

# Genesee Hill News

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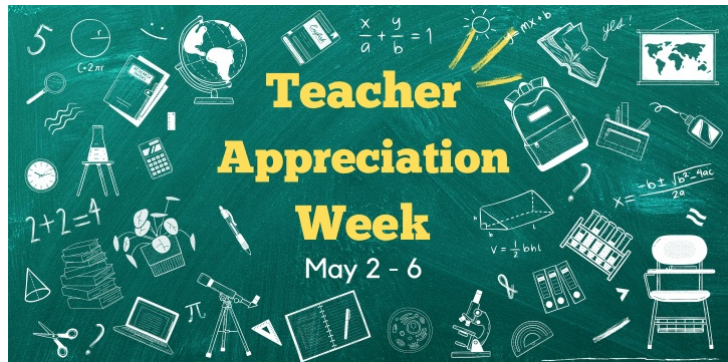
## Mark Your Calendars

**May 2-6:** Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 24:** School Nights at the Good Society, 3:00 pm

**May 24:** Family Committee for Equity and Inclusion Meeting, 6:00 pm

**May 27:** Move-a-Thon



## Happening Now! Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation is this week (May 2nd-6th) and we want to show our teachers all the love! Check out the spotlight below to learn all about opportunities to help celebrate Genesee Hill's wonderful teachers!



## It's Move-A-Thon Time!

Never fear, the Move-A-Thon is here! This year's Move-A-Thon will be focused on fun and community building. Stay tuned to the Thursday Bulletin for all the details.

## PTA News

### Letter from PTA Co-Presidents

Hey Foxes!

It's been great to see all of your smiling faces at school! We are getting to the home stretch and there are still a few more things happening to round out the school year.

There is teacher and staff appreciation week May 2nd to the 6th and we will be doing a host of things to recognize their hard work in this extraordinary year. Even though we know they love some treats, one of the most appreciated items is a personal note of thanks from parents and students. Please consider sending one!

It is also time to show some appreciation for the volunteers this year. Each year, the PTA gives out the Golden Acorn award for exemplary and outstanding volunteerism. The recipients will be recognized at the general membership meeting on June 9th and their name will be engraved on the plaque in the school lobby. Please consider nominating a special volunteer today by [clicking here](#).

The last event for the year is the move-a-thon! We will have more information soon, so look for it in the weekly bulletin.

Greg Deviny and Merrick Bodmer

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## Staff Spotlight

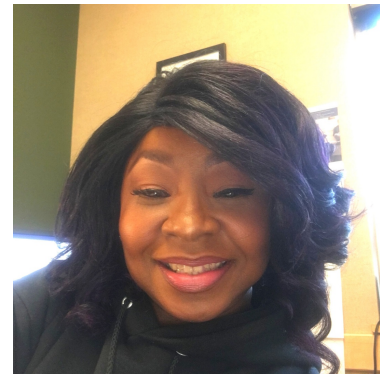
**This month, introducing GHE's very own Pamela Jones!**

**What is your current role?**

Office Manager and Administrative Secretary

**What drew you to this type of work?**

Coming from a corporate setting, the basics of the job helped a lot. Therefore, stepping into this position, I was already familiar with being professional, organized, meeting deadlines, and working with various individuals and diverse groups.



**What is your favorite part of this work?**

I like working on projects. Last year I had a huge project, working on setting up students who preferred In-person learning and those who chose to work from home. It was quite the undertaking and fun!

**When you're not at GH, how do you spend your time?**

Being with my grandchildren, gossiping with my girlfriends, doing craft projects, going to concerts, and College football. My teams are the Huskies, Michigan and the Oklahoma Sooners!

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## Spotlight on Teacher Appreciation Week

**Teacher Appreciation Week is Happening Now!**

No doubt about it, Genesee Hill has the best teachers and staff around! While the last years have been unpredictable and challenging, Genesee Hill's

amazing staff have kept our students learning and full of joy. Let's use this week to show teachers and staff all the appreciation they deserve.

Here are some ways we are celebrating staff this week:

- **Chalk the Walk:** This weekend we "Chalked the Walk" to show our love for GH staff! Check out the photo below, which is one example of the plentiful chalk art created in celebration of our esteemed staff.
- **Gifts for Teachers:** The PTA plans to shower the staff with coffee & donuts, a taco truck for staff on Wednesday and small treats all week long in the staff room. Please [sign up here](#) if you are able to help with purchase and delivery of items.
- **Virtual Thank You Card:** We've also created a [virtual thank you card](#) for all staff. Please add a note from your student and/or family. We all know that Genesee Hill teachers and staff are THE BEST!!

Let's all give three cheers for our amazing Genesee Hill staff and let them know how much we appreciate their hard work and talent!



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## Community Questions

**What is happening with opportunity grants? Have any grants been awarded? What are they being used for?**

With an intention to uplift the voices of our students, empower the great work of our teachers, and remove barriers to strengthening the educational experience at GH, the PTA started the Opportunity Fund Grant. This year we

had 7 recipients of this award. This grant was able to support some fantastic ideas from our teachers including:

- Helping fund the school play for our 4th and 5th grade students.
- Bringing supplemental math education to first graders.
- Increasing sensory supplies to our Special Education classroom.
- Purchasing Math Intervention Curriculum and Assessment System for K-5th grade.
- Providing Amplify science kits to all first grade classrooms.
- Grant recipients also included our 4th grade team who purchased two class sets of "The State We're In: Washington." This resource, endorsed by the American Indian Curriculum Specialist Shana Brown, was a way to supplement the current social studies curriculum and elevate history education by moving away from the biased European settler perspective.

We are proud of our Grant Recipients and look forward to what next year's applications bring our way!

*Do you have a question that you would like to see answered in the monthly newsletter? Email your questions to [communications@geneseehillpta.org](mailto:communications@geneseehillpta.org).*

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