



Groton-Dunstable Regional High School



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Dear Parents and students,

It is Handbook review time. Each year we ask parent, teacher and student volunteers to review the GDRHS Handbook and make recommendations for changes. This is the time to have a voice in the development of this important document! Students and teachers can sign up for this committee in the office. Parents interested in joining the committee should contact the Main Office. We meet approximately six times for about an hour and a half after school. Your participation would be greatly appreciated.

Last year there were major revisions to the Handbook. GDRHS with the support of the Superintendent and the district principals created common language for key areas of each school's handbook. These sections, referred to as *Common Chapters*, are rules and regulations that appear in each parent/ student handbook across the district. Many Common Chapters are laws while others are based on the law stated but are stated in language that is more easily understood.

Attention junior and senior students and parents: Koplik Certificate of Mastery with Distinction

- Students who earn the Koplik Certificate of Mastery with Distinction Certificate are eligible for a tuition waiver at Massachusetts state colleges and universities.

The purpose of the Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery, is to recognize high academic achievement, motivate students to perform to their best abilities on MCAS and other measures throughout high school, recognize high academic achievement in areas not tested by MCAS, and recognize high academic achievements as identified by outside forums, including competitions, student publications, and awards.

Initial Requirements: To initially qualify, a student must score either *Advanced* on both math and English or *Advanced* and *Proficient* on the Grade 10 MCAS assessments in mathematics and English language arts.

Two Additional Standardized Tests Are Required: Students have the choice of one of the following options: **(a)** two Advanced Placement exams with scores of "3" or better, or **(b)** two SAT Subject Tests (subjects and minimum required scores listed below), or **(c)** one SAT Subject Test and one Advanced Placement exam, or **(d)** one SAT Subject Test or one Advanced Placement exam and one other academic achievement.

Please Note: If a student scores *Proficient* on one of the two sections of the MCAS, then one of the two additional standardized tests or an academic achievement must be in that field. For example, a *Proficient* math score on MCAS requires at least one AP score, SAT Subject Test score, or other achievement in the math/science field (such as a "3" on an AP Calculus exam, a qualifying score on an SAT Math Level 1C Subject Test, or a grade of "B" or higher on a college biology course).

Please contact the Guidance Department for further details.

Sincerely,

Dr. Shelley Marcus Cohen, Principal

Art Department News

Applications for the Dunstable Artisans Student Art Scholarship are now being accepted. The \$500 scholarship is offered to a high school senior who is pursuing study in visual art or fine craft at the college level.

Students should show enthusiasm for art, demonstrate a progression in artistic skills, and be an inspiration to peers. Applicants must also have participated in the Dunstable Artisans Student Exhibit in October 2009 held at the Groton-Dunstable Middle School in order to be eligible.

Applications can be found at the GDRHS website.

Deadline is April 1, 2010.

Questions can be directed to: Anita Conklin, DA Scholarship Chair, at 978-448-8210 or anita@kipukaglass.com

GRADE 10 STUDENTS MATH MCAS REVIEW SESSIONS SPRING 2010

The Mathematics Department will be conducting five (5) review sessions for any sophomore interested in reviewing for the math portion of the MCAS.

All sophomores are invited! No registration is necessary.

- The sessions will be held on Tuesdays, from 2-3:30 pm in Room 112:

March 30, April 6, April 13, April 27, & May 4

The **Math MCAS exam** will be administered at the high school to all grade 10 students on:

- **May 17th (Monday – no calculator session)**
- **May 18th (Tuesday – calculator session).**

GROTON DUNSTABLE SPRING FASHION SHOW

FRIDAY MARCH 26, 2009 @ 7PM @GROTON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Come and enjoy an evening of fashion, fun and festivities as our High School Juniors and Seniors model the latest in Prom fashion and casual wear! There will be exciting music and dance performances, entertaining emcees, terrific raffle prizes and delicious refreshments! Tickets are available at the door the night of the show. All proceeds benefit the Grand Finale After Dark After-prom party. Please visit our website at gdafterdark.com for more information and to learn how you can be part of this event.

Guidance News - Scholarships

When a scholarship becomes available the application is in the Guidance Department and on the school website. Scholarships are listed in three categories: All students, resident of Dunstable and resident of Groton. Students should read the criteria to be sure that they meet the requirements. There are a couple of applications now available. If you have any questions please contact the Guidance Department.

Important Dates:

March

- 3 Progress Reports (if no weather delay)
- 4 GDEF Trivia Night
- 5 Spring Sports Sign-up
- 9 Open Forum /Domestic Violence@ 2:30
- 17 Curriculum half-day
- 18 Curriculum Open House
- 19 NHS Dance
- 19 GDEA Variety Show @ PAC
- 23, 24 & 25 MCAS – Gr. 10 ELA tests
- 26 Fashion Show @7:00PM/PAC

April

- 1 Term 3 ends
- 2 Good Friday – No School
- 19– 23 Spring Vacation
- 28 Half Day -Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 30 Prom



FYI.....Graduation Date is June 11, 2010 @ 6:00PM. Rain or Shine

Class day on June 8, 2010

GDEA Variety Show

The Annual GDEA Variety Show will be held on March 19, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Performing Arts Center /Middle School South. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be on sale at the school offices and at the door. Please join us and support this worthy cause. The proceeds help offer scholarships to GDRHS graduating students.

BIOLOGY MCAS REVIEW SESSIONS

Biology Students - 9th and 10th Grade

MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29 AND April 5, 12

The Science Department will be offering 6 review sessions for any 9th or 10th grader who wishes reinforce their biology concepts for the Spring MCAS. No registration is necessary. The sessions will be held on Mondays from 2 -3 o'clock in Room 109.

The Science MCAS exam (2 - one hour sessions) will be offered on two consecutive dates , 6/2 and 6/3/10.

71st Annual Clark Basketball Tournament

Defending champion and number one seed **Groton Dunstable** defeated **Westboro** 38-37 in overtime to win their second straight championship. Derek McC had 18 points to lead Groton-Dunstable and Ryan R added eight points and seven rebounds. Groton-Dunstable is a perfect 6-0 in championship games and has won back-to-back titles twice (2003,2004,2009,2010).

Congratulations to the following boy's basketball players for being selected as All-Stars for Mid-Wach B.

Derek McC	Co-MVP
Ryan R	Co-MVP
Cam W	All Star

Art Department News

On December 23 and January 6, the Art Department welcomed back Groton Dunstable alumni who are studying art or design at the college level for our annual GD Art Alumni Day. GD art students were shown work from programs in industrial design, architecture, graphic design, painting, and special effects costuming.

The following graduates participated in Alumni Day: Nina Hardy (*Industrial Design, Rhode Island School of Design,*) Annette Balestrand, (*Architecture, Wentworth Institute of Technology,*) Mitchell Silva, (*Massachusetts College of Art and Design*), Sylvia Zhao (*Painting, Maryland Institute College of Art,*) Rhiann Irvine, (*Graphic Design, State University of New York at Purchase,*) Emily Knapp, (*Graphic Design, Massachusetts College of Art and Design,*) Kim Magid, (*Fine Arts, University of Mass. Lowell,*) and Jessica Durling (*Lesley University.*)

This year, we also welcomed two alums who have completed their college studies, Gregory Romano, (*Graphic Design, Rhode Island School of Design '2009*) and Danielle Hurley, (*Sculpture, Gordon College '2009*). Greg Romano is currently doing an apprenticeship at Reebok, and Danielle Hurley is working on special effects costume design commissions for theatrical and film companies.

Six percent of last year's graduating class is studying art, architecture or design at the college level. There are a total of 31 G-D alums who are currently studying art, architecture or design at the college level.



[Photography by John Hurley](#)

The Angel of Death Costume is an original design by Danielle Hurley. The costume as seen here was worn at the Salem Witches' Ball in Salem MA for Halloween 2009. The costume won first place in the costume contest.



Nurse News

Physicals: If you have current annual physical forms that have not been given to the nurse, now is the time to send them in so they will be on file before **spring sports try-outs**.

HS sports physicals for those who do not have a current physical will take place on **Friday, March 12, 2010 beginning at 7:30am**. The MIAA accepts all physicals as current for 13 months from the date of the exam. **School sports physical forms are available now. They must be picked up from the nurse and returned no later than March 5, 2010.** Students do not need a school sports physical if they have a current physical from another physician.

Emergency Forms: Emergency Forms must be completed **each school year**. Please check to see if your student has actually returned his completed form to the nurse. Many students still have not returned them.

EpiPens: Please check to see that your students are carrying their current EpiPens if prescribed by a physician and that the Nurse's Office also has a current EpiPen for them. Some EpiPens that were current in September may be expired now. Students cannot go on class trips unless they have their EpiPen.

Posture Screening: All ninth grade students will have their posture screened in PE classes by the PE teachers, and rescreened by the nurse as needed. This is a Commonwealth mandated screening program. Students who do not have PE will be called throughout the year for screening as schedules permit. Only a physician's note can exempt a student from posture screening.

H1N1: Vaccine is now readily available in the community and immunization is recommended.

Thank you for all your cooperation and please call me as needed.
Barbara Closs, MSN, RN 978-448-6362 X1151



Groton-Dunstable Regional High School
Athletic Department- Spring 2010 Information



Spring Athletics Registration Procedure

Welcome to another season of Crusader athletics! The athletic department is looking forward to another successful and positive season. Prior to the beginning of a season a student and parent must complete all necessary requirements and return the forms on the dates and times listed below. The necessary forms are downloadable on the athletics website on www.gdrsd.org. All forms are valid for the 2009-2010 school year only. Students who participated in a fall or winter sport must still register for the spring season, but only need to bring in a new user fee and verify the validity of a current physical.

A student athlete may begin participation only once all components are completed! These include:

- [Signed Release Form](#)
- Verification of a valid physical exam (See Below)
- Payment of the User Fee (\$275 per season per sport)

Students need to stop by the athletics office to register for spring sports on the following days: **March 9th, 10th, 11th 8:00 am -2:00 pm**

Physical Exam Requirements

A valid copy of your physical must be on file in the nurse's office before you can practice or participate in any sport. Valid is defined as 13 months from the date of the exam. *It is best you have a physical with your primary care provider.* If needed, you can have a school sports physical. These are competed in August, November, and March. The cost is \$5.00.

- The HS sports physicals for those who do not have a current physical for sports will take place on Friday March 12th at 7:30 am. Students must pick up a physical form from the nurse, have a parent/guardian complete and sign it, and return it to the nurse with the five dollar fee by Friday March 5th. The \$5 fee may be cash in the exact amount or a check made payable to **GDRSD HS**.

Other Important Dates

- GDRHS Winter Sports Awards Monday March 8th, 2009 6:30 @ PAC
- All Spring Sports start Monday March 15th (Times and Locations TBA)
- Spring 2010 Parent Coach Preseason Meeting Monday March 29th 6:30 @ HS
- Spring Sports Sign up Day for students Friday, March 5th – During Break
- Registration Days for Spring Sports- March 9th, 10th, 11th 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

NEW ENGLAND MATH LEAGUE #5

The fifth NEML (New England Math League) exam was administered on Tuesday, February 23rd.. Congratulations to our top scorers at GDRHS!

Grade 12	Saaid A, Madi C, Bill L	5 points
Grade 11	Connor G	5 points
Grade 10	Raaid A, Olivia B, Allison C, Jonas C, Jonathan E, Matt F, Ben I, Xiao J, Flannery Mc, Brendan N, Rochelle S	3 points
Grade 9	Emma H, Adam K, Riley R	3 points

The sixth and final NEML will be administered on **Tuesday, March 23rd, 2010**. If you would like to participate and are not currently in a math class this semester, please report to the Math Makeup Session at 2:00 pm that same day.

Top cumulative scorers (out of 30 possible points) so far this school year are:

Grade 12:	Matt R	24 points
Grade 11	Connor G	23 points
Grade 10:	Rochelle S	20 points
Grade 9:	Devon F	12 points

ENGLISH NEWS

One-Act Play Festival Honorees

Congratulations to the following students who received commendations at the inaugural One-Act Play Festival:

Best Director: Connor H (2011) for *Soap Opera*

Best Actor: Patrick T (2011) for *Soap Opera*

Best Actress: Marisa O (2012) for *The Whole Shebang*

Best Supporting Actor: Zachary S (2011) for *Soap Opera*

Best Supporting Actress: Maria S (2012) for *The Whole Shebang*

A big thanks to those of you who attended the show! We really appreciate your support.

GD's Spoken Word Artist

Congratulations to Max H (2010) who performed his poetry at The Bowery Poetry Club in New York City on February 16, 2010. Not only was he selected to read, he was seen and complimented by one of his spoken word heroes, Taylor Mali, a nationally recognized poetry slam champion known for his poem, "What Teachers Make."

GRADE 10 STUDENTS - ELA MCAS REVIEW SESSIONS - SPRING 2010

The English Language Arts Department will be conducting five (5) review sessions for any sophomore interested in reviewing for the English Language Arts portion of the MCAS. *All sophomores are invited!*

In addition, any juniors who received a Needs Improvement score on their Spring 2009 ELA test are invited to attend the sessions to boost their skills as well.

Topics will include fiction, nonfiction, drama, poetry, and writing. Some of the review time will be spent on discussing appropriate strategies to answer the types of questions the students will see on the MCAS.

Sessions will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Dates, Topics, and Room Locations are as follows:

- March 2 – Tuesday: **Nonfiction**, Room 215
- March 4 – Thursday: **Fiction**, Room 202
- March 9 – Tuesday: **Poetry**, Room 215
- March 11–Thursday: **Writing**, Room 202
- March 16 – Tuesday: **Drama**, Room 215

The ELA MCAS exam will be administered at the high school to all **grade 10 students on March 23, 24 & 25**. All sophomores are invited to attend. No registration is necessary.

Booster Club & "Taste of Nashoba"

The Groton-Dunstable High School and Middle School Athletic Booster Club has once again partnered with the Nashoba Valley Chamber of Commerce to sell tickets to the "9th Annual Taste of Nashoba". The event will be held at the Lawrence Academy Gymnasium on Tuesday, March 23rd, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$20 each. The Booster Club will receive a portion of the ticket price for each ticket that it sells in advance of the event. The Booster Club will also be selling tickets at the High School Winter Sports Awards at the PAC on Monday, March 8th, from 6-8 p.m. Tickets may also be obtained by emailing Carole Carter at carolecarter@mrmrealty.com or by calling her at 978-448-6514. As always, the Booster Club appreciates your continued support!!

Open Forum on Domestic Violence:

On Tuesday, March 9th, there will be an open forum on Domestic Violence issues and how we as a school can address, further educate and support our students around this very important topic. This is very poignant in light of the recent tragedies that have affected our community. Jim O'Loughlin and Alice Lenhart will be leading this discussion and it will be held in the Black Box Theater at the High School from 2:30 – 4:30PM. Students both current and former, parents, and all members of the community are welcome to attend.



An Evening of Science - Civil Engineering

GDSTEM (Groton-Dunstable Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) is pleased to be sponsoring the following evening of science:

Civil Engineering and Public Project Planning

William Maher and Michelle DiBenedetto, Nitsch Engineering

25 March 2010

Groton-Dunstable Middle School North - Team Meeting Room

346 Main St., Groton MA

Refreshments at 6:30pm, presentation 7:00-9:00pm

We all see obvious parts of the infrastructure around us, like roads, bridges, and storm drains. But who decides how wide the bridge should be, where exactly the road should curve, what it should be made of, what happens to the rain runoff, and the many other details that must be thought thru before anything can be built? Bill and Michelle will introduce you to the world of civil engineers, who are people that apply science to determine such things. The talk will start with sustainable site development, including the hydrologic cycle, stormwater management, and stormwater quality. It will discuss the effect of development on water balance, hydrographs, what Best Management Practices are, what goes into designing development for low impact, and the LEED system. Example cases will be presented, including work Nitsch Engineering is doing for the Town of Groton.

The talk is aimed at interested high school students, and is free and open to the public. There will be ample time for open discussion, and Bill and Michelle will discuss career paths in their field.

Michelle DiBenedetto graduated cum laude from Northeastern University, majoring in Civil Engineering with a minor in Business Administration. After completing her first two internships in her home state of Connecticut, she began working with Nitsch Engineering in July 2007 as a co-op student. She started as a full-time employee in May 2008. Michelle is currently attending Northeastern University part time for her master's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. During her first year as a full-time employee, Michelle worked on a variety of civil/site design projects. She is very familiar with many computer programs, including

AutoCAD, HydroCAD, and GIS. Michelle is a member of the USGBC's Emerging Green Builders group.

Bill Maher graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology with an Associates Degree in Civil Engineering, and a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Northeastern University. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in Massachusetts and New Hampshire as well as a Land Surveyor-in Training (LSIT). Bill has 25+ years of professional experience in the field of civil engineering that includes land surveying, bridge and roadway design, municipal consulting, site design and local, state and federal permitting. After several years as a Municipal City Engineer, he began working at Nitsch Engineering in 2000. During his time with Nitsch, he has worked on a number of design projects from Maine to Virginia and has written a number of articles for the Boston Society of Civil Engineers Section (BSCES) monthly newsletter.

Visit us online at HYPERLINK "<http://www.gdstem.org/>" www.GDSTEM.org



Trivia Night returns March 4!

- *Annual Giving Campaign Halfway to Goal*
- *Spring Grants due April 2*

Join the wildly popular 'Trivia Craze' close to home as **Trivia Night** returns to the Old Groton Inn (formerly Stagecoach Inn), Main Street, Groton, on **Thursday, March 4**, at 7 p.m., hosted by the **Groton Dunstable Education Foundation**. Our new improved format was a big hit with February's guests. Enjoy seven lively rounds of easy- to- moderate trivia questions, hosted by a professional DJ, in the Inn's warm, inviting main dining room. Mix with friends over drinks and food, chosen from a specially created 'Trivia Night Appetizer Menu' or the full menu, as you test your wits in a friendly team competition for great prizes. Tickets are just \$10 at the door. Proceeds help fund GDEF enrichment grants to benefit Groton-Dunstable students at all five district schools. For more information, visit our website at www.gdefinc.org and **sign up for our email newsletter for a chance to win two free Trivia Night tickets!**

GDEF thanks parents and community members for their generous support during our current **Annual Giving Campaign**, the primary source of funds for grants. This year's campaign has raised \$13,895 to date, putting us just over half way to last year's total of \$22,500. With your support, we hope to do even more to help our schools in these difficult economic times. If you haven't yet donated to this campaign, please help GDEF say 'Yes!' to as many of the grants we receive from teachers and staff as possible. Visit www.gdefinc.org and click on the "Donate Now" star.

Grant applications for the upcoming spring cycle are due April 2, 2010, and include regular grants for any amount as well as special "Integration of the Arts" grants generously provided through a grant to GDEF from the Bruce J. Anderson Foundation. More information and applications are available on our website.

GDAY

www.g-day.org



Dear Friends,

In recent weeks, our communities have experienced the tragic loss of young people who held bright, promising futures. These losses impact us all in the most profound way. No matter how we collectively grieve and attempt to understand such loss, we can't help but feel unequipped for words or ways to help. The Groton Dunstable Alliance for Youth recognizes the need for support and resources during this time. Not only are we discussing ways to help young people and families process recent events, we are also exploring ways to raise community awareness and education about domestic violence, depression and anxiety. We urge community members to visit our website (<http://www.g-day.org>) to access helpful resources that may be used to facilitate discussions at home and with young people. Also, we invite community members to attend our monthly meetings to join in the discussion, or join us on Facebook to stay abreast of upcoming programming.

Most of all, GDAY would like to express its sorrow for the recent losses to our communities and their families. It is our hope that through community dialogue and prevention programs, we can prevent further loss.

Sincerely,

Alice Lenhart on behalf of the GDAY Steering Committee

Groton-Dunstable, MA - The Groton Dunstable Alliance for Youth (GDAY) announces the 9th annual Community Reading Day to be held on Tuesday, March 9th, 2010.

This program, developed in conjunction with the Groton Dunstable Regional School District (GDRSD), is the longest running project from GDAY and will be held at Swallow Union, Boutwell School and Florence Roche Elementary Schools.

Community Reading Day is an event where a variety of community leaders visit classrooms to stress the importance of reading skills while fostering a continued positive relationship between visible members of the Groton-Dunstable community, elementary students and the Groton Dunstable Regional School District. The readers will have an opportunity to read pre-selected books aloud to the classes, discuss the subject matter in a dialog with the class, as well as discuss how books and reading have made an impact on their personal and professional lives.

Some of the scheduled participants for Community Reading Day include members of the police and fire departments, local business owners, school board members, members of the town, library and school administration as well as additional special guests.

Community Reading Day is possible due to the generous donation of the Groton Dunstable Education Foundation (GDEF) in purchasing the books to be read to the elementary classrooms with a subject focus of this year's readings will be respect for others and tolerance.

MARCH UNMADNESS!

What is the Groton Dunstable Alliance for Youth?

The Groton Dunstable Alliance for Youth, or GDAY, is a group of community representatives that work collaboratively to support our communities' youth. We are parents, youth, local government, police, school representatives, school committee, clergy, local media, and counselors.

What is our mission?

The Groton Dunstable Alliance for Youth (GDAY) is a non-profit independent coalition of parents, teachers, students, and community partners. We are committed to promoting safe, healthy and respectful decisions in order to promote the overall well-being of the youth of Groton and Dunstable.

We believe that by creating community partnerships and programs we can significantly increase healthy decisions by youth and the associated positive outcomes. Through these efforts we will address the diverse needs of all youth and reinforce their value to our communities.

What is MARCH UNMADNESS?

The Groton Dunstable Alliance for Youth bases its varied programs and activities on the concept of *Positive Youth Development (PYD)*. PYD is based on the Search Institute's forty experiences and qualities called the Developmental Assets. Many of the 40 Developmental Assets pertain to connection, support and time spent at home with family and in the community. These assets, in turn, empower children, enabling them to become more resilient individuals. In an ongoing effort, GDAY is providing our revised month-long MARCH UNMADNESS campaign in Groton and Dunstable. The goal of the campaign is to encourage busy families to pause and focus on being together, enjoying each other's company, and reconnecting. It is designed to raise awareness of how busy our lives have become and to recognize the value of spending time together as a family.

For more information about MARCH UNMADNESS and other GDAY programs, visit our website at www.g-day.org.

Please go to our website www.g-day.org to print a copy of the calendar

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Dr. Alan Genovese, Superintendent

Dear Parents:

The Groton-Dunstable Regional School District is committed to assisting the young people entrusted to our care in making good life choices and in becoming thoughtful, informed, and responsible human beings. To help us understand the issues and questions that the larger culture poses to middle and high school students, Groton-Dunstable Middle School and High School are part of a collaborative effort between the Massachusetts Department of Education, Emerson Hospital and selected communities served by Emerson Hospital to participate in a Youth Risk Behavior Survey given to students in grades 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

The Department of Education requires towns to engage in local needs assessments to assist with identifying targets for health education. The department is providing Emerson Hospital with their Youth Survey administered statewide, a survey in which we have participated in the past. This anonymous information will assist Emerson and each of the towns individually in planning future adolescent health initiatives.

The surveys for the middle and high schools address various areas: vehicle safety, health education, diet, suicide, use of tobacco, drugs and alcohol, violence, gambling, caffeine use, volunteerism, stress reduction, harassment via electronics and physical activity. The eighth grade survey includes questions on sexual behavior. The high school and eighth grade surveys include questions related to sexuality, dating relationships, communication skills, pregnancy, birth control, homosexuality, sexting, and alternative sexual practices. The sixth grade, eighth grade and high school surveys are available for onsite review upon request at administrative offices at the Prescott School building on Main Street in Groton center.

The survey is anonymous and voluntary. As provided by Massachusetts law and School Committee policy, parents who do not want their children to participate may return the form below to their principal to exempt them. There will be no penalty for students excused from the survey. Parents may review the survey in advance by requesting an appointment. Please call Alice Lenhart at the number below for more information. The needs assessment, which will take approximately forty-five minutes, will be administered on March 3, 2010, with a snow date scheduled for March 5, if needed.

District schools are fortunate to have local groups committed to ensuring the health and wellness of students and their families: Groton-Dunstable Alliance for Youth, the Groton and Dunstable Police Departments, the Boards of Selectmen, and the Boards of Health. As a parent, you have a tremendous influence on the positive growth of your son or daughter. Educators look forward to continuing to work with you in fostering positive behaviors. We encourage you to talk with school staff and to become involved in community programs as we all work to assist young people in developing good judgment, confidence, and productive lifelong interests,

If you have any questions, please call Alice Lenhart at 978-448-6362, x 1381, or Dr. Alan Genovese, at 978-448-5505 ext. 200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan D. Genovese".

Dr. Alan D. Genovese, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Please excuse my child, _____ from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey that will be administered the week of March 1st.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Groton Senior Center Community Service Opportunity: **Volunteers Needed**

One of our programs through the Outreach department is delivering home cooked meals to housebound seniors. Because of the increase of seniors in need of this service, we need to add new drivers who can commit to as little as one day a month, or one day a week if possible. Using your own car, you will be picking up meals here at the Senior Center, and bringing them to the homes of seniors in Groton who are on the program. It takes about 1-1/2 hours of your time to complete the task.

How can you apply? Come into the Senior Center and fill out a application and a CORI request form. Once all the paperwork is completed, you will be put on a regular schedule for deliveries. For more information contact Debbie Thompson @ 978-448-1170.



Groton Dunstable
Special Education Parent Advisory Council

www.gdspedpac.org

No news

Groton-Dunstable Regional School District Statement of Non-Discrimination:

It is the policy of the Groton-Dunstable Regional School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, gender, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, or homelessness in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments, Chapter 622 of the Acts of 1971, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Also, students will not be excluded for reasons of marriage or pregnancy. Requests for information about these laws and/or grievance procedures should be directed to Kim Cochrane, Coordinator of Curriculum and Staff Development, Groton-Dunstable Regional School District, (978) 448-5505.