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March 1976 The Granville Country Caller was born.

The Town applied for and received a government grant to hire someone to help with assorted Town obligations. Some of this grant money was used to help with The Granville Council on Aging, (COA) which was a newly formed committee. To get the seniors involved in the community it was suggested they start a monthly newspaper. With the help of the COA and Emil Lesik, who was a newsman during World War 2, The Country Caller came to fruition. Soon after, Emil left the town and Donna Clifford (Shaw) was hired through this Government grant. The Country Caller officially became a paper in March of 1976. Fred Day was the artist who designed the original heading. This was accomplished by cutting the design into a wax coating on the duplicators master sheet. Articles were submitted by town folks, arranged and typed onto masters. Each master was then attached to the drum of the Gestetner duplicating machine. With each hand rotation a page of the Caller was copied. For the seniors to complete one paper each page was collated by hand and then stapled. As you can see we have come a long way baby!!

Original appointed COA Members were: Ethel Anderson, Richard Demming, Phyllis Hodston, Helen Day, Karen Laptew, and Dorothy LeClair. (our apologies to anyone we have omitted, after 40 years memories fade).

Linda Blakesley & Dorothy LeClair

The Granville-Tolland Lions club Bertha Parker & Eddie Gogol Memorial Student Award applications are due May 1, 2016.

Any graduating high school senior from Granville or Tolland with plans to further their education in a structured program is eligible for this award.

Please submit applications to the Granville Tolland Lions Club, PO Box 84, Granville, MA, 01034.

Applications are available from the area school guidance departments or emailing Art Adams at Arthur.adams@ge.com

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Day of Service

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said "Life's most persistent and urgent question is – What are you doing for others?"

In January, the students at the Granville Village School participated in a community service project. The project's goal was to distribute 100 Emergency kits to some of the senior citizens of Granville.

A Pajama Day was held on January 14 for grades K – 6th. Working on a leadership goal set by Mrs. Rigby, the school counselor; the fifth and sixth graders created posters, and collected and recorded the donations from each class. The funds were used to purchase some of the supplies. Other donations covered the remainder of the items needed.

On January 19th, the fifth and sixth graders assembled the emergency kits which included: a bottle of water, a granola bar, and emergency blanket, a glow stick, and an information card. The students stayed focused on the task and completed the project goal with enthusiasm and pride. Karen Vogal, the C.O.A Outreach Worker, observed the students at work and thanked them for their kindness to the senior citizens. Through her outreach visits, she planned on distributing the kits.

Thanks go to the Granville Village School students and staff, Mrs. Rigby and the fifth and sixth graders, and Karen Vogal for their support of this "Day of Service" project. You all made a great TEAM!

The Granville Cultural Council invites you to.....

The 24th Annual Granville Art Show

April 30th and May 1st, 2016

at the Old Meeting House, Granville, Massachusetts

Saturday: 10am-4pm

Sunday: noon-4pm

Music by James Weber Sunday 2-4pm

Artist reception: Sunday 3-4pm

Free to Public!

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Granville-Tolland Dollars for SCHOLARS®

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2015 NEWSLETTER OF THE GRANVILLE-TOLLAND DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS®

On behalf of all the volunteers and scholarship recipients of the Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars®, our heartfelt thanks to all patrons and sponsors for their generosity in supporting the Chapter's ongoing work. We are pleased to share our activities over the past year.

Scholarships were awarded to **28** undergraduate students from our two towns, totaling **\$28,010** in 2015. Scholarships are based upon merit, incentive and history of community service.

Our on-line application located on our website, Granville-Tolland.dollarsforscholars.org provides access for students to apply for scholarships conveniently and from any location.

The 2015 Mail-a-thon generated **\$9,840.15** and with other fundraising efforts raising **\$2,736** (Harvest Fair proceeds, etc.), a total of **\$12,790** was added to this year's available scholarship funds.

Scholarships were provided, honoring the following creators of our permanent endowment: Dorothy Miller, Jane & Stuart Watson, Everett O. and Miriam T. Rockwell, Walter A. and Katherine E. Phelon, 1st Lt. Travis Fuller, Elizabeth Meiklejohn Memorial Endowment and the Robert & Gloria Gery Endowment. Benefiting from positive market performance and sound investment strategies, the endowment investment returns also provided significant monies for the scholarship funds.

In 2015, we welcomed a new endowment to our organization. The Tolland Ladies Aid Society has opted to transition their annual scholarship to our organization, with the creation of The Ladies Aid Society of Tolland Honoring Bertha Fowler

Hale. This scholarship will be awarded to a GTDFS applicant each year, with Tolland residents as the primary recipients.

Through the continued generosity of the Granville Village School's teachers and staff, Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars recipients continue to be beneficiaries of the school's Dress-Down Days fundraiser.

We participated in Granville's 2015 Harvest Fair by providing an inflatable joust booth for kids and families and a 50/50 raffle. We wish to thank our student volunteers and local sponsors, who are listed below. Special thanks to our raffle winner, Ron Bower from Granville, who kindly donated his winnings back to us!

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Pat's Greenhouse

Paul Holmes Construction

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Southwoods Printing

Town Line Auto Salvage

West Side Oil

Jeff & Laurie Van Gelder

The Executive Board of Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars would like to extend our appreciation to everyone who helped to make this year's Harvest Fair event very successful.

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Without student volunteers, committee members and especially our generous sponsors and patrons, the Joust booth and our first annual raffle would not have been possible. The money raised from these events will go directly toward scholarship funds for the 2016-2017 academic year.

We are greatly appreciative for the continuous trust and support from many individual patrons, sponsors and those who established named endowments. Collectively, this financial support provides valuable financial assistance to our Granville-Tolland undergraduate scholarship recipients.

Dear Neighbor,

Was your annual newsletter and appeal addressed correctly?

Our organization is in the process of updating our database. If you find that we have sent information regarding your address in error and/or would like to opt out of receiving any mailings from us, please email your updates or requests to granvilletollanddfs@gmail.com. You may also mail your request to Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars, P.O. Box 214, Granville, MA 01034.

Thank you,

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Granville, MA

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February 15, 2016

Dear Friend and Neighbor,

Thank you for supporting our students!

Our communities have been supporting the college students of Granville and Tolland since 1974. Over these 41 years, more than 725 awards with over \$425,000 have been awarded, and in 2015, **28** recipients receiving **\$28,010** in total from many supportive Granville and Tolland neighbors. This support has truly made a difference in the lives of our students. Here is what some students have shared with us,

"This scholarship will help a great deal and I am very grateful for this award" –Lillian Kelmelis

"This scholarship allows me to focus on nursing school" –Natasha Brzoska

"I appreciate the work you do to help young adults attend college & give them the opportunity to better themselves through education."—Samantha White

Your continued loyalty and generosity keep Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars in the forefront of supporting our local scholars. Please help Granville and Tolland students fulfill their dreams with much needed scholarship support. Your gift of any size will enable us to fund more scholarships each year. You may make a gift by returning the bottom portion of this letter with your check or go online to make a donation at www.granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org. If you have an interest in establishing an endowment in honor or as a memorial, now or in the future, please contact Martha Johnson, 54 Granby Road, Granville, MA 01034, marthadon54@gmail.com or 413-575-6200.

Your tax deductible gift made by April 1 (payable to Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars) will impact our available funds for next year's recipients. Thank you for your generous support that laid this foundation and continues to support our communities' undergraduate students!

Sincerely,
Executive Board of the Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars

-----Please Detach and Return with your gift mailed to PO Address above -----

Enclosed is my 2016 Gift: ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ Other _____

Donor Printed Name(s): _____

Mailing Address for Tax Receipt: _____

Tel. #: _____ Email: _____

Would you prefer future communication by Email? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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The Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars is a non-profit, tax-exempt volunteer chapter of Scholarship America®. All contributions are tax deductible. We are a 501(c)(3) corporation and our Federal Tax Identification Number is 46-5057848.

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

American Baptist and United Church of Christ
16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA 01034
Pastor: Rev. Patrick McMahon
Cell Phone: 413 579-4674

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FEDERATED CHURCH, GRANVILLE, MASS. TO
KEEP UP ON GFC NEWS

Morning Worship is held each Sunday at 10 a.m.

A coffee hour follows the service each week.

We sincerely thank all who support the Granville Church Capital Campaign. Donations without pledges are still accepted. Just mark Capital Campaign in the memo on your check. We have been able to make many, many needed repairs and updates thanks to your contributions. Thank you!

We have Big Y gift cards available for purchase. Please see Jean McMahon.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Coffee hour

Monday-8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday-7:00 p.m. Senior choir

Third Wednesday-12:00 Noon-Ladies Aid

Third Sunday-8:30 to 9:30 am-Fellowship
Breakfast

Please note that due to the breakfast on Easter Sunday there will be no church breakfast on March 20th. Easter morning the breakfast starts at 7 am. Please join us then!

Our Easter Season Schedule

March 20-Palm Sunday

March 24-Maunday Thursday Service 7:00pm

March 27-EASTER SUNDAY

6 a.m. Sunrise Service

7 a.m. Breakfast

10 a.m. Easter Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. March 5 – 6 p.m. Potluck Supper with Irish theme

Lord of the Dance video with Michael Flatley will be shown afterward if you care to watch it.

Bring a “white elephant”, “re-gift Christmas present” or what have you for a fun table of stuff to take a chance on with a drawing.

Bring your favorite game/cards to play.

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Thursday 5-8 pm • Saturday 10-12
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New books for adults and YA:

Boys in the Tree by Carly Simon.
Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush by Jon Meecham.
Do I Need It And What If I Do: Answers to All Your Questions about Plastic Surgery by Francesca Camp.
How to Make Your Money Last by : The Indispensable Retirement Guide by Jane Quinn.
Last Volano, The: A Man, a Romance, and the Quest to Understand Nature's Most Magnificent Fury by John Dvorak.
Witches, The by Stacy Schiff.
40 Thieves by Tom Perry.
After She's Gone by Lisa Jackson.
After the Crash by Michel Bussi.
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates.
Bitter Season, The by Tami Hoag.
Blood, Salt Water by Denise Mina.
Bone Labyrinth by James Rollins.
Company She Kept, The by Archer Mayor.
Cross Justice by James Patterson.
Crimson Shore by Douglas Preston.
Dictionary of Mutual Understanding, A by Jackie Copleton.
Edge of Lost, The by Kristina McMorris.
Finding Promise by Scarlett Dunn.
Forgotten Soldier by Brad Taylor.
Fortune Falls by Jenny Goebel.
Guest Room by Chris Bohjalian.
Guilty by David Baldacci.
Hard and Heavy Thing, A by Matthew Hefti.
Kissing in America by Margo Rabb.
Light Keepers by Abbi Geni.
Mistletoe Inn by Richard Evans.
My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante.
Promise by Robert Crais.
Scandalous Behavior by Stuart Woods.
Tangled Thread by Anthea Fraser.

Time and Time Again by Ben Elton.
Winter Wedding by Brenda Novak.

New for Kids:

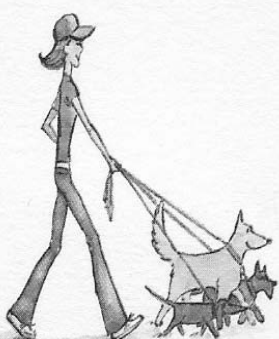
101 Movies to See Before You Grow Up: Be Your Own Movie Critic- The Must See Movie List for Kids by Suzette Valle.
Ace Dragon Ltd. by Russell Hoban.
Extra Yard by Mike Lupica.
Fly Guy Presents Snakes by Tedd Arnold.
Game of Lives (The Mortality Doctrine #3) by James Dasher.
Help! The Wolf is Coming by Cedric Ramadier
Magic Tree House: Balto of the Blue Dawn by Mary Pope Osbourne.
Pete, the Cat: Scuba Cat by James Dean.
Under Their Skin by Margaret Haddix.

New Audio CDs:

Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff
Marriage of Opposites, The by Alice Hoffman.

New DVDs:

Agatha Christie's Partners in Crime
Applesauce
Bone Tomahawk.
Chloe and Theo
Heist
Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials
Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation
Molly Moon and the Incredible Book of Hypnotism.
Pan
Pawn Sacrifice
Sicario
The Walk
Walk in the Woods
War Room

A black and white line drawing of a person wearing a cap and a long-sleeved shirt, walking a dog on a leash. The dog is a medium-sized breed, possibly a pit bull mix, and is walking towards the right. The person is walking towards the left.

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**24th Annual Granville Art Show
Saturday, April 30th through Sunday, May 1, 2016**

Residents of Granville, you are invited to exhibit your artwork, crafts and creations at this year's Art Show. Simply complete the form below by April 22nd and mail to:

Granville Cultural Council
PO Box 247
Granville, MA 01034-027

The application is also available on line at www.townofgranville.net then, go to "Boards and Committees/Cultural Council".

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon at 357-9014. All applications will be considered, but space may limit the number of works accepted from each applicant. NO work-in progress pieces will be accepted. Deliver your works to Old Meeting House on Friday, April 29th, between 4-6 PM, with pick-up of works on Sunday after 4 PM.

Paintings and wall art must be hang-ready with wire . On this form, please list the number of pieces you are bringing, the name of the piece, the approximate size and if there are specific display requirements, please state on your application.

Respectfully,
Granville Cultural Council

2016 Granville Art Show Application:

Name and email address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Medium: _____

Manner in which your work should be displayed (tabletop, wall, floor, etc.)

Number of pieces with Names :

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and email or mail it back at your earliest convenience!

Experience is great, but not necessary. Must be of legal working age to apply.

Interviews to be conducted late March / early April.

Town of Granville Transfer Station Attendant Position Available

The Town of Granville Ma. is seeking letters of interest from individuals interested in the Transfer Station Attendant position. This is a part time job, 15 hours, and involves operating the Transfer Station and the disposal compactors, and keeping the grounds of the Transfer Station orderly. An understanding of the waste stream and recycling process will be a focus of working with the general public. The individual shall be responsible for overall housekeeping of the station. This position requires exceptional customer service skills and a willingness to work outdoors.

Work hours are Saturdays from 8AM to 5PM, Tuesdays Noon to 5:00PM.

Please submit a letter describing your interest and background to the Superintendent of Public Works, by EOB, March 11, 2016.

The selected individual will be notified by March 25, 2016.

Letters of interest should be sent to:

DPW Superintendent

P.O. Box 247

Granville, MA 01034

Or

dpwsuper@townofgranville.org

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**TOWN OF GRANVILLE
POLICE DEPT.**

707 Main Road, P.O. Box 247
Granville, MA 01034

(413) 357 8585 (phone) • (413) 357-8819 (fax)

POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Granville Police Department is now accepting applications for Granville residents between twelve and eighteen years of age to become part of the Granville Police Department Explorer program.

The program will include participation in all town events such as the annual Harvest Fair, parades, Kids Bike Rodeo, Junior Police Academy, and the Citizens Police Academy.

All kids that get accepted in to the program will wear a dark blue Granville Police shirt with a Granville Police Explorer shoulder patch on it, and a Police Explorer badge.

Parents....This is a great opportunity to get your kids involved in community events, and also to feel a sense of accomplishment by helping other people. They will also feel a sense of pride when they wear the uniform, and hopefully help guide them on the right path to their future. Community involvement is important for children to help keep them safe, and to keep their minds occupied.

For more information, and to receive an application, please contact Lieutenant Rick Rindels (School Resource Officer) at 413-357-8585 Ext 7, or email at rrindels@townofgranville.org



Granville-Tolland Lions Club

Dan Stosick, Secretary, Granville-Tolland Lions Club
91 Old Westfield Road, Granville MA 01034
285-6494 – d.stosick@comcast.net

Gentlemen of Granville and Tolland,

Would you like to meet your neighbors and make new friends? Are you interested in serving your community? If you have answered yes to any of these questions, the Granville/Tolland Lions Club would like to invite you to attend one of our meetings. We are individuals working together throughout the year in several different fund raising activities to benefit organizations in our Granville and Tolland communities as well as the international struggle to prevent blindness. Some of our Club fund raising activities include fried dough sales and a car show at the Harvest Fair, Breakfast with Santa, Granville Community Calendar and a spaghetti dinner for student scholarships.

Granville-Tolland Lions Club members are proud to donate their time to serve our community and to continue our record of achievement we are always looking for individuals willing to continue our tradition of service. As a member you will use your time and talents to make an impact in your community!

If you may be interested in making a difference in your community, call one of our members and he will gladly give you details about our next meeting:

President Frank Wolak, Vice President James Connors, Membership Chair Art Adams, Secretary Dan Stosick, Treasurer Ron Bouwer, Robert Aspinall, Brad Burnett, John Batterman, John Banish, Robert Beaudoin, Chris Bouwer, Amos Carpenter, Mike Crawford, Mike Fillion, William Jarvis, Jay Jones, Tom Jones, Rick Knoener, Ian Lane, Ralph Ledger, Matt Lefebvre, Robert Norton, Jim Psillas, Bob Rahn, Leon Ripley, Ted Sussman, Stan Tkaczuk, Robert Gleason, Tom Wolak,

During the calendar year of 2014-2015 the Granville-Tolland Lions donated to the following organizations:

Tolland Fire Dept

Granville Fire Dept

Country Caller

Student Awards

Wounded Warrior Project

Emergency Sight & Hearing

District 33Y Eye Mobile

MA Lion Eye Research

Lions Club International Foundation

Donations Within The Community



Granville-Tolland Lions Club 2017 Calendar

Greetings from the Granville-Tolland Lions Club.

Every year the Lions Club puts out a calendar where people can have birthdays and anniversaries printed on it, plus local business advertisement. This calendar has been a tradition for 50 years in Granville and Tolland but we have found that not everyone knows about it, now is your chance to get your birthdays and anniversaries included.

You submit birthdays and anniversaries that you would like to remember and it will be printed on the calendar. **THE CALENDAR WILL HAVE EVERYONES NAMES AND DATES NOT JUST YOUR SUBMISSIONS.**

COST: \$5 PER CALENDAR AND ONLY 25 CENTS PER BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY

Submitting names is easy:

Birthdays – Name and Date

Anniversaries – Name and Date

John Smith - 5/21

John and Jane Smith - 10/22

(A separate piece of paper can be used if more submissions are needed)

Make check payable to: Granville – Tolland Lions Club ☐ or

Pay on Delivery ☐

Your Name and Address: _____

Telephone # _____

Number of Calendars @ \$5 = _____

Number of Birthdays and / or Anniversaries @ 25 cents = _____

Return form to Dan Stosick, 91 Old Westfield Rd or Email: Birthdays and Anniversaries to:
d.stosick@comcast.net - Delivery will be in December. The Lions Club supports organizations in the
Granville and Tolland communities. The lions are always a helpful resource for those with hearing, eye
and sight emergencies and our club has helped several local citizens.

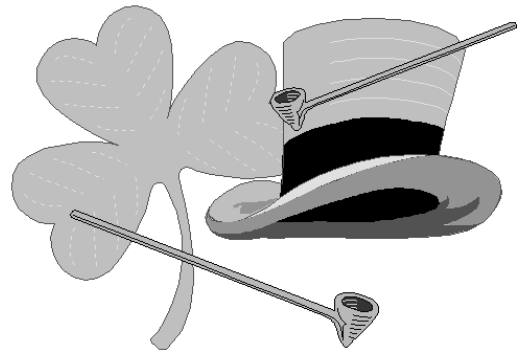
Contact Dan Stosick for interest in an advertisement on the calendar.

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon For Seniors**Monday March 14, 2016****Granville Town Hall****12:00 Noon**

Once again we will have our famous
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There will be a \$5.00 charge

Call Dot Bettinger 357-6698 or Patty Dickinson 357-8761 to RSVP

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School Committee Update:

A Note from Your Representative

On Tuesday February 2, the Regional School Committee voted to begin a "STRSD School Utilization/Transportation/Maintenance Study to inform the committee about long-term trends and future decisions". The vote passed 5-1 and I was the only member to vote "NO". Below is the statement I made to the committee prior to voting...

To reflect the views of my constituents I cannot vote in favor of initiating this study, primarily because it is a deviation from the original 5-year regional plan. Also, given how valuable the GVS was to the district during the building project, I feel that the timing of this study is inappropriate and sends a very negative message to Granville residents.

I understand that if I am the only committee member to vote no, the study will proceed. I do support the committee's interest in having an outside organization do the study and I agree with Dr. Barry that the scope of the study should be expanded beyond what is stipulated in the regional agreement.

Based on conversations that I have had with parents in all 3 towns, I have a really hard time believing that additional Southwick and Tolland residents are not interested in sending their students to the GVS. Unfortunately transportation and access to before and after-school child care are not currently available, and this is an enormous limiting factor for many families. I'd like to see these issues, among others, examined as part of the study. As I stated during our previous meeting, rather than seeing this very special school become permanently closed, I'd like to see it become more available to ALL students within the region. It is my hope that this study will reveal strategies to make this possible.

So what happens next?

Here's what I know... The study will not begin immediately. The School Committee vote simply authorized the Superintendent and the School Business Manager to develop a Request for

Proposals (RFP) so that the committee can select and hire an outside agency to conduct the study. This may take several months. Then, the Superintendent and School Committee will select who conducts the study based upon the responses generated by the RFP. The study itself will take several more months (I'm hoping at least 6) and then the results will need to be carefully reviewed by the District and the School Committee. At that time, I will request that the Superintendent host a public informational session to inform the members of all three communities of the study's outcome. (By then Dr. Barry will have retired and a new Superintendent will be at the helm.)

It is my hope that the study will find no significant cost savings or educational benefits to closing the Granville Village School. It is also my hope that the study will highlight strategies for increasing student enrollment so that the school will not only remain open but become a more valued component of the District.

If, however, the results of the study lead the committee to pursue closure, the regional agreement stipulates the following:

A public hearing must be held prior to the vote of the Regional School Committee.

A vote to close the school requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Regional School Committee with representatives from at least two towns voting to support closure.

The town (Granville) still maintains control and ownership of the facility and may utilize the facility as it sees fit.

No matter what happens, the **GVS WILL remain open for the upcoming 2016-2017 year**, and probably the following year as well. As always, I will continue to advocate for our school and community. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Thank you,
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Granville Parents Association Newsletter

The GPA has been asked to pay for the transportation to Maple Corner Farm for the yearly ski trip. We have granted this request as well as the request for the GPA to pay for the K-2 field trip to City Stage.

GVS held it's 100th Day Celebration on February 12th. The GPA donated the ice cream toppings and the Gran Val Scoop donated the ice cream. This is a wonderful town tradition held every year.

Mr. Baker has asked for some new items for recess. We have granted his request and will be purchasing new playground balls, hula hoops, jump ropes and more. The money used to purchase these items comes from our Box Top Contest. Please continue to save your Box Tops to help GVS! They can be dropped off at the school, town hall and library. Any questions please contact Sarah Beckman, Box Top Coordinator.

We are planning our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Maple Corner Farm. We will be putting out bins to collect candy and egg fillers. We are also looking for volunteers to help with set up and clean up. Contact any officer if you would like to help.

The GPA will be hosting a BINGO Family Night at Maple Corner Farm on April 15th at 6pm. All town members are encouraged to come out for a night of family fun! More info will go home with the GVS students as well as flyers put up around town. If you would like to donate a prize for the BINGO please contact Aimee Chapman or Cathy Macintyre.

Elections will be held at our May meeting, May 10th 2016, for our President and Vice President. These positions have a 2 year term. If you would like more info and/or to run for one of these positions please contact an Officer.

We welcome all Granville residents to our monthly meetings. They are always held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm in the school cafeteria. Babysitters are provided. We love to see new faces and hear new ideas. The GPA is not only here to help GVS but we are also involved in bringing the town together for different events and fundraisers, We look forward to seeing you on March 8th.

Thank you,
Ronnie, President
Danielle, VP
Cathy, Treasurer
Meg, Secretary



Granville Parents Association 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 26th (Rain Date April 2nd)
10 am at Maple Corner Farm
For Ages 0-11

**Come Early to have Breakfast and Stay Late to
Check out the Sugar Shack!**

We are collecting donations of candy and small items to go inside the eggs. Donations can be dropped off in the bins at the school, library and town hall until March 19th. Thank you!

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