

# GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL

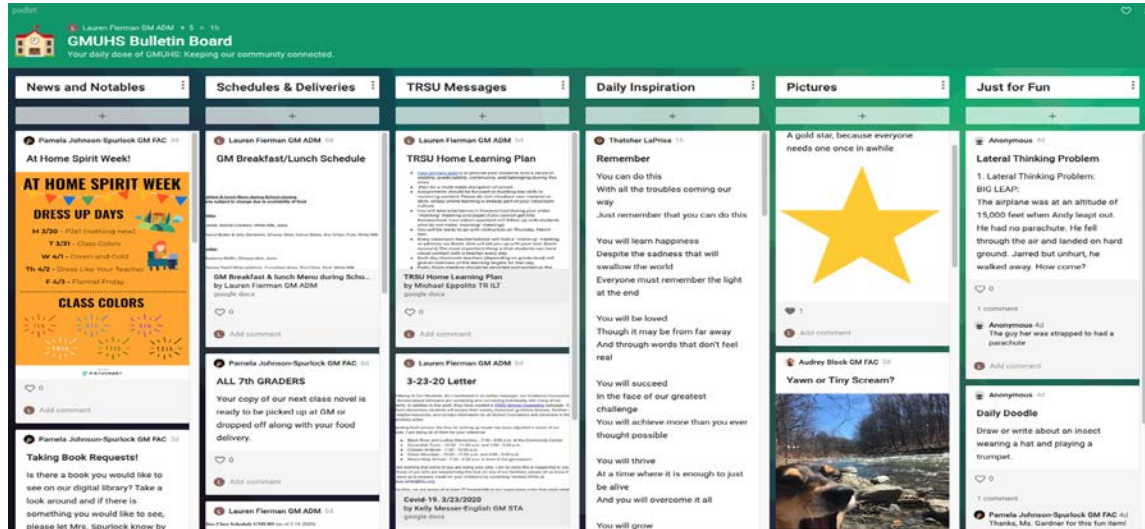
## Principal's Report April 2020

### LONG DISTANCE LEARNING FROM GREEN MOUNTAIN

In these extraordinary times, the teachers and staff of our schools are rising to the many challenges we face.

GMUHS has created a bulletin board to allow teachers, staff, and students to post events and thoughts. Seniors can share college acceptance information and post-graduation plans. The link to the bulletin board is on the GMUHS webpage. It is also here:

<https://padlet.com/laurenfierman/ug01rup2ly6y>



Paraeducators, bus drivers, and food service workers are delivering food every morning.

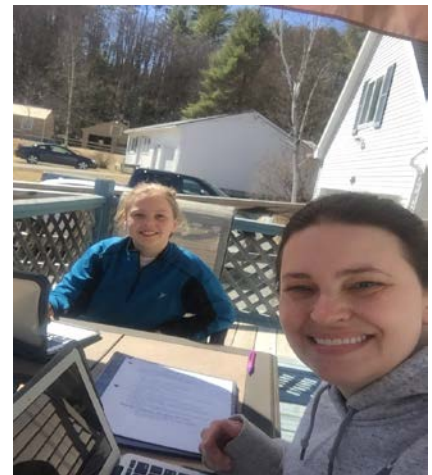


Students and parents have let us know how they feel about our schools:



Teachers are running classes through Zoom every day. Here, Julie Parah works with one of her math classes:

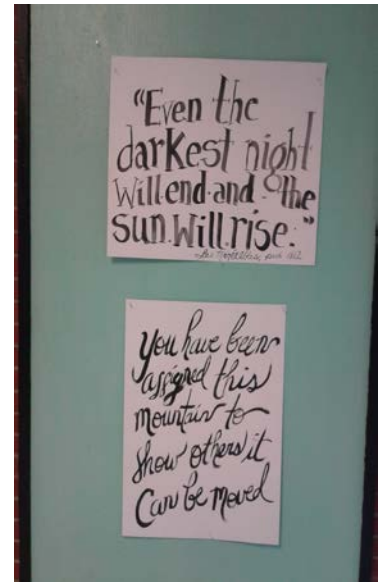
Many are doing their jobs online from home -- while also supervising their children's online learning. This is a tremendous juggling act. GM administrative assistant Kelly English works from home while her daughter does her classwork alongside.



## Art Gallery



Marcia Dockum has posted encouraging messages in the GM atrium gallery. These inspiring words provide support for the school personnel who come to GM every morning to prepare and deliver food to our students.



## Green and Gold

Even from home, students continue to prepare and publish content in GM's monthly online newspaper with fiction, poetry, art, and articles on current events. Read what is on the minds of GMUHS students during these extraordinary times here: [Green and Gold](#)

## Graduation

The senior class is discussing possibilities with their class advisors and the guidance department. Everyone at GM is committed to having whatever form of celebration possible that will meet the needs and wants of our seniors within the current constraints. That may take the form of a parking lot graduation ceremony or an online ceremony. Student preference will guide these decisions.

We will be making similar decisions for other typical end of the year events and celebrations including prom, National Honor Society induction, award nights, etc.

## CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

### Testing

All SBAC and NGSS testing for the year has been cancelled.

AP exams will be done online (and shortened to 45 minutes).

SAT school day testing in April has been cancelled. The College Board says:

"We'll be flexible in making the SAT available in school and out of school as soon as the public health situation allows. Throughout, we'll continue to place a special focus on students with fee waivers and those with accommodations."

## **Home Learning**

Class meeting schedules are available on the GMUHS website.

The family companion guide to the Continuity of Learning Plan will be available soon.

At Green Mountain, we are following a schedule of online meetings that allow students to see their middle school teachers every day and their high school teachers on their regular A and B day rotation. While we are introducing new material where appropriate, most learning is reinforcement of previously presented concepts. Students in all grades who had not mastered skills from earlier in the year now have time to practice and receive additional support.

## **Revised Graduation Requirements for GMUHS**

During this time of emergency remote teaching, Green Mountain Union High School recognizes the need to adjust expectations for completion of graduation requirements.

Here is the system we will follow:

- All seniors are responsible for completion to proficiency of any graduation requirement that was taught (and summatively assessed) prior to March 13, 2020.
  - Students should be in contact with their teachers and guidance counselors to work out a plan for completion of missing requirements.
- Any graduation requirement that is not taught at all in a class in which a senior is currently enrolled between March 13 and the end of the 2019-2020 school year is waived.
- Students should do their best to meet proficiency for any graduation requirement that is first taught or assessed after March 13, 2020.
- Students who do not meet proficiency for requirements first taught or assessed after March 13, 2020, will have the requirement waived **IF** they achieve to a level of at least Emerging on the appropriate rubric. In other words, the requirement will be waived as long as the student participates and attempts the material.
  - If a student receives an NE (no evidence) because no work was even attempted, the requirement will not be waived.

Individual circumstances can be addressed by contacting the Guidance Department.