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HOW TO NOMINATE A CLASS ACT

Do you know a student that deserves to be recognized for their hard academic work? Send your nominations to James Battaglia at JBattaglia@messengerpostmedia.com.

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The Greece Central School District's new fleet of "clean" diesel buses releases 95 percent fewer emissions than the decade-old fleet it retired at the end of September. SUBMITTED

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Greece schools get a greener bus fleet

Greece Central School District replaces 18 buses with 'clean' diesel vehicles

Staff reports

This year, the Greece Central School District improved the overall fuel efficiency of its school bus fleet by replacing 18 decade-old buses with 18 new, "clean" diesel buses.

The switch officially happened on Saturday, September 28, when 18 Greece CSD school bus drivers drove the retired buses away from the Greece CSD garage on Latta Road. They returned two hours later with the 18 new IC Bus brand buses from the Leonard Bus Sales facility in Bergen.

"The most affordable way to green-up your fleet is by replacing the decade old buses with

new, clean diesel buses," said Leonard Bus Sales' Frank Continetti, sales director. "These new buses will dramatically improve the fuel efficiency of the Greece Central School District's entire fleet, and we are pleased to help the school district do that."

Today's "clean" diesel buses are 20 times cleaner than the diesel buses of just ten years ago. According to LBS, replacing just one decade-old bus with a new, cleaner diesel bus reduces the emissions on that route by 95 percent. With 18 new diesel buses, Greece CSD has made its fleet that much better for the environment.

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Local business offers yogurt for books

SoHo Yogurt Cafe owner Eileen Sarkis uses her business to reward students for reading

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Convincing kids to read can be difficult, so one mother and business owner is offering local students delicious rewards for the effort.

Eileen Sarkis, owner of SoHo Yogurt Cafe in the Wegmans plaza at 3177 Latta Rd., started the Yogurt and Books Program this year, hoping free yogurt might help give kids a reason to read.

"When my kids were little I used to read a lot, and because I read, my kids read," Sarkis said. "It makes a big impact when they're in school, and if they have a joy for reading and they want to read and they can actually get rewarded for it, it's going to help them a lot later on."

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Jake and Emma Natale of Penfield enjoy a cool treat at SoHo Yogurt Cafe in Greece on Friday, Oct. 11. The cafe is offering free yogurt to local students for reading books this school year. JAMES BATTAGLIA | MESSENGER POST MEDIA

school year, Sarkis distributed reading logs and yogurt certificates to teachers throughout the Greece and Hilton school districts as well as some local private schools and daycare providers. The teachers who choose to participate in the program are free to decide what an appropriate amount of books for their students to read would be, and every student who reads that amount gets a certificate good for one free yogurt

at SoHo.

"I just have a love for kids," Sarkis said. "I think that you can encourage them and help them out positively if you give them a reward for something that will ultimately help them out and be good in their future."

The Yogurt and Books Program will run through the rest of the 2013-14 school year. Ask your children's teachers if their classrooms are participating, and visit

SoHoYogurtCafe.com for yogurt menus and nutrition information.

COLLEGE NOTES

Lacy named to dean's list

Michael Lacy of Greece was named to dean's list at SUNY Cortland for the spring 2013 semester.

Lacy, a sport management major, is a 2011 graduate of Greece Arcadia High School.