide you with a refund.

Am I eligible for the Credit for Qualifying Older Children?

Generally, you must meet these requirements to claim the Credit for Qualifying Older Children.

- You were a full-year or part-year resident of Minnesota in 2024 (with certain exceptions for military members)
- You are not a dependent of another person
- You have one or more “qualifying older children” as defined by the IRS

How much is it?

The maximum credit is:

- \$970 for one qualifying older child
- \$2,210 for two qualifying older children
- \$2,630 for three qualifying older children

The credit phases out if your income is over \$29,500 for Individual filers and \$35,000 for Married Filing Jointly.

How do I claim it?

Claim the Credit for Qualifying Older Children using Schedule M1CWFC, *Minnesota Child and Working Family Credits*.

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