

TEACHERS EXCITED

ABOUT TEAMS

-Amy Moore-Powers

Hello! We are looking forward to a great year in the middle school. Teachers are excited to once again be working in teams. We have two teams this year: seventh grade and eighth grade. Each team of teachers shares common planning time, and a scheduled team meeting every day. Team meetings are used to discuss curriculum and individual student needs. Team meeting time is also an ideal time to schedule parent conferences. Returning this year is our Advisory Program (see Beacon article for details). The team structure encourages collaborative teaching, a feeling of community, and allows teachers to get to know their students better. The entire middle school will begin each week with a morning meeting in the auditorium. The purpose of morning meeting is to share important information and recognize accomplishments. We have already begun planning fun activities for the coming year. We welcome any input from parents or students. Let's all work together to make it a wonderful year.

7th Grade Team:

Liza Barrett, English (Team Leader)

Courtenay Gibson, Math

Andrew Floyd, Social Studies

Sue Strizzi, Science

8th Grade Team:

Amy Moore-Powers, Science (Team Leader)

Sharyn Dupee, English

Pat Blackman, Social Studies

Karl Belouin, Math

Marion Cariddi, English & Social Studies

Lynn Wesley, Science & Math

New Teacher: Andrew Floyd

-Amy Moore-Powers

In this week's Beacon we are introducing one of our new teachers. Look for additional teacher introductions in coming weeks.

Mr. Floyd comes to us after a year of subbing in the Pittsfield Public School System. He is a graduate of Pittsfield High School and Pomona College in California. Mr. Floyd loves to travel. He spent his 7th grade year in Scotland and his junior year in college in Greece and Egypt. In his own words, he is a "die-hard Red Sox fan" and a "rabid Minnesota Viking's fan". He also plays soccer and is a video game enthusiast. Mr. Floyd is an exciting addition to the Mt. Greylock Middle School!

Middle School Open House

Mark your calendars for the Middle School Open House on **Tuesday, September 20th beginning in the auditorium at 7pm.** Come see the school, walk through your student's schedule, hear about the PTO and this year's events, meet other parents and have coffee and tea..

SMILE-

Students Making an Impact Locally for Everyone is a community service organization at Mt. Greylock. All students are welcome to join. SMILE provides volunteer opportunities for its members- for example helping at the Little Red Schoolhouse Applefest and walking dogs at the animal shelter. We will be having a meeting within the next week. Interested students should see Mrs. Strizzi in W22 or Ms Cece in S4.

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Have you turned in your forms?

-Nurse Diane Dubendorf

The emergency information form for each student must be completed and returned. Also, the medical permission form (although optional) needs to be returned to the school nurse in order for a student to receive medicine during the school day.

Students participating in an interscholastic sport must have a yearly physical. The nurse may be reached at ext 154 if a parent wants to know if the sport physical requirement has been met. Coaches receive a copy of the emergency information form for each participant.

Please notify the school nurse of any new medical conditions or needs during the school year.

FROM THE CO-PRINCIPALS OFFICE

-Cheryl Yarter

By now all books should be covered. Please encourage students to keep their books covered and treat them respectfully. Lost or damaged books could result in fines at the end of the school year.

With cold mornings and warm afternoons, students should be reminded to put their jackets and sweater in their backpacks or lockers to avoid being lost. Please check Lost and Found (with Mrs. Livernois in the Co-Principals office) for any missing articles. Permanent name labels ensure the return of lost articles.

Students should be vigilant about locking their lockers and not sharing their combination number with other students.

E-mail is a great way to communicate with faculty and staff at Mt. Greylock. If you need to contact a member at the school, please check out the Mt. Greylock website for that individual and click on their name for e-mail information.

Please remember to call Mt. Greylock when a student will be absent and send the student with a note the day he/she returns. Phone messages may be left any time of the day or night by calling 413-458-9582 ext 101. Also, please try to schedule student appointments after school hours so they do not miss out on class discussions and assignment information

The Echo is Calling You

-Bill Densmore

Students interested in writing, photography, videography and "blogging" should attend the annual fall staff recruitment meeting for The Greylock Echo, to be held in the back of the Carleson Library on Tuesday, September 20th at 2:30pm.

This year, the monthly student newspaper is going multimedia with plans for a moderated web log and a collaboration with WilliNet for a monthly news/interview cablecast.

The Echo always needs feature writers, especially on sports topics, photographers and anyone who is familiar with PageMaker or InDesign software. Help with advertising sales is also needed.

All ages and classes are welcomed! There will be cookies and juice. For more information see Echo co-editors Carl Kubler or Kejia Tang or e-mail at echo@newshare.com

SPORTS

Cross Country Running:

Wed, Sept 21, 4:30 vs PHS & Wahconah at Wahconah

Girls Volleyball:

Mon, Sept 19, 5:00 vs Lee, away

U-14 Girls Soccer:

Sun, Sept 18, 4:00 vs Hoosac Valley, away

U-14 Boys Soccer:

Sun. Sept.18, 5:30 vs Adams –HOME

Sat. Sept 24, 4:00 vs Panthers– HOME

Please send items for the next issue of The Beacon by

noon, Tuesday, September 20th to:

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