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If you need more information about these news items or would like pictures or videos provided to you please contact the Greenville County Schools Communications Office.

Reminder: Greenville County Schools and Administrative Offices will be closed December 21 through January 4 for the holiday break.

Tuesday, December 15

- **Media Advisory:** South Carolina Firefighters Association to present three checks for \$7500 to Golden Strip Career Center, Enoree Career Center and J. Harley Bonds Career Center for their firefighting programs. Students who graduate from the firefighting programs can skip the SC Fire Academy and go straight to work! Location is GCS Central Office 11:30am, back parking lot. Good visuals promised including a fire truck and students in turnout gear.

Thursday, December 17

- **Inspirational Holiday Story:** The Academy Sports on Woodruff Road has “adopted” Welcome Elementary, a high poverty Title I school. Academy is donating 30 bikes to be raffled off. The principal has used this as a behavior incentive for children. They will have a school-wide celebration including “Fang” their giant wolf mascot and a drawing for the bikes. 9:15am in the Welcome front parking lot.
- **Flash Mob Alert:** Teachers and Staff at Buena Vista Elementary will surprise students with Christmas Carols flash mob style, including the always popular “Let it Go.” Grades K-2 are at 9am, 3-5 are at 10:45am.

Friday, December 18

- Deadline for school change in assignment requests. More than 10,000 GCS students (15%) attend a school based on parent choice.
<http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/News/main.asp?titleid=1511choice>
- At Bells Crossing Elementary the cafeteria will be transformed into a construction zone for Gingerbread Central. All kindergarten students will gather from 9-10am to build their own gingerbread houses. Older students will analyze "The Grinch." He has been part of a unit in reading, writing and science. They will make green slime to match his insides before his change of heart.
- Sevier Middle School Family Winter Concert at 9am in the Sevier Gym. The 7th and 8th Grade Chorus, Orchestra, and Drum Line will perform for students, staff, family and friends. All are welcome to this free event.

Sunday, December 20

- Greenville Senior High School alumni lacrosse game at Sarrine Stadium, 4pm. Watch past players as they compete against each other for this great lacrosse fundraiser! Current players and their families will also attend. It's the 10th anniversary of the GSHS lacrosse program.

Watch This!

- Ralph Chandler Middle School hosted its annual "Quarters for Christmas" Fundraiser. It culminated with a pie in the face fiesta!
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzELCUi- I8uMTQ1bUdnMEIxSIU/view?usp=sharing>
- Mauldin High School Teacher Cadets invited kindergarten students from Mauldin Elementary to hear holiday stories around the tree.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5Sk6ZTXSaXWOFdyMTZnLUdoRGc/view?usp=sharing>
- Sterling School is putting its arms around a family in need. A kindergarten student is undergoing treatment for rare cancer. Staff and parents are providing meals and helping with medical expenses.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5Sk6ZTXSaXWX2t3Z1pqeURicTA/view?usp=sharing>
- Bethel Elementary Kindergarten students collect school supplies and toys for children at the GHS Children's Hospital.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5Sk6ZTXSaXWb1FNd2xnNEgxYVv/view?usp=sharing>
- Greer High School Principal Marion Waters "Jailed" for a Good Cause.
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BzELCUi- I8uRFZSdlQxb2RjMjA>

Newsworthy

Greenville County Schools Join Worldwide “Hour of Code” Movement

<http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/News/main.asp?titleid=1512hoc>

Alternative Middle School Teacher has “Been in their Shoes”

<http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/News/main.asp?titleid=1512berkley>

Paris Elementary Cafeteria Manager Making the Most of Her Second Chance

<http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/News/main.asp?titleid=1512holliday>

Trustees Chuck Saylors, Kenneth Baxter Elected to SCSBA Board

<http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/News/main.asp?titleid=1512scsba>

GCS Educators Earn 2016 National Board Certification

<http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/News/main.asp?titleid=1512nbct>

Middle School Teacher Balloonist Inflates Student Learning

Read: <http://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/News/main.asp?titleid=1512balloonist>

Watch: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5Sk6ZTXSaXWa05ybS1TQVE4c3M/view?usp=sharing>