



THE BLUE & WHITE

School News and Notes

Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District
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Superintendent's Message

Happy winter! We have moved beyond the half-way point of the school year! I cannot believe how fast this year seems to be going. So many great things are happening at B-G!

First, I would like to start by congratulating the following students for their induction into the National Technical Honor Society: **Rebeca Kramer, Camille Hawkins, Sean Jones, Scott Gabriel, Zoe DePew, Hunter Richter, Lindsey Barnhart, Rebecca Reyes, Owen Lambrecht and Daria Kozak.** Hats off to an outstanding group of students. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments.

Also congratulations to our Varsity Girls' Basketball team for winning the Kazalski Basketball Tournament held here on December 28 and 29 and our wrestling team won the Windsor Christmas Tournament for the second year in a row out of 39 teams!

We seem to be having an increase in the number of cars passing stopped school busses. Please remember it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus on either side with their lights flashing! Violators will be prosecuted. We have had several close calls this year with cars illegally passing our busses and students nearly being struck.

While the winter season brings an increase in child sickness it is important to reinforce the importance of good attendance with your child. Student attendance is one of the factors that has an effect on school state aid. Currently our student attendance rate for Guilford is 91.8%, Greenlawn 94.6% and the MS/HS 93.9%. We would like to get each of our buildings at or over the 95% attendance rate.

We are continuing to work on and develop expanded learning opportunities for our B-G students. In the coming months we will be meeting with the Raymond Corporation in Greene to discuss how we might work together and what career

pathways we might develop. Could this be developing a student welding program on campus or internships for our students at Raymond? These are just some of the exciting conversation we are and will be having. We also working on starting an FFA program at the Jr.-Sr. High School.

The District continues to forge ahead with our proposed capital project. Please look for a more in depth article inside this issue of *The Blue and White*. We will be offering many opportunities for community questions and input.

As always, please know my door is always open. Please email me at tryan@bgcsd.org if you have any questions, thoughts to share or concerns. I look forward to a very successful second half of the school year.

Sincerely yours,
Timothy R. Ryan
Superintendent of Schools

Join Superintendent Tim Ryan for Community Coffee Hours

Mr. Tim Ryan is looking forward to working with and getting to know the entire B-G School community. Increasing communication throughout the district is one way to make sure everyone is aware of what we are doing at B-G and that everyone feels a connection to our students and the school.

On February 17, at 8:00 a.m. in the District Conference Room in the High School and on March 17, at 9:00 a.m. in the Guilford Elementary School Cafeteria community members are invited to join Mr. Ryan for coffee, to answer questions and share thoughts and ideas about the B-G School District.

More Community Coffee dates can be found on the school website and District Calendar.



★ ★ ★ The Capital Project Vote will be on March 22. ★ ★ ★ ★

VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE FROM NOON TO 9:00 P.M. AT GREENLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BAINBRIDGE AND THE GUILFORD TOWN HALL.

Capital Project Update!

As many of you have heard the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District is embarking on a proposed Capital Project of \$16.5 million dollars. The last project the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District put out to voters was in 1999 and like people's homes, the District facilities should be updated on a regular basis.

The scope and magnitude of this project has come about based on a required Building Condition Survey. All school districts are required to have this survey completed every five years. The survey informs the District of items that currently need attention or will need attention in the near future. The items are prioritized based on need and concern. Currently all three school buildings and the transportation facility will be affected. These structures are in need of fairly substantial renovations to become ADA compliant, to maintain a safer environment for our students and staff and to address failing systems. The District has hired the architectural firm of King and King and the Construction Management firm of LeChase Construction both from Syracuse, to help direct this project.

FOLLOWING ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROJECT FOR EACH BUILDING:

JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

- Exterior door replacements as well as masonry restoration to protect the envelope of the building.
- Building-wide roof replacement
- Interior renovations including a fitness facility for student and community use, new lockers, upgraded heating systems, interior door replacement, air-conditioning on second floor and in gymnasiums, shower renovations in locker rooms, new fire alarm system and master clock system
- Main entrance and perimeter sidewalk renovations for ADA compliance
- Drainage improvements around the perimeter of the building
- Replacement of hot and cold water piping

GREENLAWN ELEMENTARY

- Exterior door replacements as well as masonry restoration to protect the envelope of the building.
- Building-wide roof replacement
- Playground improvements
- Interior renovations including upgraded heating systems, interior door replacement, air-conditioning in cafeteria, new fire alarm system and master clock system, and water service upgrade

GUILFORD ELEMENTARY

- Exterior door replacements as well as masonry restoration to protect the envelope of the building.
- Building-wide roof replacement

- Interior renovations to include interior door replacement, upgraded heating system, new fire alarm and master clock system, and an area of rescue on the second floor
- Replace fuel tank monitoring system
- Playground improvements
- Main entrance and perimeter sidewalk renovations for ADA compliance

JR.-SR. ANNEX

- Exterior door replacements as well as masonry restoration to protect the envelope of the building.
- Replace stairs to the athletic field and north parking lot improvements
- Interior renovations to include interior door replacement, upgraded heating system and new fire alarm and master clock system

BUS GARAGE

- New fire alarm system and master clock system

In the coming months I will be presenting to many community groups in each of the Bainbridge and Guilford communities to better communicate the information surrounding the Capital Project. We will also be offering residents two evening information sessions and building tours. The first information night for the community will be held on February 15, in the Jr-Sr High School building at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Our second information night will be on March 14, in the Guilford Elementary School Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. Please look on the school website at www.bgcsd.org and our new Facebook page for up-to-date project info.

District residents will have the opportunity to vote on the \$16.5 million dollar project on March 22. Voting will take place from noon to 9:00 p.m. at the Greenlawn Elementary School in Bainbridge and at the Guilford Town Hall in Guilford.

The district has invested many months in putting this project together to present to our voters to address the most important items relative to student safety and maintaining our facilities. I welcome your thoughts and input at any of our public sessions or please feel free to email me at tryan@bgcsd.org, or to call the school at 967-6321.

This is an exciting time for the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School district with many great things happening. I look forward to preserving our facilities for our students to enjoy for years to come.

Thank you,

Timothy R. Ryan, Superintendent of Schools



**We look forward to
receiving your
vote on March 22.**

Lead Testing Completed

Per Department of Health regulations, additional lead testing was performed in the B-G District. The results are posted on the website on the Building and Grounds page. Copies can be obtained by contacting Howard Thompson, Director of Facilities II, at 967-6322.

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.

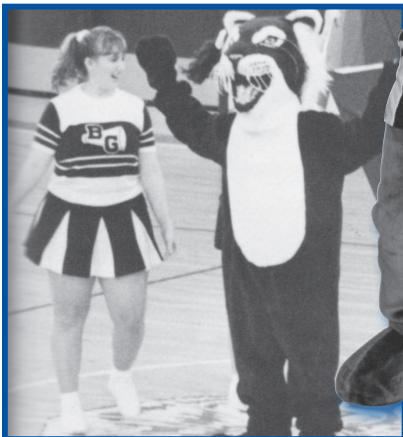
OUR SCHOOL CODES

- 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!

Name the Bobcat!

FELIX was selected by popular vote as the name of the Bobcat mascot. Look for the new bobcat at upcoming school events! Many thanks again to the B-G Booster Club and the Senior Honor Society for donating funds to purchase the new costume.



B-G Accepting Pre-K Applications

The Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District is accepting applications for its Pre-kindergarten program. Only parents who are district residents with an age-eligible child may apply. To be eligible a child must be four years old prior to December 1, 2017 and cannot be five years old before that date. Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 21, 2017 to be considered for selection. Selection of applicants for the available slots will be determined soon after this date.

Per New York State Regulations, selection for Pre-kindergarten slots for the 2017-18 school year will be done randomly after all applications have been received by the deadline if more than 36 applications are received. Assuming that State funding will be held at the same level for next year as last year, we will be able to accept a total of 36 students.

Similar to last year, our program will include two full day classes. Both classes are housed in the Guilford Elementary School. Each classroom has a Pre-K teacher and a classroom aide. Our program runs Monday-Friday from 8:05 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Children may not ride school transportation until they become four years old. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from school until their child becomes four years old.

The deadline for all Pre-K applications is Friday, April 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Applications must be received at the main office of the Guilford Elementary School on or before this date. Applications may be picked up at Guilford Elementary or mailed to you upon request. For further information contact the Guilford Elementary School secretary, Kathi Ives at 895-6700.

Substitute Personnel Needed

The Bainbridge-Guilford CSD is seeking applicants for substitute positions:

- Teachers: \$90/day
- Nurses: \$85—LPN; \$100—RN
- Teacher and Bus Aides: minimum wage
- Food Service Workers: minimum wage
- Bus Drivers: 90% of contract rate

Applications are available under Application Forms on the EMPLOYMENT page on the website (www.bgcsd.org) or by contacting the District Business Office at 967-6335.

Important Notices for Home School Parents

Transportation requests for students attending non-public schools (e.g., Holy Family, Valley Heights Christian Academy, etc.) must be received by the District Office **no later than April 15** preceding the beginning of the next school year. The Board of Education will take official action on the requests at the May Board of Education meeting.

Requests for special education services for home schooled students must be received by the District Office **no later than June 1** preceding the beginning of the next school year. The Board of Education will take official action on the requests at the first Board of Education meeting in June.

Please submit your letter of intent to home school **no later than August 15**.

Please call Sue Weibel in the District Office at 967-6321 if you have any questions.

BGA Dollars for Scholars

The BGA Dollars for Scholars chapter would like to thank the entire Bainbridge, Guilford and Afton communities for your generosity during our annual Phone-A-Thon Fundraiser. Local students were able to raise over \$5,000 in scholarship money for graduating seniors at Bainbridge-Guilford and Afton! Seniors, don't forget to apply for scholarships online at <https://bga.dollarsforscholars.org> and like us on Facebook for up-to-date information!

All are invited to join us for our BOWL-A-THON Fundraiser at the Galaxy Bowl in Bainbridge. This is a family friendly event, which will be held on a Saturday at the end of March. *We ask for a minimum of \$50 in pledges per bowler to participate.

Interested in volunteering or serving on the DFS committee? Please contact Judy Hinman, board president at jhinman@bgcsd.org or by phone at (607) 967-6301.

Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated!

And the ANGELS Sang Their Thank-you!

THANK YOU! To all families and businesses who gave generously to the Bainbridge Community Angel Tree! In the past few years there has been an increase in children served (104 this year!), which speaks to the needs of our community. This outpouring of generosity and community service exemplifies the Bainbridge-Guilford *Bobcat Way!*

Thank you to Nana Deb Erickson of Nana's Keepsakes and Mrs. Cathy Sherrick who coordinated the community effort and a special thank you to Barbara Ryan who kept the school effort organized as well as all those anonymous angels who jump in whenever needed!

B-G Alumni Speak Panel

On December 20, the Life Beyond HS team sponsored the annual Alumni Speak panel. At this event, recent alumni return to give advice to our seniors and hold a general discussion about what they will face after high school. This year we were pleased to host



13 alumni from the classes of 2007-2016. Great advice was shared and connections were made. Many thanks to all who participated. It was an excellent discussion!



BMT at Craft Fair

The BMT (Business Manufacturing Technology) vended handmade wood items at the BGTA Holiday Craft Fair on December 5. Class members planned all aspects of the day including purchase orders, work orders, product description and display layout. Students in the Woods Technology class and Machine Tool Technology class were responsible for the construction, sanding and finishing of the cutting boards, utensils and other wood items. This project was the first of many opportunities for the BMT class to form a



business to learn all aspects from first hand experience.

*L.-r.: Jordan Olcott,
Austin Williams,
Konnor Bookhout*

Alumni Spotlight!

FRANK DOOLITTLE



Frank Doolittle grew up on a family farm on Lyons Road outside of the Village of Bainbridge. He graduated from Bainbridge in 1933. He was actually a member of the Class of 1932, but was one of the students who was quarantined for the 1931-32 school year. Those students were determined to be carriers of diphtheria and they spent the year in what Frank fondly calls The Bug House, which was a building adjacent to the school. He has often commented that he never understood why they were quarantined at school and nowhere else! Frank also says that the main thing he remembers learning that year was how to play checkers.

A typical day in Frank's school-age life meant getting up early to do chores, then driving a team of horses pulling what was called a little lumber wagon that carried the milks cans from the farm to town. After delivering the milk to the creamery he would take the team to the livery, which was located in the area behind the current Fire House, go to school and then come back and get the horses and wagon and drive it home to help with the evening chores. There was little time to participate in after school activities, although he did participate in a boxing and wrestling group, which put on exhibitions in the school auditorium. In 1938 he married Wilma Gustafson, who graduated from Bainbridge in 1936, and they celebrated 68 years of marriage before her passing in 2006.

Frank owned the Trico Lumber and Handle Factory for many years and finished his working years with Texgas Petroleum before retiring in 1978. Frank still lives at home doing his exercises every day, following the Mets and the Yankees and viewing his *older* television programs. At 103 years of age we salute Frank Doolittle, one of our oldest Bainbridge-Guilford alumnus!

Save the Date

DINNER, DESSERT AND A DIRECT TALK ABOUT OPIATES, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS & INJURIES

March 16, at 5:30 p.m.

The Bainbridge-Guilford and Afton Yes! Leaders are hosting a talk regarding opiates, prescription drug abuse and injuries.

Many heroin addicts were first prescribed an opiate for pain management after an injury. The abuse of prescription medication can lead to a life of dependence, addiction and heroin use.

The presentation will be held at the Afton High School on Thursday, March 16. A free dinner will be offered starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Afton Central School cafeteria. The presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Afton Central School Auditorium.

There will be an opportunity to sign up to attend future Narcan trainings (facilitated by the Bainbridge-Guilford Board of Education, BGTA and BGSSA) at the presentation.

Mark the date, March 16, to attend Dinner, Dessert and a Direct talk regarding Opiate and Prescription Drug Abuse. It takes a community to raise our children and keep them safe.



Booster Club News

Looking for a great way to show your school spirit with a product that's made specifically for you? Why not consider one of the Jackets that the B-G Booster Club offers?

We have two styles—a ¼-zip hooded light weight and a hooded full-zip medium weight. With each jacket, you can select the sport or sports that you play and Bainbridge-Guilford along with the symbol representing your sport will be embroidered on the left front chest of your jacket. For parents or if you do not want a specific sport on your jacket, we also offer Bainbridge-Guilford with the bobcat paw. In addition, add your name and/or your number to further customize your jacket specifically for you.

To find more details about these jackets and the other products that the B-G Booster Club offers, please visit www.bgcds.org. Once there, click on *Athletics*, then *Booster Club*, then you will find the jacket and apparel order forms. The apparel order form includes not only apparel but some of the other miscellaneous items that we offer.

The B-G Booster Club always welcomes new members—we meet the 3rd Monday of each month. Please join us at one of our upcoming meetings held in Room 104 just down the hall from the auditorium.

The B-G Booster Club and The Student Athletes Appreciate Your Support!

Budget Vote

VOTE: MAY 16, 2017

- On the School Budget and the election of Board of Education Candidates.
- Your vote does make a difference!

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

A person shall be entitled to vote on the appointed date for the election of school district officials, and upon all other matters which may be in the form of a referendum, who is:

- A citizen of the United States.
- Eighteen years of age.
- A resident within the district for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the meeting at which he/she offers to vote.

No person shall be determined ineligible to vote by reason of race, creed, color or sex, who has other qualifications in this section.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Personal registration of Voters is required for the annual vote. Registration will be held on May 9, 2017 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at the Greenlawn Elementary School and the Guilford Town Hall. Voters may also register with the District Clerk.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Applications for absentee ballots are available at the District Office. Applicants must submit application to the District Clerk seven days before the election date if the ballot is to be mailed. Absentee ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

The District Office is located in the Jr.-Sr. High School. Office hours are 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Two School Board Terms Expiring June 30, 2017

There are two 3-year term Board of Education seats ending on June 30, 2017. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District not later than April 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. More information and petitions are available in the District Office or by calling 967-6321.

Visitors—Please Sign In!

You are welcome in our school at any time. To better assist you and allow classes to progress without disruption and to ensure that only authorized persons have contact with our pupils, please report to the building Main Office, sign in and receive a visitor's badge. Thank you for helping us to keep our children secure!

Annual Junior Class Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

Where: Greenlawn Cafeteria

When: February 16, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7.50 for adults;
\$3 for kids 5 and under

Juniors are pre-selling now!

Walk-ins welcome!

Take-out available after 3:30 p.m.



Musical Instrument Rental Payments Due!

Please make checks payable to Bainbridge-Guilford Central School and deliver payment to Mr. Jenkins or Mrs. Bunting-Cliffe as soon as possible.

Upcoming Musical Events

- March 3 and 4—Drama Club Performance
- March 10 and 11—All-County Music Festival, Greene
- March 29—Senior High Concert, 7:00 p.m.



Please Help Us Save Lives

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by B-G Senior National Honor Society

Tuesday March 7, 2017

B-G MPR/Gym

8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Call 967-6300 for an appointment or email kmertz@bgcsd.org.

Veteran's Breakfast a HUGE Success!

The inaugural Veterans Day breakfast was held on Thursday, November 10, at 8:15 a.m. in the Greenlawn Elementary School Cafeteria. Our students served over 40 veterans a hearty breakfast and there was a short program immediately following the meal led by the fifth grade students. Thanks to everyone who made this a memorable event!



Legislative Breakfast

The annual Legislative Breakfast, hosted by DCMO BOCES, Component School District Superintendents and School Boards, was held on December 3, 2016 at the Silo Restaurant in Greene. Senator Fred Akshar, Senator James Seward and Assemblyman Cliff Crouch were in attendance to answer questions. Superintendent Bob Mackey gave a presentation on *Disrupting Rural Poverty* and B-G Senior **Abbi Miller** spoke on the advantages of the availability of college courses during high school.



Remember When . . .



1934 Fleet of Buses, Bainbridge, NY

Career Café at Greenlawn

NYS TROOPERS



RICH SELFRIDGE—ENGINEER



1st Quarter Honor Roll

12TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Konnor Bookhout
Caitlyn Diamond
Griffin Fisher
Olivia Garror
Camille Hawkins
Nevada Heaney
Abbi Miller
Aidan Nolan
Ashley Parsons
Kyle Rideout
Nathan Searles
Katherine Tiley

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Alec Burdick
Austin Carr
Corrina Clapper
Skylar Clark
Zoe DePew
Kamryn Farrell
Scott Griebel
Rachel Hinkley
Bailey Hotaling
Rebeca Kramer
Owen Lambrecht
Jesse Micha-Hurlburt
Katlyn Mullin
Devin Neidig
Rebecca Reyes
Hunter Richter
Brandon Scherhauser

HONOR ROLL

Austin Bronson
Zachary Cappiello
Cole Clendening
Dennis Dailey Jr.
Morgan Dean
Devyn Gaudreau
John Goldswor III
Dani Johnson
Sean Jones
Levi Knapp
Daria Kozak
Kristen Lester
Michael Lockwood
Lacie Lord

Zachary Ouimet
Austin Rowe

11TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Miranda Anderson
Jonathan Castle
Maya Cliffe
Bernardina Cordes
Courtney Delello
Patrick DeMichele IV
Samara Greene
Mara Hartwell
Molly O'Hara
Alana Pires-Werneck
Matthew Warner
Tristan Watford

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Timothy Bauer
Amaya Carlin
Kennra Ceresna
Xavier Cherniak
Jillian Davis
Viktoria Kovacs
Morgan McCall
Megan Palmatier
Collin Puerile
Brenton Rideout
Daniel Spencer
Triston Wilson

HONOR ROLL

Ammon Acla
Quintin Benkovitz
Benjamin Bivar
Anthony Davis
Katerina DeMatteo
Drewcylla DuMond
Kaia Fuller
Trevor Halaquist
Adam Ives
Destiny Jones
Jenna Nordberg
Jordan Olcott
Kody Olsen
Jonathan Pratt
Cody Shakelton
Morgan Swartwout
Travis Terzo

10TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Damien Borowski
Zamira Caldwell
Dadeon Canfield
Kristen Chambers
Tannar Cliffe
Ryan Cooper
Helaina Curtin
Haley French
Erica Frost
Matraca Harmon
Jacob Hotchkin
Alexis Matthews
Kaylee Miller
Haley Morse
Thomas Palmatier
Kyleigh Pedersen
Jared Pruskowski
Brendan Roefs
Abigail Selfridge
Alan Terzo
Alexander Tranvaag
Gabriel Watson

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Mason Brown
Skylar Collins
McKeyli Decker
Madalyn Erceg
Aubrey Fox
Alexis Gombach
Leah Gregory
Gina Haddad
Ethan Ingham
Damian Knapp
Andrew Miller
Montana Pikul
Katelyn Porter
Devon Scherhauser
Evan Seymour

HONOR ROLL

Daniel Bartle
Ayanna Bell
Alexis Carr
Marissa Cuozzo
Makenzie Drown
Kyle Farnham

Gwenyth Germond
Abigail Hacker
Olivia Hawkins
Alexis Haynes
Evan Hyzer
Shania Kennedy
Rose McKay
Michael Mc Weeney
Ashley Oliver
Brandon Palmatier
Travis Parker
Nickolas Petrutoni
Kelsea Shampang
Kori Thornton

9TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Jake Buchman
Samantha Ceresna
Brienna Collingwood
Courtney Gilbert
Colby Hotaling
Alli Miller
Shelby Smith
Hannah Sprow
Lauren Womelsdorf

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Daniel Hager
Shelby Haynes
Tracy O'Connor
Mariah Olcott
Samantha Sherman
Ivy Sullivan

HONOR ROLL

Justin Butts
Elizabeth DuMond
McKenna Edwards
Cierra French
Colby Graef
Zachary Graham
Bailey Hart
Victoria Henry
Zachary Ladd
Macie Leizear
Dylan Madsen
Matthew Manzer
Jadyn Olcott
Kaitlyn Parry

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1st Quarter Honor Roll

Gabriel Sherman
 Luke Storman
 Alexis Wright

8TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Alexis Brown
 Cody Buchman
 Lisa Gao
 Sasha Lamoree
 Abigail Minturn
 Taylor Parsons
 Ryan Porter
 Katrien Roefs
 Erica Selfridge

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Bree Barber
 Haiden Burns
 Sara Cannistra
 Makenna Clark
 JonMarick Crawford
 Abbey Delello

Damien Farberman
 Parker Finch
 Hannah Goldswor
 Garrett Ives
 Joseph Lindsey
 Peyton Mosher
 Eric Nowak
 Josephine Porter
 Caleb Presley
 Michaela Roach
 John Scheuerman
 Trent Thornton
 Owen Walley
 Daniel Warner
 Nicholas Williams

HONOR ROLL

Thomas Auer
 Dustin Collier
 Justin Dibble
 Tanner Eckert
 Madison Fairchild
 Kolby Furgason

Jakob Heath
 Dalani Johnson
 Matthew Kanzer
 Brandon Loucks
 Ashley Matthews
 Omar Mohamed
 Carlene Palmer
 Collin Shakelton
 Emmalynne Sherman
 Matthew Simpkin

7TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Nolan Burns
 Kira Davidson
 Ethan Gregory
 Valerie Haddad
 Seamus Nolan

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Makayla Boice
 Savannah Carlin

Owen Drown
 Reese Elwood
 Anthonylouis Grigoli
 Gavin Guy
 Connor Harmon
 Lance Jones
 Autumn Madugno
 Alexis McFee
 Evan Thorpe
 Summer Wasiura
 Abigail Wombacker

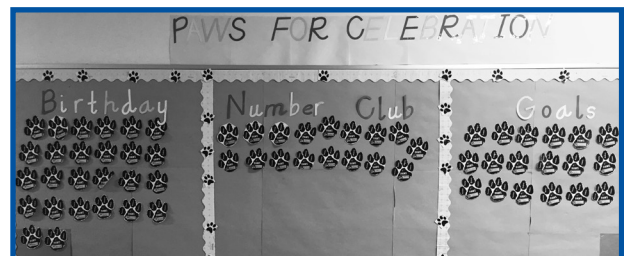
HONOR ROLL

Matika Bartle-Hughes
 Ewan Germond
 Kayden Gombach
 Riley Hurlburt
 Kurt Knoll
 Brayton Northrup
 Madison Payne
 Haley Ross
 Christian Seymour
 Landon Umbra

Guilford Bobkittens PAWS for Celebrations

Guilford Elementary's PAWS for Celebration program is underway! PAWS stands for *Positively, Amazing, Wonderful Students*. This program provides an opportunity to recognize student birthdays, number club awards (each time a student independently write their numbers to 100, 500, 1,000, 1,500, etc.), and personal goals. Bobkitten PAWS are posted on *The PAWS for Celebration* bulletin board in the hallway outside the cafeteria as they are received. Several times a year we come together as a full student body to celebrate the PAWS that students have received. During each assembly, students are excited to sing our school song, *The Best School It Can Be—Guilford Elementary* sung to the tune of *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*, which everyone is learning. This, along with individual recognition of students, brings a stronger sense of community to our school. Our most recent assembly was on Friday, January 13. During the assemblies students are given any paws that were posted on the bulletin board to take home. We then begin posting new paws for our next assembly. This is an exciting program which our students enjoy participating in. You may view more pictures of the assemblies in the Guilford photo gallery on the school website.

—Linda Maynard, Guilford Elementary Principal



Jr.-Sr. High School Students of the Month

Bainbridge-Guilford Jr.-Sr. High School is proud to announce our Students of the Month. Students of the month will receive a gift card from Rosa's Pizzeria for a slice of pizza or small fries and a small soda!

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!

NOVEMBER JR. HIGH



*7th grade: AnthonyLouis Grigoli;
8th grade: Lisa Gao; 9th grade: Colby Hotaling*

DECEMBER JR. HIGH



*7th grade: Seamus Nolan; 8th grade: Garrett Ives;
9th grade: Samantha Ceresna*

SR. HIGH



*10th grade: Aubrey Fox;
11th grade: Maya Cliffe; 12th grade: Parker Morgan*

SR. HIGH



*10th grade: Morgan Neidig; 11th grade: Jonathan Castle;
12th grade: John Goldswor III*

National Technical Honor Society

Junior and Senior High School Students were inducted in the National Technical Honor Society on November 17, 2016. Congratulations!



High School Student Council Leads Annual Food Drive

Support from the school and community was overwhelming! More than 95 families received more than material support but also a sense of hope and community spirit as they entered the New Year of 2017.

Planning for the drive began in the early fall. The plan for the high school was shared with the elementary and junior high student councils who also supported the drive in their own unique ways. The National Honor Society donated stuffing as well as coordinating the packaging of homemade cookies for each family.

At Greenlawn, 2,264 non-perishable food items were collected well exceeding the goal of 1,800. The class that collected the most items was treated to a private ice cream social. The PTO funded popcorn and a movie for all students!

At the junior and senior high school incentives were offered to encourage support of the drive. At the High School, a very lofty goal of 2,200 cans was set. On December 15 we were 300 cans shy of our goal. Then on the morning of December 16 over 1,600 cans were brought into the Junior and Senior High School. The entrance to the school was overflowing with food and the high school clearly exceeded its goal!

The reward day for students in grades 7-8 included ice cream sundaes and a movie in the auditorium. The High School Student Council rented two theaters at Regal Theaters in Binghamton and on December 23 students in grades 9-12 traveled from to Binghamton to see the newly released *Star Wars* movie *Rogue One*.

The school and community support was invaluable. The Bainbridge-Guilford Teachers' Association spearheaded the turkey drive as well as raising funds to support the drive through the annual craft fair. The U.S. Marines made donations through the Toys for Tots program and Chobani yogurt donated yogurt for the drive. This year our local Lions Club donated laundry detergent for each family. Local churches, banks and scouts also donated items and money. This is in addition to the many individuals who made



generous donations throughout the year.

Because of the tremendous generosity, each family received a tote and box filled with food, including granola bars, chicken, tuna, chili, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly and hearty soups which were purchased by the Student Council.

The lesson of thinking of others during this time of year cannot be underestimated. It is a credit to this small community to be able to be so generous to so many. It is only one of the special things about being a part of the B-G Family.



Senior National Honor Society News

The members of the B-G Senior National Honor Society are chosen based on their superior academic record, their service to school and community, their leadership qualities and their upstanding character. Once a member of this organization, the students are urged to continue to serve as good leaders and to encourage others to do the same.

New members will be inducted into the B-G Senior National Honor Society on March 30. To be eligible for induction the following criteria applies:

1. Juniors and seniors with a cumulative average of 90.00 or higher are eligible. The average must be a *pure* 90, not a rounded 90. Students must have passed, unless legally exempted, the following courses and their accompanying Regents exams:
 - English 9 And 10
 - Global Studies
 - Spanish 1 And Spanish 2
 - 2 Regents Sciences
 - 1 Regents Math Plus One Additional Math Course
2. Honor Society induction is held once a year in the spring after 1st semester grades are finalized.
3. Eligible students are asked to fill out and return by a specified date a Student Activities Information Form (SAIF) detailing their extracurricular school and community activities. This documentation will provide the faculty and selection committee with information to assess the Service, Leadership and Character criteria for Honor Society membership. If there are any extenuating circumstances that impact a student's participation in such activities, these should be noted on this sheet. The SAIF forms will be returned to the Honor Society Advisor. Failure to return the SAIF will indicate that the student does not wish to be considered for induction.
4. Brief interviews are then scheduled (generally 11th period, lunch or immediately after school) so that each eligible student has a chance to meet with the Faculty Selection Committee to summarize and discuss his or her activity sheet in light of the four criteria for Honor Society induction. Failure to meet with the committee will indicate that the student does not want to be considered for induction.
5. Summaries of the activity sheets will be presented by the Honor Society Advisor to the high school teachers, after which the faculty will rate each student on a scale of 1-5 in the categories of Leadership, Service, and Character. The faculty ratings will be collected and tabulated as input for the Honor Society Committee.
6. The Honor Society Faculty Selection Committee will average the ratings for each student in each category,

after dropping one lowest score and one highest score in each category. Each average will be rounded to two places (example: 3.95). These ratings provide input to the Faculty Committee in its deliberations.

7. At this point the Faculty Committee votes on the student's selection. A student needs an average of 4.00 in each category to be voted on by the faculty committee. The only exception is if a student falls below the necessary average in any one category but his or her overall average still meets the required 4.00 level, a candidate may still be voted upon after discussion and with assent of the Faculty Committee. For this to occur, however, the candidate's OVERALL average of the three categories MUST STILL MEET THE REQUIRED 4.00.
8. All candidates under consideration will be notified in person by a member of the Faculty Selection Committee regarding that committee's final decision.
9. After induction, members are expected to maintain a 90 average or higher. A member whose cumulative average has fallen below 90 after a ten-week marking period will be notified by the Faculty Selection Committee and will be requested to meet with them to determine ramifications.
10. After induction, all members are expected to remain true to the NHS ideals of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character.

This year's Senior National Honor Society has been busy trying to live up to these ideals. A Red Cross Blood Drive was held in November where 42 pints of blood were collected. Another drive was held on January 6, adding 26 pints. There will be an additional Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 7.

The Honor Society sponsored a Hat Day with the proceeds going to buy boxes of stuffing and containers for cookies to be put in the holiday baskets that were delivered to area families by the Student Council. Senior Honor Society members, with much appreciated help from Home and Careers classes, Yes! Leads members, and faculty and staff members, baked over 110 dozen cookies to add a little homemade holiday cheer to the baskets.

A new halftime activity is available at home basketball games, courtesy of the Honor Society members. For a donation of \$1, interested spectators can try to sink a half court shot. If they make it, they receive Honors Bucks to spend at the concession stand—as well as bragging rights! The money raised will help offset the money spent to help purchase the new bobcat mascot costume. Be on the lookout for Felix the Bobcat at upcoming events. Additional activities are being planned for the remainder of the school year.

Guilford “Bobkitten” School Counseling Program Updates

THE BIG RED IDEA!



Mrs. Bianchi’s Rudolph Friends

Guilford students did some critical thinking and problem solving when they were presented the question, “Hey Rudolph, what’s The Big Red Idea?”

First graders sang, *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer* and came up with some **BIG** ideas for what it meant. Some ideas were: Include everyone; put yourself in other’s shoes; everyone is special; don’t judge others by how they look; don’t be bossy. Then they became a *reindeer* and came up with I-Care language they would use if they could meet Rudolph!



Kindness Elf Tree

KINDNESS ELF ARRIVES AT GUILFORD

The *Kindness Elf* was invited by I-Care Cat to come to Guilford to give ideas on how we could spread generosity to others. We talked about what being generous is and then the kids practiced many acts of kindness individually and by classroom and hung hearts on the Kindness Elf tree created by all Guilford classes and staff. Some acts of kindness included: drawing and sharing pictures, delivering candy canes to the Main Office, decorations for the Main office, donations to local animal shelters, extra bird feeders for our fine feathered friends, Stone Soup for a sick staff member, first graders reading to kindergartners, smiles, and many more. The culminating visit from the Kindness Elf’s friend brought a very important lesson and a small thank you treat to the children.

“Thank you for participating in our Kindness Acts this month! You have all worked hard! I was able to show up on the tree, but the real me remains invisible that no one can see. Kindness Elf shows up through all the acts you say and do! So keep it up and Happy Holidays to you!”

Kindly,
The Kindness Elf



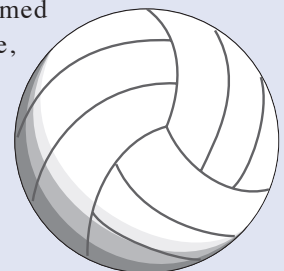
Mrs. Pain’s class is generous to local animal shelter.



Kindness Elf’s friend visits!

Selfridge Named to All-State Team

B-G Lady Bobcat Sophomore Volleyball player **Abby Selfridge** was recently named to the All-State team! As reported by *The Evening Sun*, Selfridge was named fourth team All-State, from Section IV Class C, as a setter and hitter—and remarkably is the lone representative from Chenango County. Congratulations Abby!



SumDog Competition at Greenlawn

Many Greenlawn students participated in the recent Fall DCMO BOCES Regional SumDog Competition. Sumdog is a web based program that allows students to practice math skills while also playing games. Students have the ability to compete against classmates and students from other schools while playing games. Both Regional and National contests are also 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, Franklin, and Hancock to name a few. Thirty classes in our region participated in the competition. Mrs. Porter's 5th grade math class finished in 5th place. Followed by Mrs. Carlin's class in 8th place, Mr. Davis' 6th grade math class finished in 17th place, Mrs. Vibbard's class finished in 22nd place and Mrs. Mayo's 4th grade math class finished in 28th place.

There were 630 students across the region that played. Taking first place honors once again was 6th grader **Trent Sullivan**. Other Greenlawn Students in the top 50 include:

- **Easton Porter**, 2nd Place
- **Julian Pruskowski**, 8th Place
- **Aidan Hawkins-Odell**, 10th Place
- **Celeste Baldwin**, 11th Place
- **Kevin Lang**, 22nd Place
- **Maddie Blake**, 24th Place
- **Sophia Grigoli**, 38th Place
- **Cooper Barker**, 44th Place

Additionally, Mrs. Carlin's Class earned Daily Winner honors on November 2 for having the highest class score on that date of the competition.



*Top 50 Winners from Greenlawn
(Missing from photo Kevin and Cooper)*



Mrs. Carlin's Class: Daily Winners for November 2

State Testing at the Jr.-Sr. High School

January Regents Exams are now complete. Unlike most schools in New York State many of our students take Regents Exams in January as their class ending assessment. Most schools have traditional schedules where students' classes meet all year with their exams in June. Those schools primarily use January Regents Exams for students needing to retake exams. At B-G, we utilize a combination of semestered classes (courses done in half a year) along with yearlong classes. We have elected to use a hybrid schedule to maximize our staff and reduce the number of classes students focus on at one time. Our Sr. High students are able to take up to 10 credits per year and in the same schedule only have five classes to concentrate on at a time. Additionally, semestered classes mimic the course structure used in college.

Among the five required Regents Exams, English and U.S. History are the two in which many of our juniors complete in January. These two major Regents Exams are also offered in June where our students may additionally take Math and Science Regents Exams. We also offer retake exams at January. At the Jr. High level, the exams that equate to the Regents Exams are the New York State Assessments. These assessments are taken in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math in both 7th and 8th grades as well as the Science New York State Assessment taken in 8th grade. This year the ELA Assessments will be administered in March and the Math Assessments will be administered in May. The 8th Grade Science Assessment is administered in June.

Though these culminating exams have been scrutinized, their purpose is to assure that the same curriculum is being delivered by all schools across New York State and our students are held accountable to demonstrate they have obtained standard achievement. At the Sr. High, passing of the Regents Exams fulfill requirements for students to earn their diplomas. At the Jr. High, students performance on the State Assessments allow us to measure their academic progress and help us steer instruction and provide individual educational interventions. Ultimately these tests show that all students have learned the required amount of material and skills deemed necessary.

While these assessments are an important tool to evaluate student achievement, they are not viewed as the only objective of our educational focus. Our goals are and will always be to provide a well-rounded education for our children to be successful and productive citizens who are career and college ready when they graduate. Recently, changes have been made to the State Assessments to make them less stressful for our students. Additionally, we have been able to reduce testing of our students by eliminating the many benchmark exams that were used to evaluate teachers.

We ask for your total support to help our students do their best on these important assessments. Please encourage your son or daughter to do their best on all exams and do all you can to promote punctuality and good attendance to school.

—William Zakrajsek, Jr.-Sr. High School Principal

Supplemental After-School Learning

Greenlawn Elementary is in the position to offer **3rd-6th grade students** supplemental after-school learning opportunities that promote individual student goal growth with a focus on NYS test score improvement. This opportunity will be under the supervision of elementary teachers providing instruction and guided practice geared toward student created goal growth, Common Core learning standards and NYS expectations. Participation criteria is based upon the following contingencies:

- **Commitment to attending consistently**
- **Active engagement and participation in activities**
- **Appropriate behavior at all times: Inappropriate behavior will result in immediate program dismissal**
- **Parent pick-up is required at 4:05 p.m.**

The designated timeframe for ELA goal growth and skill building is **Tuesdays and Wednesdays, January 17-March 24**. Focus on math skills will run **April 3-28**. Students will report to the cafeteria for snack at 3:05 p.m. followed by instruction 3:15-4:05 p.m. **Students must be picked up at 4:05 p.m. from the Greenlawn lobby.**

During the ELA focus, students and adults will be working together to develop activities to promote growth toward goals, following the rigorous 10-week schedule below:

1. Guided practice of passages with Multiple Choice questions
2. Guided practice of passages with Short Response questions
3. Independent practice of passages with Multiple Choice questions
4. Independent practice of passages with Short Response questions
5. Independent practice of passages with Multiple Choice questions
6. Independent practice of passages with Short Response questions
7. Guided and independent practice of Extended Response questions
8. Guided and independent practice of Extended Response questions
9. Drill and practice
10. Strategy review

Snack will be provided. Students will be grouped according to grade level and total participation numbers. If after-school activities are canceled, this program will be canceled as well. Another commitment letter will follow in March regarding Math goal and skill growth.

Any questions, please contact the Greenlawn Main Office, at 967-6301

—Jennifer Henderson, Greenlawn Elementary Principal

Attention 8th Grade Students and Parents

Time is quickly approaching when your child will be entering 9th grade and taking high school credit-bearing courses. Several activities will be taking place to help you and your child prepare to make important decisions about high school course selection and planning after high school.

On Wednesday, March 8, the Guidance Office will host an 8th grade parent information night at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. At this meeting we will discuss requirements for graduation and what options your child has regarding selection of high school courses.

Students will be touring BOCES Harrold Campus on March 15. The purpose of the field trip is for student to tour the Harrold Technical Education Center and learn about the variety of technical educational programs offered. This visit is helpful for students when considering options for their high school four year plan. BOCES technical educational programs are available to student during their junior and senior years of high school.

In mid-March, a letter with specific dates and times that guidance counselors will be available to meet with you and your child to develop a four-year plan for high school will be sent home. Guidance staff would like to meet with each student and a parent/guardian individually to develop a four-year plan. The purpose of this plan is to map out what courses your child will take in grades 9-12. The four-year plan is the first step in helping your child make a decision about their plans after high school. Parental/guardian input and support is essential in helping your child realize their goals. There will be day and evening appointments available. Individual meetings usually last approximately one half hour.

Please contact Joanne Moxley, at 967-6320, if you have any questions.

Greenlawn LAP Plan Update

On Tuesday, November 29, Greenlawn's LAP (Local Assistance Plan) team welcomed parents and teachers to the building to discuss the school's initiatives following the LAP distinction last year. Information regarding the LAP plan, school wide student goal setting, and NYS assessments were shared, and great discussions followed. You can find the LAP plan summary on the District Website or by calling the Main Office at Greenlawn, 967-6301. The document summarizes the strengths and areas of need at Greenlawn, and how they are being addressed.

Attention Parents and Guardians!

Please update your contact information with your student's Main Office Building secretary. For safety purposes it is imperative to have your current contact information! Thank you!

Current Resident or

ECRWSS
 Postal Customer

B-G Students Invited to Attend Career Day



Amphenol Employees with B-G Students on Career Day

Amphenol Aerospace, a division of Amphenol Corporation, has been a leader in designing and manufacturing electrical components for the aviation and commercial industry for over 90 years. Amphenol is over 50,000 employees strong worldwide and recently made the 2015 Forbes 500 list. From the flight of the Spirit of St. Louis, to the Apollo Moon Landing, to the current Space Station Program, Amphenol Aerospace has been a part of history.

Their brand new, 307,000 square foot facility is nestled at the foothills of the Catskill Mountains in Sidney. The complex houses over 1,000 employees, incorporating state-of-the-art manufacturing technologies including CNC machining, molding, impact and extruding, plating, and screw machining.

On January 5, a few select college and high school students were invited to attend a *Career Day*. Students had an opportunity to learn about the company, the different departments, and the Amphenol culture. The goal is to provide students with a clear understanding of what it would be like to work in one of the departments here at Amphenol Aerospace. Students were invited to take a tour of the facility.

Guidelines for receiving an invitation to Amphenol Career Day required an interest in one of the following fields: marketing, materials, engineering (mechanical, design, electrical, chemical, industrial, manufacturing), quality, operations, human resources, accounting, customer service, sales and information technology.

B-G Students Participate in Eclipse Winter Guard

Five B-G students (**Miranda Anderson, Kristen Chambers, Mckeyli Decker, Haley Morse, and Summer Wasiura**) are participating with students from other schools in an Independent Winter Guard Sport. The Eclipse Winter Guard team is entering its tenth year of competition.

JOIN US AT THE FOLLOWING COMPETITIONS

- February 11 Sherburne
- February 18 Laurens
- February 25 Mohonasen
- March 11 Vestal
- March 18 Union Endicott
- April 1 MYCGC Championships at Shen HS Albany/Clifton Park

Fundraisers 2016-17

DATE	GROUP	EVENT
February 1-10	Grade 12	Galaxy Bowl Pizza
February 13-27	Grade 9	Gertrude Hawk Candy
February 16	Grade 11	Chicken Biscuit Dinner
March 13-24	Jr. Honor Society	Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars
March 17	PTO	TBA
March 18	JV Softball	Pancake Breakfast
March 20-24	Jr. Stud. Co.	Plant Sale
March 20-31	Varsity Softball	Travel Cups/ Mugs/Tumblers
April 17-28	Grade 10	Krispy Kreme