

**GEORGES VALLEY
HIGH SCHOOL
VALLEY VOICE
October 2008**



Spirit Week 2008

This year's Spirit Week began on Friday, September 19 with Bonfire and Boys Soccer Game and ended on Thursday, September 25, 2008 with a Grand Finalé which included School Color Dress-Up, Scavenger Hunt, Relay Race, Talent Show, Slide Show and Donation Ceremony.

Items collected during the week were:
Cans/Bottles, Tab tops, Food for the local Food Pantry and Penny War coins.

Winners announced at the Finalé are listed below:

Tab Tops:

- 1st place – Junior Class
- 2nd place – Sophomore Class
- 3rd Place – Senior Class
- 4th Place – Freshman Class

Talent Show:

- 1st Place – Faculty
- 2nd Place – a tie – Seniors/Sophomores
- 3rd Place – Juniors
- 4th Place – Freshman Class

Food Amounts: (listed by items collected)

- Seniors – 2065
- Juniors – 1814
- Faculty – 110
- Sophomores – 70
- Freshmen – 11

Total foodstuffs collected:
Last year = 2721
This year = 4070

Hallway Decorations:

- 1st Place – Junior Class
- 2nd Place – Sophomores
- 3rd Place – Seniors
- 4th Place – Freshmen

Bottle/Cans collected/\$ value

Junior Class = 22,108/\$1,105.40
Senior Class = 18,836/\$941.80
Sophomore Class = 9,958/\$497.90
Freshman Class = 769/\$38.45
Total collected last year: 49,728
Total this year: 51,671

Penny War:

Total \$ collected = \$4363.01
(collected last year = \$2455.85)
½ the amount collected (\$2181.51) was presented to Rev. Peter Jenks and Rev. Wayne Sawyer representing the **Heating Assistance Program.**

Special thanks to all students, staff, parents and community members for their hard work, dedication and contributions to make this year's Spirit Week so successful.

Midcoast Recreation Center

"Promoting healthy, fun and safe youth activities"

Route 90 - Rockport

- Skating contestants dressed in costume will receive \$1.00 off above admission price
- 2 "best costume" prizes (5 free skating passes) will be awarded

Please note: Costumes must not restrict vision or skating ability and shall not contain loose or sharp objects.

After School Skating Special

Tuesdays and Thursdays

October 21-November 13

3:30pm-5:00pm

\$5.00 Adults-\$4.00 Youth-\$4.00 Skate Rentals

Call 236.9400 for more information

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Math Team News

The first math meet of the 2008-2009 school year was held on October 1 at Lincoln Academy. A W was the high scorer for GVHS. J Br and K P were our 2nd and 3rd highest scorers.

In the Central Maine Math League, A W is in 14th place out of 218 students.

The next meet is on November 4 at Medomak Valley. Practices are held after school and all students are welcome to attend. The schedule for remaining meets is as follows:

Meet 3 – December 10 at Rockland

Meet 4 – February 4 at GVHS

Meet 5 – March 11 at Gardiner

Mid Maine Invitational Meet – March ? at Erskine Academy

State Meet – April 7 at the Bangor Civic Center

From the Nurse...

District Nurse, Stephanie Mitchell, RN is looking for a recliner chair that she can use in her limited space at Lura Libby School. Does anyone out there have or know of a recliner that is in good, clean condition – its material would have to be easy to wash/clean (Naugahyde/washable leather or the like). Please contact Nurse Mitchell at 354-2502 if you can help her with a donation.

TRIGON NEWS

- **This is *your* yearbook! Get involved!**
- **The first booth sale** for yearbooks ran during SPIRIT WEEK in September! The price of yearbooks during the first sale was \$40. The next sale will be held in December/January and the price will go up to \$45, so order early and save! Order forms will be available from your advisor.
- **Attention travelers!** Get your story on the "Buccaneers Abroad" page! Did you travel somewhere out of the country over the summer or during the school

year this year or last and participate in an educational or community service program? We want your story and pictures! Please email your photos and story to Mrs. Jordan by December 1st.

- All photos and text may be submitted via email to gjordan@msad50.org Thanks for your help!

Project Graduation

We're already underway for fundraising for Project Graduation! The goal of Project Graduation is to provide a safe, supervised chemical-free and fun environment where the students can celebrate their success and graduation with their classmates. Traditionally, the students have a day at Funtown the day before graduation, and a rafting trip that begins the night of graduation (overnight, meals and raft trip) and ends the day after graduation.

Students and parents are working together to raise the money for these activities (each student must participate in at least three activities). This year's goal is \$9,700. The first fundraiser occurred this summer at the Maine Lobster Festival – 16 students and 11 parents worked in the food tent, and raised approx. \$500.

The next four fundraisers, decided on by parents and students at our first two meetings, are the sales of Bags, Beans, Bulbs and auction– reusable shopping bags with the Buccaneer logo, free trade coffee beans and cocoa, Breck's flower bulbs, and an auction in conjunction with the GVHS Parents Group.

Buc Shopping Bags – reusable green bags, with the Buc logo in white, made by One Bag at a Time, a company that practices fair trade, factory monitoring by a non-profit, & a member of 1% for the planet. Bags will be sold by students and parents at games, to family/friends, and through local businesses. Price is \$6 each, with bulk purchases of 5 or more at \$5 each. B Y is the contact person for this.

Dean's Beans (coffee and cocoa) - 100 percent certified organic and fair trade products, with a portion of the profits returned to the indigenous growers. Coffee and cocoa can be pre-sold, and we will also order some to sell at games, school events, etc. Order forms will be given to students mid-October, with orders expected to be shipped in time for the holidays. M S is the contact person for this one.

Breck's Bulbs – Bulbs for fall planting were pre-sold, and Breck's will mail directly to each person ordering. This was a two week sales event that ended Sept. 18th, and brought in about \$1450. Thank you to L E for coordinating, and the 27 students who brought in orders!

Auction – Project Graduation can gather items for the GVHS Parents Group Auction and receive 100% of the amount our items are auctioned for. We already have two items (drivers' education packages) valued at approx. \$450 each. We would like to ask each family to secure two items for the auction. Ideas include gift certificates at local businesses, lobsters, gift baskets, items donated from local/family owned businesses or even from businesses outside the area (e.g. tickets to sporting games, autographed photos, furniture, art work, craft items, pizza certificates, etc.). Contact people for the auction are Donna Gray-Hanc, Vicki Fales, Bethany Yovino.

Other possible fundraisers include a WalMart matching fund grant, Valentine's Dinner at the Harbor View restaurant (W A and L L are exploring this) and the Dessert Buffet at the GVHS Film Festival in May. Stay tuned!

PARENTS: We have an email list with approx. 39 parents listed. We would like to get all parents on the email list or our phone list to keep everyone informed, so contact Donna Gray-Hanc with your email/phone at dhanc@verizon.net or 354-6793. If you want past minutes of the meetings, just let her know.

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New Officers Elected!

Student Government

President: K S
Vice-President: J E
Secretary: M H
Treasurer: B M

Class of 2012 class officers:

President: B W
Vice-President: D A
Secretary: M C
Treasurer: D M
Student Reps: S N
W B

Congratulations to all!!!

Music Department

We are off to a great start this year and are looking forward to a wonderful year of music. There are many music events and we look forward to working with parents and community members throughout the year!
☺ Please come and visit our classes or just stop by and say hello anytime!

Dates to remember

Nov. 21, 22 (Fri., Sat.) at Skowhegan High
CRAFT FAIR: Sat., Nov. 29
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (GVHS)
DECEMBER CHORUS & BAND CONCERT:
Wed., Dec. 3 = 7:00 p.m.
(snow date Mon. = Dec. 22)

We are looking for help with the Craft Fair. Tasks include (but not limited to):

- Decorating the gym.
- Transporting tables (to and from the high school) from various locations in the area (trucks and strong arms needed).
- Table set up (Fri. the 28th) and clean up (Sat. starting at 3 p.m.)
- Providing food for the concession stand.
- Managing the food concession stand.

Please contact Becky Leonard if you are willing to help. (354-2502)
leonard@msad50.org

Reminder to Students & Parents:
Emergency Cards, Student Honor Code,
Internet permission and additional
handouts needing signatures need to be
returned to Advisors ASAP

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

31 First Quarter ends

NOVEMBER

3-7 Auditions for musical
11 Veterans Day – no school
12 School Board Meeting - MCST
12-14 Parent Teacher Conferences
28 Craft Fair set up (gym closed)
27-28 Thanksgiving Break
29 Craft Fair (gym closed)

Please call school – 354-2502 to make
your appointment for Parent/Teacher
Conferences being held November 12 &
13 from 3 – 7 PM each day.

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