

GREEN MOUNTAIN SCHOOL GAZETTE

FALL 2024

SCHOOL MEALS

Prepared fresh & on-site this year!

Served hot and fresh, we are excited to be preparing and cooking our breakfasts and lunches on-site this year. This has been made possible in part with a capital levy grant which was used to remodel kitchen and cafeteria. We're also thrilled to welcome Chelsea Trump as our new food service manager. As a mother of two daughters attending our school and a resident of the district, Chelsea brings a deep understanding of what makes our community special. She has already expanded the lunch menu with new items that our students love and have requested. Make sure you give our hot breakfasts and lunches a try!



CHELSEA TRUMP SERVING HOT FOOD



FRESH FRUIT & VEGGIE BUFFET

PTSO looks forward to a great year

The Green Mountain Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) is off to a busy start for the 2024-2025 school year! We welcomed back students and staff with our annual back-to-school ice cream social. During this time families dropped off school supplies, enjoyed treats, and played on our fabulous playground.

On another exciting note, we are bringing back the fall carnival at GMS. The carnival will be on Saturday, October 26, from 12-4 p.m. Families can play games, race

on the bouncy obstacle course, paint mini pumpkins, bowl with pumpkins, and other fun activities. We will also have a silent auction featuring a variety of baskets donated by each class and items from our community. If you or someone you know would like to contribute (money or items), please contact Katie Kipp (katie.kipp@greenmountainschool.us).

The GMS PTSO is proud to support our students, staff, and community, and looks forward to another great school year!

STATE TEST SCORES

State test scores from 2023-24 are in, and Green Mountain School saw notable increases across the board in English Language Arts (ELA), Math, and Science. On average, Green Mountain students scored 5.6 points higher than the state average in ELA, 9.1 points higher in Math and 22.8 points higher in Science!

Scores for all grades taking the state test can be found here: bit.ly/GMSDscores



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FACILITIES UPDATES

Outdoor play area a big hit with students

Thanks to a voter-supported, five-year capital levy passed in 2018, Green Mountain School (GMS) constructed a much-needed outdoor play and physical education structure. The structure gets used every day and recently hosted our all-school lunch. Thank you, community members, for your ongoing support of our school!

GMS receives \$6 million grant

Green Mountain School applied for and has been awarded a Small Schools Modernization Grant worth up to \$6 million. This grant was awarded by the state and can be used to upgrade and modernize existing permanent instructional spaces. To qualify for the funding, GMS had our facilities evaluated for needed improvement and associated costs, which was completed over the summer by our architect. We have identified a complete remodel of the cabin and gymnasium as the two most pressing needs. Our next step in the process is to get bids on these projects following official funding approval by the legislature at their upcoming sessions.

Mrs. Walizer is our school hero!

During Jenny Walizer's duty supervising the lunchroom last month, she was called to action when a kindergarten student came up to her grabbing their throat, unable to speak. Mrs. Walizer immediately asked the student if they were choking, and the student confirmed with a head shake. Mrs. Walizer performed the Heimlich maneuver and dislodged a large piece of Nutella sandwich from the child's throat! Thank you to Mrs. Walizer for her quick thinking, calm under pressure, and for putting her training (received during our annual all-staff training) into action.

