



# Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District

# The Blue and White

# School News & Notes

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## CONSTRUCTION

### *Continues at B-G!*



With the approaching spring season at B-G, comes the start of Phase 2 of the multi-year Capital Project. The District has successfully wrapped up Phase 1 and will begin this next phase hopefully in April.

This coming summer will again see activity at all three buildings. While Phase 1 focused on exterior improvements, much of this next phase will focus on interior work. It is the expectation that all construction work should wrap up by the fall of 2020.

Please email me at [tryan@bgcsd.org](mailto:tryan@bgcsd.org) or call the district office at 967-6321 with any questions. We look forward to completing the renovations to our buildings and thank you for the support of the school Capital Project!

#### JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

- Exterior Door Replacement
- Replace hot and cold water piping
- Replace fire alarms
- Renovate first floor classrooms into a fitness center
- Replace Rubber Floor tile in the Einstein Hallway
- Magnetic door hold opens at the MPR and gym
- Interior door replacement
- Renovate Boys and Girls showers into private showers
- Replace master clock system
- Replace two boilers
- Unit ventilator replacement
- 2nd floor classroom air conditioning
- Hallway locker replacement
- MPR and Gym air conditioning

#### GREENLAWN ELEMENTARY

- Exterior door replacement
- Unit ventilator replacement in 5/6 wing
- Air conditioning in the cafeteria
- Upgrade fire alarm system
- Replace master clock system
- ADA compliant toilet and nurse's office

#### BAINBRIDGE BUS GARAGE

- Update the fire alarm system

#### GUILFORD ELEMENTARY

- Exterior door replacement
- Upgrade temperature control system
- Interior door replacement
- Area of rescue at 2nd floor stairwells
- Fuel monitoring system
- Replace two boilers
- Replace master clock system





## Zero the Hero visited Guilford Elementary!

He flew in for our 100th day of school celebration and amazed us with so many wonderful magic tricks! Thank you Zero the Hero for making us smile and laugh! It was a great time for all of the children and adults!



## Greenlawn PARP

Thank you to the PTO for helping kick off our March Parents As Reading Partners month. The PTO donated a free book to each Greenlawn student. Below are the before and after pictures from that great kick off activity.



Great things are happening at the Greenlawn Bobcat Boutique!





# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

You are invited to the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District's spring Safety Forum on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, in the Jr.-Sr. HS Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. You might recall that last spring the district held a safety forum to discuss what we do as a district to keep our students and staff safe. This forum will be a continued discussion on School Safety at B-G and what the district has accomplished in the past year in the name of safety. You will get the opportunity to meet the School Resource Officer, learn about internet safety from NYS Police Officer Shannon Hartz, and share any thoughts, suggestions or concerns you might have. Childcare will be provided for this session.

The district is hard at work creating a timeline for the roll-out and implementation of a 1:1 device initiative in which every student, staff member and BOE member will have access to a Google Chrome book. It is our hope, and a district goal, to increase the availability of technology for our students and staff.

This is a huge undertaking to say the least. We are capitalizing on the Smart Schools Bond Act funding in which the BG district was awarded a little over one millions dollars. There are many steps and hurdles to overcome in order to use the funding in the most effective way and in ways which will benefit the district. Submission of our plan has occurred to New York State and we are waiting to hear back on plan approval. After approval the district's infrastructure will be updated and the Google Chrome books will be on their way.

We have many spent many hours researching other districts, attending trainings, visiting schools and learning all that we can. Please look for additional information in upcoming district newsletters and on our school website. If you have any questions regarding our 1:1 device initiative please contact the school at 967-6321.

Budget season is in full swing at BG. The district is working on preparing a budget that continues to provide top-notch programs for our students, yet is mindful of our taxpayers.

## So how does the school budget get built?

A good annual budget begins with sound estimates and well-supported budgetary assumptions. Spending levels and financial resources must be gauged as accurately as possible to ensure that planned services are properly funded. To develop sound estimates, the Superintendent and the School Business official along with the Administration and Board of Education will gather and analyze as much data as possible. Sources of information used in preparing the budget include the following:

- Budgets for prior and current years
- Prior two year's financial reports-money allotted, expensed and encumbered
- Current year revenue
- Debt service requirements, contracts, and other commitments
- Current economic conditions affecting revenue generation
- Cash flow reports and revenue projections
- State and federal aid information
- Collective bargaining agreements
- Multiyear capital plans
- Rate of inflation
- Tax and debt limit information, the district's tax levy
- Strategic plans-needs and wants for the district's future
- Input from stakeholders including taxpayers

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## COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT!

- May 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Guilford Elementary School
- May 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jr.-Sr. High School

Community members are invited to join Mr. Ryan for coffee to find out about the upcoming budget vote and to share thoughts and ideas about the B-G School District.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Applications for the B-G Alumni Association awards will be available in the high school guidance office on April 1, 2019 and need to be returned by April 30, 2019. One application will allow a student to apply for both the Incentive Awards and Myrtle Pagett Award. These awards are for all seniors planning to pursue education beyond high school, be it a technical/training program or a 2 or 4 year college degree.

## IN THE JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

### April

- 3 Sr. HS Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Jr. HS Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.

### May

- 21 Grades 4-6 Concert, 6:30 p.m.

## IN THE GUILFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM

### May

- 23 PK- Grade 1 Concert, 6:30 p.m.

## FIND US ON

- Facebook @ [Bainbridge Guilford Central School](#)
- Our website at [www.bgcso.org](http://www.bgcso.org)
- Twitter @BGSUPERINT

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE (cont.)

Spending levels and financial resources must be accurately gauged at budget preparation time to ensure that planned services are properly funded.

The Superintendent and School Business Official prepare a list of "Budget Assumptions" which will guide the preparation of a preliminary "BASELINE" budget which will provide the initial estimate of the cost of maintaining all current programs, services, and personnel in the next fiscal year.

The School Business Official and superintendent meet with administrators and staff to determine wants and needs for the new budget. The administration will also look for cost savings in the current budget that could be implemented the following year.

The information that has been gathered during the meeting process is then used to create a budget proposal that provides necessary appropriations within the limits of those resources, and meets the district's goals and objectives.

The tentative/proposed budget (Superintendent's Recommended Budget) is then presented to the Board of Education. Alterations and revisions may be necessary after the BOE submits their recommendations.

The Superintendent submits a final, polished copy to the Board of Education for approval, which then votes to adopt the proposed budget before presenting the school budget to the public for vote in May. A successfully approved school budget is implemented July 1st of that year.

We invest a significant amount of time and effort into preparing the annual budget. It is often a very busy and stressful time. However, it is not meant to be a solo effort, or a budget created by one or two people. The district welcomes community input with this process.

In the coming weeks please look for more information on the school budget in the district budget newsletter. I will also be discussing the budget in the local newspapers and my coffees in May. The Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District is YOUR district and I welcome your involvement in this process and my door is always open. If you have any questions, suggestions or comments, please email me at [tryan@bgcsd.org](mailto:tryan@bgcsd.org) or call my office at 967-6321.

—Timothy R. Ryan, Superintendent



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

### SAFETY FORUM!

May 14, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Jr.-Sr. HS Auditorium

- Meet the SRO, Dan Demer
- Update on Safety Initiatives in the District
- Internet Safety Presentation—NYS Police

### 6TH GRADE PARENTS NIGHT

There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 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.

### JR. HIGH HEALTH & WELLNESS DAY!

Junior high students will be participating in a Health & Wellness Day, at the General Clinton Park in Bainbridge, on Tuesday, June 4 (rain date: June 5th). The day will include many workshops on topics such as health, safety, nutrition, fitness, team building, drug/alcohol/tobacco awareness and prevention, and hygiene. There will also be time for students to participate in outdoor activities like bike riding, fishing, sports clinics, and kayaking. A permission slip will be sent home prior to the event, and student participation in this day is dependent upon its return to school. We are looking forward to this fun and educational day!



MAY 21, 2019 • NOON-9:00 p.m.

*Your vote does make  
a difference!*

### **VOTING LOCATIONS –NEW THIS YEAR!**

Voters in the Bainbridge voting district will cast their ballots at the **Bainbridge Town Hall**. *Please note the change in location from last year.* Voters in the Guilford voting district will cast their ballots at the **Guilford Town Hall**.

### **BUDGET HEARING**

A budget hearing will be held at the Jr.-Sr. High School Auditorium commencing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2019

### **VOTER REGISTRATION**

*Personal registration of voters is required for the annual vote.*

No person shall be entitled to vote whose name does not appear in the register of the school district, except those persons who registered to vote pursuant to the provisions of Election Law § 5-612. (Qualified voters who are registered with the County Board of Elections are eligible to vote without further registration.) Persons otherwise qualified to vote who voted in any annual vote conducted within four calendar years before the preparation of the register need not personally register for this vote.

Registration will be held on May 14, 2019 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at the Bainbridge Town Hall and the Guilford Town Hall. Voters may register with the District Clerk, 18 Juliand Street, until May 15, 2019. Office hours are 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The register of the school district shall be filed five days before the date of the vote in the office of the District Clerk, located at 18 Juliand Street, Bainbridge, New York where it is open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., each day up to and including the day set for the vote, except Sunday.

### **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.

### **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 (May 14, 2019).
- 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 (May 21, 2019).

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

### **CANDIDATE VACANCIES FOR SCHOOL BOARD**

Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. not later than April 22, 2019. The following vacancies are to be filled:

- A three-year term (July 2019-June 2022), presently held by Emily Hall
- A three-year term (July 2019-June 2022), presently held by Kay Striegler
- The one-year balance of a three year term ending June 30, 2020, presently held by Shelly Bartow

Petition information is available on the district website or by contacting the District Office. Each petition must be addressed to the Clerk of the District, be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, and the name and address of the candidate. Vacancies upon the Board shall not be considered separate specific offices. The individuals receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the vacancies.



## 7 Reasons to VOTE!

With all the things you have to do, why should you come to the polls on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 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 that 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.

## “All in Favor” Cast Your Vote for Student Success!

Your local school board makes the decisions that determine how your community’s children are educated and how your tax dollars are spent. Voting for school board members is a simple but powerful way to support student success and strengthen your community.

Every child enrolled in the school district is reason for you to vote in school board elections. The overall quality of your local schools, both now and in the future, rests with decisions made by the board of education. You want the best and the brightest of your fellow citizens in charge.

The decisions made by the school board affect virtually every important aspect of local schools, from boundaries to bus schedules, curriculum to clubs, funding to field trips. Voting in school board elections means your voice is represented in those choices.

Everyone, not just parents, has a stake in the success of public schools. When schools are strong and students succeed, everyone benefits. Voting in a school board election is an investment in the future of kids, of our community and of the nation.

### Good school board candidates have the following qualities, skills and experience:

- A vision and goal for academic achievement for all students.
- Understanding that the school board’s role is about the big picture – setting the direction of the district and providing oversight and accountability – not the day to day management.
- Focus on a broad range of school district concerns.
- Personality style to work effectively with other Board members.
- Skills and background that help present diversity of the community.
- Commitment to children. Even in the face of opposition.

Local school board members are elected. A petition with a minimum of 25 signatures must be presented to the District Clerk 30 days before the election date. Candidates must be 18 years old, qualified voters in the school district, and residents of the district continuously for one year. Board members cannot be employed by the board or live in the same household with a family member of the same school board. For more information on obtaining a petition, contact the District Office.

—New York State School Boards Association

### 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

## Board of Education Meetings

Executive Session: 6:30 p.m.; Open Session: 7:00 p.m.

<b>April</b>	11 . . . Thursday . . . . High School . . . . .Regular
	24 . . . Wednesday . . . High School . . . . .BOCES Board Election
<b>May</b>	2 . . . Thursday . . . . Guilford . . . . .Regular
	14 . . . Tuesday . . . . High School . . . . .Public Hearing—Budget
	<b>21 . . . Tuesday . . . . VOTE—School Budget and Board Elections,</b>
	<i>2nd meeting TBD if necessary</i>
<b>June</b>	6 . . . Thursday . . . . High School . . . . .Regular
	20 . . . Thursday . . . . High School . . . . .Regular
<b>July</b>	12 . . . Thursday . . . . Guilford . . . . .Re-Organizational Meeting

## Wanted – Bus Drivers!

Transportation departments across the country are in need of people to drive school buses.

This is a true profession with many necessary qualifications. Before driving students, the candidate must acquire a Commercial Driver's License with a Passenger and School Bus endorsement. Fingerprinting and background checks by the Department of Justice and a 3 hour Pre-Service course are the next requirements followed by 30 hour Basic Course, a written test and another Behind-the-Wheel road test. All of these requirements must be accomplished in the first year of licensing! The school district provides all training however it does not pay for time that is involved. Additionally, drivers are required to take a 2-hour refresher course annually. As you can see, since this is a job with much responsibility, it is not taken lightly by the Department of Motor Vehicles, the NY State Education Department and especially all the transportation staff that drive every day!

A typical day as a permanent Driver is approximately an hour and a half in the morning with about the same time in the afternoon for a total of about three regular run hours a day. Some regular runs are longer, and there could be one that is shorter and things can change daily so every year is a bit different. Sports and field trips provide another opportunity for work as we average just over 20 each month which are distributed on a volunteer and seniority basis. They are typically 4-6 hours long with many being even longer.

The Board of Education has done a great job of keeping our fleet current with top-notch equipment. We have a mix of Blue Bird and International buses with the average age being 3 years. We also have a mixture of propane, diesel and gas powered units.

Even though bus drivers don't see the students for extended period of time each day, they are the first and last district employees to see them and it is amazing how much impact we can have on students. A friendly greeting in the morning followed by a safe ride to school and then back home with a cheerful word as they depart is what we can offer. It's quite an accomplishment and very rewarding!

If you are interested in joining our transportation team, please contact Kyle Fuller, Head Bus Driver at 967-6324.

WE  
WANT  
YOU!

## B-G Accepting Pre-K Applications at Guilford Elementary School

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, 2019 and cannot be five years old before that date. **Applications must be received at the main office of the Guilford Elementary School by 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 12, 2019 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 2019-20 school year will be done randomly if more than 36 applications are received.

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 are four years old. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from school until then.

Applications may be picked up at Guilford Elementary or mailed to you upon request. For further information contact the Guilford Elementary School Secretary at 895-6700.

## Attention – New Kindergarten Parents

There will be a Kindergarten Parent Information Night for parents of students entering kindergarten in September of 2019. This meeting will be at the Guilford Elementary School on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the Guilford cafeteria. The purpose of this meeting is to begin the registration process and to inform parents about our Kindergarten program and the Kindergarten screening process. If we do not have a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunizations, or proof of residency on file, please bring those items for us to copy. At the meeting, you will also sign your child up for a kindergarten screening time slot. Kindergarten screenings will take place Wednesday, June 5th, 2019 at Guilford Elementary School. Parents and students come to the screening process which typically lasts about 1½ to 2 hours. Please call 895-6700 if you have any further questions.

## Important Notices for Home School Parents

Transportation requests for students attending nonpublic schools (e.g., Holy Family, Valley Heights Christian Academy, etc.) must be received by the district office **no later than April 15th** 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 1st** 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.

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

The Drama Clubs' Production of William Shakespeare's, *A Midsummer Nights Dream*, was a huge success! The praises from our audiences rang out in triumph, up to and including:

- "I've never thought I liked Shakespeare; until NOW!"
- "I love coming to see the Drama Club shows at B-G, you can tell that everyone on stage is having a great time!"
- "This was a Laugh RIOT".

Performing Shakespeare is difficult even for a seasoned actor but, exposure to his works early can be a game changer. Once the students realized that they could look beyond the words, the story became tangible, pliable and even. I don't know that I could be more proud of these students that have helped bring Shakespeare's words to life in these few months. Thank You to the faculty, staff and administration for supporting our very special Crew of Patches! Thank you to the parents for **ALL** the support you give!

We look forward to bringing many more joyful tears in the years to come.

Your Director and Friend,  
*Rhiannon LaCross*

## It's time to apply for Head Start! New Program Options Now Available!



**Preschool Head Start is now offering full day classes, 5 days a week for 3 and 4 year olds!**

**Early Head Start is now offering year round full day classes, 5 days a week, for 18 and 24 month olds!**

If you are a **pregnant woman** or have a **child from birth to five years old** in Chenango County, you are eligible to apply for one of our programs. Early Head Start and Preschool Head Start are federally

funded, locally operated programs seeking to serve low income children and families with services in the areas of health, nutrition, and social services, as well as early childhood education, at no cost.

- **Preschool Head Start is a program for children ages 3-5 years and their families.** Preschool services can be provided in a classroom or through weekly home visits. Children who attend Head Start participate in a variety of educational activities designed to meet their individual needs and to build school readiness skills. 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.** Services can be provided in a classroom for 18 and 24 month old children or by weekly home visits for pregnant women and children birth to 3 years old. Activities are planned that encourage parents to observe and celebrate the developmental growth of their child.

- Group classroom experiences are held twice a month for families enrolled in the Home-Based program.

For further information or to apply, call Opportunities for Chenango, Inc. at **607-334-7114.**





## Alumni Spotlight!

My name is Emma McFee and I graduated from Bainbridge-Guilford High School in 2016. While attending B-G I was extremely involved, serving as Senior Honor Society President and a member of the student council. I participated in band, orchestra, and chorus, and was the captain of the varsity soccer team for two years.



If my last name sounds familiar, you probably know my dad, Ed McFee, who recently retired as a Chemistry and Physics teacher. My siblings, Sarah ('04), Andy ('06), and Chris ('08), are also alumni.

Following my graduation from BG, I moved to Salt Lake City to begin my studies at the University of Utah. A major part of my decision to move to Utah was to live closer to my sister and her three incredible children. I am currently majoring in Geography with an emphasis in Hazards, Resources, and Human Security. I am also seeking certificates in Geographic Information Science and Hazards & Emergency Management. Thanks to the concurrent enrollment program at B-G, I will be graduating in December 2019, one semester earlier than anticipated. I've also had the chance to work as a peer advisor within the Department of Geography, allowing me to develop close relationships with professors in my field.

In addition to being a full time student, I am now a professional Irish dancer. I have had the opportunity to go on three tours in various parts of the United States. This has been a lifelong dream of mine, and I love being able to perform for audiences across the country. When I'm not on the road, I am in the studio training four nights a week, perfecting my skills. I am currently ranked 6th in the Western Region of the U.S.

After I graduate from college, I am planning on being a professional dancer full time. Although I am looking forward to jumping into a career using my degree, I am excited to take some time to tour and explore the world. I truly have the "travel bug" with my most recent trip being to Germany and Belgium.

Stepping away from Bainbridge has taught me to really appreciate the experiences I had while attending B-G. The teachers gave me a foundation that has allowed me to succeed in a rigorous STEM field. B-G truly allowed me to grow into the person I am today and is the source of my ambition and drive. I always look forward to visiting Bainbridge, and even though my family is in Utah now, it always feels like coming home.

## Booster Club News

Thank you so much to those that came out to the 8th Annual B-G Youth Basketball Tournament held on Saturday, February 9 at the Bainbridge-Guilford Jr.-Sr. High School. We had 18 boys & girls teams participate. The Booster Club would like to thank everyone that volunteered their time to make this tournament a huge success. We would like to extend a special thank you to our referees — Brad Aldrich, Phil Bianchi, Marc Hawkins, Dave Keller, Christine Oliver, Kevin Wehrli & Joe Winans. In addition, thanks to those who volunteered to help with concessions — Karen Gage & Cory Williams! Thanks also to the JV & Varsity boys' and girls' basketball players who helped with keeping score and running the clocks.

### THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

Again, all the Members of the B-G Booster Club appreciate your support and thank you for supporting our youth!

Alliance Masonry	Huff's
Amphenol	Michelle Gifford, DDS
Bainbridge Chamber	Mirabito
Bainbridge	NBT Bank
Memorial Works	Payne's Cranes
Blitz Family Dental	Pennysaver
Bob's Diner	Rosa's
Coca-Cola	Ruf Custom Machining
Cortland County Health	Scoville-Meno
Coughlin & Gerhart	SFCU
Councilwoman	Roy & Dolores Nabinger
Sienko & Family	Steven & June White
Barb & Cliff Crouch	Upturn Industries
Dunkin Donuts	VIP Payroll & Tax Services
Germond Chiropractic	Waste Recovery
Great American – Sidney	Enterprises, LLC

### BOBCAT CAN/BOTTLE BINS

Be sure to donate your cans and bottles in the Booster Club bottle bins in Bainbridge and Guilford. In Bainbridge, our bottle bin is in the parking lot next to China Star and in Guilford, our bottle bin is located at the Guilford Store. 100% of your donations are used to help support the student athletes of Bainbridge-Guilford. Without your continued support, we would not be able to fund all that we do from helping to fund equipment purchases, helping to fund participation at athletic camps and clinics, helping to fund insurance for all youth sports, funding (2) scholarships for graduating seniors, etc.

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

The BG Booster Club & the Student Athletes Appreciate Your Support!



## The 2019 Grades 3-8 New York State Assessments: What Parents Need to Know

Every spring, the Grades 3-8 English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics Tests are administered to students across New York State. These annual ELA and math tests for students in grades 3-8 are required by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015. The tests are designed to measure how well students are mastering the learning standards that guide classroom instruction and help to ensure that students are on track to graduate from high school with the critical thinking, problem solving, and reasoning skills needed for success in college and the modern workplace. The tests also show how schools and districts are progressing with the learning standards and can support professional development for teachers. Below you will find information about the 2019 tests.

### Fewer Test Sessions

- Like the 2018 tests, the 2019 Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Tests are two sessions each.
- With fewer test sessions, each test will have substantially fewer questions than in recent years, lessening test fatigue for students and better enabling them to demonstrate what they know and are able to do.

### Untimed Tests

- Like the 2016 – 2018 tests, the 2019 Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Tests will be untimed.
- In general, this means that as long as students are working productively, they will have as much time as they need to complete each test session, within the confines of the regular school day.
- Schools and districts have discretion to allow students to read silently or quietly exit the room when they have completed their test while others continue to work.

### Test Questions Reviewed and Written by New York State Teachers

- Teachers from across the State serve on committees to write, evaluate and select questions for the tests.
- Hundreds of New York State educators were involved in creating and reviewing questions for 2019 Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Tests and selecting the questions for the test forms.
- This year, most of the test questions were written by New York State teachers specifically for the annual New York State tests.

### Providing Results for Teachers and Improved Resources for Parents

- Like the previous three years, the New York State Education Department plans to have instructional reports returned to teachers by the end of the school year and to release at least 75% of the test questions again.
- The 2019 Score Reports for parents will feature more information about what students should know and be able to do at each grade level.

### Computer-Based Testing

- Some schools chose to administer the 2019 Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Tests on computers rather than by paper and pencil. The computer-based tests (CBT) will have the same questions as the paper versions. Students in those schools utilizing the CBT option have access to CBT practice tests and most have had prior experience participating in other computer-based tests in ELA and Math.
- The long-term plan is for all schools to use CBT for annual State tests. CBT has the potential to further reduce the need for stand-alone field tests and make assessments better instructional tools for students with disabilities.

Questions about testing programs, policies, and procedures may be sent to [emscassessinfo@nysed.gov](mailto:emscassessinfo@nysed.gov)



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## Jr.-Sr. HS Quarter 2 Honor Roll

### 12TH GRADE

#### Principal's Honor Roll

Zamira Caldwell  
Dadeon Canfield  
Alexis Carr  
Tannar Cliffe  
McKeyli Decker  
Erica Frost  
Olivia Hawkins  
Jacob Hotchkin  
Alexis Matthews  
Kaylee Miller  
Kyleigh Pedersen  
Katelyn Porter  
Jared Pruskowski  
Brendan Roefs  
Abigail Selfridge  
Alan Terzo  
Kori Thornton  
Alexander Tranvaag

#### High Honor Roll

Damien Borowski  
Kristen Chambers  
Ryan Cooper  
Laura D'Herve  
Kassidy Davy  
Makenzie Drown  
Aubrey Fox  
Haley French  
Leah Gregory  
Gina Haddad  
Matraca Harmon  
Rose McKay  
Morgan Neidig  
Ashley Oliver  
Thomas Palmatier  
Nickolas Petrutoni  
Devon Scherhauser  
Evan Seymour  
Rowan Sherrick  
Rhianna Shew  
Hannah Soules  
Tommy Thomas  
Gabriel Watson

#### Honor Roll

Aubrey Bronson  
Mason Brown  
Marissa Cuozzo  
Kyle Farnham  
Joshua Gaias

Gwenyth Germond

Alexis Haynes  
Parker Lord  
Andrew Miller  
Haley Morse  
Alexis Nichols  
Nathan Oliver  
Montana Pikul  
Ayana Sakaguchi  
Damian Stafford

### 11TH GRADE

#### Principal's Honor Roll

Samantha Ceresna  
Nathaniel Henry  
Colby Hotaling  
Alli Miller  
Tracy O'Connor  
Mariah Olcott  
Hannah Sprow  
Ivy Sullivan  
Lauren Womelsdorf

#### High Honor Roll

Jake Buchman  
Brienna Collingwood  
Courtney Gilbert  
Daniel Hager  
Shelby Haynes  
Zachary Ladd  
Jadyn Olcott  
Aliya Pickens  
Samantha Sherman

#### Honor Roll

NinaJo Capobianco  
Makenna Cole  
Cameron Craver  
Isabelle Decker  
Elizabeth DuMond  
Justice Franklin  
Autumn Giles  
Eian Hall  
Bailey Hart  
Victoria Henry  
Macie Leizear  
Parker Luca  
Kiersten Merwin  
Zoe Meyer  
Gabriel Sherman  
Hannah Spencer  
Hannah Storman  
Luke Storman

### 10TH GRADE

#### Principal's Honor Roll

Cody Buchman  
Makenna Clark  
Abbey Delello  
Lisa Gao  
Garrett Ives  
Sasha Lamoree  
Abigail Minturn  
Taylor Parsons  
Ryan Porter  
Katrien Roefs  
Erica Selfridge  
Daniel Warner

#### High Honor Roll

Bree Barber  
Alexis Brown  
Sara Cannistra  
Tanner Eckert  
Jonathan England  
Damien Farberman  
Parker Finch  
Hannah Goldswor  
Matthew Kanzer  
Brandon Loucks  
Nicole McKay  
Tamera Miller  
Eric Nowak  
Jayson Oefelein  
Carlene Palmer  
Josephine Porter  
Caleb Presley  
Michaela Roach  
John Scheuerman  
Emmalynne Sherman  
Trent Thornton  
Owen Walley

#### Honor Roll

Thomas Auer  
MacKenzie Barton  
Kyla Boecke  
Haiden Burns  
Dustin Collier  
Justin Dibble  
Dalani Johnson  
Thomas Lord  
Ashley Matthews  
Chelsie Palmer  
Trevor Ross  
Kisten VanDermark

### 9TH GRADE

#### Principal's Honor Roll

Kira Davidson  
Reese Elwood  
Ethan Gregory  
Autumn Madugno  
Seamus Nolan

#### High Honor Roll

Nolan Burns  
AnthonyLouis Grigoli  
Valerie Haddad  
Lance Jones  
Abigail Wombacker

#### Honor Roll

Matika Bartle Hughes  
Savannah Carlin  
Jeffrey Cutting  
Owen Drown  
Kayden Gombach  
Ryan McCarthy  
Brayton Northrup  
Gabriel Sheehan-Pease  
Evan Thorpe  
Summer Wasiura  
Kaylee Williams  
Hailey Zehr

### 8TH GRADE

#### Principal's Honor Roll

Celeste Baldwin  
Lucas Carlin  
Kaitlyn Curtis  
Marek Rajner

#### High Honor Roll

Hayley Baker  
Jose Bivar  
Lainelle Brazee  
Joseph Cannistra  
Lorelli Cervantes  
Lillyann Finch  
Tara Fitzgerald  
Catherine Fuller  
Nolan Hawkins  
Katheryna Ireland  
Cassandra Koster  
Autumn Loucks  
Cameryn Northrop  
Garrett O'Hara  
Eden Oefelein  
Jordyn Parsons

## Jr.-Sr. HS Quarter 2 Honor Roll

Trent Sullivan  
Mackenzie Terebo  
Connor Vredenburgh  
Ilias Wilson  
**Honor Roll**  
Anastasia Cuyler  
Liam Germond  
Ketcher Graham  
Raleigh Hacker  
Meadow Harris  
Samuel Johnson  
Taylor Kazmirski  
Anthony Ladd  
Emilee Northrup  
Maxwell Oliver  
Donna Palmatier  
Kenyon Pickens  
Marley Pohli  
Konnor Schmidt  
Caleb Smith  
Sierra Zaremba

### 7TH GRADE

#### Principal's Honor Roll

Brianna Bartow  
Maddie Blake  
Macaela Burns  
Ethne Degan  
Johnna Henderson  
Isabelle Johnson  
Cadence Medlar  
Easton Porter  
Julian Pruskowski  
Sage Pruskowski

#### High Honor Roll

Madalyn Brown  
Lindsey Chambers  
Brendan DeForest  
Collin Dicks  
Cohn Foster  
Madalynn Gaias  
Levi Gregory  
Sophia Grigoli  
William Hunter  
Giovanni Johnson  
Kevin Lang  
Alaina Maxson  
Osias Mealing  
Sakeena Meghani  
Makayla Nelson  
Aliana Reyes

Jeremiah Rowe  
Cooper Sienko  
**Honor Roll**  
Gabriella Cuozzo  
Joseph Doyle  
Alyssa Finch  
Gavin Gifford  
Nathan Goodrich  
JoshLynn Hall  
Nathan Kanzer  
Theron Kiesinger  
Lukas McKown  
Nickolas McKown  
Olivia Nichols  
Adriana Petrutoni  
George Pratt  
Damon Seymour  
Arashdeep Singh

# Great Jobs!

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

At the Safety Forum held last year, the concern of mental health services was a prevailing message from those who attended. We started the year with mental health counseling through Lourdes Hospital and a therapist coming to our district for a half a day once a week. As noted in the last issue of the Blue and White, our district has expanded our Mental Health Services by adding licensed therapist Karlee Hoyt. Her services are available through the Chenango County Behavioral Health allowing the district to move away from the service offered by Lourdes. Karlee is in our district for three full days and one half day.

To further address our student's mental/emotional health, we recently partnered with the Early Recognition Screening Program also offered through Chenango County Behavioral Health. On Tuesday, March 5th, Jr. and Sr. High Students spent about 40 minutes working with the Early Recognition Screening Program personnel accompanied by one of our School Counselors. Jr. High and Sr. High met in their own 40 minute period and to complete a 34 question Early Recognition Screening Survey and receive instruction on various facets of stress. Our students were led in a variety of movement activities to reduce stress, learned the definition of and causes of stress, were given examples of ways to relieve stress, and were given stress relief tools such as stress release balls. Students who participated in taking the survey and the stress education had positive things to say about their experience.

Also, from the last year's Safety Forum, the request to have a School Resource Officer (SRO) became a reality early this January when Dan Demer joined our district after retiring from the Binghamton Police Department. He too was also featured in the last Blue and White. In only two months, Officer Demer has demonstrated a big presence in all three B-G school buildings. He has learned many of our student's names and works with each and every grade through the course of the week. He is present at arrival where he accompanies principals in greeting students and at dismissal where he monitors the pick-up of our students. He has assisted in many home visits to address truancy and he is a big presence within our buildings. Additionally he has played an integral role in the District and Building Safety Meetings and in the administration of emergency drills. Officer Demer is making a positive impact on our district and works hard to enhance the safety of our buildings.

To close, we are entering the home stretch of the school year. Our students have worked hard and are doing well. However, we always need to remind both students and parents to stay the course and the most important factors that lead to success are good attendance and the perseverance to complete required work at the best of one's ability. We soon will be entering the busy end to the year with many activities, awards ceremonies and special events. We want all of our students included in these wonderful celebrations but note that the school work doesn't end until after graduation.

—William Zakrajsek



## B-G Ag Club News

The B-G Ag Club is a brand new club at the Jr Sr. High School which began in the fall of 2018. Our mission is to promote agriculture and food production awareness to all students as well as exploring careers in agriculture, horticulture and food production systems. It is a privilege as the advisor to connect our students who have a passion for agriculture to explore and learn through hands on activities. Our club is open to all students in grades 7-12 with interests in agriculture and horticulture and all are welcome to join us!

Currently Ag Club is organizing and creating agricultural related programs throughout the B-G district. Students have been busy growing lettuce, planning field trips and preparing to hatch chicks. It has been a very exciting start for us! Our members involved in this program include Jacob Butts, Brienna Collingwood, Gavin Gifford, Ethan Gregory, Leah Gregory, Gina Haddad, Valerie Haddad, Autumn Madugno, Abigail Minturn, Cooper Sienko and Caleb Williams.

The first batch of lettuce was very successful using a purchased hydroponic system completely put together and monitored by students. The system is monitored by a phone App and the students are alerted when they need to fertilize or water the grower. The lights are programmed and run automatically during nighttime hours. The trial run went better than anticipated. We are proud of our students on their decision to donate the initial school grown batch to the Bainbridge Soup Kitchen for a meal in late February. The second batch of lettuce is already growing nicely along with tomatoes, basil, fennel and chives. Students are also planning to experiment with flower seeds in the system in late spring.

In late March, several Ag Club members will be headed to Greenlawn to read an Agricultural related story along with an activity to all 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders. They will be reading "On the farm, At the Market" by G. Brian Karas. They will then do a short activity with students.

Ag Club is also planning to hatch chicks at the Jr-Sr High School building. The incubator and brooder will be brought in after Spring Break! Chicks will hatch on campus and stay a few days for students to visit! Our members are working really hard to bring such a fun project to fruition! All Jr-Sr high students will have opportunities to "meet and greet" with the newborn chicks.

As Spring finally evolves here in Bainbridge, we are looking forward to opportunities to work outdoors as well as celebrating Earth Day in a positive and meaningful fashion. The B-G Ag Club is very appreciative of the support given to our program. Ag Club is excited and grateful to be given opportunities to share our passion and knowledge of agriculture throughout the B-G District!

—Jennifer Sienko, B-G Ag Club Advisor

## Junior Prom 2019

This year, Prom will be held at the beautiful Afton River Club on May 4. This event will feature dinner and dancing from 6:30-11:00 p.m. Juniors and their dates can opt to have professional photos taken by Costa Studios of Oneonta during the event; these order forms will be given to your child. You are welcome to come peruse the venue and take pictures between 6:00-6:30 p.m.

The Post-Prom Event will be at Bainbridge High School from 11:30-3:00 a.m. There will be a variety of activities and prize giveaways to keep juniors safe and entertained all night long. If you are interested in helping out in some capacity with this event, contact Class Advisor Lindsay McCandless at [lmccandless@bgcsd.org](mailto:lmccandless@bgcsd.org).

Prom paperwork should have come home with your child on 3/25/19 after our class meeting. It is imperative that you sit down with your child and read all of the paperwork before signing and submitting it. Prom tickets are on sale April 1st-April 19th, only; I have given your child his/her merit dollar total, which will reduce the cost of the ticket.

All of your questions should be answered within the paperwork, but feel free to contact Ms. McCandless for anything else.

## Jr. High School Guidance Corner

### 2018-2019 NYS TESTING SCHEDULE

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

#### 7th & 8th Grade Testing

April 2-4, 2019      New York State ELA TEST  
May 1-3, 2019      New York State Math TEST

#### 8th Grade (ONLY) Testing

May 22-23, 2019      NYS Science Performance Test  
June 3, 2019      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](http://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.

## Fundraisers 2018-19

Date	Group	Event
4/15-4/26	Grade 10	Krispy Kreme
5/6-5/17	Jr Honor Society	Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars

## Jr.-Sr. High School Dates to Remember

### May

- 4...Saturday ..... Jr. Prom, Afton River Club
- 13...Monday ..... Senior Trip Parent Meeting,  
HS Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.

***Mandatory for parents of students attending the trip***

- 18-19...Saturday/Sunday . Senior Trip: Boston—  
Balance due TBD
- 29...Wednesday ..... Honors Reception (Gr. 7-12),  
HS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 27...Monday ..... Memorial Day Parade—  
Guilford, 8:00 a.m.  
Bainbridge, 10:00 a.m.

### June

- 3...Monday ..... Athletic Awards Night,  
HS Auditorium, 6:00 pm
- 5...Wednesday ..... Senior Recognition Concert,  
HS Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- 8...Saturday ..... Sidney Home Town Parade, TBA  
***This is a band requirement.***

- 13...Sunday ..... Baccalaureate service,  
Church to be determined  
(Wear your cap and gown.)
- 13...Thursday ..... Senior Recognition Concert  
BOCES Norwich Campus—  
Sp. Ed. Graduation, 10:00 a.m.  
CA Graduation, 12:30 p.m.  
CTE Recognition, 6:00 p.m.

- 14...Friday ..... Jr. High Awards,  
HS Auditorium, 8:30 a.m.
- 17...Monday ..... BOCES Harrold Campus—  
CA Graduation, 10:00 a.m.  
Sp. Ed. Graduation, 12:30 p.m.  
CTE Recognition, 6:00 p.m.  
  
Senior walk-through elementary  
buildings (Wear cap and gown)  
Senior Luncheon, Silo Restaurant  
Moving Up Day

- 28...Friday ..... Graduation Rehearsal, 5 p.m.  
Senior High Awards Night,  
HS Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

- 29...Saturday ..... Graduation, HS Front Lawn, 7 p.m.  
***Graduates be here by 6:15 p.m.***

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

## 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 \$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!

### JANUARY



***Jr. High—George Pratt Jr., 7th grade;  
Jose Bivar, 8th grade; Kira Davidson, 9th grade***



***Sr. High—Sara Cannistra, 10th grade; Courtney Gilbert,  
11th grade; Aubrey Fox, 12th grade***

### FEBRUARY



***Jr High—Sophia Grigoli, 7th grade; Jordyn Parsons,  
8th grade; Haley Ross (camera shy), 9th grade***



***Sr. High—Taylor Parsons, 10th grade; Colby Hotaling,  
11th grade; Damien Borowski, 12th grade***



## Look What's Happening at Greenlawn!

As spring approaches, Greenlawn is excited for nicer weather, our gardening project to continue from last year, and to show off our hard work on the NYS Assessments. Greenlawn will be planting the garden again this year and hope to donate crops to the local soup kitchen. In addition, we are still recycling our perishable foods and donating them

to local pig farmers. It is a hope that we will continue to grow with these environmentally friendly endeavors. NYS ELA testing dates are April 2nd and 3rd and the NYS Math testing dates May 1st and 2nd. Students and teachers have been working very hard and are ready to show off their hard work on these assessments.

—Jennifer Henderson, Greenlawn Principal

## Greenlawn Students Dominate the Leaderboard in Regional Sumdog Competition

Many Greenlawn students participated in the 2nd DCMO BOCES Regional Sumdog Competition of the school year held from February 8th-14th. 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 this Regional Contest, Greenlawn students were competing against students from other schools in our region such as Oxford, Hancock and Greene. Twenty-two classes in our region participated in the competition. Check out the Greenlawn class standings:

- 1st place—Mrs. Porter's Core 53
- 2nd place—Mrs. Porter's Core 51
- 3rd place—Mrs. Mayo's Core 3
- 4th place—Mrs. Mayo's Core 1
- 7th place—Mrs. Porter's Core 52
- 8th place—Mrs. Mayo's Core 2

- 13th place—Mr. Spinella's Homeroom
- 14th place—Multi-age Olders

- 15th place—Mr. Mosher's Homeroom
- 21st place—Mr. Davis' Homeroom



### *1st Place Class Winners – Mrs. Porter's Core 53*

In this competition there were 358 students that played. Each student is allotted 1,000 questions in the contest. Overall, there were 72,962 questions answered, with 63,474 correct. Greenlawn had 36 students finish in the top 50. Check out the Greenlawn student standing below:

- 1st place—Brock Porter
- 2nd place—Jude Morgan
- 3rd place—Troy Cannistra
- 4th place—Dominick Johnson
- 5th place—Jack Cannistra
- 6th place—Gavin Dicks
- 7th place—Ashlyn DeMorier
- 8th place—Hannah Shackleton
- 9th place—Connor Bergstrom
- 10th place—Sawyer Nichols
- 11th place—Harpo Hardt
- 12th place—Liam Pohli

- 14th place—Patience Fairchild
- 15th place—Leilani Figeroa
- 16th place—Mariah Miller
- 18th place—Aubrey Schinn
- 19th place—Brenna George
- 20th place—Caleb Miller
- 23rd place—DeWayne Langstaff
- 25th place—Breanna Casey
- 26th place—Ella Reinwalt
- 27th place—Jayslin Henderson
- 28th place—Kaelum Daily
- 29th place—Danica Park

- 30th place—Walter Byrne
- 32nd place—Logan Hunter
- 33rd place—Morgan Prisco
- 34th place—Peter Blance
- 38th place—Parker Buttice
- 41st place—Dante Pratt
- 42nd place—Shaylayn Fitzgerald
- 44th place—Braiden Youngblood
- 45th place—Ben Porter
- 46th place—Victoria Suda
- 49th place—Alyssa Castle
- 50th place—Payton Miner



*Greenlawn students achieving Top 50 Student status.*

## Guilford Greetings

It's hard to believe that we are now well into the final trimester of the 2018-19 School year. The winter at Guilford Elementary school was filled with many heart-warming activities for our students in spite of the bitter cold weather. Be sure to check out the Guilford photo gallery on the BGCSD website for pictures of our amazing students and staff.

As we round the corner for the final approach to the school year, there are many dates to put on your calendars. This year the PTO is sponsoring a school wide field trip for all Guilford students. We will be going to see the play, "Pete the Cat" in Binghamton!

### APRIL

12 Pre-K Applications due in the Guilford Main Office

### MAY

9 "Pete the Cat" trip  
16 Kindergarten Parent Night, Guilford Gym, 6:00 p.m.  
23 Guilford Concert, Guilford Gym

### JUNE

3-5 Kindergarten Screenings  
11 1st Grade Transition Day  
13 Pre-K Parent Night, Guilford Gym, 6:00 p.m.  
14 Flag Day Parade followed by Annual Cole Park Trip  
20 PLAY DAY  
24 1st Grade Graduation, Guilford Gym, 1:00 p.m.  
25 Pre-K Graduation, Guilford Gym, 9:45 a.m.

We hope to see you all at these fun and exciting events!

—Linda Maynard, Principal

## Guilford Elementary Concert

Dear Bainbridge-Guilford Friends and Family,

Our pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade classes have been working very hard this year in music class. We have been singing, playing instruments, moving, and learning through song. On Thursday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m., Guilford Elementary will be hosting a concert to showcase their hard work and dedication to learning the "Guilford Way." I would like to invite all family members and local community members to come watch their performance. We greatly appreciate all your support and look forward to seeing you all in the audience.

Sincerely,

Your Friendly Neighborhood

Music Teacher Matthew Downey

## Guilford Elementary Celebrated Read Across America

During the month of March, students at the Guilford Elementary School celebrated Read Across America. As part of this celebration, the boys and girls learned about the author Eric Carle. The festivities began on March 13th when the staff performed the story, *The Very Lonely Firefly*. Other activities included Mixed Up Monday, read a T-Shirt day, and dress up as your favorite character. We had very fun-filled March!

## Can you count to 100? Guilford Bobkittens Can!

On Thursday, March 8th students at Guilford Elementary got to learn all about the number 100 and celebrate the 100th Day of School by participating in 100th Day Learning Stations! Students viewed a slide show about the stations that would be offered earlier in the week and chose their Top 3 Choices. There were 14 stations to choose from led by classroom teachers. On Thursday, students went to 2 of the stations they had chosen.

Some of the activities included; 100th Day STEM where students got to build things with 100 objects and the 100th Day Portrait where students created a picture of what they thought they'd look like when they're 100 Years Old! All who participated had fun and we look forward to celebrating the 100th Day of School again next year.

—By Adrienne Seliga





## B-G Odyssey Teams Finish in 3rd, Owen Fleming receives OMer Award

Bainbridge-Guilford sent two Odyssey of the Mind Teams to the DCMO BOCES—Robert Harrold Campus to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Competition on Saturday, February 16, 2019. Despite a decline in the number of school and the number of teams attending this year’s event, the problems our two teams selected had the most competition. Both of BG’s teams finished in 3rd place in their problem and division.

In addition, team member Owen Fleming was honored with an OMer Award. As stated in the Program Guide, “OMer Awards are given in recognition of individuals or teams that demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship, exemplary behavior, or exceptional talent.” Owen was nominated for this award for his display of sportsmanship. The team performing directly following Owen’s team suffered a crushing blow to one of their props just before they were about to perform. The prop was damaged by an object that fell on it in the staging area. Owen offered supplies from his tool kit when it became apparent they would need to make some repairs. Congratulations, Owen!

You will see in the photos our Odyssey teams looked sharp in their team T-shirts. Owen Fleming submitted the designs for this year’s team t-shirt. The teams and coaches would like to extend our thanks to Flemvale Construction LLC for their sponsorship of this year’s team t-shirts.



**3rd Place—Classics . . . Leonardo’s Workshop—Division II (l-r): Blake Tuttel, Mariah Miller, Kayleigh Northrup, Clare Sullivan, Erinne Sullivan, Owen Fleming, and Rahim Meghani. Missing: Coaches Jason and Kristen Northrup.**



**3rd Place—Opposites Distract—Division I (l-r): Ethan Morris, Harpo Hardt, Aubrey Schinn, Ethan Germond, Ashlyn DeMorier, Ashley Madugno, Owen Degan; back row (l-r): Coaches: Kimberly Morris-Schinn and Amanda Madugno.**



**Owen Fleming received OMer Award from Regional Director, Kevin Weidman.**



## Pen Pals!

This fall, the 2/3 multiage classes at Greenlawn began writing letters to some very important people, their pen pals!

Each multiager learned the format of a friendly letter, and began writing to a friend in the other multi-age class. The next exciting step was finding out who their “grown-up” pen pal was going to be. Adults throughout Greenlawn volunteered to be matched with a multiager.

For the last three months, letters have been exchanged, with great anticipation on both sides. The multiagers love seeing their pen pals in the halls, and take great pride in sharing the events of their lives in their letters. We have been so thrilled with the connections made and the relationships that have been built.

One of our site wide Greenlawn goals this year is the strengthening of, and maintaining relationships within our school. Improving students’ relationships with caring adults in the building has important, positive and long-lasting implications for both students’ academic and social development.

Kimberly Morris-Schinn and Amanda Madugno, the 2/3 multiage teachers, want to thank all of the adults in the building who have been pen-pals to our students. Without their exuberance, this wouldn’t be such a success!



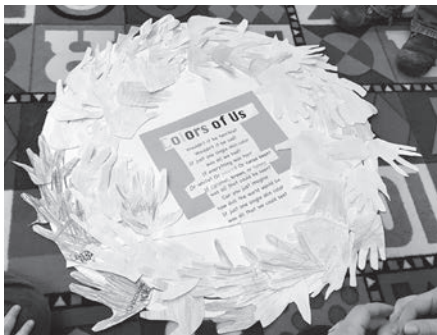
# Guilford Counselor News!

## JANUARY JEWELS

We read the book, "Colors of Us" and the Kindergarteners created a giant tree with various shades of skin colors to show all the "Colors of Us are Beautiful!"



First Graders created a wreath to demonstrate their many shades of color!



## FEBRUARY FRIENDSHIP

Chill Out with a cup of Cocoa and a friend because . . . It feels warm . . . It feels cozy . . . It is sweet . . .



## GUILFORD ELEMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS

Hardworking Students look like this!



## VALENTINES DAY WITH CUPID AND FRIENDS



## PRINCIPAL READERS





## 1st Team All-Star

Congratulations to Aubrey Bronson who is pictured with her 1st Team All-Star certificate and 2nd place high game medal. Aubrey bowled a 244 game that helped lead her team to Victory over the Division Champions Hancock. Aubrey represented Bainbridge-Guilford in the State Qualifiers in Waverly as she was sitting 4th, only one pin out of third. Aubrey is pictured with her coaches Sammy and Tracey Ventura. Great work!



## B-G Represented

Saturday, March 2nd, Nick Petrutoni represented Bainbridge-Guilford athletics at the New York State Indoor Track and Field Championships! Nick competed against the best track and field athletes from New York State, as well as some of the best in the nation. Nick's best jump at the state competition was 20 feet 9 inches, which placed him 17th in New York State. During the season Nick broke his previous school record with a new record of 21 feet 8 inches. Also, during this season Gavin Farrell broke the indoor triple jump record with a jump of 39'9.25".

Congratulations to the entire team on wrapping up a tremendous season which included 17 athletes advancing to the State Qualifier Meet. Great job everyone!



## Congratulations to the following B-G MAC Scholar Athletes

### B-G MAC WINTER SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Boys Varsity Basketball—Garrett Ives  
Girls Varsity Basketball—Abigail Selfridge

Boys Indoor Track—Ryan Porter  
Girls Indoor Track—Sam Ceresna  
Boys Bowling—Dadeon Canfield

Girls Bowling—Sasha Lamoree  
Wrestling—Jose Bivar







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### In the News

The Youth Wrestling team had two kids place at the New York State Championships on March 9. Kadence Racine took 4th Place and Zane Mumbulo was New York State Champion.



### Remember When . . .

#### 1939 BASEBALL TEAM



#### WHO ARE THESE GUYS FROM 1939?

