

As we turn the corner in terms of weather, so do we enter the final turn of the school year. May will be a month full of curricular and extracurricular events serving to wind down one year while looking forward to the next. We will close our interval assessment cycle with the end of year administration of i-Ready, DIBELS and other SLO measures. We also held our school [Spelling Bee](#) on May 1st. Tyler Hammond (grade 5) will represent Gordon Creek at the 2014 -2015 Regional Spelling Bee sponsored by the Enrichment Resource Center at WSWHE BOCES. The regional competition takes place on June 3rd at Skidmore College.

Outside of the classroom, field trips will also abound. One notable trip being our Student Council's visit to the New York State Capitol. Our Student Council is also sponsoring a [Memorial Day picture contest](#). This contest seeks hand drawn pictures honoring the theme. Four pictures from each grade level will be selected, and the artists will receive a medal. The medal will be presented by local Veterans Association Post 358. Post 358 will also lead our entire school in a Memorial Day service on May 22.

In collaboration with the Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services, the Ballston Spa Central School District will hold an Emergency Evacuation Drill on Friday, May 8, 2015 (rain date is May 11) for students and staff who attend Gordon Creek Elementary School, Milton Terrace North Elementary School and Wood Road Elementary School. Please know that dismissal for our students will be at approximately 12:00 PM on Friday, May 8th. Continue to check the official district web page for this event for [up-to-the-minute information](#) and an [FAQ](#).

Our fifth grade students will visit Ballston Spa Middle School, from 9-12 noon on Wednesday, May 6th. This visit will give our students a chance to become somewhat familiar with the building and some of the processes. Students will also have another opportunity to visit the building at some point in August. A parent night will be held on Tuesday, May 26th, from 6:30-8:30PM for parents of students transitioning from Gordon Creek to the middle school.

Fine arts will be on display at Gordon Creek in May. Our Band, Orchestra and Chorus Spring Concert will take place on Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00PM. The final culminating performance associated with our [Proctors Artist-in-Residency Program](#) will take place on Thursday, May 28th. "The Life and Times of Keith Haring" is an original work featuring our fifth grade students. Undoubtedly our talented student performers will impress and thrill the audience in all cases.

Our PTA-sponsored Book Fair began today (May 1st) and runs through Thursday, May 7th. Every classroom in the building will visit the Book Fair through the week, with Family Night occurring Wednesday, May 6th. Your child should have brought home a notice of the class schedule. Please check with your child's teacher if you have not been made aware of the classroom schedule.

We hope to soon see May flowers ...and you at one of our many May events.

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May events -your attendance and support are always welcome.

- **PTA Meeting | Tuesday, May 5th, 2015 | 7:00PM**
 - **Emergency Evacuation Drill | Friday, May 8th, 2015 | 12:00 noon dismissal**
 - **Spring Concert | Tuesday, May 12th, 2015 | 7:00PM**
 - **Kindergarten Screening | Wednesday, May 13th - Friday, May 15th, 2015**
 - **School Pride Day /Budget Vote | Tuesday, May 19th**
 - **Student Council Field Trip to New York State Capitol | Friday, May 22nd, 2015**
 - **Memorial Day Service | Friday, May 22nd, 2015 | 2:00PM**
 - **Grade 5 Culminating Performance | Thursday, May 28th, 2015 | 6:30PM - 8:00PM**
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