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School News and Notes

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Superintendent's Message

Voting for the 2014-2015 Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District budget is right around the corner. In contrast to the past two budget cycles, our proposed spending plan for this year does not include any program or staff reductions. In fact, this year we are proposing to enhance several program areas, providing increased opportunities for our students to meet the rapidly changing demands placed on them by an increasingly global world. As we work toward defining our vision of what Bainbridge-Guilford should be I offer the following goals for your consideration.

All students reading on grade level by the end of 3rd grade: As a District, our primary program goal is for all students to be reading on grade level entering 4th grade. Students encounter a significant shift in both the purpose and demands placed on them in 4th grade. NYSED's adoption and implementation of the Common Core does not mean that our students are automatically coming to our schools more prepared for these rigorous demands. As a District we remain committed to providing local solutions to these increased demands. While our teachers are trained in and often implement parts of the NYSED Learning Modules into their instruction, the decision to do so will continue to be made at the building level.

All students with knowledge of critical reading, effective writing and fundamental math skills by the end of 8th grade: More important and alarming than the impact of the Common Core on education, is the demand for foundational instruction in basic literacy skills across the curriculum and a sound understanding of mathematical principles in our rapidly changing global economy. As we work to ensure that all of our students have basic reading skills as they enter fourth grade, we need to ensure that our students, intermediate level and middle level, learn to apply these skills to ever increasingly demanding content. Not to prepare for New York State tests, but to provide each child with an opportunity to choose career paths and life skills that align with his or her individual talents and life goals.

College and career ready programming options: The District is working hard to collaborate with local businesses and regional colleges. Last year we launched the Business Manufacturing Technology program. We are also looking to provide our college bound students with an opportunity to graduate from high school with an associate's degree.

Active Participation: The level of student participation in our athletic teams and extra-curricular clubs is a source of pride for our community. The addition of several credit bearing physical education electives to our high school program has extended these options for many of our older students. We fully intend to maintain our commitment to these important programs and opportunities.

Over the past three years the District has made challenging and difficult decisions. These decisions have provided us with a basic level of financial stability for the next several years. While no one can predict the future or the intentions of our legislative leaders, it is our hope that those in Albany will do the right thing and restore the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA).

— Donald Wheeler, Superintendent



B-G Universal Pre-Kindergarten

APPLICATIONS FOR 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR DUE MAY 1

If you are a resident of the B-G CSD and have a pre-school child who will be four years-old by December 1, 2014 you may request an application for our UPK program. Our program offers full day classes, Monday through Friday, from 8:25 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Please call the Guilford Office at 895-6700, for an application. **The application deadline is 4:00 p.m., May 1.** Applications received after that date will be put on a waiting list. We have 36 openings. Please know that if we receive more applications than available openings selection will be done randomly. For further information please call Guilford Elementary School at 895-6700.

BOE Blog

It is that time of year again: days are getting longer, some robins have made their way North, daytime temperatures are rising above the single digits and school boards around the State are considering next year's budgets. Now, three out of those four things are pretty positive; however, the B-G School Board always seeks to get grades higher than a 75%, and so we would like to take this opportunity to *talk shop* with the community.

Board members understand that both Bainbridge and Guilford are in difficult economic times. We appreciate that neither businesses nor residents can afford the hardships caused by constantly rising taxes. This is as true in terms of school taxes as it is in every other area we pay taxes in.

The B-G School District operates in the context of not only our small towns, but also under influences coming from Albany and Washington, D.C. A resident may be a registered Democrat, Republican, or perhaps an Independent and still question if the State and/or federal government treat rural school districts such as B-G fairly. Last year, for example, a wide range of residents got together to lobby the State for fairer treatment for B-G and, with help from Assemblyman Cliff Crouch and Senator Tom Libous, this effort got results.

The mandates in public education, from the state or federal level, are often well intentioned. We all want our students to receive the type of education that prepares them to be successful after graduating; however, sometimes mandates do not seem to be a good fit for B-G because the focus is to fix a problem we may not have. Many mandates are addressing issues at larger, urban schools and really have little use in a small, rural school like B-G. The costs of these mandates, useful to B-G or not, have to be included in the budget.

For the past few years B-G has dealt with increases in State mandates, declining revenues and increases in operating costs. Some tough choices had to be made and people, programs and students were/are affected; however, since the last budget cycle, B-G has been able to capitalize on some changes to health care, reorganization of personnel, plus there is now talk at the state level to increase aid and restore the Gap Elimination Adjustment. All of this is working in favor for B-G. We as a Board feel that we have passed the *low point* and are now on an upswing.

There can and should be diverse opinions regarding what makes B-G the best school in our region. That diversity provides the Board members with different ways to evaluate what is essential for our

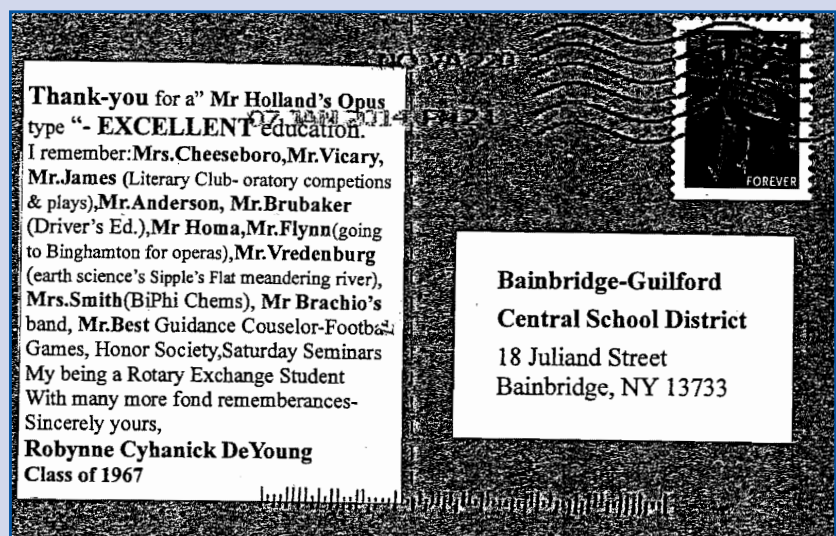
School District. This includes determining what types of courses and *after school* programs the students' benefit from, and the community supports. For example, athletics, music and art are all areas beyond reading, writing and arithmetic that B-G students have traditionally excelled at. Some of these are attractive to large numbers of students, while others may appeal to a smaller number. But if that smaller number includes students who are not otherwise connected to the school, we must evaluate that.

Looking forward, our goal is to provide the education to our students that our community expects, provide students with the appropriate after school programs the community will support, and to make sure that students who want to stay in the Bainbridge/Guilford area are able to. Thus, as a board, we are trying to promote a stronger relationship between our school and the businesses in our area. What are the educational and training focuses that these businesses are looking for in future employees? How can we work together for all of our benefits?

With that in mind, the Board is looking for input from the B-G community again this year. Attend a Board meeting, join the budget advisory committee, or contact a Board member directly. This input is used by the Board, its committees and the administration staff to develop the budget and create long term district plans and goals. This definitely includes input from those who view things differently from us. Indeed, even amongst the Board members, there are wide ranges of opinions on most of the issues that we must consider. No two people ever think just alike—for that would mean that only one of them is actually thinking.

Send Cheers to Teachers Inspiring Young Minds!

This postcard was received in the District Office. Thank you Robynne DeYoung, for participating in the Cheerios Send Cheer to Teachers promotion!



7 Reasons to Vote May 20

With all the things you have to do, why should you come to the polls on Tuesday, May 20 to vote on the proposed school budget and cast your ballot in the school board election? Here are seven reasons from the New York State School Boards Association.

WHY VOTE?

✓ BECAUSE YOU CAN.

In many nations of the world, and in most states of our union, citizens do not have the right to vote on the spending plans developed by their school districts.

✓ BECAUSE YOU SET AN EXAMPLE.

The students we serve notice whether or not the adults in their lives exercise their civic responsibilities. We set an example whether or not we vote.

✓ BECAUSE YOU CONTROL PUBLIC EDUCATION.

You get to decide each year on the quantity and quality of educational programs and services provided in your community.

✓ BECAUSE YOU SHOW RESPECT FOR WHAT EDUCATORS DO.

Working with all the students who show up is a very difficult challenge. By taking the time to vote, you acknowledge this challenge.

✓ BECAUSE YOUR RESPONSE IS NEEDED.

Your school board has developed a spending plan based on input from district employees and community members of budget advisory committees. These folks spent hundreds of hours considering options and making spending decisions for your consideration. Respond by voting.

✓ BECAUSE PUBLIC EDUCATION MATTERS.

Our public schools educate by far the greatest number of our next generation—those to whom we will be turning over the reins of government and business, and those who will be caring for our generation as we get older.

✓ BECAUSE YOUR COMMUNITY AND ITS CHILDREN DEPEND ON YOU.

The folk wisdom that “it takes a whole community to raise a child” fits here. You share the responsibility to see that all children are educated. While you may not be actually involved with what occurs in classrooms, you can make your opinion known on what happens there by voting.

Budget Vote Information

BUDGET HEARING

A budget hearing will be held in the Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium commencing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Personal registration of Voters is required for the annual vote. Registration will be held on May 13, from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at the Bainbridge Town Hall and the Guilford Town Hall. Voters may also register with the District Clerk until May 15.

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:

1. A citizen of the United States.
2. Eighteen years of age.
3. 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.

MAY 20, NOON-9:00 PM

Bainbridge Town Hall and Guilford Town Hall

Your vote does make a difference!

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

A Voter who is registered and who may be unavoidably ABSENT FROM THE COUNTY of residence because of his/her duties, occupation, business, vacation, attendance at college, sickness, disability or detention in jail or prison, may obtain and submit an application for an absentee ballot.

The procedure for obtaining an absentee ballot is:

- Obtain and submit an application for an absentee ballot.
- If the ballot will be mailed the application must be received no later than the SEVENTH DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION.
- Upon completion of the application, the ballot will be given to the applicant or, in the case of a written request, will be mailed to the applicant.

Completed ballots MUST BE received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

Please contact the District Clerk by phone at 967-6321 or by mail at B-G CSD, 18 Juliand Street, Bainbridge, NY 13733 for more information or to receive an application.

2014 Valedictorian and Salutatorian Announced

VALEDICTORIAN



Delray DeForest Canfield, son of DeForest and Linda Canfield, has been named the Valedictorian of the Bainbridge-Guilford Class of 2014. He has been on the Principal's List and High Honor Roll throughout his four years in high school. He has taken college classes, as well as AP Calculus and English during his time at B-G. He is the current

secretary for the Honor Society.

In addition to the classes he has taken, Delray has enjoyed extracurricular activities at his school. He has played soccer for B-G during every year of high school, as well as playing two years of spring soccer for the Sidney Soccer Club. During his sophomore year, Delray received the most improved award for varsity soccer. He has also participated in one season each of track and field, and badminton. He recently finished the winter sports season as part of the Sidney Swim Club, which allowed students from Bainbridge-Guilford to join.

Another area of interest for Delray is music. He began taking violin lessons at school in kindergarten and continued playing throughout school. He has been part of Greenlawn's String Ensemble as well as the Middle School and High School Orchestras. Last year, he received the outstanding in orchestra award. He has also enjoyed school music classes, and used them to learn to play the mandolin and the guitar.

Delray would like to thank the many people who have helped him throughout his life and his time in school. His many teachers and coaches, as well as the staff in the school offices, have helped to enable Delray to achieve the high academic standing he has attained and encouraged him to maintain his hard work. He is especially thankful for the support of his family, who instilled in him the values of hard work and dedication to schoolwork that led him to succeed in school.

One of Delray's hobbies outside of school activities is playing a trading card game called *Magic: The Gathering*. He, his brother and his friends frequently play this game when together and occasionally attend tournaments. While he has won several small competitions, his best result in a large tournament was twelfth at a recent one in Johnson City with an attendance of over 100 people.

From the age of 14, Delray has worked during the summers, at Buckingham Manufacturing in Binghamton. He has done many different tasks there, including making CAD drawings to help in organization of the factory and to assist in designing new products. This experience will prove valuable, allowing him to begin engineering college with previous experience in an engineering setting.

After graduation, Delray plans to further his education by attending college for mechanical engineering. He is still in the process of deciding between Clarkson University, Rochester Institute of Technology and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He hopes to use this degree to establish a successful career in which he can utilize his affinity for science and mathematics.

SALUTATORIAN



Sarah Elizabeth Norris, daughter of Gregg and Jean Norris, has been named the Salutatorian of the Bainbridge-Guilford Class of 2014. For four years she has been on High Honor Roll and the Principal's List. Sarah has been the President of Drama Club for the past three years

and played lead roles in four of their productions. She has also been the Student Council Officer at Large for the past two years as well as a member since 6th grade. She is currently the Vice President of Yes!Leads (a member for the past three years), and the President of the National Honor society. In addition, Sarah sits as First Chair Violin in Orchestra, is a member of band and chorus, and sang in the Area All-State Choir this past fall. This year Sarah was a part of the cheerleading squad and choreographed the halftime routine. Additionally, she participated on the Track and Field team in the past.

In case all of these clubs and extracurricular activities do not keep Sarah busy enough, she is also an active member in her church youth group and is a devoted dancer. Sarah has been dancing for 13 years with the ABC Center for Performing Arts in Sidney. She attributes much of her achievements in life to being a dancer. "Dancing has taught me how to be confident, hard working, a team player, disciplined, accountable and to have an appreciation for the arts. Through dancing I have learned more about myself and became the person I am today." Trying to balance school work, all her clubs and activities, dance four days a week and her personal life has been challenging and stressful at times; however, she has persevered and achieved much thus far.

Sarah would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all who have helped her along the way. "I am so thankful for everyone who has been there for me over the past 18 years. To the faculty and staff of Bainbridge-Guilford School, thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping me in my educational and personal growth. I would also like to thank my dance family; you have all been a huge part of my life and I would not be who I am today without all of you. And of course, a very special thanks to my loving family (Mom, Dad, Bethany, Josh, Daniel and my extended family). Thank you for putting up with me through the good and the bad times. Your love and support has enabled me to accomplish many things."

Upon graduation, Sarah plans on attending either SUNY Brockport or SUNY Potsdam. She will be dual majoring in Dance and English Education. After acquiring her two Bachelor's Degrees, she would like to pursue her dream of performing. She is excited to see what the future holds for her.

Second Quarter Honor Roll

12TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONORS

Canfield, Delray D.
Norris, Sarah E.
Smith, Abbey
Smith, Brooke L.
Taggart, Hannah R.
Towndrow, Kerstin M.

HIGH HONORS

Barnhart, Jared K.
Cordner, Mark A.
Flynn, Hannah M.
Ghanem, Anastasia W.
Giles, Amber L.
Hotchkin, Katie L.
HSU, Meng-Ju Marina
LaMont, Taylor M.
Rivera, Alissa
Sabin, Miranda J.
Webb, Cole D.

HONOR ROLL

Butcher, W Lucas
Carlin, Michael J.
Colley, Ethan W.
Curtin, Shane M.
Griswold, Jamie M.
Hansel, James C.
Holden, Betsy C.
Lord, Kendra E.A.
Ocasio, Ashlee M.
Ocasio, Kayla S.
Page, Alexis M.
Pfaff, Brianna M.
Pratt, Justine E.
Safford, Cassandra R.
Sherman, Shelby L.
Stevens, Allison
Tequin, Clark Brian J.
Williams, Jonathan

11TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONORS

Lee, Douglas J.
McElligott, Darcy
Nolan, Katherine M.
O'Hara, Kylee A.
Shaw, Bethany K.
Shew, Morgan E.
Wlasiuk, Jolynn R.

HIGH HONORS

Bauerle, Adam D.
Davis, Casey E.
Decker, Tierney J.
France, Jennifer C.

Hanvey, Kyle R.
Palmatier, Taylor L.
Thornton, Marissa A.

HONOR ROLL

Barber, Cadi A.
Bullis, Morgan E.
Costa, Gabriel L.
Cuozzo, Jacob
Gaias, Jeffrey S.
Green, Bailey J.
Higbie, Danielle G.
Hopkins, Meghan J.
Janke, Philipp
Johnson, Dakota D.
Jones, Ryan G.
McCall, Brandt S.
Ostrander, Allysa
Pikul, Joseph J.
Possemato, Olivia R.

10TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONORS

Castle, Lindsey
Fisher IV, Victor H.
McFee, Emma C.
Mosher, Wyatt T.
Norris, Daniel J.
Vredenburgh, Katlynn

HIGH HONORS

Albanese, Michael V.
Brooker, Nicole
Cordner, Alan J.
Decker, Amanda L.
Gonzalez, Benjamin
Higgs, Carline L.
Lester, Autumn S.
Lindsey, Joshua M.
Shearer, Jeanette J.
Stevens, Alan
Stevens, Spenser S.
Summers, Elijah
VanDermark, Corben J.

HONOR ROLL

Baldwin, Shayla
Dann, Autumn
Finch, Bryan A.
Gaudreau, Destiny M.J.
Gormley, Morgan A.
Graham, Cassidy D.
Hager, Nathaniel P.
Hotaling, Zachary D.
Ives, Dezaray L.
McGowan, Brian M.
Mondore, Dylan
Nowak, William JM

Oliver, Corey D.
Palmer, Emily L.
Petrutoni, Thomas C.

Sisson, Kailey E.
Smith, Rachael A.
Smith, Riley N.
Wade, Daniel

9TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONORS

Barnhart, Lindsey
Fisher, Griffin L.
Garror, Olivia D.
Hotaling, Bailey
Miller, Abbi L.
Rideout, Kyle J.
Scherhauser, Brandon S.

HIGH HONORS

Bookhout, Konnor
Burdick, Alec
Carr, Austin N.
Diamond, Caitlyn J.
Farrell, Kamryn
Gray, Eva
Hawkins, Camille L.
Heaney, Nevada
Hinkley, Rachel J.
Knapp, Levi R.
Nolan, Aidan M.
Raymer, Kyle M.
Reyes, Rebecca
Richter, Hunter
Searles, Nathan

HONOR ROLL

Beebe, Lucas J.
Bochicchio, Rose D.
Clapper, Corrina
Clark, Skylar
Dean, Morgan
DePew, Zoe E.
Gaudreau, Devyn K.
Goldswor III, John K.
Griebel, Scott J.
Hovey, Alyssa
Jones, Sean
Kozak, Daria
Luca, Cameron
Mertz, Mitchell J.
Mullin, Katlyn M.
Parsons, Ashley R.
Simpkin, Shawna
Warner, Hunter D.

8TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONORS

Castle, Jonathan M.
Cliffe, Maya B.
Delello, Courtney
Greene, Samara J.
Hartwell, Mara E.
O'Hara, Molly E.
Palmatier, Megan A.

HIGH HONORS

Anderson, Miranda M.
Carlin, Amaya J.
Ceresna, Kenndra L.
Cherniak, Xavier T.
Davis, Jillian C.
DeForest, Kyla M.
DeMichele IV, Patrick J.
Hackett, Kollin
Johnson, Dani N.
Pratt, Jonathan
Puerile, Collin J.
Rideout, Brenton T.
Warner, Matthew A.
Wilson, Triston J.

HONOR ROLL

Benkovitz, Quintin J.
Cannistra, Jillian M.
DuMond, Drewcylia M.
Fuller, Edward J.
Fuller, Kaia J.
Hall, Dakota R.
Matlock, Knatyah K.
McCall, Morgan A.
Nordberg, Jenna
Nutter, Cole D.
Olsen, Kody R.
Spencer, Daniel E.
Terzo, Travis R.
Wheeler, Hunter D.

7TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONORS

Caldwell, Zamira R.
Cliffe, Tannar B.
Curtin, Helaina M.
Erceg, Madalyn
French, Haley R.
Frost, Erica E.
Gombach, Alexis M.

Harmon, Matraca L.
Matthews, Alexis R.
Selfridge, Abigail K.

HIGH HONORS

Bartle, Daniel M.
Borowski, Damien C.
Brown, Mason G.
Canfield, Dadeon D.
Cappiello, Hailey K.
Chambers, Kristen M.
Decker, McKeyli M.
Gravley, Alexis R.
Gregory, Leah F.
Haddad, Gina D.
Hawkins, Olivia M.
Haynes, Alexis S.
Holbert, Ryan G.
Hotchkin, Jacob C.
Miller, Andrew T.
Miller, Kaylee M.
Morse, Haley R.
Palmatier, Thomas B.
Pikul, Montana M.
Porter, Katelyn N.
Pruskowski, Jared R.
Roefs, Brendan L.
Rowe, Mary E.
Scherhauser, Devon J.
Terzo, Alan J.
Thornton, Kori M.
Tranvaag, Alexander W.
Watson, Gabriel W.

HONOR ROLL

Bronson, Aubrey A.
Carr, Alexis R.
Cuozzo, Marissa A.
Davy, Cassidy C.
Drown, Makenzie S.
Everitt, Ashley
Farnham, Kyle F.
Farrell, Gavin C.
Gaias, Joshua M.
Gallagher, Lillian R.
Germond, Gwenth P.
Hacker, Abigail R.
Lynn, Hailey M.
Nichols, Alexis K.
Oliver, Ashley L.
Palmatier, Brandon J.
Pedersen, Kyleigh D.
Soules, Hannah M.

Congratulations!

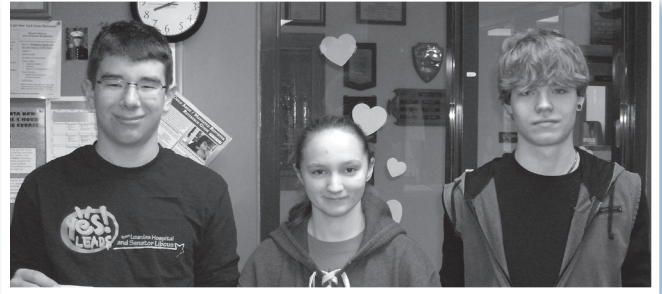
Jr./Sr. HS Students of the Month

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!

JANUARY



Madalyn Erceg, 7th grade
Collin Puerile, 8th grade
Zoe DePew, 9th grade



Wyatt Mosher, 10th grade
Kirsten Hotaling, 11th grade
Nathaniel Greene, 12th grade

FEBRUARY



Matraca Harmon, 7th grade
Miranda Anderson, 8th grade
Eva Gray, 9th grade



Carline Higgs, 10th grade
Ryan Jones, 11th grade
Shelby Sherman, 12th grade

Sum Dog—Spectacular Results!

Eight areas schools recently competed in the Sum Dog math program through DCMO BOCES. Three hundred fourteen students played in total, answering 92,333 questions of which 78,562 questions were correct. In first place with 350 points was Greenlawn, followed by Greene with 295 points, then Oxford, Walton, UV and Downsville. Greenlawn also had 10 of the top 12 students.

Congratulations staff and students!

The top 10 of the 12 top regional students who competed in Sum Dog which are all from Greenlawn!
Back: Mariah Olcott, Courteny Gilbert, Garrett Ives, Caleb Presley; middle: Jaiden Bronson, Gabe Sherman, Alli Miller, Macie Leizear, James Naef; front: Trent Sullivan



LEAD Conference



At the end of January, **Cole Webb, Ben Kane, Kayla Ocasio, Mary Rowe** and **Zamira Caldwell**, along with their advisers, headed to Washington, D.C. for the LEAD Conference. Over 900 student council and honor society members across 32 states and six countries were in attendance. The theme of *Energize Your Leadership* was definitely apparent as these students danced around the ballroom celebrating this opportunity with so many people they were eager to meet. These students were able to listen to great speakers like Scott Greenburg, Brodie Kaster and Andy Thibodeau who challenged them to be the best that they can be in order to better themselves, their school and their community. Besides meeting new people and learning ways to be more effective leaders, these students also toured the sights of Washington, D.C. They explored the Lincoln Memorial, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, toured the capital building, and so much more. When you see these five students, please ask them about their trip, I am sure they will have a lot to share!

— *Cierra Stafford*, Junior
High Student
Council Adviser



Greenlawn Hosted Family Fun Night

Greenlawn's annual Family Fun Night was attended by 215 students and parents. This year's theme from Parents as Reading Partners was *Dance Me a Story*. The evening started with a dinner theatre followed by a dance. Participants were served a pasta dish by Greenlawn staff volunteers while they were entertained by literacy graduate students from the State University College at Oneonta, the ABC dance studio and the Greenlawn Art Club. Mrs. Oliver led a family fun dance event and the PTO sponsored a book fair. Special thanks to all of the Greenlawn Staff who volunteered, the SUNY Oneonta students, Miss Amy at the ABC dance studio, Mrs. Paoletti and everyone who participated. During the event a basket raffle was held that raised approximately \$400 for the playground fund. A great time was had by all!

* * Hooray! * *

Good News!

PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED TO B-G STUDENT

The B-G School District has been notified that Lindsey Barnhart received the President's Volunteer Service award for her many hours of community service. As the president stated in his inaugural address, "We have duties to ourselves, our Nation and our world. These are duties that we do not grudgingly accept, but rather seize gladly . . ." As we know, Lindsey seizes her duties always with a smile on her face and warmth in her spirit. Please congratulate Lindsey when you see her for this award.

Greenlawn Elementary School is collecting Box Tops for our playground fund. Products will have this logo on them, and the *box* can easily be cut out. Collect as many as you can and send them into school with a Greenlawn student, drop them off at the Greenlawn Main Office, or mail them to Jeanne Howard 43 Greenlawn Ave., Bainbridge, NY 13733.



STUDENTS FEATURED IN REGIONAL ART SHOW

Congratulations go out to seniors **Amber Giles** and **Kerstin Towndrow** who were featured in the 8th Annual Jericho Arts Student Showcase. This elite annual exhibit highlights student work from area high schools. Both Amber and Kerstin displayed drawings and paintings created during their time in High School Art with Ms. Hardy. We are very proud of their accomplishments and wish them luck in their future endeavors.



Work by Amber Giles



Work by Kerstin Towndrow

Irish Dancers visit Greenlawn

Oh, the luck of the Irish was with Greenlawn when the Carle School of Dancers presented an assembly on Irish dancing. From contemporary steps to old fashion Irish jigs, the audience was delighted with their presentation. There was even some audience participation as students paired with the dancers to learn some dance moves. The Carle school

of Dance is located in Endicott and two B-G students were a part of the traveling group: 10th grader **Emma McFee** and **Noah Patton**, a 2nd grader. The assembly was a part of the PARP theme of *Dance Me a Story* during the month of March.



Students learn to take an Irish bow



Students with the Irish dancers

Odyssey Teams Place at Regional Competition

Bainbridge-Guilford sent four Odyssey Teams to the DCMO BOCES Robert Harrold Campus to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Competition on Saturday, February 15. These teams were among 43 teams representing 14 school districts from across our BOCES region competing in Odyssey's five different problem categories. The teams arrived in Trout Creek after many months of hard work to perform their long-term solutions for the judges and the audience, show off their style elements and compete in the spontaneous phase of the competition. At the conclusion of a most exciting and exhausting day, awards were given for the top three places in each problem in each division. Two of our teams took second place and one of our teams took third place in their problem and division.

You will see in the photos our Odyssey teams looked sharp in their team shirts. Valerie Haddad submitted this year's tee shirt design. The teams and coaches would like to extend our thanks to the Sidney Federal Credit Union and the Bainbridge-Guilford Teachers Association for sponsoring this year's teams shirts.



← *"The Not-So-Haunted House" (Div. I): Liam Germond, Arian Sherman, Trent Sullivan, Mason Brownell and Connor Vredenburgh; coaches: Mrs. Vredenburgh and Miss Church*

Third place: "It's How We Rule" (Div. II): were Erica Frost, Gavin Farrell, McKeyli Decker, Gina Haddad and Gwen Germond; coaches: Mrs. Germond-Howard, Ms. Farrell and Mr. Zbydniewski →



← *Second place: "Stackable Structure" (Div. I): Summer Wasiura, Valerie Haddad, Maddie Brown, Gavin Guy, Ethne Degan, Ewan Germond and Evan Thorpe; coaches: Mrs. Degan and Mrs. Wasiura*

Second place: "The Driver's Test" (Div. I): Kira Davidson, Lucas Carlin, Savannah Carlin, Connor Harmon, Colby Gravelin, Autumn Madugno and Ryan Parry; coaches by Mrs. Madugno and Mrs. Carlin. →



Western Melodrama on B-G Stage

This year the B-G Drama Club performed the melodrama, *Deadwood Dick or the Game of Gold*, on February 28 and March 1. The play was written by Tom Taggart and is a western based on the dime store novels by Edward Wheeler written in the late 1800s.

The play has all the makings of a good melodrama—the villains, the damsels in distress, the heroes, the lawmakers in charge trying to catch the villains—all this made for very entertaining performances by the whole cast. It was exciting for the students to put on a western and it was great fun to perform and to watch! Audiences were encouraged to *Boo* and *Cheer* at the appropriate times, and all audience members were enthusiastic and entertained. Everyone involved was pleased with how the set turned out and worked hard to make it look like an authentic Calamity Jane establishment.

Mrs. Summers, the Drama Club Advisor and Play Director, was very proud of all the cast. They worked very hard for three and a half months, rehearsing daily to make sure the show was up to Mrs. Summers high standards of performance. It is very important that students come away with a knowledge of theatre and the many responsibilities that go with putting on a live show. All actors rose to the occasion, and she was very pleased with the whole production. There were many actors this year who were new to the Drama Club and they all came away with a new appreciation of the theatre. The cast members formed new friendships, learned more about themselves and their peers, and gained knowledge of the theatre process in general. It was truly a great experience overall.

The cast was able to perform the first two acts of the show for their peers as a preview on the Thursday before opening night. The Drama Club is grateful for this opportunity, as it is good rehearsal for the students to have a live audience of their peers and it is a nice treat for those students who may not be able to see the play otherwise.

Thank you to everyone who came out to see the show and for supporting the B-G Drama Club students. High School Students involved were: **Sarah Norris, Hannah Taggart, Brooke Smith, Jared Barnhart, Doug Lee, Elijah Summers, Will Nowak, Alan Stevens, Emma Ives, Ben Kane, Ashee Ocasio, Kayla Ocasio, Olivia Possematto, Alex Leggett, Thomas Petrotoni, Carline Higgs, Danny Wade and Jolynn Wylasiuk. Junior High students included: Olivia Hawkins, Hannah Soules, Rhianna Shew, Marissa Cuozzo, Cody Shakelton and Cordell Vandermark.** Mrs. Summers is grateful to Ms. Jen Raphaelson for tickling the ivories as Piano Annie, Ms. Debbie Johnson for all her support, and Mrs. Alyssa Hardy for her help with posters, programs and lighting.

Booster Club News

YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, March 1st the Booster Club hosted a Boys' and Girl's Youth Basketball Tournament at the High School. Six boys and nine girls' teams participated from various schools throughout the area including Bainbridge, Afton, Unadilla, Harpursville, Hancock, Greene and Deposit. The proceeds from this event will be used to help support the B-G Youth Sports Programs. The event was a huge success but could not have been possible without the help of the community. We would like to thank all of those who donated their time to help with this event and we would also like to thank the local businesses for their donations and support.

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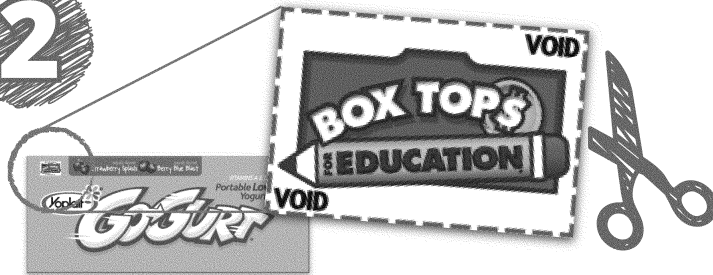
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Jr. High School Guidance Corner

2013-2014 NYS TESTING SCHEDULE

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

7TH GRADE TESTING

April 1-3 ELA Test
April 30-May 2 Math Test

8TH GRADE TESTING

April 1-3 ELA Test
April 30- May 2 Math Test
May 21-22 Science—Performance Test
June 2 Science—Written Test

Please encourage your child to do their very best on the State exams. Student scores are used to determine who is placed in remedial classes as well as who may be recommended for accelerated classes. A letter home will further explain the testing process, procedures and how the results are used for academic purposes.

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.

6TH GRADE PARENTS NIGHT

There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, May 14, in the Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Sixth grade students and their parent/guardian are encouraged to attend. Junior High policies, procedures and course requirements will be discussed.

Thanks for Your Kind Support!

Thank you to Dr. Michele Gifford for her, once again, kind donation of toothbrushes and toothpaste! We, at Bainbridge-Guilford, feel oral hygiene is very important. It is nice that we have a great community partner supporting our efforts to maintain good health! Thank you Dr. Gifford for keeping our smiles bright at B-G!

A warm thank you to the ladies of the Methodist Church for making and donating hats and mittens to be included in our Holiday baskets in December!

Thanks to B-G staff, community at large and Tracy Luce at Hometown Hardware for making our local *Angel Tree* a Community Caring and Sharing project!

Thanks to Joyce Humphrey and volunteers of HaLOS (Help After Loss) for their tireless energy in providing caring support to grieving children and families in our District. From day camps, home visits and co-leading school groups with the School Counselor, she reaches out to offer information and support!

Thanks to Julee Hartwell for donating 80 rulers to one of the high school math classes.

Thank you to the B-G Community for keeping our hearts and relationships a priority!

Award Applications Due

B-G Alumni applications will be available in the High School guidance office on May 1. The applications are for the Incentive Awards and the Myrtle Pagett Award. Applications will be due back to the Guidance Office by May 30, and interviews will be scheduled for an evening in June. Seniors furthering their education are encouraged to pick one up and apply.

Time to Apply for Head Start!

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO WILL BE 3 YEARS OLD BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2014?

If you are a pregnant woman or have a child from zero to four years old, you are eligible to apply for one of our programs. Both Early Head



Start and Preschool Head Start are federally funded, locally operated programs, seeking to serve families with comprehensive services in the areas of health, nutrition, and social services as well as early childhood education.

Preschool Head Start is a program for **preschool children ages 3-5 years** and their families. Children who attend Head Start participate in a variety of educational activities designed to meet their individual needs. Families receive comprehensive services in the areas of health, nutrition, education and social services. Parents are actively involved in all aspects of the program.

Early Head Start is a program for **pregnant women and children ages birth to three**. Families are served by weekly home based visits or in a combination option with classroom experience. Activities are planned that encourage parents to observe and celebrate the developmental growth of their child. The program also provides two group experiences monthly for enrolled families.

For further information or to apply, call Bainbridge Head Start at 967-8582, or Opportunities for Chenango, Inc. at 334-7114. To learn more about all of our programs, visit our website at www.ofcinc.org.

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JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL
DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- 2 Relay for Life, 6:00 p.m. Friday-6:00 a.m. Saturday
- 3 Jr. Prom, Afton River Club
- 12 Senior Trip Parent Meeting, HS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
(Mandatory for parents of students attending the trip)
- 18-19 Senior Trip: Boston—Balance due!
- 26 Memorial Day Parade
 Guilford, 8:00 a.m.
 Bainbridge, 10:00 a.m.
- 28 Honors Reception (Grades 7-12), HS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

JUNE

- 2 Athletic Awards Night, HS Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
- 4 Senior Recognition Concert, HS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 BOCES Awards, Harrold Campus Gym
- 13 Seniors—Caps and gowns are passed out.
(If you have not ordered yet see Mr. Grigoli.)
- 16 Senior Luncheon and Moving Up Day
- 22 Baccalaureate service, church and time TBA
(Wear your cap and gown.)
- 27 Graduation Rehearsal, 3:00 p.m.
- 27 Awards Night, HS Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 GRADUATES BE HERE BY 6:15 p.m.
 GRADUATION, HS Front Lawn, 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call us at 967-6323.

