



Monday 4/29 Day 4	Tuesday 4/30 Day 5	Wednesday 5/1 Day 6	Thursday 5/2 Day 1	Friday 5/3 Day 2
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### Dates to Make Note of:

- May 1 - PSSA Science Exam, 8th Grade only
- May 2 - Spring Instrumental Concert, Gym, 6:30PM
- May 3 - PTO Meeting, 9AM
- May 6 - 10 - PSSA Make Up Exams
- May 13 - 17 - 7th Grade Henlopen Trip
- May 20 & 21 - Keystone Exams
- May 21 - GVSD String Fest, 7PM
- May 22 - NJHS Induction, 7PM
- May 31 - Music in the Parks

### Points of Interest

**Mark your calendars, PSSA time is right around the corner!**

The **PSSA Science** exam will be administered to **8th grade only on May 1**. Students who arrive late or miss a section must make up all missed parts; This will likely result in the loss of regularly scheduled classes. All electronic devices including cell phones, iPods, Nooks, Kindles, Apple Watches, and i-Pads are NOT allowed in the testing rooms! \*\*Please try not to schedule any appointments in this time period. Thank you.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!**  
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**Grade 6: Sydney Sherrock, Masa Ozawa and Alexandra & Christina Petrasciuc**  
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**Grade 7: Ayaan Raj, Graham Killmer and Arlo Bramucci**  
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**Grade 8: Vishi Sharma, Jahnavi Anoop and Martha Barrows**  
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Please join me in congratulating the following **Envirothon Team** members on their accomplishments at this year's **Chester County Envirothon**.  
**Great Valley A Team:** Silas Bricker, Anjana Sakthikumar, Caleb Fulmer, Sushanth Kuppireddi and Thushitha Pullur Gunasekar  
 Finished 4th place Overall in the County  
 Won Forestry category for MS level  
**Great Valley B Team:** Aditya Dronamraju, alternate Pranav Dronamraju, Teddy Sazheniuki, Reuel Thota, Jaikrishnan Sampathkumar and Lya Haas  
 Finished **3rd Overall in the County (they beat A team by 3 points)**  
 Won Current Issue category for MS level  
 Great day for all!

### SOAR CONTEST



The Great Valley Education Foundation would like to congratulate Ichi Jamis and Faridah Ismaila for winning the **GVMS SOAR** art contest! The SOAR contest recognizes GVSD artists from 5, 8, 11, and 12 grades. Students in 8<sup>th</sup>

grade were encouraged to submit an original piece of artwork for this juried competition. The winning artworks will be framed and hung in a permanent collection at the Great Valley District Office.

### Delaware Valley Science Fair

Students who received honors at the Chester County Science Fair were invited to participate in the Delaware Valley Regional Fair. Two Great Valley students qualified to participate; Ryan Joseph and Om Gagrani. Both students received certificates. In addition, Om received an Honorable Mention award in Computer Science category for middle school and was awarded a medal.

### Chester County Science Research Competition

The Chester County Science Research Competition took place in March with many awards going to Great Valley Middle School Students. These students pursued inquiry-based science through problem-solving, planning and conducting research investigations, and using appropriate tools to gather and analyze data. We are proud of all of their accomplishments.

Ryan Joseph 1<sup>st</sup> place Behavior and Social Science: Video Games and the Human Body. Rorke BEH Distinguished Performance award  
 Om Gagrani 1<sup>st</sup> place Computer Science: Eye App for the Visually Impaired  
 Riya Shetty 3<sup>rd</sup> place Behavioral and Social Science: How do different types of music affect a persons ability to focus?  
 Venkata Medepalle Honorable Mention Medicine and Health: What sports drinks/liquids has the most electrolytes?  
 Ryan Joseph – 1<sup>st</sup> place Behavioral and Social Science  
 Rorke BEH Distinguished Performance in Behavioral Sciences

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

As a reminder, students' last day of school is on June 13. It will be a half-day. Graduation at the high school remains on June 6th.

**Yearbook** online sales end on May 12. After that, there is no guarantee. We will have a limited number of books for sale in June. [https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/1044649/GREAT-VALLEY-MIDDLE-SCHOOL/Yearbook/20230901042833590111/CATALOG\\_SHOP/Yearbook/20230901042833603111#design/0](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/1044649/GREAT-VALLEY-MIDDLE-SCHOOL/Yearbook/20230901042833590111/CATALOG_SHOP/Yearbook/20230901042833603111#design/0)