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School News and Notes

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Superintendent's Message

The winter season and the holidays are just around the corner. The staff and students at B-G are working hard on our annual food drive and turkey drive. It is important to recognize that not all of our friends and neighbors always have enough food on their tables. If you are interested in contributing to this cause please call the school.

On Thursday, November 9 we recognized and celebrated our local veterans. A hearty breakfast was served at Greenlawn Elementary school consisting of pancakes, bacon, eggs, hash browns, fruit and turnovers to our 51 veterans. Each veteran also left with a gift bag full of cookies. This is one of the most important and special events we do during the year as a district. This has become an annual tradition at B-G and we look forward to welcoming even more veterans next year.

Recently the district's auditing firm, Raymond Preusser, CPA, P.C., conducted an audit of the financial statements, governmental activities, each major fund and the fiduciary funds of the district. The auditing firm feels that the financial statements referred to present fairly, in all material aspects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the fiduciary fund information of the B-G District. The audit produced no deficiencies in internal controls or noncompliance issues. This is great news for the district and a big thank you to our business office staff.

With the change of the seasons comes the change in sports seasons. We at B-G are proud of all of our fall athletes. Every sports team had successful campaigns with each varsity team moving on to sectional play. Our Girls' Varsity Volleyball team was crowned Section IV champions and then went on to win the New York State Class D Volleyball State Championship! Congratulations to coach Tami Selfridge and an outstanding group of young ladies. B-G will also welcome back indoor track for the first time in many years. We currently have 30 students signed up for the team!

Our technology team, led by Scott Graham, continues to navigate through the process of utilizing the Smart Bonds money our district was awarded. B-G will receive over one million dollars. However, to receive this funding the district

has to update our technology plan, create a spending plan, upgrade the district's infrastructure, hold public hearings and gain BOE approval. After all of this, we submit our plan to the state on December 8 and wait around 8-10 months for approval. This is a lengthy process but well worth it as we continue to move in the direction of a 1:1 device initiative.

We have hired licensed forester Mike Gray who has begun the process of surveying the district's land on Searles Hill. The school district owns about 40 acres of timbered land and will be looking to Mike to guide us through the process of having the timber harvested and sold. Once the timber has been sold the district will move forward with a forestry plan to manage the upkeep and sustainability of the property. We will utilize district staff and students to assist in this process. As this land was a gift to the school it can never be sold.

Our afterschool childcare is up and running. The ASCP operates from 3:00-5:30 p.m. each day that school is in session. The students are able to work on school work, while also having time on the playground and structured play time. A snack is also provided to each student. The district is hoping to have above 30 students attending the program each day in order to sustain the program. We currently have about 20 students participating. We will continue to offer this service to our families and students until the end of the first semester. However, if our enrollment doesn't increase we might have to postpone the program until next fall. The program is open to students in grades preK-6.

The students have completed the first 10 weeks of the school year and we march on to the second quarter. Our first year working with Lourdes Hospital is going very well. Lourdes is our medical provider and also provides mental health services, athletic trainer services and substitute nurses as needed. We look forward to continuing this relationship in the future. Have a wonderful holiday season and please don't hesitate to call the school at 967-6321 or email me at tryan@bgcsd.org with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Sincerely yours,
Timothy R. Ryan
Superintendent of Schools

Join Superintendent Tim Ryan for Community Coffee Hours

Community members are invited to join Mr. Ryan for coffee, to answer questions and share thoughts and ideas about the B-G School District. Future Coffee Dates are:

- January 19, 2018, Guilford Cafeteria, 9:00 a.m.
- March 16, 2018, District Conference Room (Jr.-Sr. HS), 8:00 a.m.
- May 10, 2018, District Conference Room (Jr.-Sr. HS), 6:00 p.m.
- May 11, 2018, Guilford Cafeteria, 9:00 a.m.

School Related Professionals Day

On Tuesday, November 21, the Bainbridge Guilford Central School District celebrated School Related Professionals' Day. School Related Professionals' Recognition Day acknowledges the contributions of School-Related Professionals in helping to educate the whole student.

School Related Professionals perform a variety of key roles in schools working as bus drivers, school nurses, custodians, secretaries, food service workers, teaching assistants and aides and in dozens of other job titles. Officially established as law in 2007, SRP Recognition Day falls on the third Tuesday of each November, often during American Education Week.

It is time to recognize the hard work our School-Related Professionals do on the front lines and behind the scenes to help our students, help our schools run efficiently and to keep our students safe.

Price Chopper Tools for Schools

Have you linked your AdvantEdge Card to our schools? Simply sign up and shop to help our school earn free classroom equipment all donated by Price Chopper. Enroll at www.pricechopper.com/savings/tools-for-schools.

OUR SCHOOL CODES ARE

- Jr.-Sr. High—17003
- Greenlawn—17005
- Guilford—17040

Share this post to get family, friends and neighbors to sign up too! The more supporters we have, the more opportunities our school has to earn points when they shop! Thank-you!

Substitute Personnel Needed

The Bainbridge-Guilford CSD is seeking applicants for Substitute Teachers, Teacher Aides, Food Service, Transportation and Registered Nurse positions. Applications are available under Application Forms on the *employment* page on the website. Applications are also available by contacting the District Business Office, 18 Juliand Street, Bainbridge, NY 13733.

Booster Club News

Without the support of our Community, the Booster Club could not do all that it does. We thank you for donating your cans and bottles in the Booster Club bottle bins in Bainbridge and Guilford. In Bainbridge, our bottle bin is in the Great American parking lot next to China Star and in Guilford, our bottle bin is located at the Guilford Store. One Hundred Percent (100%) of your donations are used to help support the student athletes and coaches of Bainbridge-Guilford. In addition to our bottle bins, we raise money through the sale of our B-G Merchandise and through your donations and support of our Annual Youth Basketball Tournament.

Without your support, we would not be able to help fund equipment purchases, help fund participation at athletic camps and clinics, help fund insurance for all youth sports programs, fund two scholarships for graduating seniors, etc. Last year, the Booster Club donated a majority of the funds to purchase a new mascot costume now known as Felix and most recently, the Booster Club purchased all weather chain link fence cups to decorate our fences at both the Football and the Soccer Fields. Again, we sincerely appreciate your continued support!

The B-G Booster Club meets the 3rd Monday of every month. New members are always welcome and encouraged to attend.



Why Take to Social Media?

At the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District our top priorities are the safety of our students, followed by their academics. I feel at B-G we have a strong handle on both of these. With the increased usage of social media a parent will once in a while take to Facebook with concerns and criticisms. My request to you is to please make sure you have the entire story before heading down this pathway. Have you spoken with the school regarding your concern? Did you call and talk with your child's teacher or building administrator? Often times there is a simple misunderstanding that can easily be solved and create a pathway for positive communication between home and school.

I thank you for your understanding and attention to this matter. Please always email me or call with any concerns you might have.

—Timothy Ryan
Superintendent of Schools

B-G Alumni Association News

The purpose of the B-G Alumni Association is to inform and bring together alumni, faculty and friends of the Bainbridge Guilford Central School and all those from the Guilford and Bainbridge School Districts before the merger.

The Association is headed by a volunteer board whose officers are elected to a three-year term by those alumni that attend the All-Classes Reunion held every three years. The next reunion will be held Saturday July 27, 2019. A newsletter is sent annually to all paid alumni members. The Association also gives out Incentive Awards in the amount of \$1,000 each year to graduating seniors. Registration forms for dues can be found on our website www.bgalumni.org.

As with many organizations, the B-G Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to help. The board meets four or five times a year with a few more during the All-Classes Reunion year. We are always in need of a few more members on the board, but also are looking for Alumni who can do things outside of the meetings. At present we could really use a PR person to help get the word out to Alumni. We are always in need of extra help for the All-Classes Reunion as well. At present our small board is trying to do it all. New members bring about new ideas!

Listed below are board members. Please contact any of them or send an email to the Alumni Association bgbobcatalumni@gmail.com for more information.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

- President: Judy Butler Volkert
- Vice President: Francine Payne Feltman
- Secretary: Phyllis Hubbard Winn
- Treasurer: Lori Ives Butler
- Membership: Judy Volkert & Lori Butler
- Newsletter Editor: Bruce Scott
- Chair, Incentive Awards: Linda Sherman Noble
- Associate Members: Kathi Flyzik Black, Tonya Ives Burdick, Louise Goodwin Butcher, Lloyd Drachler, Ellen Palmer Lee, Beverly Besemer Thornton

CHECK US OUT ONLINE

- Our website www.bgalumni.org
- Facebook page: Bainbridge Guilford Central School District Alumni Page

INTERESTING FACEBOOK GROUPS

For all of you who enjoy the history of this area and reminiscing about the past, there are some Facebook groups available to join. Each of these groups provides information on school and community history. They are listed below:

- Bainbridge NY History
- Guilford NY History
- Bainbridge NY Past and Present
- You know you graduated or attended Bainbridge-Guilford if you remember . . .

Be sure to check out Local History Notes on the Guilford History and Bainbridge History Facebook page. The blog is written by Alumnus Sharon Donahue '63.

Greenlawn Elementary NYS Testing Schedule

April 11-12 Grades 3-6—ELA
May 1-2 Grades 3-6—Math
May 23-24 4th Grade Science Performance
June 4 4th Grade Science Written

Adult Walker Program

Residents wishing to escape the inclement winter weather are welcome to walk the hallways of the Guilford Elementary School or the High School Building on weekdays when school is in session (Monday through Friday) from 6:15-7:00 a.m. Interested walkers should be at the Walnut Street side door at the Jr.-Sr. High School or at the parking lot door in Guilford between 6:15-6:20 a.m. for admittance into the building. All walkers are required to sign up in the building Main Office with days that they are expecting to walk.

The building will not be open on weekends, holidays, during Christmas vacation or on days when school is closed due to inclement weather.

This program is open to all adult district residents who wish to participate and fill out an Adult Walker Agreement Form. Please return all completed forms to the High School Main Office.

Adult Walker Agreement

I, _____, plan to participate in the Adult Walker Program at Bainbridge-Guilford Central School in the _____ Building. I understand that the established hours for this program are 6:15-7:00 a.m. when school is in session. I understand that I am to wear rubber-soled shoes. I hereby agree that I will take responsibility for my own actions and will not, in any manner, hold the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District responsible for any accident or injury incurred while on the School District property.

Signature _____

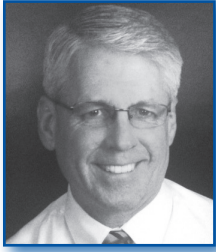
Date _____

WALKING IS MAN'S
BEST MEDICINE.

HIPPOCRATES

Alumni Spotlight

BRUCE WINSOR, ALUMNI, 1973



As a student, Bruce Winsor was a three-sport athlete and served as Senior Class President. He graduated from Bainbridge-Guilford Central School in 1973.

Bruce is a lifelong resident of Guilford. He and his wife, JoAnn, live in the house he grew up in where they raised their daughters, Rae and Kacie and many four legged family members. Give or take a few, he has

lived over 60 years in the Town of Guilford, as did his parents and grandparents before him.

Bruce had several types of jobs during his active working career, as a driver at Victory Markets with his father, then in the fuel industry as HVAC technician and dispatcher for Mirabito Fuel Group, and as a sales representative for Agway Energy Products.



He earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Mohawk Valley College and worked for the Chenango County Sheriff's Office, serving in different capacities, including his role as an integral member of the Transition Team when the new correctional facility was built in 2006. Bruce retired from his position as Training/Correction Officer at the Chenango County Sheriff's Department in 2016. He was elected as Guilford Town Justice in 2017.

As was the case when Bruce was in school, he has been very active and involved in Guilford, the District and the outlying community in a variety of ways, over many years. As a young adult, he participated on several sports teams throughout Chenango County. His public and community service included 20 years on the Guilford Town Board, five years on the Bainbridge-Guilford School Board of Education, a member of and former chief for the Guilford Fire Department, coach for elementary wrestling and girls' softball programs, member of the Bainbridge Lions Club and the Norwich Rotary Club, volunteer for the Chenango United Way and committee volunteer for the ACS Chenango County Relay for Life. In 2004, Bruce was named Guilford Citizen of the Year, and regarding that award he said, "I was deeply honored to receive it; it meant a lot to me at the time and I remember it every year at Memorial Day . . . I am grateful to join the others who have been recognized before and after me." He has volunteered his expertise in HVAC services to the Guilford Klee House in the past, and more recently to his church.

If you ask Bruce what some of his fondest memories are of his time as a student at B-G, he would say, "The friendships I formed with my classmates, and the relationships with the teachers, coaches and staff are what I remember well." Those relationships formed the basis for his decision to remain in the District to live, work and raise a family.

Welcome New Staff

RACHEL BARRON



Teacher Aide, Greenlawn

My past profession was in Adult Corrections and in the medical field as a CNA. I went to college for Criminal Justice but learned I love working with children.

I volunteered in school settings when my four daughters were in school, which I enjoyed very much. I started out working in a Christian preschool in Alabama. Last year, I started working in the Bainbridge School District as a substitute then was offered a full-time position as a Teacher's Aide.

When I'm not working as an aide I enjoy running, working on derby cars as well as spending time with my family and friends.

SHARON MORRIS



Teacher, Greenlawn Elementary

Sharon Morris is excited to join the Greenlawn team as an RTI teacher. She has spent the last 15 years on Cape Cod, where she taught kindergarten and elementary special education. Her son Ethan starts 2nd grade this year, where he will be in his Aunt

Kimberly's multi-age classroom. A B-G high school alum, Sharon is glad to be home.

Fundraisers 2017-18

Date	Group	Event
December 4-15	Grade 12	Candy Sale
January 8-19	Grade 12	Cookie Dough
January 29 - February 12	Grade 9	Gertrude Hawk Candy
February 5-15	Grade 12	Krispy Kreme
February 22	Grade 11	Chicken Biscuit Dinner
March	PTO	TBA
March 12-23	Jr Honor Society	Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars
March 17	Yearbook	Pancake Breakfast
April 16-27	Grade 10	Krispy Kreme

Jr. High School Guidance Corner

2017-2018 NEW YORK STATE TESTING SCHEDULE

Please be aware of the following test dates that are very important for Jr. High School students.

7TH GRADE TESTING

April 11-12, 2018..... New York State ELA Test

May 1-2, 2018..... New York State Math Test

8TH GRADE TESTING

April 11-12, 2018..... New York State ELA Test

May 1-2, 2018..... New York State Math Test

May 23-24, 2018..... NYS Science Performance Test

June 4, 2018 NYS Science Written Test

Please encourage your child to do their very best on the State exams. Student scores are used to determine interventions and who may be recommended for accelerated classes. Information regarding these state assessments can be found online at *Engageny.org*. When we receive the results of these exams, reports will be sent home specific to your son/daughter's performance.

The testing window is much smaller this year, and it is very important to not schedule routine appointments for your child on the above scheduled testing dates.

B-GA Dollars for Scholars Update

B-GA Dollars For Scholars had its first fundraiser of the 2017-18 school year. Bainbridge-Guilford and Afton students came together at the Bainbridge branch of SFCU in order to phone community members and businesses for donations. Dollars for Scholars funds many local scholarships for graduating seniors at B-G and Afton each year and donations go directly to college tuition for these students.

Each year we are amazed by the generosity of our communities and are able to fund numerous scholarships in this way. A big *Thank You* to the SFCU for hosting this event and to all of our community members for their generous donations. If you missed our call and are interested in donating to B-GA DFS, please visit our website (*bga.dollarsforscholars.org*) or just mail a donation to B-GA Dollars for Scholars at 43 Greenlawn Ave., Bainbridge, NY 13733.

If you are looking for other ways to help us: You can join our committee. We are always looking for more enthusiastic individuals to help us with a wide variety of tasks. You could also talk to others about our mission of bringing scholarship money to local students. You could also donate items that would help us during one of our fundraisers. We are always looking for prizes for our student volunteers. Please call or write to us with other ideas that might help our organization continue to grow.

School Cancellation/Early Dismissal

Prior to the beginning of the school day, in instances of school cancellation, parents and students will be notified by local radio and television stations, and the automated notification system. These same media sources will be used in situations where school will be dismissed early. Since phone lines must be kept open during emergencies, parents of Elementary students should expect their child to follow their family emergency plan. If no one is available at the intended destination, the student will be returned to either Guilford or Greenlawn.

Family Emergency Plans

At the beginning of the school year, parents will be asked to notify the school where their child should go in the event that a decision to close school early is made. During severe weather, it is suggested that parents have their mobile phones available or stay tuned to any of the radio stations listed below for release information.

LOCAL MEDIA BROADCASTING EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION

Radio Sidney	WDCO FM101 WCDO AM1490	
Norwich and Oneonta Central Radio Group	WKXZ FM94 WCHN AM97 WBKT FM95.3 WZOZ FM103.1 WSRK FM103.9 WDOS AM730	
Binghamton WNBF Affiliates	WAAL FM99 WKOP AM1360 WHWK FM98 WNBF AM1290	
TV Binghamton <i>See your provider for channel specifications</i>	WBNG-CBS WIXZ-FOX WB-GH-NBC YNN News—TW	
Internet	www.wicz.com <i>Under Closings</i> www.wbng.com <i>and Delays</i> www.bgcds.org FACEBOOK—Bainbridge- Guilford Central School	
School Messenger	Automated phone and e-mail system	Closings, Delays & Announcements

A Message from the Jr.-Sr. High School Principal

With the recent tragedies in Las Vegas, New York City and Texas, my message is a review of Student and Staff Safety at Bainbridge-Guilford. To make sure we are prepared for emergencies, each building in our district will practice a number of Emergency Response Procedures (Drills) to make sure our students and staff are well prepared in the event we have a real incident. The practice of some of these drills are mandated by educational law, however a number of them are not required but deemed important by us to be prepared. Over the course of each school year, we will be practicing the following drills:

Shelter-In-Place—This procedure is used to shelter students and staff inside the building. An example of when this would be used is when bad weather is about to happen with damaging winds.

Hold-In-Place—This procedure is used to limit movement of students and staff while dealing with short term emergencies. An example of the need for this procedure would be when a student or staff member becomes ill or injured and needs ambulatory care to be taken to a medical facility.

Evacuation—This procedure is used to evacuate students and staff from the building. An often used example or another term for this is a “Fire Drill.”

Lockout—This procedure is used to secure school buildings and grounds during incidents that pose an imminent concern outside of the school. An unusual example of this would be the sighting of a rabid or dangerous animal near school grounds.

Lockdown—This procedure is used to secure school buildings and grounds during incidents that pose an immediate threat of violence in or around school. Unfortunately the highlighted example in today’s society is an “active shooter”.

Early Dismissal—This procedure is when students are dismissed from school early. This typically occurs due to poor weather in which we try to get students and staff home before roads get bad. This is practiced in October by all schools in our BOCES to prepare families by having them arrange for coverage regarding student pick-up or drop off.

Site Evacuation—This procedure would occur when we need to leave one of our buildings. Our plan is to go to another location nearby that is both safe and able to house all our students and staff.

Again, we at B-G will annually practice all of these drills to prepare our students and staff in efforts to keep us all safe. We also want you to know that both local and state law enforcement are taking very active rolls in assisting us, training us and educating our administrators, staff and students in emergency response protocol. To help our efforts please make sure that we get emergency contact information from you as well as updated changes when they occur. Addition-

ally, any custody agreements or changes to agreements need to be given to us when they occur. Finally, in the event of an emergency or drill please refrain from calling or texting your child or calling the school as this act could adversely affect your child, our staff and our communities safety. We will make every effort to disseminate necessary information via our website, phone calls or social media to inform parents/guardians of situations that arise or protocols to follow.

January Regents Exam Notification

The January Regents examinations will be given at the Jr.-Sr. High School January 22-25.

Only High School BOCES students and High School students’ grades 9 through 12 who are scheduled for Regents exams or local final exams need to report to school. Buses will run on the normal schedule. 7th and 8th grade students will not attend school this week.

BOCES classes will continue as usual for the entire week—BOCES students are encouraged to attend their classes, however please note there will NOT be a noon bus running to take students home.

In case of a delayed opening all tests (regents and local) will be given. Regent’s exam students must be present by 10:00 a.m. to take their test. In the event of a snow day during Regents week, Regents exams for that day will not be given and local tests will be given on the following Monday.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00 a.m. English (ELA); RCT Mathematics;
Spanish Regional Regents
12:00 p.m. Living Environment; RCT in U.S.
History & Government

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00 a.m. U.S. History & Government; Geometry
12:00 p.m. Algebra 1; RCT in Writing

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 a.m. Global History & Geography; Physics;
RCT in Reading
12:00 p.m. Algebra 2; RCT in Science

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 a.m. Earth Science; Chemistry; RCT in
Global Studies

Seven Teams to Participate in Odyssey of the Mind

The Odyssey of the Mind Program is in up and running at Bainbridge-Guilford for the 2017-18 season. Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem solving competition. This after-school program is offered to interested students at the Greenlawn Elementary School and at the Junior-Senior High School. Once again, seven teams have formed and are preparing for the competition. The teams selected their problems and started the task of creating their solutions. Their goal is to be ready for the Regional Competition, which will be held on February 17, 2018 at the DCMO BOCES Campus in Trout Creek. This is an all day event and we would welcome you to come out and support the teams. Teams finishing in first place in their problem and division will go on to the State Finals on April 7, 2018 at SUNY Binghamton.

The Odyssey program divides teams into different divisions based on the ages of team members. Division I is open to students in grades K-5 and is a competitive division.

Our first Division I team has selected Problem 1—*Triathlon Travels*. In this problem, teams will ride and drive original vehicles in an Odyssey-style triathlon. They will try to score in *curling*, hit the right targets when *jousting* and *run track* by navigating a course in two directions. Between these events, the team will entertain the audience and the vehicle will change appearance. All of the action will take place in a team-created performance that features the vehicles' triathlon travels, a commentator and a coach. Team members include **Aiden Vermilyea, Owen Fleming, Anthony Pfaff, Jayden Ingham, Blake Tuttel, Clare Sullivan** and **Kayleigh Northrup**. Mrs. Melly and Mrs. Fleming are the coaches for this team.

Our next Division I team will be tackling Problem 3—*Classics... Mockumentary! Seriously?* In this problem, characters don't always agree as they recount the classic story where they appeared. The team will select a classic from the list and present different characters in a humorous documentary-style performance where details are added, denied, exaggerated and disputed. There will be interviews, behind-the-scenes clips and voice-overs that take the audience through the story and help present the events as they *really* took place. Team members include **Kaydence Brimmer, Mariah Miller, Kyle Patton, Roxy Megale, Cyrus Megale** and **Breona Ramsey-Bodell**. The coaches for this team are Mrs. Roach and Mrs. L. Miller.

Good Luck to
all Our Teams!

Our next Division I team has selected Problem 5—*A Stellar Hangout*. In the outreaches of the universe, there is an Intergalactic Hangout where all sorts of creatures from different worlds stop, eat, refuel and relax. Teams will create a humorous performance centered on this science fiction hangout that includes original creatures, food, and a search for space treasure. There will also be a worker character, entertainment and a futuristic map at the hangout. Team members are **Ashley Madugno, Aubrey Schinn, Ethan Morris, Owen Degan, Harpo Hardt, Ethan Germond,** and **Ashlyn DeMorier**. Mrs. Madugno and Ms. Morris-Schinn are the coaches for this team.

Our next three teams will be competing at the Division II level, which is open to students in grades 6-8. Our first Division II team will represent Greenlawn Elementary School. This team has selected Problem 5—see description above. Team members include: **Gabriella Cuzzo, Madalynn Gaias, Madalyn Brown, Macaela Burns** and **Erinne Sullivan**. Mrs. Cuzzo and Mrs. Gaias are the coaches for this team.

Our next two Division II teams will be representing the Junior-Senior High School. The first team has selected Problem 3—see the problem description above. Team members include **Caleb Brimmer, Noah Patton, Lillyann Finch, Makenna Merwin, Nickkie Patton** and **Thomas Spindler**. Mrs. L. Miller is the coach for this team. Katlyn Mullin is assisting.

Our final Division II team has selected Problem 5—see description above. Team members include: **Kira Davidson, Sammy Davidson Marklee Bartle, Matika Bartle, Dylan Easton, Nathan Kanzer** and **Anastasia Cuyle**. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson are the coaches for this team.

Our final team will be competing at a Division III level and also representing the Junior-Senior High School. Division III is open to students in grades 9-12. This team has also selected the Problem 5—see problem description above. Team members include **Alexis Brown, Gavin Guy, Gina Haddad, Valerie Haddad, Landon Umbra** and **Hannah Sprow**. Coaches for this team are Mrs. Haddad and Mrs. Rowley.



Jr.-Sr. High School Students of the Month

Bainbridge-Guilford Jr.-Sr. High School is proud to announce our students of the month.

SEPTEMBER

Junior High



7th Grade
Celeste Baldwin
8th Grade
Hailey Zehr
9th Grade
Hannah Goldswor

Senior High



10th Grade
Nicholas Richter
11th Grade
Alexander Tranvaag
12th Grade
Benjamin Bivar

OCTOBER

Junior High



7th Grade
Eden Oefelein
8th Grade
Summer Wasiura
9th Grade
Abbey Delello

Senior High



11th Grade
Morgan Neidig
10th Grade
Hannah Sprow
12th Grade
Collin Puerile

Students of the Month will receive a \$5 gift card from Rosa's Pizzeria.

To be eligible for this honor, students must be passing all subjects, demonstrate consistent kindness to others, be actively involved in school or community activities, show pride in the school and community and be an upstanding student in all aspects. We would like to congratulate these students for their hard work and effort to be both good students and good citizens!

News from Greenlawn!

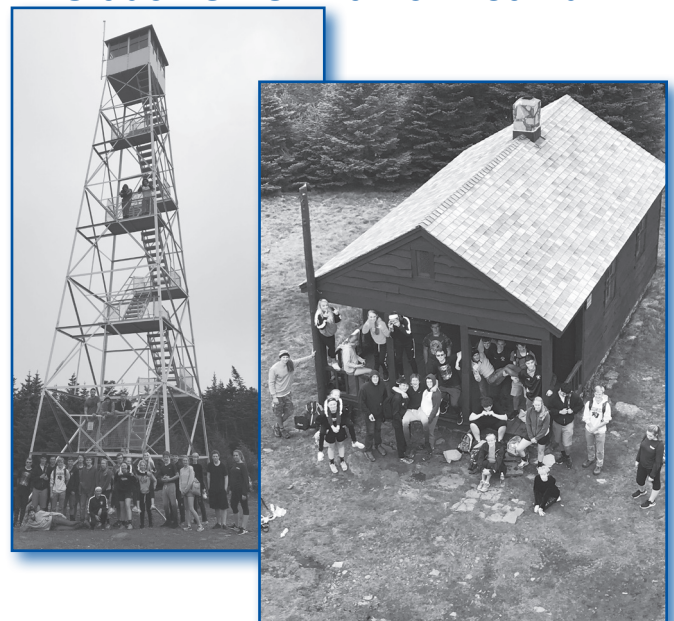
Greenlawn faculty, staff, and students have been very busy over the first couple of months of school. It was great to see all of the smiling faces for picture day on October 12. It is always amazing to see how much they grow and change year to year. Even our therapy dog Molly was able to get her picture taken and be in her class photo.

Open House was very well attended. We are always excited to show off the hard work of the faculty and students. Thank you to all of those groups that joined in on the fun and set up tables for the community to see. We held our early dismissal drill on October 20, and as we all worked together, everything ran very smoothly. We would like to thank all that were able to come to our fall parade on October 31. The students, faculty and community members dressed in their creative costumes and marched around the circle waving and smiling to all that could attend. A huge shout out to Mr. Jenkins and his Elementary Marching Band. The Elementary Band marched, in costume, around the circle playing a great marching band song while all of the classes followed their lead. It was amazing—Great Job!!

We look forward to our fun activities to prepare for the holiday season. During this time will be also be running our annual food drive that begins November 27-December 15. In addition, we will continue with our building-wide recycling program that also provides fruits, vegetables, and unused milk to local farms to help feed their pigs.

—Jennifer Henderson
Greenlawn Principal

Mr. Cirigliano's Health Class Students visit Hunter Mountain



Guilford Open House-Wild West Style!

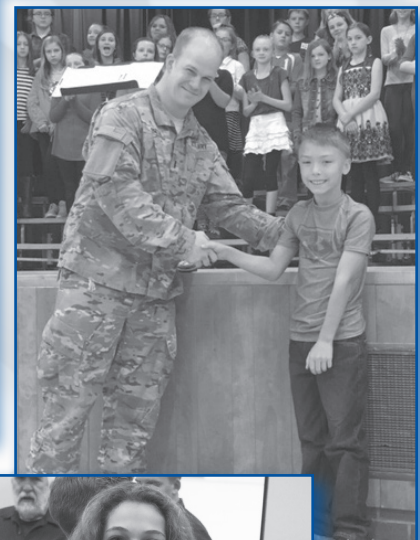
First Graders welcomed the crowd singing the *Guilford Elementary* song. The Wild West book fair was a success as was the rodeo round-up! Sherriff Maynard was "caught" in her own cell along with a few others and our Wild West custodian crew couldn't resist the rodeo challenge! Mrs. Seliga's rainbow tunnel was a big hit along with the Cafeteria Cowgirls with their breakfast samples, the community tables and samples of classroom work!



Veterans Day Breakfast!

The second annual Veterans Day Breakfast was held on November 9 in the Greenlawn cafeteria. A hearty breakfast was served to over fifty Veterans and their guests by 6th Grade Honor Society Students. The Elementary Choir and Ms. Jenn White provided a stirring rendition of *God Bless the U.S.A.* (Words and music by Lee Greenwood, arr: Higgins/Day) and *America the Beautiful* (Music by Samuel A. Ward). Trumpeters **Easton Porter** and **Julian Pruskowski** played the *Star Spangled Banner*.

A big thank-you to all participants and most importantly our Veterans for their service to our country!



Guilford Bobkitten Counseling Corner

I-CARE GUILFORD SCHOOL RULES

Our students have been learning and practicing our I-Care School rules:



Kindergarten Cooperation Tree

The Bucket Filling Fairy (BFF) and I-Care Cat teamed up to teach I-Care rules this year! Have you filled someone's bucket today?



Mrs. Bianchi's class with BFF and I-Care Cat.

COUNSELOR REMINDERS

As cold weather approaches, be prepared and know what services are available. Counselors and Social Worker can assist you in all buildings! We are a phone call or email away!

THE ANGELS ARE READY!

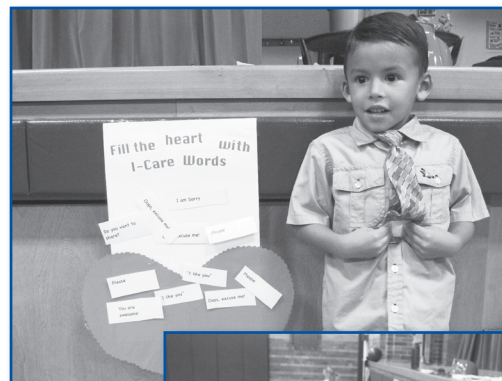
The season is coming for reaching out and sharing! Our staff and community work together to share generously with our younger students whose family resources are especially tight this holiday season. Nana's Keepsakes has again offered to be the home base for the Angel Tree. Nana's has moved to 5 E. Main St. in Bainbridge (formerly The Village Florist). If you wish to adopt an angel, please see "Nana" after Thanksgiving. Our Elementary Counselor, Keren Seiler and School Social Worker, Lori Basso can be contacted if you are a family whose children under the age of 12 might be added to the tree.

P.E. + COUNSELORS = COLLABORATION AND CHARACTER EDUCATION!

Mrs. Basso, Mrs. Cannistra, and Mrs. Seiler are using a variety of skill sets to reinforce and build character for our future engineers, teachers, police officers, etc.



Hands are For Helping



I-Care Language Relays



Cooperation Castles

Greenlawn Students Participate in Sumdog Competition

Many Greenlawn students participated in the recent Fall DCMO BOCES Regional Sumdog Competition. Sumdog is a web based program that allows students the ability to practice math skills while also playing games. Students compete against classmates and students from other schools while playing games. Both Regional and National contests are offered as a part of this program.

During the Regional Contest, Greenlawn students were competing against students from other schools in our region such as Oxford, Greene and Hancock to name a few. Twenty-four classes in our region participated in the competition. Mrs. Porter's 5th Grade Math Class finished in 5th place. Followed Mr. Davis' 6th Grade Core 63 Math Class in 10th place, and Mr. Davis' 6th Grade Core 61 Math Class in 11th place.

There were 458 students across the region that played. Each student is allotted 1,000 questions in the contest. Taking first place honors was 6th grader, **Easton Porter**. Easton finished with a score of 991. Congratulations, Easton!

Greenlawn had 18 students finish in the top 50. These students include:

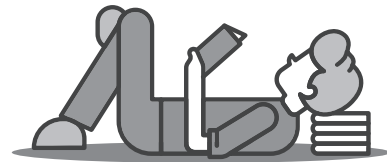
- 2nd Place—**Sienna Alemar**
- 4th Place—**Damon Seymour**
- 5th Place—**Declyn Marshfield**
- 6th Place—**Brock Porter**
- 7th Place—**Erinne Sullivan**
- 14th Place—**Kaiden Seymour**
- 16th Place—**Anna Scheuermann**
- 24th Place—**Gabriel Weissflog**
- 26th Place—**Gavin Gifford**
- 27th Place—**Myanna Dickey**
- 30th Place—**Landon Benham**
- 31st Place—**Sawyer Swingle**
- 34th Place—**Jayden Ingham**
- 35th Place—**Zackary Emerson**
- 38th Place—**Samuel Davidson**
- 39th Place—**Emma Beames**
- 45th Place—**Kaydence Brimmer**

Additionally, classes are recognized for attaining the highest daily average throughout the week long competition. Earning Daily Winner honors for having the highest class average score on Nov. 1 was Mrs. Porter's 5th Grade Math Class for Nov. 2 was Mr. Davis' 6th Grade Core 63.



Top 50 Winners from Greenlawn (Missing from photo Sienna Alemar, Gabe Weissflog, and Sam Davidson.)

READ! READ! READ!



The school year started with the B-G PTO giving out books to all elementary school students. With the Scholastic® Book Fairs being held at both Guilford and Greenlawn elementary schools during the year, PTO has accumulated some 'book dollars'. With the book dollars, a variety of books on various readability levels were purchased. Students started the school year off with an appropriate book to keep. We hope that all students in Guilford and Greenlawn have enjoyed their free book.

Running Club



During the month of October, students participated in Running Club during PE class. When the weather allowed, students walked to the track to complete as many laps as they could during their PE period. Felix, the Bobcat Mascot, was "running, walking or jogging" to state capitals around the country using the miles we completed in PE class. Community members were also invited to log miles.

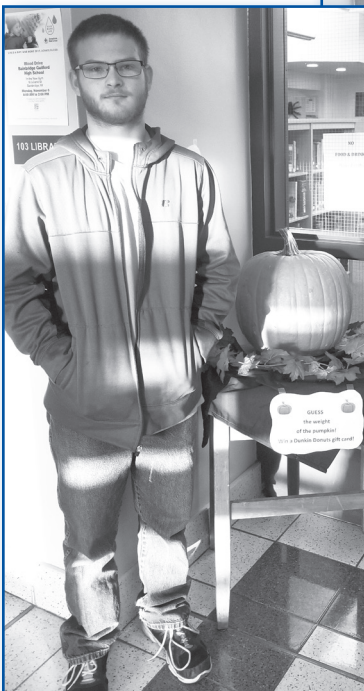
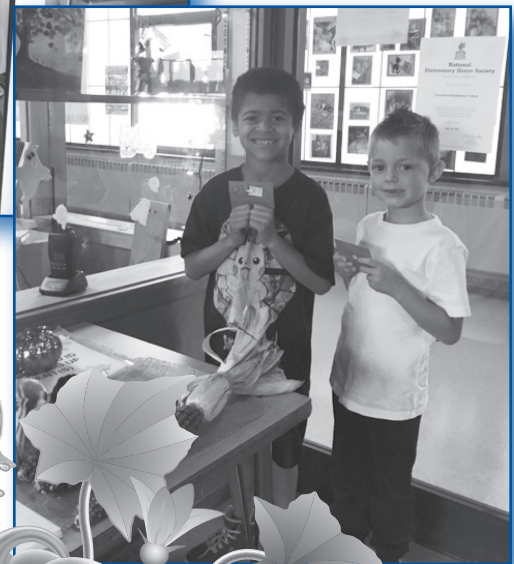
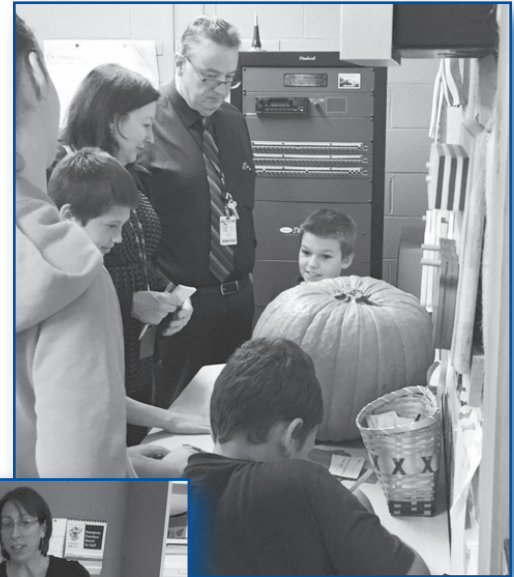
Runners and walkers at Greenlawn, staff and community members logged 3,080 miles during the month of October! That took us to 11 state capitals. If you stretch it out to one destination, we went past Juneau, Alaska! Great job!

The Great Pumpkin Weight Contest!

Greenlawn winners are **Treytin Clark** and **Christopher Peterson**. The weight of the pumpkin was 39 lbs. Treytin guessed 40lbs and Christopher guessed 38 lbs. Ms. Knowles was our faculty winner with a guess of 42.5lbs. Thanks again to the Madugno Family for donating the pumpkin and a special thanks to Ashley Madugno for her help with the announcement of winners!

Jr-Sr High School winners are **Rowan Sherrick** and **Edward Fuller** with weight guesses of 30 and 28.7 pounds. Thanks Mr. Ryan for donating the 30.5 lb. pumpkin at the High School.

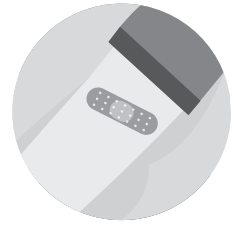
Each winner received a gift card to Dunkin Donuts donated by Mr. Ryan. A big *thanks* to all who participated!





The Flu:

A Guide for Parents



Influenza (also known as flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. Flu is different from a cold, and usually comes on suddenly. Each year flu viruses cause millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospital stays and thousands or tens of thousands of deaths in the United States.

Flu can be very dangerous for children. CDC estimates that since 2010, between 7,000 and 26,000 children younger than 5 years have been hospitalized each year in the United States because of influenza. The flu vaccine is safe and helps protect children from flu.

What parents should know

How serious is flu?

While flu illness can vary from mild to severe, children often need medical care because of flu. Children younger than 5 years and children of any age with certain long-term health problems are at high risk of flu complications like pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections. Some health problems that are known to make children more vulnerable to flu include asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system.

How does flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. A person also can get flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

What are flu symptoms?

Flu symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, feeling tired and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults). Some people with the flu will not have a fever.



Protect your child

How can I protect my child from flu?

The first and best way to protect against flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine for yourself and your child.

- Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year.
- It's especially important that young children and children with certain long-term health problems get vaccinated.
- Caregivers of children at high risk of flu complications should get a flu vaccine. (Babies younger than 6 months are at high risk for serious flu complications, but too young to get a flu vaccine.)
- Pregnant women should get a flu vaccine to protect to protect themselves and their baby from flu. Research shows that flu vaccination protects the baby from flu for several months after birth.
- Flu viruses are constantly changing and so flu vaccines are updated often to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates are most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season.

Is flu vaccine safe?

Flu vaccines are made using strict safety and production measures. Millions of people have safely received flu vaccines for decades. Common side effects from the flu shot are soreness where the shot is given, headaches, muscle aches, and fever. These side effects are generally mild and go away on their own within a few days. A flu vaccine cannot cause flu illness. CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend an annual flu vaccine for all children 6 months and older.

What are the benefits of getting a flu vaccine?

- **A flu vaccine can keep you and your child from getting sick.** When vaccine viruses and circulating viruses are matched, flu vaccination has been shown to reduce the risk of getting sick with flu by about half.
- **Flu vaccines can keep your child from being hospitalized from flu.** One recent study showed that flu vaccine reduced children's risk of flu-related pediatric intensive care unit admission by 74%.

- **Flu vaccine can prevent your child from dying from flu.**
A study using data from recent flu seasons found that flu vaccine reduced the risk of flu-associated death by half among children with high risk medical conditions and by nearly two-thirds among children without medical conditions.
- **Flu vaccination also may make your illness milder if you do get sick.**
- **Getting yourself and your child vaccinated also can protect others** who may be more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain long-term health problems.

What are some other ways I can protect my child against flu?

In addition to getting a flu vaccine, you and your child should take everyday actions to help prevent the spread of germs.

Stay away from people who are sick as much as possible to keep from getting sick yourself. If you or your child are sick, avoid others as much as possible to keep from infecting them. Also, remember to regularly cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and clean surfaces that may be contaminated with flu viruses. These everyday actions can help reduce your chances of getting sick and prevent the spread of germs to others if you are sick. However, a yearly flu vaccine is the best way to prevent flu illness

If your child is sick

What can I do if my child gets sick?

Talk to your doctor early if you are worried about your child's illness.

Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks enough fluids. If your child is 5 years and older without long-term health problems and gets flu symptoms, including a fever and/or cough, consult your doctor as needed.

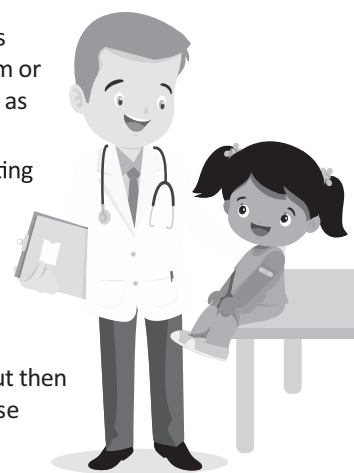
Children younger than 5 years of age – especially those younger than 2 years – and children with certain long-term health problems (including asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system), are at high risk of serious flu-related complications. Call your doctor or take your child to the doctor right away if they develop flu symptoms.

What if my child seems very sick?

Even healthy children can get very sick from flu. If your child is experiencing the following emergency warning signs you should go to the emergency room:

- Emergency warning signs of flu:
- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish or gray skin color

- Not drinking enough fluids (not going to the bathroom or not making as much urine as they normally do)
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Flu symptoms improve, but then return with fever and worse cough
- Fever with rash



Is there a medicine to treat flu?

Yes. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines that can be used to treat flu illness. They can shorten your illness and make it milder and they can prevent serious complications that could result in a hospital stay. Antivirals work best when started during the first 2 days of illness. Antiviral drugs are recommended to treat flu in people who are very sick (for example, people who are in the hospital) or people who are at high risk of serious flu complications. Antivirals can be given to children and pregnant women.

How long can a sick person spread flu to others?

People with flu may be able to infect others from 1 day before getting sick to up to 5 to 7 days after. Severely ill people or young children may be able to spread the flu longer, especially if they still have symptoms.

Can my child go to school, day care, or camp if he or she is sick?

No. Your child should stay home to rest and to avoid giving the flu to other children or caregivers.

When can my child go back to school after having the flu?

Keep your child home from school, day care, or camp for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone. (The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) A fever is defined as 100°F (37.8°C) or higher.

For more information, visit
www.cdc.gov/flu
or call 800-CDC-INFO



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Elementary Student Council News!

Elementary Student Council members kicked off the 2017-18 school year with a schoolwide *Rocktober* event at Greenlawn! Students read the book *Only One You* by Linda Kranz and identified with the idea that “there’s only one you in the whole wide world.” Each student then painted a rock to express their individuality and brighten up the school at the same time!

Check out student rocks in Ellie’s garden in the center of our traffic circle. Mrs. Ellie Taggart was a beloved reading teacher at Greenlawn whose love for children will forever be remembered.



Annual Elementary Fall Parades!



Greenlawn students paraded around the school bus circle led by the Elementary Marching Band! Molly, the therapy dog, joins in the fun!

Guilford Students enjoyed showing off their very creative costumes and then parading down Main Street. It was wonderful to have so many parents and friends join us for a fun-filled afternoon. Thank you for coming out and participating!

Upcoming Music Events

DECEMBER

- 6 Senior High Winter Concert at the HS, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 * Junior High Winter Concert at the HS, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Greenlawn Holiday Assembly at Greenlawn (5th and 6th grade groups), 9:00 a.m.