



TRADITIONS

Fall, 2013

Glacial Drumlin's GOALS Group



(Skyler Ewing, Karysma Schulz & Melissa Smith)

At the May 14, 2013 MGEF Board meeting, MG School Psychologist **Melissa Smith** introduced Glacial Drumlin 8th grade students **Karysma Schulz** and **Skyler Ewing** who discussed some of their experiences with GD's GOALS Group. GOALS, which stands for Growth, Opportunity, Acceptance, Learning and Service, has received grant funding from MGEF for field trips and guest speakers. Activities of the group which is open to 7th and 8th grade female students, help participants learn about themselves while focusing on service learning, community service, healthy habits and educational opportunities. A similar program for 7th and 8th grade boys (Guys Group) has also been initiated at Glacial Drumlin. When asked by a MGEF board member 'What are you taking to high school that you learned through the GOALS group?' One of the girls replied "empathy," and the other "Having my own voice", both responses that show the program is achieving its goal. Now that both are freshmen at MG, they'll be able to put what they've learned into practice.

MGEF 2013-14 Grants in Action

The Monona Grove Education Foundation has awarded \$7,825 in grants to district schools for the 2013-14 school year. Some of those grants are already making a difference -

Improving Cultural Competence at Winnequah

Winnequah teachers **Sarah Hughes** and **Elizabeth Hartung** received \$980 from MGEF to enhance staff professional development in the areas of equity and cultural competence, as part of Winnequah's continuous improvement process. Several

books that support culturally relevant teaching have been purchased and will be used to provide guidance in applying a culturally relevant framework to a lesson or unit this fall.

Additionally, each grade level was allowed to select items they felt would enhance their ability to create a cultural responsive teaching environment. Most grade levels requested books for use with students to support and expand existing curriculum. For example, after working with the school librarian and the elementary level equity support person, fifth grade staff selected a variety of chapter and picture books to improve their Native American unit. Third grade selected some books with wonderful photographs to supplement and complement both reading instruction and social studies instruction. In 4K, items requested included dolls representing people from Hispanic and African American backgrounds and puzzles with people with diverse skin color and facial features.

According to Hughes, "These items have been arriving throughout September and teachers are excited to use them. The next step will be applying the culturally relevant framework to lessons, units and the overall approach to education. This will take practice and experimentation but we now have many new tools to help us move forward. We appreciate MGEF's generous contributions toward our efforts at Winnequah."

New Kindergarten Writing Program Debuts at Taylor Prairie



Taylor Prairie kindergarten teachers **Emily Foster**, **Deb Hoffman**, **Kelly Frydenlund** and **Jessica Parkos** used a grant of \$945 to purchase "Units of Study in Opinion, Information, and Narrative Writing" a new writing program developed by Lucy Calkins. Highly rigorous and motivating, the program is aligned with the Common Core State Standards. Kindergarten students have formed writing clubs and are currently writing and sharing their personal stories.

Scholarship News

Four graduating seniors received scholarships administered by MGEF at the Senior Award ceremony in May, 2013 -

- **Karlynn Russell**, Monona, Klement Track & Field Scholarship (\$300)
- **Evan Oldenburg**, Cottage Grove, Klement Track & Field Scholarship (\$300)
- **Gavynn Blanch**, Monona, Ellie & Frank Norton Scholarship (\$500)
- **Hayden Newton**, Cottage Grove, McCulloch Family Industrial Technology Scholarship (\$500)



Olson Appointed MGSD Superintendent

Dan Olson began work as the new superintendent of the Monona Grove School District effective Monday, July 1. He replaces Craig Gerlach, who left the district to take a position as superintendent of the Jefferson School District.

Olson, a 26 year education veteran, most recently spent eight years as superintendent of the Campbellsport School District, located south of Fond du Lac. Prior to that, he served in a variety of positions as a teacher, coach and high school principal in the Northern Ozaukee School District.



Olson grew up in Dane County, graduated from Belleville High School and did his undergraduate work at UW-Madison. He is currently completing his doctorate at Edgewood College. Olson and his wife, Heidi, have three children: Kaleb, a sophomore at UW-Madison; Ingrid, a senior at Campbellsport High School; and Annika, a fifth grader in Campbellsport. Olson's family will join him in the Monona/Cottage Grove area in mid-2014 after Ingrid graduates from Campbellsport High School. Annika will transition to Glacial Drumlin School as a sixth grader in the fall of 2014.

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Supporting creative, innovative and nurturing pilot programs and projects that benefit students of all levels, teachers, and the educational environment as a whole. Our assistance is ongoing – on projects large and small.

MGEF Grant Winner Botella Will Return to Antarctica

MGHS science teacher Juan Botella, who was awarded an MGEF grant earlier this year to help mount an exhibit of student art related to his work with a research project in Antarctica in the spring of 2011, will return there in February, 2014. This time he plans to bring three MGHS juniors or seniors with him to participate in a pilot program called Joint Antarctic School Expedition (JASE). The program will bring together U.S. and Chilean high school students to learn about scientific research taking place in Antarctica. Botella was chosen to lead the group due to his past experience working on a scientific research project in Antarctica, as well as his ability to speak Spanish.

While in Antarctica, students will be given the opportunity to perform research and lab work studying glaciers and animals. They will also visit other nearby research stations. The group will be gone about 10 days, five of which will actually be spent in Antarctica. Students will be selected through an application process developed by the National Science Foundation which will completely fund the project.

Board Members Needed!!!

The MGEF Board is looking for some new members. We gather on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m. for meetings that last 60-90 minutes. Board members get involved in fundraising and other activities which all focus on enriching the educational experience of students in the Monona Grove School District. If you are a graduate of Monona Grove, an MG parent or interested community member who lives in the Madison area and would like to become a board member, please email us at mgtraditions@yahoo.com. We'd love to have you join us!

Eat Out for Education

MGEF held its second annual “Eat Out for Education” fundraiser in October-November, 2013. Each Tuesday in October and early November, members of the community, school district, alumni and students were encouraged to go out to dinner at select restaurants. The restaurants donated a portion of their sales on that day to MGEF. It was a fun way to get out and enjoy great food, and visit with friends and neighbors while helping MGEF.

We would like to thank School Grounds Café, Fat Jack's, Pizza Oven, Taco John's, Buffalo Wild Wings and Papa Jimmy's Pizzeria for each contributing 10% of the proceeds from sales on their designated day to the Monona Grove Education Foundation. MGEF uses those funds to support teacher grants, arts and other special programs that are not available through the district budget.

If you did not have a chance to participate and live in the Monona area, keep it in mind for next fall. This is a way to give to MGEF while supporting local restaurants and enjoying a great meal. Walking into the featured restaurant and seeing friends and supporters of MG at all the tables is a great feeling!



MG Forward Update

Cottage Grove Elementary School has reached its initial endowment funding goal of \$10,000 via the sale of thank you notes featuring the artwork of CG Elementary students. An additional \$2,500 capstone grant from an anonymous donor provided the necessary funds to establish the endowment. All Monona Grove Schools (High School, Glacial Drumlin, Cottage Grove School, Taylor Prairie and Winnequah) are participating in the endowments and have now reached their initial funding goals of \$10,000. Endowment funds are invested with and managed by the Madison Community Foundation. Principal in the endowments will generate annual earnings to assist funding for special projects and programs which benefit students but are not funded through the regular school district budgets.

If you wish to contribute to the MG Forward Endowments, please send your donation to: Monona Grove Education Foundation, 5301 Monona Drive, Monona, WI 53716. Please note on your check the name of the school your contribution is intended for.

MGSD Nears Completion of Energy Efficiency & School Improvement Project

A significant energy efficiency and school improvement project is nearing completion in the Monona Grove School District. The District is funding the project by utilizing a state budget provision which allows school districts to exceed their revenue limits for capital projects to improve energy efficiency. The Board of Education has taken advantage of extremely low interest rates to borrow \$6,135,000 to fund a project directed at utility, operational and maintenance savings, increased reliability and extended equipment life, better safety/code compliance, and improved comfort.

District-wide technology improvements and green IT upgrades represent a significant portion of the project. The installation of a new fiber network to Glacial Drumlin, Taylor Prairie and Cottage Grove schools and network infrastructure improvements will greatly enhance learning opportunities for our students. Other upgrades include the installation of a district-wide VoIP phone system, PC power management capability, and IT management and process enhancements. The improvements will provide more consistent and reliable delivery of services in a more energy efficient way.

Improved safety and security for our schools was another key component of the project. While secure entrances were already in place at Glacial Drumlin and Winnequah schools, new security doors and electronic surveillance equipment was installed over the summer at Taylor Prairie, Cottage Grove Elementary and the High School.

Upgrades to the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems were the most costly portions of the project, but the upgrades will also provide the most significant future cost savings. HVAC upgrades have been completed at all five district schools. New higher-efficiency heat pumps and recovery units, along with upgraded controls, were installed at Taylor Prairie. Cottage Grove School received a new variable air volume (VAV) unit and air conditioning in a portion of the building. Work at the high school included modification of the boiler and distribution system, and HVAC control upgrades. Water conservation improvements and installation of more energy efficient lighting was completed in all school buildings.

The District Office, located at the Nichols School Building, has undergone a total HVAC upgrade. The decades-old, inefficient steam boiler has been replaced with high-efficiency hot water boilers and all air handlers, pipes and ductwork have also been replaced. Additionally, the office space has been remodeled to include a much-needed conference area for meetings and professional development.

Staff Notes —

Elizabeth “Skip” Seagren, Monona Grove School District science and physical education teacher until her retirement in 1989, passed away at the age of 98 in Crystal Lake, IL, on May 3, 2013.

The Monona Grove School District said farewell to five longtime staff members when they retired at the end of the 2012-13 school year. Retirees and the dates they began employment in the district included **Barbara Schmidt** (8/25/98) and **Sue Guess** (8/23/01) Glacial Drumlin; **Deborah Hoffman** (8/22/80) and **Kathy Sanders** (8/26/99) Taylor Prairie; and **Cheri Hiller** (8/17/89) Winnequah.

Alumni Notes —

Jackie (Royce) Walterscheit, Class of 1957, Marshall, WI passed away on August 1, 2013.

Jeanene (Hestnes) Alery, Class of 1959 and a proud participant in the Girls from '59 Reunions, Blue Mounds, WI, passed away on September 3, 2013.

Elmer “Buz” Garey, Class of 1960, Windsor, WI passed away on August 13, 2013 after a short battle with cancer. **Sue (Garey) Chenier**, Class of 1967, reports that Buz is survived by his wife Linda, 3 sons, 5 grandchildren and 3 sisters. Buz had fond memories of Monona Grove and enjoyed his sports experiences there. He is greatly missed.

Leroy Goldbin, Class of 1960, Monona, passed away on April 27, 2013.

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Alumni Notes (Cont)

Dick Wethal, Class of 1960, Stoughton, WI reports that he recently won the 70+ Senior Division Golf Championship at Evansville Country Club, shooting a 75.

Michael J. Ryan, Class of 1961, Madison, passed away on September 21, 2013.

Gerald “Jerry” Buss, Class of 1962, Cottage Grove, passed away unexpectedly on September 27, 2013 while fishing in Northern Wisconsin.

Patrick E. “Pat” Dugan, Class of 1962, McFarland, passed away on October 15, 2013 after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Terry J. “Korky” Korfmacher, Class of 1963, Green Bay, passed away on October 29, 2013.

Margaret (Fiscus) Moen, Class of 1964, Monona, passed away on September 30, 2013 at her home after a brief and dignified battle with cancer.

Chloe (Shimniok) Thoreson, Class of 1965, South Wayne, WI, passed away on April 28, 2013 at her home.

Bob & Debbie (Hunter) Noll, Class of 1967, recently moved from their home of 41 years in Fort Atkinson, WI to a condo in Green Bay, WI.



(Susan Radcliffe, Lynn Lonsdale, Judy Reinhart & Carol Anderson)

Lynn (Boyle) Lonsdale, Class of 1969, reports that every summer she, **Susan (Boyle) Radcliffe, Judy (Paterson) Reinhart and Carol (Landsness) Anderson** get together to laugh and catch up. This year they had lunch at Lake Arrowhead in Nekoosa when Lynn came from Utah and Judy came from Eau Claire. After lunch they took the Cathy Buehner Memorial Swim out to the raft to remember **Cathy Buehner Jose**, who died unexpectedly in 2000.



(Seated l to r – Ann (Nagel) Treu, Karen (Ganiere) Pertzborn, Monica (Olson) Launder, Barb (Zamzow) Franzen. Standing l to r – Mary Ellen (Zielinski) Saniter, Patti (Schwedrsky) Wiersma, Lynn (Hendrickson) Jorris, Joan (Davison) Cardarella, Kathy McCarthy, Jill (Davison) Arps, Linda (Brewer) Gannon, Denise (Easland) Hottmann, Cindy Jackson Cain.)

Barb (Zamzow) Franzen, Class of 1970 reports that “some of the ladies of the Class of 1970 met for their annual fall luncheon in the Dells on September 14, 2013. We always enjoy reconnecting and reminiscing with former classmates. Even though we are now in our 60’s, we still feel like those young kids who graduated from MG 43 years ago (hard to believe it’s been that long!).”

Debbie (Brewer) Behnke, Class of 1972, reports that the class has decided to plan a yearly get together between official reunions for anyone who wishes to attend. Their first annual outing, a picnic, was held Saturday, July 13 in McFarland. A special thank you goes out to **Bill Redepenning** who took charge of the pig roast. It was a beautiful day and a good time was shared by all. Debbie welcomes your ideas for next year’s gathering where they hope to have an even bigger turnout. Please send any email/address changes to debbie71123@gmail.com.

Richard “Dick” DeRungs, Class of 1972, Madison, passed away on May 9, 2013.

Dr. David Huibregtse, Class of 1972, passed away at his home in Janesville, WI on September 2, 2013.

David J. “Scooter” Braley, Class of 1976, Monona, passed away on June 19, 2013 after a brief illness.

Dr. Kim Marie Walsh, Class of 1978,

Chapel Hill, NC, died at home on April 23, 2013.

Diane Warner-Evans, Class of 1978, Madison, passed away unexpectedly on July 20, 2013

Patrick J. Farrell, Class of 1987, Eagle, WI, succumbed to brain cancer on July 19, 2013.

Timothy J. Montgomery, Class of 1993, Madison, WI passed away unexpectedly at home on June 16, 2013 from natural causes.

James Francis Blanch, Class of 1994, Rio, WI passed away on Sept. 8, 2013.

Andrew and Claire (Bocher) Pautz, both Class of 2001, Chanhassen, MN welcomed son Declan Robert on March 30, 2013. He joins brother Liam (2 1/2).

Jessie Vetter, Class of 2004, Cottage Grove, will represent the U.S. as a member of the U.S. Women’s Hockey team in the 2014 Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia. Vetter also played goalie on the 2010 Team USA which earned a silver medal in Vancouver. While a goalie for the Wisconsin women’s hockey team, Vetter won three NCAA championships and in 2009 won the Patty Kazmaier award, given to the NCAA’s best Division 1 women’s hockey player.

Josh Wills, Class of 2005, Cottage Grove, married Toni McDonough, in June, 2012. They welcomed a baby boy in June, 2013.

Gabe Carimi, Class of 2006, Tampa Bay, FL was recently traded to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. A left tackle, he formerly played for the Chicago Bears. Carimi won the Outland Trophy, given to the nation’s top collegiate interior lineman, while a member of the Wisconsin Badgers Football team.

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Attention Class of 1969!

What? 45th class reunion
When? August 1st and 2nd, 2014

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velleray@yahoo.com. Please send your addresses, phone numbers and emails (or those for any classmates you might have information for) to velleray@yahoo.com. It has been a long time, the committee hopes to hear from everyone and see you soon!

We Are Delighted to Receive Greetings From --

Lee Wikoff, Class of 1963, Edina, MN.
Dennis & Sharon (Ahrensmeyer) Eley, Class of 1964, Madison, WI. **Rod Boelsing**, Class of 1965, Tomah, WI.
Terry Fedkenheuer, Class of 1965, Sun Prairie, WI. **Linda (Bachmann) Gardiner**, Class of 1979, Mineral Point, WI. **Jennifer (Boyes) Martin**, Class of 1993, Cottage Grove, WI.

Class of 1979

The Class of 1979 plans to hold its 35th class reunion on Saturday, July 19, 2014. More details will be available in January, 2014. Please contact **Jeff Machut** (608) 513-9334, jeff.machut@charter.net or **Leanne (Hilgers) Widen** at MononaGrove1979@gmail.com with any questions.

Reunion News

Class of 1959

The MG Class of 1959 55th reunion will be held September 20, 2014. More details will be mailed in January. Send any address changes to Sharon McCall Malec at smalec@charter.net

Class of 1974

Save the dates for the MG Class of 1974 "40th Class Reunion" extravaganza to be held on July 18, 19 and 20, 2014 at The Country Inn & Suites, 400 River Place, Madison, WI 53716. The Planning Committee has been working hard to locate classmates and keep you up-to-date. A Facebook page called MGHS Class of 1974 has been established as well as a Facebook group called Monona Grove Class of 1974. Main contacts for questions are: **Syd (aka Lisa) Campbell** at syd.campbell@hotmail.com, **Kathy Coppens** at klcoppens@gmail.com and **Vicky (Whitmyer) Elleray** at

Planning a reunion? Be sure to send us your reunion information so we can include it in upcoming issues. Send the details to - mgtraditions@yahoo.com Please send information for the next issue of *Traditions* by April 1, 2014

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