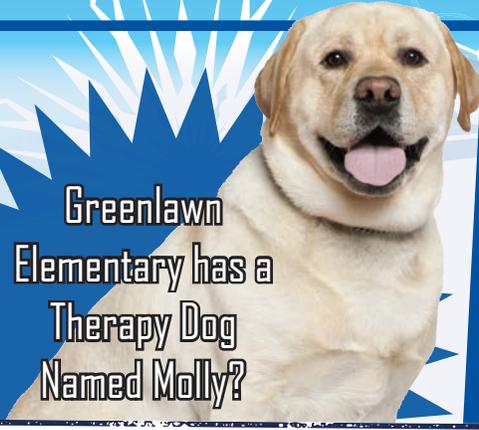




Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District
The Blue and White
School News & Notes

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Guilford elementary students earn "PAWS" (Positively Awesome Wonderful Students)?



Greenlawn Elementary has a Therapy Dog Named Molly?



STUDENTS COLLECTED OVER 2,000 NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS?

The Afterschool Childcare Program has over 40 students enrolled?

DID YOU KNOW?

Guilford Elementary has Bobkitten volunteer buddies?

SANTA AND THE EASTER BUNNY VISIT GUILFORD ELEMENTARY?



B-G has started a FFA/Ag. club?

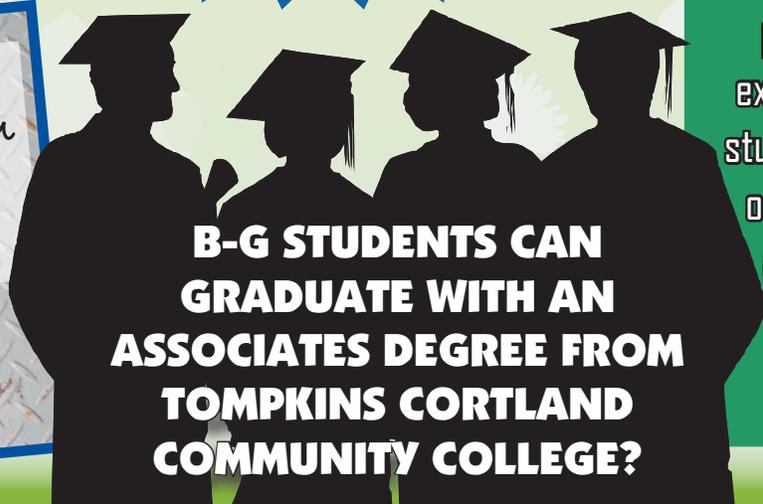


Our life beyond high school program exposes our students to job opportunities and colleges around the area?

B-G now has a welding program for students in grades 9-12?



B-G STUDENTS CAN GRADUATE WITH AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE FROM TOMPKINS CORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE?



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

With the New Year comes the need to create a new budget. We are working hard to put together a responsible budget that covers the districts costs and continues to offer top notch programs for our students. We work on the budget each week on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending one of our work sessions please feel free to call the District Office at 967-6321. Also, each upcoming Board of Education meeting will have a portion of the meeting devoted to the 2019-2020 school budget.

As part of our ongoing focus on childhood literacy the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District is launching a very exciting reading program in conjunction with the Delaware Valley Humane Society located in Sidney.

Very often students are hesitant to read in front of their peers or adults. Research has shown that students feel more comfortable reading to an animal. Starting on January 30th, B-G will be sending six students at a time to read to the cats and dogs at the animal shelter. Students will travel on district transportation twice a month to the SPCA in Sidney for approximately one hour. Students will be paired with a cat or dog in an adult supervised reading room to share their story with a furry friend. This will serve as a way to boost the child's reading fluency and self-confidence, while reading out loud. We are very excited about this new opportunity and thank the Delaware Valley Humane Society for working with us.

You may recall, last February the district held a Safety Forum for parents and community members to come together for an opportunity to learn what the B-G district does to keep our students and staff safe at all times. This May we will be hosting a follow-up safety forum at the Jr-Sr HS. Included in this forum will be a presentation by NYS Police officer Shannon Hartz, on what parents can do and need to be aware of, to keep their children safe while using social media.

At last year's safety forum there was extensive discussion on the topic of a School Resource Officer. Community members and staff members expressed an interest in pursuing this option as an added layer of safety. What that said, please join me in welcoming Dan Demer to the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District. Dan was hired on January 7th to be our full-time School Resource Officer. He will travel between all three buildings and has already begun to get to know our students.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, one in five children meet criteria for a mental health diagnosis during their lifetime. Numerous studies of school-based mental health initiatives have demonstrated the benefit of access to mental health care through schools. Researchers have found that mental health screening played an important role in reducing the barriers to learning, provided youth with access to services for mental health care, and resulted in positive educational and behavioral outcomes.

Part of the B-G district's focus on Mental Health this year is our new relationship with Chenango County Mental Health. We are now able to offer students and families Mental Health services four days a week. We are excited to welcome Karlee Hoyt to our campus as BG's Mental Health provider. If you are interested in setting up a meeting with Ms. Hoyt please call the school at 967-6300.

As we move into the second half of the school year, please know how important communication is between the school and our families. If you have any questions, suggestions or comments, please email me at tryan@bgcsd.org or call my office at 967-6321.

—Timothy R. Ryan, Superintendent



COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT!

March 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Guilford Elementary School.

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

DRAMA CLUB PERFORMANCE

The BG Drama Club will perform William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Nights Dream on Friday, March 1st and Saturday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 3 at 2:00 p.m. All performances will be held in the B-G Jr./Sr. High school Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door!

Cost:

Adults = \$5

Kids under five = \$3

ANNUAL JUNIOR CLASS CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER!

When:

Thursday, February 13
from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Where:

Greenlawn Cafeteria

What:

Dinner, Dessert, and Drinks!

Cost:

Adults = \$7.50

Kids under five = \$3.50

Come with your family for a relaxing sit-down dinner, or get your dinner to-go any time after 3:30 p.m.

Tickets will be sold in advance by juniors, or you can purchase at the door.

All proceeds benefit the Class of 2020!

The best way to communicate within the B-G School district is to CALL US!

Frequently, parents and other community members request help in knowing the best way to communicate with the school. The dialogue that can be established via a phone call cannot be duplicated via text or email. The communica-

tion guideline chart below will serve as a helpful resource. By contacting the following people in the prescribed order, questions can be answered.

For questions about:	1st Contact	2nd Contact	3rd Contact	4th Contact
Academics	Teacher	School Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Athletic Coordinator	Jr-Sr HS Principal Director of PE & Athletics	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	Jr-Sr HS Assistant Principal	Building Principal	Superintendent
Behavior—Bus	Head Bus Driver	Jr-Sr HS Assistant Principal	Building Principal	Superintendent
BOE Policies	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education	
Budget	Business Manager	Superintendent		
Building Use	Building Main Office	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Cafeteria	Building Cook Manager	Food Service Manager	Business Manager	Superintendent
Classroom Procedures	Teacher	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Co-Curricular	Advisor	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Facilities	Director of Facilities II	Superintendent		
Health Office	Building Nurse Office	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Scheduling	Guidance Office	Jr-Sr HS Principal	Superintendent	
Special Education	Teacher	Special Education Chairperson	Special Education Administrator	Superintendent
Transportation	Transportation Office	Superintendent		

Bainbridge-Guilford Central School Directory

Main Switchboard 607-967-6300

District Office..... 607-967-6321

Board of Education
Superintendent
District Clerk

Business Office 607-967-6335

Business Manager / District Treasurer
Accounts Clerk
Payroll Clerk

Guilford Elementary Main Office..... 607-895-6700

Building Principal & District Data Coordinator
School Social Worker (Gr PK-6)
School Counselor
Teachers

Greenlawn Elementary Main Office..... 607-967-6301

Building Principal & Special Education Administrator
School Social Worker (Gr PK-6)
School Counselor
Teachers

Jr-Sr High School Main Office 607-967-6323

Building Principal & Director of PE and Athletics
Assistant Principal
Teachers
Advisors

Jr-Sr Guidance Office 607-967-6320

School Counselors
School Social Worker (Gr 7-12)

Health Offices/Attendance Officers:

Greenlawn Nurse/Attendance 607-967-6330
Guilford Nurse/Attendance 607-895-6703
Jr-Sr HS Nurse 607-967-6313
Jr-Sr HS Attendance Officer 607-967-6368

Special Education 607-967-6333

Special Education Administrator
CPSE/CSE Chairperson 504 Coordinator
School Psychologist
Occupational Therapist

Athletic Coordinator 607-967-6300

Coaches

Building & Grounds 607-967-6322

Director of Facilities II

Food Service 607-967-6331

Food Service Manager and Building Cook Managers

Transportation Office 607-967-6324

For additional contact information check our website at www.bgcsd.org; or find us on Facebook at Bainbridge Guilford Central School



Louise Butcher retires after **42** total years of bus driving!



Since 1976, Louise “Weze” Butcher has been circling the district in a big yellow bus! In fact, she has done the entire 106 mile loop over 7,200 times to the tune of over 760,000 miles!

Weze has been a mainstay in the transportation department. She does everything from washing buses to teaching emergency drill safety to coordinating farewell/birthday/retirement and holiday celebrations. If something needed to be done, all you had to do is ask and she would handle it all.

Louise’s dedication to each student on her bus is unparalleled! Each child is equally important to her and she has made every one of them feel special. Maybe not every day, but overall she has made them feel important!

The outpouring of memories from well-wishers, former passengers, parents, drivers and acquaintances from near and far are a testament to the impression she has left on thousands of people.

Louise has set the bar high for every current and future bus driver to climb into a BG bus drivers’ seat. She has had a fantastic career, made many memories and is a living example of a life well spent. We will miss Weze and wish her all the best for the next chapter of her life.

Julie Thompson retires after **32** years of serving B-G!



After 32 years of service to the BG School Community, Julie Thompson has decided to embark on new ventures upon retiring from Bainbridge-Guilford. Julie began her career as a custodian in 1986 before moving into an aide position at the Guilford building. She became an LTA in 2006, working with kindergarten and first graders at Guilford. Julie was an amazing, caring, and knowledgeable addition to our teaching staff.

Julie enjoys hiking, traveling, and riding her motorcycle. Included in her talents and accomplishments, Julie reached “46R #5453” status on the Adirondack trails, operated her own greenhouse business, is an avid camper, Scout leader, photographer, and Grandma. She worked with the Boy Scouts as Rock Climbing Director and Wilderness Survival instructor and was the Director of the High Rope and low ropes courses for Girl Scouts.

Using handmade tools, Julie used her outdoor skills to show our students how to start a fire and make cordage the Native American way. She was also a super Bobkitten Camp counselor for Guilford’s end of the year “Bobkitten Campout”, showing students how to look closely at nature using magnifying glasses. She had boys and girls looking under leaves and on single blades of grass for tiny creatures.

Mrs. Thompson became our go-to photographer. She took photos of each student so that teachers could use them in the classroom. Julie was seen with a camera in hand during assemblies and many of her photos are posted on our district website and Facebook.

Julie’s next adventures will include her 2 beautiful grandchildren with whom she enjoys spending time. She is looking forward to volunteering in each of their classes. She will also be spending time with her daughter’s family traveling, hiking, and just relaxing . . . hopefully!

Her Guilford family gave her a sentimental send off by gifting her with an Adirondack chair to rest, a “Bobkitten” pillow to lean on, and beautiful outdoor painting from the students as a small token of our love and appreciation!

Julie’s special skills and gentle, kind demeanor will be missed at Guilford. We wish her the best in retirement as she ventures to life beyond Guilford Elementary School!

VOTE

MAY 21, 2019 • NOON-9:00 PM

BAINBRIDGE TOWN HALL AND GUILFORD TOWN HALL

Your vote does make a difference!

VOTING LOCATIONS!

Voters in the Bainbridge voting district will cast their ballots at the Bainbridge Town Hall. Voters in the Guilford voting district will cast their ballots at the Guilford Town Hall. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN VOTING LOCATION IN BAINBRIDGE!**

BUDGET HEARING

A budget hearing will be held at the Jr.-Sr. High School Auditorium commencing at 7:00 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 the vote there at 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 16, 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. to 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.

VOTE

School Budget Information!

Budget season has begun here at Bainbridge-Guilford. If you are interested in hearing and learning more about the different areas of the 2019-2020 school budget, budget information will be presented at each of the Board meetings for the next couple of months. In January, presentations were made on the Buildings and Grounds and Transportation areas of the budget. We welcome any community members who would like to join us as we move through the various areas of the budget working towards a final spending plan to present to tax payers for vote in May. We hope to see you there!

BELOW IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

FEBRUARY

- 7 Special Education
- 21 Tax Cap Review

MARCH

- 7 BOCES Services
- 21 Budget Progress Update

BUDGET TIMELINE:

APRIL

- 4, 11 Board of Education Adopts the 2019-20 School Budget
- 22 School Board Candidate Nominating Petitions are due in the District Office by 5:00 p.m.

MAY

- 7 Budget Brochure mailed to District Residents
- 14 Voter Registration at the Town Halls
Public Budget Hearing
- 21 District Residents vote on the proposed budget—
Town Halls in Guilford and Bainbridge

Enhanced School Tax Relief or STAR

Senior citizens who get the *Enhanced School Tax Relief* or *STAR* benefit face a March 1 deadline to apply to the state if they want to continue to get the reduction after this year.

While local assessors have been telling seniors about the deadline for months, the looming March 1 deadline has put efforts into high gear. State officials are also preparing to issue public service announcements explaining the change.

While STAR has a number of categories, they all work by reducing a home's assessed value, which sets the baseline for one's tax bill. "Basic" STAR is open for homeowners with family incomes below \$500,000. For seniors with incomes below \$86,300, "Enhanced" STAR provides an additional exemption.

Some of the Enhanced recipients have already signed up for an Income Verification Program, where they prove to the state that their incomes are below the cutoff. But those who haven't done that will have to file a statement about their incomes and Social Security numbers with their local assessors, who will forward that data to the state.

The change applies only to seniors 65 or older applying for the Enhanced STAR exemption or those who have the exemption included in their property tax bill. By giving their income verifications, Taxation and Finance officials can improve the accuracy of the exemptions and eligibility.

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.

Help Wanted

The Bainbridge-Guilford CSD is seeking applicants for Substitute Teachers, Teacher Aides, Food Service, Bus Drivers, and Custodial Workers for both first and second shift. Applications are available on the B-G website www.bgcsd.org, on the Employment page. Submit completed applications to the District Business Office, BGCSD, 18 Juliand Street, Bainbridge, NY 13733.



Alumni Spotlight!

My name is Shane Butler and I am a 2004 graduate of Bainbridge-Guilford High School. After B-G, I graduated from SUNY Broome with my Associates in Liberal Arts: General Studies and from SUNY Oneonta with my Bachelor's in Geography. What was I going to do with a Geography degree? Not a clue.



A few months after graduation I went into the County Office Building in Norwich looking for a job when I was told there might be an opening at the County Planning Department. I played SIM City on the computer growing up and avoided the riots, earthquakes, and tornadoes while building successful communities, so I thought I would apply. They hired me, but it was a lot more in depth than SIM City.

Over ten years later, I'm now the Director of Planning for Chenango County and also the Chairman of the Town of Smithville Planning Board. Our office covers a wide variety of topics including agriculture, energy, land use planning, housing, transportation, mapping and more. We call ourselves a "catch-all" because we never know what topic or project we will work on next.

One of the more rewarding projects we have worked on in recent years were the Greater Chenango Cares IRT events in 2015 and 2016. The Department of Defense's IRT program is a U.S. military reserve training opportunity that provides training and readiness for military personnel while addressing the needs of underserved American communities (like Chenango County). Through this program, military units refine their engineering, health care, diving, and transportation skills by performing services and developing projects for communities that otherwise would not have the resources to conduct them on their own. More information about the projects held in Chenango County can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/GreaterChenangoCares/>.

School Resource Officer



Hello, my name is Dan Demer and I have been hired as the School Resource Officer. I retired on January 5th after 20 years as a Binghamton Police Officer and started at BGCSO on January 7th. Many people said I should have taken a little time off to enjoy retirement and I definitely thought about it but after going through the interview process and spending some time in the school buildings on January 3rd and 4th, I know I made the correct decision to start right away. Everyone I have met so far has been so welcoming and helpful I feel like I've been a part of the BGCSO family for years. I am married and have two sons and a yellow lab named Barley. I am excited to be here and look forward to meeting the rest of the staff and students.

B-G Expands Mental Health Services Offered



Hi! My name is Karlee Hoyt and I am a licensed therapist with Chenango County Behavioral Health. I am excited to announce that Behavioral Health has contracted with B-G Central School District to offer our services. Starting January 2019 I will have offices located in each of the B-G schools and will be able to meet with children in grades PK-12. Please speak with your child's guidance counselor if this is something you are interested in!

I have nearly ten years' experience working in the mental health field. I have worked with families and children of all ages in various settings. I enjoy being outdoors and love animals! I am so very excited to have the opportunity to work side by side with B-G Schools to provide behavioral health services to the children and families of your community.

In the News!

CHRIS BURNETT

Chris Burnett a 2010 B-G Graduate ran in the California International Marathon on December 1st. He ran 26.2 miles and finished 46 out of 8,138 racers. His finish time was 2:18:19. He has once again qualified for the Olympic trials. We are all hoping that he can stay healthy this time and qualify for the 2020 Summer Olympics, which has been a lifelong dream of his. Congratulations Chris!

ETHNE DEGAN

On Sunday, November 25, Ethne Degan danced in the Mid-Atlantic Region Irish Dance Competition in Philadelphia. She placed 32nd out of 140 dancers in her age group and qualified for Nationals! Congratulations Ethne!

Submit student and alumni *In the News!* features to sweibel@bgcsd.org.

Booster Club News

8TH ANNUAL YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Bainbridge-Guilford Booster Club will be hosting the 8TH Annual Youth Boy's & Girl's Basketball Tournament on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Bainbridge-Guilford High School. This is our primary fund-raiser each year. The proceeds from the past year's tournaments have been used to help support our teams and athletes in various ways such as funding ½ of the insurance costs for all youth sports teams, helping to fund equipment purchases, helping to fund summer programs, and helping to fund participation in clinics and sports camps, etc. We hope you will join us for a fun-filled day!

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE B-G BOOSTER CLUB

The B-G Booster Club meets the 3rd Monday of every month. New members are always welcomed and encouraged to attend any meeting. Without new members of children coming up through our school, the B-G Booster Club will not be able to continue to provide all of the support that we do. As children graduate, our members eventually move on which means NEW members are always needed to keep this Club strong and active. Please consider attending an upcoming meeting and becoming a member.

B-G MERCHANDISE

Also, please visit www.bgcsd.com to purchase your B-G merchandise—we have lots of great items available! Once on the site, click on the **ATHLETICS** tab then **BOOSTER CLUB**; you will see the Order Forms on the right. The order forms include stock BG Bobcats apparel and other miscellaneous items along with an order form for custom BG Sports Jackets. The proceeds from the sale of our merchandise along with the proceeds from our bottle bins in Bainbridge and Guilford are used to help support our teams and athletes in various ways such as helping to fund equipment purchases and to help fund participation at athletic camps and clinics.

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



2018 B-G Holiday Food Drive a Success

Thanks to the support of our schools and community, the B-G holiday food drive was once again an overwhelming success.

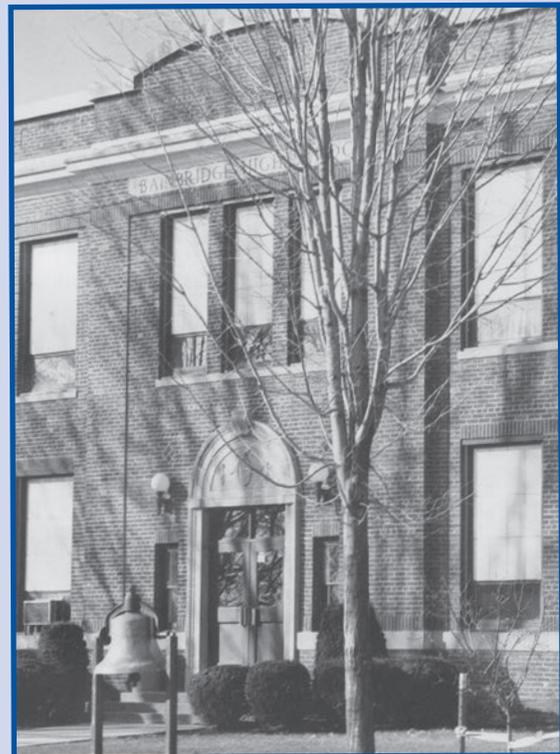
The high school set a goal to collect 2000 cans and although they struggled at first, the support and encouragement of our staff motivated students to meet their goal. This was in addition to cans collected by the junior high Student Council, the elementary Student Council at Greenlawn, and the youngest members of the B-G community at Guilford.

HS Student Council is extremely appreciative for everyone, including school groups and community members, who contributed. They would like to especially thank Chobani, Senator Fred Akshar, B-G Teachers Association, SFCU of Bainbridge, Lion's Club of Bainbridge, Toys for Tots, the local First United Methodist Church, the local Presbyterian church, Liberty Partnership Program, the B-G chapter of the National Honor Society, and several individuals whose donations to the Angel Fund made a huge difference in the lives of over 80 families in our community.

If your community group is interested in supporting future food drives, please contact Alyssa Hardy—ahardy@bgcsd.org for more information.

Remember When . . .

JR.-SR. HS ENTRANCE, CIRCA 1994



Greetings from Guilford

It's hard to believe that the 2018-19 school year is more than half gone already. Our Guilford students are working hard and learning at phenomenal rates and we are very proud of their accomplishments. Teachers continue to collaborate in academic teams aligning curriculum to meet the diverse needs of our young students. Students receive PAW awards recognizing their hard work at our quarterly PAW assemblies. As the second semester at Guilford gets underway, students will also have the opportunity to "Read to the Principal". Watch for details and pictures on Facebook and our website!

Guilford Elementary School rang in 2019 with our new *Bobkitten Buddy Program*. We currently have six new "Bobkitten Buddies" and one veteran "Bobkitten Buddy." Bobkitten Buddies come to Guilford once or twice a week to spend time volunteering in classrooms helping students be the best learners they can be. Students look forward to connecting and having fun with their buddies every week. If you have an hour or so a week you can spare, you too can become a "Bobkitten Buddy!" Just call the Guilford Elementary School main office at 895-6700 to sign up.

I couldn't be more proud of our Guilford Elementary faculty and staff. Their dedication and genuine love for our students is amazing. I thank parents and the community for your continued support in all that we do. Together our students reach their highest potential.

—Linda Maynard, Principal

Guilford Gear Needed

PARENTS PLEASE HELP US!

Guilford students play outside as often as possible during the winter. Students LOVE to sled on the Guilford hill when it snows. But we need your help! Please make sure your children have their winter clothing at school every day!

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.

First Graders Write Riddles!

Every month at Guilford Elementary, a class signs up to create a bulletin board display for the students and staff to admire by the main office. For the month of January, students in Mrs. Codington's First grade class decorated the bulletin board with Snowman Riddles. The students worked hard creating their snowman, writing their riddles and had a great time reading and laughing at the silly riddles!

Our favorite riddle was, what do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? Give up? Frost bite! We hope the staff and students can enjoy a good laugh together!

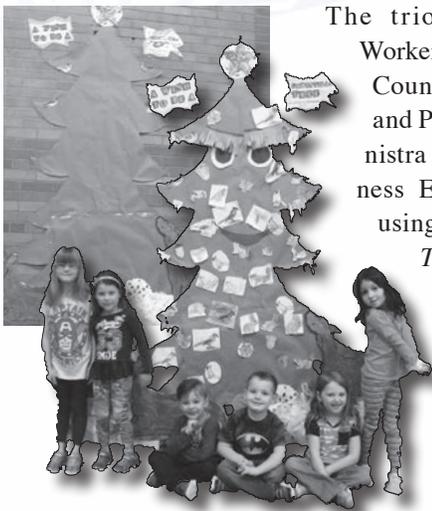




Angels Sing their Thank You!

Once again, THANK YOU to all the families and businesses who gave generously to the Bainbridge Community Angel Tree! We served approximately 102 children this year!

KINDERGARTEN “KINDERS ASSEMBLY”



The trio team of Social Worker, Lori Basso; School Counselor, Keren Seiler; and P.E. teacher, Jen Cannistra integrated our Kindness Elf and Kinders by using the story, *A Wish To Be A Christmas Tree*, a story about a tree’s wish to be a Christmas tree, but learns that friendship is the most important gift of all.

DECEMBER KINDNESS ELF— RAOK (RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS)

The invisible Kindness elf wrote letters and notes to our classrooms to give ideas for Random Acts of Kindness so we could “Light up our World With Kindness.” Over 100 acts were transformed into stars and bulbs for our tree!



The Pre-K students joined Mrs. Seiler to feed the birds as an act of Kindness for our feathered friends. They were delighted when birds came right to the feeder and chirped their “thank you!”



THIS IS WHAT MY KINDNESS ELF LOOKS LIKE



First Graders pretend they are reindeer and write I-Care words to Rudolph instead of calling him names and not allowing him join reindeer games!

SING-A-LONG SURPRISES!

Guilford’s annual sing-a-long is fun as each class sings a holiday song for parents and guests. Can you guess the SURPRISE?



REINDEER READY TO HELP SANTA FLY!



Greenlawn News!

It has been a busy start to the winter season at Greenlawn. The holidays brought a lot of fun activities and smiles to the faculty, staff, and students. The Greenlawn holiday concert was a huge success. The music department facilitated the concert to be performed on two separate days to help accommodate for the community and students. Students donated over 1,500 non-perishable items to the District Food Drive. This donation earned the building wide rewards that included Spirit Week, PJ Day, and Movie with Popcorn. This week ended with the Greenlawn Holiday Production of *Ebony Scrooge* a Christmas Carol. Mrs. Lorenzen and Mrs. Hawkins worked very hard with the cast and crew to put on a great production for the school community, parents, and family members to enjoy. Great Job to all involved!

Greenlawn teachers have been working diligently with their curriculums to align them horizontally as well as with the NYS Standards. Teachers have been working with each other and professional developers from BOCES to further refine these curriculums. The NYS 3-8 Math and ELA testing schedules have been released and we will be working on students to better prepare them from these Spring Tests. More information will be sent home with students and parents as the dates approach.

—Jennifer Henderson, Greenlawn Principal

Old Olders?

Excited voices filled the room as the “old olders” entered the multiage classroom. Every fall, students who have moved on from multiage to 4th grade look forward to reuniting with the friends and teachers that they built friendships with during their multiage years. When you are a multiager at Greenlawn, you spend your 2nd and 3rd grade year with the same teachers. Each summer, our 3rd graders (olders) move on to 4th grade and a new group of 2nd graders (youngsters) join us! After 2 years together, many strong relationships have been built. So having a mini reunion is something that means a lot to all of us. We learn a lot from each other, and love hearing tales of 4th grade from our old-olders, as well as hearing about things from today’s multiagers that our old-olders remember and miss. We know how important maintaining positive relationships, that lead to a positive school climate, can be. These students will continue these relationships throughout their school careers, and it is so fulfilling to be there from the start.



A Visit From Mrs. Sanford!

Guess who visited the 5th grade ELA classes on Friday, December 7, 2018?

Retired Greenlawn teacher, Mrs. Carol Sanford, came into Mrs. Mercurio’s classes and taught us about human rights challenges in Haiti. Haiti is an island located in the Pacific Ocean, east of Florida. Through an organization called Trades of Hope, Mrs. Sanford helps give Haitians jobs, food, shelter, and education and most importantly, hope. The people of Haiti face many human rights challenges, and organizations like Trades of Hope help them realize some of their dreams.

Mrs. Summers, our consultant teacher, invited Mrs. Sanford to come in because we have been studying the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, (UDHR), since September. This is a document that explains all the rights we as humans have in the United States of America and in some of the other countries around the world. Haiti is a third world country, which means it is a country of extreme poverty. People in Haiti do not have the same rights and privileges as we do in the USA.

Mrs. Sanford showed us a Power Point presentation with photos of her visits to Haiti. She spoke about safety, food, family, lack of clean/fresh water, garbage/waste management and plumbing. We learned that education in Haiti is not free or public. A family must pay \$350 a year for a child to go to school. A backpack can cost up to 40\$ and the average salary for adults is \$3.00 a day. We realized that this is not much of an income to cover expenses and this is why it is hard to afford an education. Education can help children get out of poverty. Mrs. Sanford and her husband actually sponsor a young girl’s education by sending \$35 a month to her school.

We learned how protection of human rights can be different in Haiti than in the USA, and that we here in the USA are lucky to have public education, clean/hot water, garbage removal, good foods, safe housing and stores to shop in for clothing.

Mrs. Sanford had a lot of interesting photos of both children and adults in Haiti. Her presentation made us appreciate our lives here more. We appreciate Mrs. Sanford for her generosity of time and offering to spend the day with all 3 of the 5th grade classes. She inspired us to not only be future world changers, but to be present day world changers by giving others hope for now and the future! We also enjoyed looking at some of the jewelry and metal works made by the Haitian people that Mrs. Sanford brought in to share with us. It was a really great experience.

—Written by Mrs. Mercurio’s Core 52 ELA class

Greenlawn Students Participate in Sumdog Competition

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

During the Regional Contest, Greenlawn students were competing against students from other schools in our region such as Oxford, Hancock and Unatego. Seventeen classes in our region participated in the competition. Mrs. Carlin's Class crushed the competition finishing in 1st place! Other Greenlawn classes that participated finished in this order:

3rd Place—Mrs. Porter's Core 51 Math Class	9th Place—Mr. Spinella's Homeroom
6th Place—Mrs. Porter's Core 52 Math Class	11th Place—Mr. Mosher's Homeroom
7th Place—Mrs. Porter's Core 53 Math Class	14th Place—Mr. Davis' Homeroom

There were 298 students across the region that played. Each student is allotted 1,000 questions in the contest. Taking first place honors was Greenlawn 6th grader, **Brock Porter**. Brock finished with a score of 994. Congratulations, Brock!

Greenlawn had 35 students finish in the top 50. These students include:

2nd place— Jude Morgan	18th place— Andrew Ireland	38th place— Landon Benham
3rd place— Emily Sprow	19th place— Morgan Monuszko	39th place— Domanick Lamoree
4th place— Breanna Casey	21st place— Mason Acquisto	40th place— Braiden Youngblood
5th place— Anthony Alemar	22nd place— Brysen Reif	42nd place— Clare Sullivan
6th place— Dominick Johnson	25th place— James Reynolds	43rd place— Brayden Swarthout
8th place— Harmony Zehr	26th place— Sadie Laing	44th place— Grady Park
10th place— Lelaenia Baldwin	27th place— Killian Pohli	45th place— Marissa Mayo
11th place— Gavin Dicks	28th place— Cyrus Megale	46th place— Kamry Patten
12th place— Owen Hulbert	30th place— Peyton Emerson	48th place— Madeleine Ingham
13th place— Erinne Sullivan	34th place— Walter Byrne	49th place— Liam Anderson
14th place— Frank Parsons	35th place— Mason Craver	50th place—Bailey Donnelly
15th place— John Palmer	37th place— Mariah Miller	

Additionally, classes are recognized for attaining the highest daily average throughout the week long competition. Earning Daily Winner honors for having the highest class average score on November 2, was Mrs. Carlin's Class; on November 5, was Mrs. Porter's Core 52 and on November 8, was Mrs. Porter's Core 51 Class.



Greenlawn students in the Top 50.



Students holding certificates finished in the Top 10.

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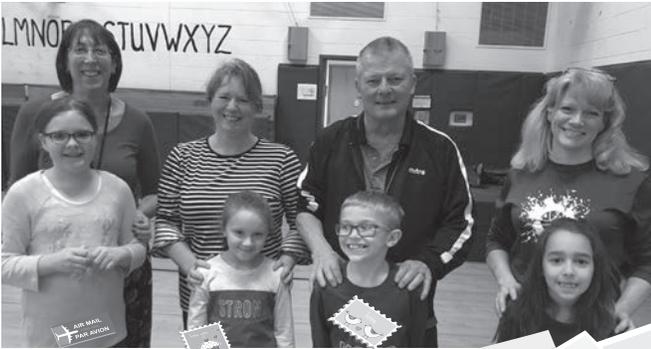
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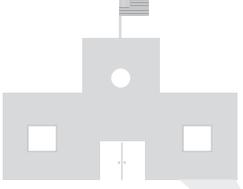
Pen Pals!

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 multiage 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!



Keep our School Healthy!



Send sick
kids home



Teach kids not to
cough on others



Teach kids to wash hands
often, with soap



Teach kids to
cover their coughs

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www.pandemicflu.gov

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

We are very excited and proud to acknowledge our Varsity Girls' Volleyball Team who went back to back with their second State Championship. Our Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team amassed a match record of 19 wins to 0 losses, they were Tournament Champions at the Johnson City and Windsor Tournaments and finished 2nd in the gold division of the Union-Endicott Tournament. The team was also MAC League Champions, Section IV Class D Champions, Regional Class D Champions and in the end won the New York State Class D Championship by beating Panama three games to zero in the State Tournament held in Glens Falls in November. At the State Tournament, Erica Selfridge and Zamira Caldwell were selected to the Class D State Tournament Team and Abigail Selfridge was selected as the Tournament Most Valuable Player for Class D. For season play, Abigail and Erica Selfridge achieved first team Class D All-State Status, Zamira Caldwell achieved second team All-State Status and Alexis Carr achieved fifth team All-State Status. Our Volleyball team is coached by head coach Tami Selfridge. Ms. Selfridge was recently recognized as the Section IV Girls' Volleyball Coach of the year. The members of the State Championship Team include: Bree Barber, Zamira Caldwell, Sara Cannistra, Alexis Carr, Samantha Ceresna, Makenna Clark, Marissa Cuzzo, Mckeyli Decker, Abbey Delello, Makenzie Drown, Leah Gregory, Sasha Lamoree, Taylor Parsons, Abigail Selfridge and Erica Selfridge. Additionally, the team earned New York State Public High School Athletic Association Scholar Team Status by having enough of our players earning a 90 or higher overall Grade Point Average (GPA). Our team had an overall average of 99.69. On top of their athletic and academic achievements, our team earned the Southern Tier Volleyball Officials Sportsmanship Award.

When the team won the Regional and State Title, upon their return, the town and community gave them a "Lights and Sirens" parade led by the Bainbridge Fire Department and the New York State Police with many people greeting the team at the soccer field parking lot. Our school also held a pep rally on Friday, January 4th to celebrate the team's remarkable accomplishments and to unveil another State Championship Banner and their second State Championship plaque that was added to the podium built last year. The banners now hang side by side in our main gym. There is an additional banner with pictures of last year and this year's teams on the side wall of the main gym. The plaques will continue to be displayed inside the main entrance to the school. Also, the towns of Guilford and Bainbridge have put up very nice signs recognizing our team's two state titles that can be seen as people enter Guilford and Bainbridge. We are extremely proud of our State Championship Team,

Players and Coaches! We also thank our parents, relatives, friends, communities and media who have shown tremendous support of the team throughout their journey to repeat as State Champions!

We also want to celebrate the tremendous generosity and hard work put into the annual holiday food drive. Our Student Councils from Greenlawn, our Junior High and our Senior High worked together to organize and implement the food drive. Each Student Council set donation goals and had our students and staff bring in food to be donated to families within our communities to help them during the holidays. Each level reached their donation goal allowing 87 families to receive a big tote of food, a turkey, a pan to cook the turkey, a bag of toys, laundry detergent along with pet food if families had pets. These holiday care packages were delivered by Staff and High School Student Council members on four buses on December 19th. Each school, soon after, enjoyed a reward activity for reaching their donation goal. We thank all our student groups and staff who took part in this gigantic effort of giving and give special thanks to all who donated food, toys and/or money for the holiday deliveries!

—William Zakrajsek

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 GRADE TESTING

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

8TH GRADE TESTING

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

Jr.-Sr. High School Students of the

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

November



Sr. High

10th grade: **Emmalynne Sherman**

11th grade: **Zachary Ladd**

12th grade: **Tommy Thomas**



Jr. High

7th grade: **Ethne Degan**

8th grade: **Catherine Fuller**

9th grade: **Evan Thorpe**

Winter Fires

SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOME

U.S. Fire Administration

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of woodburning stoves and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and manmade logs. All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are, however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire safe home this winter.

General Safety Tips

- ✗ Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.
- ✗ Never use a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.
- ✗ If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Only use extension cords which have the necessary rating to carry an amp load. TIP: Choose an extension cord the same size or larger than the appliance electrical cord.
- ✗ Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- ✗ Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a blow torch or other open flame, otherwise the pipe could conduct the heat and ignite the wall structure inside the wall space. Use hot water or a laboratory tested device such as a hand held dryer for thawing.
- ✗ If windows are used as emergency exits in your home, practice using them in the event fire should strike. Be sure that all the windows open easily. Home escape ladders are recommended.
- ✗ If there is a fire hydrant near your home you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow so in the event it is needed, it can be located.

Kerosene Heaters

- ✗ Be sure that kerosene heaters are legal in your area.
- ✗ Be sure your heater is in good working condition. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon buildup. Be sure the heater has an emergency shut off in case the heater is tipped over.
- ✗ Never use fuel burning appliances without proper room venting. Burning fuel (coal, kerosene, or propane, for example) can produce deadly fumes.
- ✗ Use ONLY the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer. NEVER introduce a fuel into a unit not designed for that type fuel.
- ✗ Never fill the heater while it is operating or hot. When refueling an oil or kerosene unit, avoid overfilling.
- ✗ Keep young children away from space heaters—especially when they are wearing night gowns or other loose clothing that can be easily ignited.

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!

December



Sr. High

12th grade: **Damian Stafford**

11th grade: **Makenna Cole**

10th grade: **Desaray Manzer**



Jr. High

7th grade: **Brianna Bartow**

8th grade: **Donna Palmatier**

9th grade: **Matika Bartle-Hughes**



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Wood Stoves & Fireplaces

Wood stoves and fireplaces are becoming a very common heat source in homes. Careful attention to safety can minimize their fire hazard.

To use them safely:

- ✗ Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly. Wood stoves should have adequate clearance (36") from combustible surfaces and proper floor support and protection.
- ✗ Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- ✗ Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- ✗ Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.
- ✗ The stove should be burned hot twice a day for 15-30 minutes to reduce the amount of creosote buildup.
- ✗ Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces. It is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire.
- ✗ Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.
- ✗ Keep flammable materials away from your fireplace mantel. A spark from the fireplace could easily ignite these materials.
- ✗ Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out. NEVER close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will help the fire to heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.



Guidance Office— Attention 8th Grade Students and Parents

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

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

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

In mid-March a letter with specific dates and times that guidance counselors will be available to meet with you and your child to develop a four-year plan for high school will be sent home. Guidance staff would like to meet with each student and a parent/guardian individually to develop a four-year plan. The purpose of this plan is to map out what courses your child will take in grades 9-12. The four-year plan is the first step in helping your child make a decision about their plans after high school.

Parental/guardian input and support is essential in helping your child realize their goals. There will be day and evening appointments available. Individual meetings usually last approximately one half hour.

Please contact Joanne Moxley at 967-6320 with any questions.

Students Attend Statewide Leadership Conference

Over Thanksgiving break, six B-G High School Student Council members had the opportunity to attend NYSCLSA, a statewide leadership conference. **Andrew Miller, Kaylee Miller, Josephine Porter, Jared Pruskowski, Hannah Sprow, and Summer Wasiurah** attended this conference in Niagara Falls and had an amazing experience. B-G students had the chance to listen to and interact with world-class speakers and participate in leadership oriented workshops to improve their skills and network with persons from across the state. One message we took from the experience: “No matter what life throws at you, you can do amazing things if you set goals and work hard. No matter what others may say to you, never give up.” Thank you to the school district for supporting this opportunity!



Congratulations to our Fall Sports MAC Scholar Athletes!

Boys Soccer: **Colby Hotaling**
Girls Soccer: **Alli Miller**
Volleyball: **Abigail Selfridge**
Cheer: **Alexis Brown**
Football: **Alan Terzo**
Golf: **Jared Pruskowski**



The After School Care Program has been busy!



PUMPKIN DECORATING



PINE CONE BIRD FEEDERS



GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Championship Signs!

Many thanks to the Guilford Town Board, Bainbridge Town Board, Village Board, Lions Club and Fire Department for sponsoring the Girls Volleyball State Championship Signs. Look for the road signs on routes 7 and 206 in the town of Bainbridge and on County Road 35 in the Town of Guilford. Congratulations to Coach Selfridge and the Girls Varsity Volleyball team! Go Bobcats!



Volleyball Scholarship

Congratulations to Abbi Selfridge who signed a commitment letter to Clarion University accepting a scholarship to play Volleyball.



Way to go!



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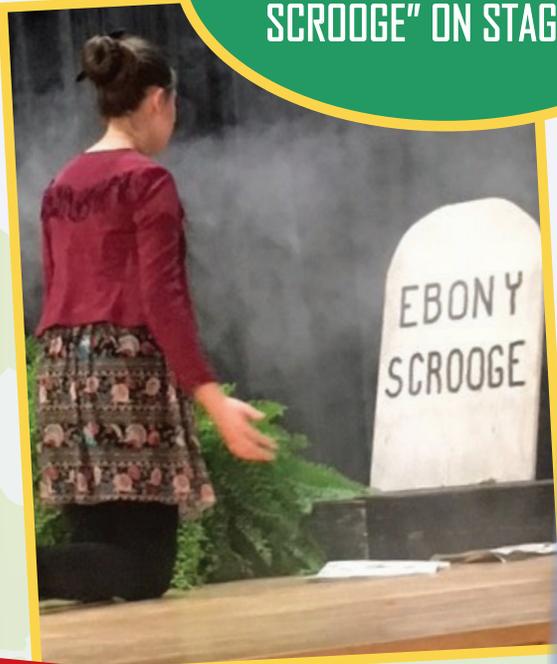
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