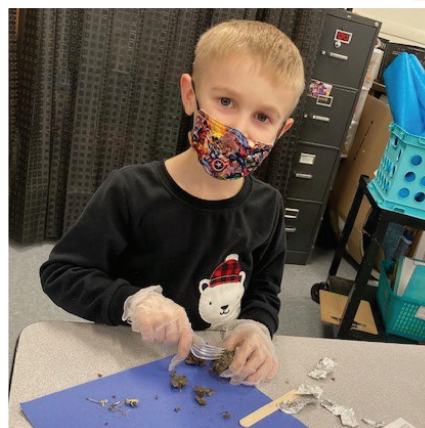
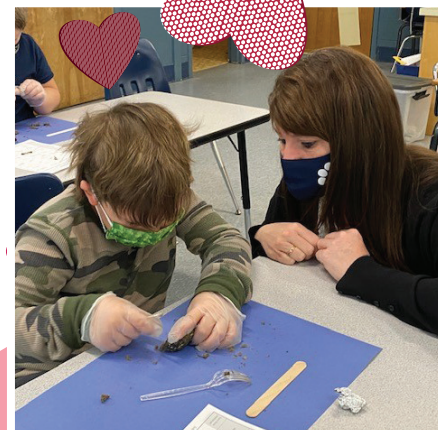




# Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District The Blue and White School News & Notes

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## Whoo's Learning About Owls?



### The 2/3 Multi-agers at Greenlawn learned all about owls during the month of December.

They researched different species of owls and found out about their characteristics, defenses, adaptations, habits, and diet. The multi-agers found this interesting fact about owls: they swallow their prey whole and regurgitate the parts that they can't digest. This is where owl pellets come from. We dug a little deeper into this idea by dissecting owl pellets in class. Students were given bone charts and tools to find out what their owls ate. They were very intent on figuring out the contents of their pellet in order to solve the mystery!

# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

We are heading out of winter and looking forward to spring. While this hasn't been the school year any of us hoped for, great things continue to happen on the B-G campus. Our students are busy during their days on and off campus.

The District continues to navigate through the pandemic and strive for a safe environment for our students and staff. A huge thank you goes out to the Chenango County Department of Health and our local DCMO BOCES who we work very closely with. Their guidance during this trying time has been unending.

Starting March 1, if we can safely carry it off, we will be bringing some of our students back to campus four days per week. The district has begun planning for this event. Our school reopening committee has met to discuss the process of how we will be bringing students back and make sure we have thought this through from every angle. There are many factors to consider in order to do this. The social distancing of students on the bus, in the classroom and in the cafeteria. The creation of additional classrooms for learning space and making sure each student has his/her own school supplies. Much more info will be coming home as we move closer to this date. Again, we will not be doing this if COVID numbers spike or we can't do this safely.

In the coming months we will be wrapping up the district's multi-year Capital Project with work at the Jr-Sr HS. The final pieces of the construction project will be to replace the bleachers in the MPR, repair the floor, and paint the walls. The new bleachers will have hand-rails incorporated for people to more safely navigate up and down the bleachers. We will also be stripping the MPR gymnasium floor back to raw wood, replacing the damaged boards, repainting the lines, and replacing the mats at hanging each end. The timeline for completion will depend on the availability of some of the supplies.

And finally, we have been working for several months now on the 2021-2022 school budget. The financial future for schools is forecasted to be bleak for the next three to five years. The B-G schools will be eliminating several positions due to attrition and have been trimming where possible. There will be more information on the B-G school budget in the near future.

Thank you for your continued support during this very difficult school year. I can't thank our families enough for working with us as we look to the light at the end of the tunnel.

Sincerely,  
*Timothy R. Ryan*



## Attention New Kindergarten Parents

If you have a child turning 5 years old by December 1, 2021, please call the Guilford Main Office secretary, Michele Sherwood at 895-6700 to begin the kindergarten enrollment process. Be sure to stay tuned to the B-G website for more information regarding the 2021-22 kindergarten program.

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

The Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District is accepting applications for its prekindergarten 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, 2021 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. on Friday, April 30, 2021 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 prekindergarten slots for the 2021-22 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 8:00 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 will be mailed to you upon request. For further information contact the Guilford Elementary School secretary, Michele Sherwood at 895-6700.



## Food Drive 2020—Another Success!

There were a lot of worries about coordinating the food drive this year, due to COVID, but B-G is an amazing community of people who step up to any challenge. This year, we saw amazing support in a time of great stress, and were able to have a successful food drive. Students generously donated food. Teachers offered incentives in their classes to get students excited. Community members donated money toward the purchase of non-perishable items. The elementary counselors organized the Angel Tree fundraiser, which brought in gift cards for families. Staff members took time out of their day to help deliver baskets. We received support from the transportation department, Mr. Ford's class, Senior Honor Society, and Junior High Student Council. It was truly amazing to see it all come together.

We are also grateful to other organizations for their contributions. We thank Chobani, who donated 90 cases of yogurt for us to distribute to families. We thank Toys for Tots, who delivered toys for our families. We thank the Lions Club of Bainbridge for the detergent donation. We thank the First Presbyterian Church of Bainbridge and the Bainbridge branch of the SFCU for their extremely generous monetary donations. We thank the B-G Teachers Association for purchasing a turkey for every family.

This is the biggest event that High School Student Council coordinates, and we couldn't do it without your help. Please know that whether you donated, encouraged, or spread the word, you have made a positive impact on our community. Thank you so much!





DEAR B-G COMMUNITY

# Thank you!

WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE GIFT CARDS FOR 135+ CHILDREN FOR THE ANGEL TREE PROGRAM IN DECEMBER. FAMILIES HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. WE HOPE TO BE BACK TO NORMAL GIFT BUYING NEXT YEAR!

## Budget Voting Information

### **NOTICE: NY STATE COVID-19 REGULATIONS MAY CHANGE THE VOTING PROCEDURE BELOW!**

Budget & Board Member VOTE!  
**MAY 18, 2021**  
NOON-9:00 PM  
BAINBRIDGE TOWN HALL  
AND GUILFORD TOWN HALL  
Your vote does make a difference!

### **VOTING LOCATIONS!**

- **Bainbridge Town Hall:** Voters in the Bainbridge voting district
- **Guilford Town Hall:** Voters in the Guilford voting district

### **BUDGET HEARING**

A budget hearing will be held at the Jr.-Sr. High School Auditorium commencing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

### **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 11, 2021 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 13, 2021. 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. (Legal residence is determined by the fixed and perma-

nent home of the voter. Property ownership alone does NOT equal residency. Ownership of real property alone does not qualify an individual to vote in the election of that district.)

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 11, 2021).
- 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 PM on the day of the election (May 18, 2021).

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 19, 2021. The following vacancies are to be filled:

- A three-year term (July 2021-June 2024), presently held by Tina Ammon
- A three-year term (July 2021-June 2024), presently held by Keith Hanvey
- A three-year term (July 2021-June 2024), presently held by Rebecca Sullivan

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.



## 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 2021-2022 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 Athletics, Buildings & 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. COVID restrictions (mask wearing, social distancing and visitor questionnaire) will be in place. We hope to see you there!

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

- February 4: Special Education
- February 18: Tax Cap review
- March 4: BOCES Services
- March 18: Budget Progress Update

### BUDGET TIMELINE

- April 15: Board of Education Adopts the 2021-22 School Budget
- April 19: School Board Candidate Nominating Petitions are due in the District Office by 5 PM.
- May 5: Budget Brochure mailed to District Residents
- May 11: Voter Registration at the Town Halls
- May 11: Public Budget Hearing
- May 18: District Residents vote on the proposed budget— Town Halls in Guilford and Bainbridge.

### 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 15** preceding the beginning of the next school year. All students requesting transportation must have the required immunizations for attending public school. The Board of Education will take official action on the requests at the May Board of Education meeting.

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

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

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



## Winter Clothing Drive

### ATTENTION B-G PARENTS AND STUDENTS

This winter, as a community service project, the Junior Honor Society will be hosting a winter clothes drive for the younger students in our district! We hope that you will donate new or gently used winter clothing! You may drop off any donations to the High School Main Office, the Greenlawn Main Lobby, or to the Guilford Main Office. We hope to receive coats, boots, hats, scarves, waterproof gloves/mittens, and snowpants. For our Guilford students, coat sizes will be 5-6, 6x, and 7-8; boot sizes will be 11, 12, 13, and 1; and snowpants sizes will be 5-6, 6X, and 7-8. For our Greenlawn students, coat and snowpants sizes will range from size 8 to adult M/L. Boots will also range from size 2 to adult sizes. We hope that you will participate if able! Winter is a very long few months and we want to keep our students safe and happy while they're out playing in the snow! The drive will begin on January 4. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Lori Miller, Junior Honor Society Advisor, at the Jr.-Sr. High School. Thank you!

## Fundraisers 2020-21

Date	Group	Event
Feb. 1-12	Grade 9	Gertrude Hawk Candy
Feb. 8-19	Grade 12	Krispy Kreme
March 8-12	Grade 7	TBA
March 15-26	Grade 10	Krispy Kreme
May 17-28	Jr. Honor Society	Gertrude Hawk Candy bars



## Communication Guidelines

### 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 communication 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	Assistant Principal or Building Principal	Superintendent	
Behavior-Bus	Head Bus Driver	Assistant Principal or 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	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Special Education	Teacher	Special Education Chairperson	Special Education Admin- istrator	Superintendent
Transportation	Transportation Office	Superintendent		





## New Phone System!

As part of our building improvements, B-G has a new phone system. Some numbers will have menu options. Please listen carefully to the choices. If you don't choose an item, the system will repeat the options after 5 seconds.

### 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..... 607-895-6700**

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

**Greenlawn Elementary .....607-967-6301**

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

**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 .....607-895-6709  
 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.....607-967-6338**

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.bgesd.org](http://www.bgesd.org)

Find us on Facebook at  
 Bainbridge-Guilford Central School

## BGA Dollars for Scholars®

BGA Dollars for scholars is a local grassroots chapter that has been working to help Bainbridge-Guilford and Afton students for 15 years now. Dollars for Scholars® is a national nonprofit volunteer organization that provides local graduating seniors with financial assistance to help them pursue higher education.

In 1958, an optometrist in Fall River, Mass., had a simple but profound idea—if everyone in his community gave just a dollar to an educational fund, it would be enough to help nearly every student in the community attend college. Dr. Irving Fradkin called his plan “Dollars for Scholars,” and it has expanded into what today is the nation’s largest non-profit, private-sector scholarship and educational support organization—Scholarship America.

Through the hard work of several community members, we were able to start a local chapter that has awarded \$115,815 in scholarships to 257 graduating seniors from both Afton and Bainbridge-Guilford Schools. We are celebrating our 15 year anniversary in the middle of a pandemic and our communities continue to step-up! Despite being unable to hold our annual phone-a-thon, donations are still coming in. If you have not yet mailed a check or visited our website, please consider doing so today. Also note, applications for the class of 2021 will be opening up online at the end of January and will remain open through April. We encourage students to visit [bga.dollarsforscholars.org](http://bga.dollarsforscholars.org) and set up an account to begin the application process.

## Greenlawn Elementary School Counseling Program

The last few months have been busy in our counseling offices! We continue to support students and families through the winter months by connecting them with community resources. If you have a need, please contact Lori Basso, school social worker at 967-6374. We are continuing to develop social skills, coping skills, and school readiness and success in small groups and individual sessions.

Students in grades 2-5 were able to participate in presentations provided by The American Red Cross in December via Zoom. The Pillowcase Project presentation is a classroom-based presentation that teaches students to: identify the best ways to stay safe during emergencies that can occur in their communities; identify the best ways to prevent and stay safe during a home fire; use coping skills to help manage stress during emergencies and in everyday situations; gain confidence in their abilities to be prepared for emergencies through hands-on activities; use their knowledge to act as advocates for emergency preparedness in their homes and communities; and discuss the role science plays in emergency preparedness. Ask your children what they learned about emergency preparedness!

Classroom lessons are happening both in-person and via video on the counseling google classrooms. Topics include coping skills, friendship, and the wellness triangle (physical, social, and mental wellness). Please be aware that all students will be taught personal safety (abuse prevention) and alcohol/substance abuse prevention in the coming months. If you have questions about either of these topics, please contact Mrs. Fleming at 967-6347 or [pdunham@bgcsd.org](mailto:pdunham@bgcsd.org).

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

***Dollars for Scholars is facing the most difficult financial challenge in our 10-year history due to significant loss of fundraising dollars and equal significant uncertainty of future fundraising dollars.***

**Your monetary contribution will directly support Bainbridge-Guilford and Afton high school students that are selected to receive BGA Dollars for Scholars awards. Donations of any amount are accepted and are greatly appreciated.**

**You can donate online at:  
<https://bga.dollarsforscholars.org>  
or send a check to:  
BGA Dollars for Scholars  
43 Greenlawn Avenue  
Bainbridge, NY 13733**

***This past year we gave 25 Scholarships totaling \$14,000 for B-G and Afton seniors!***

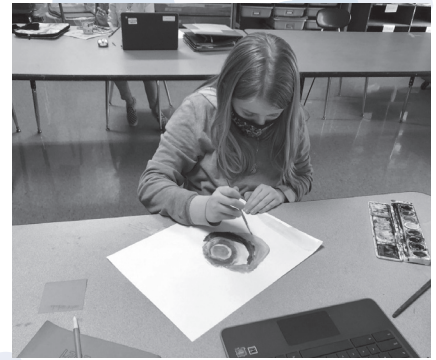
**We were not able to have our annual Phon-a-thon this year.**



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



## Greenlawn News!



Greenlawn students continue to work really hard during these times and families have been very flexible and understanding. The faculty and staff at Greenlawn are excited to be able to teach students in person and hope for the days when more students can be in the building. As the New Year begins and keeping with our Growth Mindset, Greenlawn students are completing their 2nd set of individual goal sheets and will work with their teachers to achieve these goals.

We were able to work with the Red Cross and offer the Pillow Case Project to our students virtually. The Pillow Case Project helps to prepare students for events that accompany emergencies and natural disasters. The students really enjoyed this program and we thank the Red Cross for being creative and presenting in a virtual way. Additionally, Ag in the Classroom will begin with our students grades 2nd, 3rd, and MA. This program will be virtual as well, but Cornell Cooperative Extensive does a great job modifying the activities and bring great learning experiences to our students.

Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Ives worked on combining art with a science lesson as part of the 5th grade space unit in science. In Mrs. Ives' science class students had been learning about galaxies and the formation of stars, which included the life cycle of stars (types and phases they go through). For this specific lesson and activity, students were focusing on galaxies and nebulas (regions in galaxies where stars form). This included viewing many NASA photos of galaxies and nebulas. Students had to choose a real galaxy and insert an image on a google slide. Students had researched facts about their galaxy and added them to

the slide in an information box. Students had to "discover" a new nebula in a region in their galaxy, create brackets, an arrow, and labels on the image showing where their region and nebula was located and give them each a name. Then during art class, students used watercolors to paint their own nebulas (the one they had discovered). According to Mrs. Jenkins the 5th grade students painted their nebula's in art class using a series of watercolor techniques such as "wet on wet" and splatter painting. The students were encouraged to use their Chromebooks to find the nebula they had chosen to use as a reference and inspire their painting. For all our virtual learners, Mrs. Jenkins made a video on how to do this project and demonstrated the various techniques that she also demonstrated in class. Art supplies were sent home for virtual learners to complete and return the project. The watercolor painting represented the "newly discovered nebula." Students were then asked to create a writing piece pretending to be an astronomer that made an amazing new discovery in their galaxy. They had to include where they worked, what they had discovered, where and when it was discovered, 3 facts about nebulas, and how they were going to share their great discovery with the world. This writing piece was typed onto the google slide and printed out and attached to their watercolor paintings. These beautiful nebulas and informational pieces will be displayed in the hallways at Greenlawn.

It was a great way to use interdisciplinary skills and concepts. The teachers are excited to try another cross curricular activity for 6th grade science in the spring.



# Guilford News!

## Thank you from Guilford Elementary!

We are grateful for the warm hats donated by Chobani!

Thank you to the Sidney Federal Credit Union for the much needed and used water bottles!



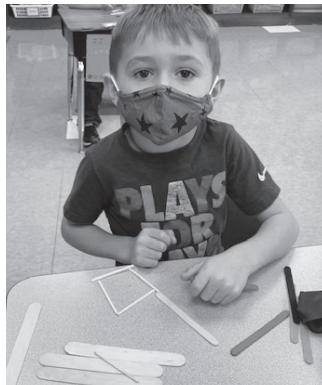
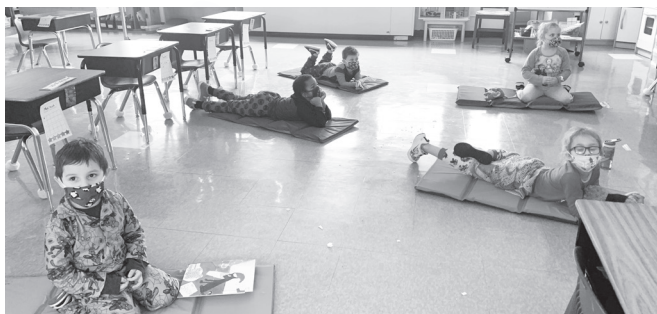
## Santa's Surprise Visit!

Thank you Santa for making our spirits bright!



## Kindergarten

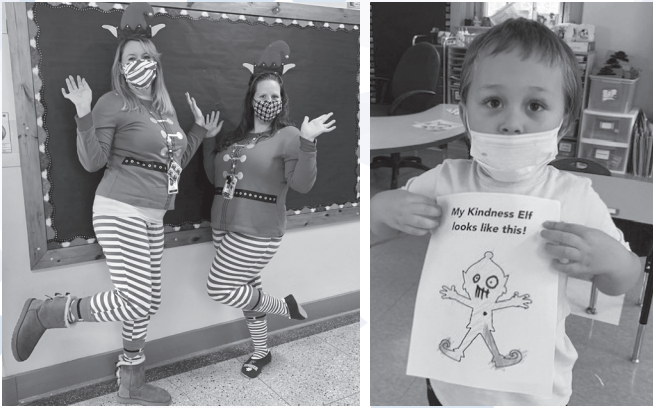
The Gingerbread person made a comeback this year and found a way to tease and hide from the students until . . . got trapped and eaten! The students enjoyed PJ day and practiced skills fit for an engineer!





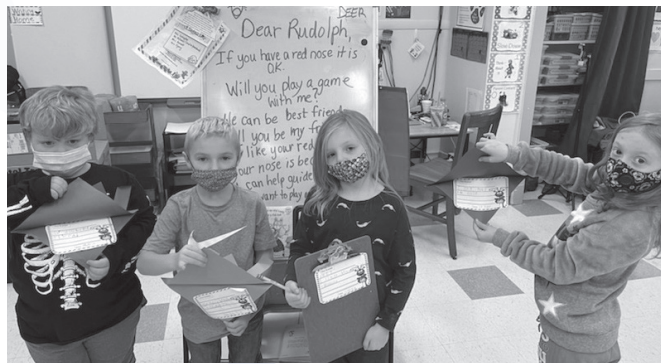
## Elf Antics

The elves were both helpful and mischievous this year.



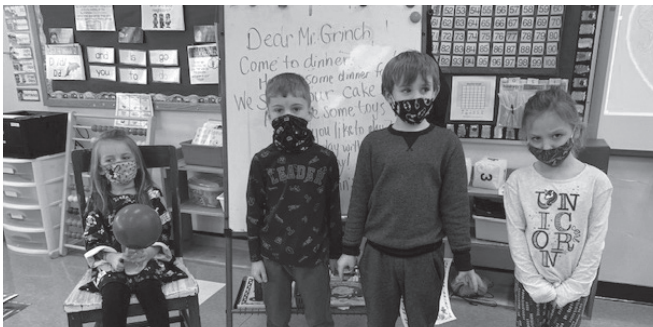
## Classroom Counseling—1st grade

Students used I-Care language to sooth Rudolph's hurt feelings when the other reindeer laughed and called him names.



## Classroom Counseling kindergarten

Students used I-Care language and their creative brains to get the Grinch to grin and his heart to grow:



## The Angels worked overtime this year!

The Elementary Student Support team and Nana's Keepsakes along with the Bainbridge-Guilford Community applied a twist to our Community Angel Tree program, by using gift cards in lieu of gifts for Covid safe gift-giving! We extend huge thank yous to all who generously donated their resources in the way of time, deliveries and donations! It was a success and we can't help serve our families without each of you! Thank you!

*More on next page!*



# Guilford News!

## Snow Magic!

The weather may be frightful, but snowplay is purely delightful!



## First Grader Crafts



## 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. There are activities that 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 3, the Guidance Office will host an 8th Grade Parent Information Night at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. At this meeting we will discuss requirements for graduation and what options your child has regarding selection of high school courses. A Zoom link will be mailed to parents/guardians and emailed to students.

Although details are not known at this time, all 8th grade students will be exposed to the Career and Technical education programs offered by our BOCES District. Students will have the opportunity to take these programs beginning in 11th grade.

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 with report cards in January. 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. The meetings will take place via phone or zoom.

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.

## Guilford Greetings

Apparently 2021 has come in like a lion, let us hope it moves forward more like a lamb! At the time of drafting this letter, we are starting the process of creating a plan to bring Guilford students back to campus four days per week. We are hoping that between the vaccine rollout, spring on the horizon, and time out from the holiday celebrations we will be able to successfully move forward with this. Please know that we are fully prepared to continue with our hybrid instruction model if necessary. Either way, we are committed to providing the best possible education under these unforeseen circumstances.

I am pleased to report that the ongoings in Guilford Elementary School during this first semester have been wonderful. Students and staff have become experts in mask wearing and social distancing and still are learning and having fun in that Guilford special magical way. December brought a time for smiles and excitement with a special visit from Santa and a chance for great sledding.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me via phone 895-6700, or email, [lmaynard@bgcsd.org](mailto:lmaynard@bgcsd.org). I am happy to spend time talking and sharing ideas with all of you.

— Linda Maynard, Principal



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

We want to celebrate the tremendous generosity and hard work put into the annual holiday food drive. The Student Councils from Greenlawn, the Junior and Senior High worked together to organize and implement the food drive. Each Student Council had our students and staff bring in food to be donated to families within our communities to help them during the holidays. The food drive allowed approximately 90 families to receive a big tote of food, a turkey, a bag of toys, laundry detergent and yogurt donated by Chobani. These holiday care packages were delivered by staff members on four buses on December 16. Thanks to all of our student groups and staff who took part in this gigantic effort of giving and we send a special thanks to all who donated food, toys and/or money for the holiday deliveries!

The January Regents Exams were cancelled so, as in June, for any students slated to take a Regents Exam in January, they will earn an exemption for that Regents requirement as long as they pass the class attached to that exam. We have not heard anything yet about grades 3-8 State Assessments or June Regents Exams and continue to prepare our students for those assessments. In 7th and 8th grades, the State Assessments will be taken through computer-based testing and we have recently done simulations to test our systems and to have students practice small portions of the exams.

Regarding instruction, with our students learning in three different models including some students coming four days a week, some coming two days a week, and students learning remotely we have all had to plan, deliver and receive instruction in different ways. Students are struggling to pass classes and it is mostly due to poor attendance when learning remotely and not doing their school work. We offer help outside of classes but students are not attending. Students will be retained and/or not earn credits for classes they fail. Please check your child's Powerschool grades regularly and monitor attendance and their school work.

In addition, we have had to implement the COVID safety protocols and have done quite well keeping our staff and students healthy; however, we cannot emphasize enough the requirement for parents to do the Powerschool Home Health Check-In for each child before they come to school. By answering the questions in the screening which take less than a minute, you as parents have the guidance of when to keep your child(ren) home from school. We are finding that students who need to go home because of illness or COVID-like symptoms have not filled out the morning health check-in.

We will end by noting we have implemented a successful pre-season sports preparation for our student athletes. From October into December in which students were given the opportunity to participate in Fall, Winter and Spring

Sports Skill Sessions, workouts in our new Fitness Rooms and/or conditioning workouts. We averaged around 70 students attending each day and know while helping to prepare them physically for possible sports seasons to come, these opportunities have lifted their spirits. We thank all our coaches and athletes for making this a success and encourage them to continue in this opportunities as we wait to hear what we can or cannot do in the area of extracurricular activities.

— William Zakrajsek,  
Junior-Senior High School Principal

## Senior Honor Society New Members for 2020-21

The Myrtle Pagett Chapter of Senior Honor Society selected 10 new members for the 2020-2021 academic year. New members include **Makenna Clark** (President), **Abbey Delello** (Vice President), **Josephine Porter** (Secretary), **Sasha Lamoree** (Treasurer), **Bree Barber** (Deputy Treasurer), **Cody Buchman**, **Garrett Ives**, **Taylor Parsons**, **Ryan Porter**, and **Katrien Roefs**, with Mrs. Ziegler acting as advisor.

During the first half of the school year, Sr. Honor Society has been successful with projects that have benefited both the school and the community. First, we worked with the Jericho Garden Club to beautify our town, planting flowers near the I-88 entrance. We also established a tutoring service to help Junior-High students be academically successful. Here, we work with students during Advisory to help them complete assignments and prepare for tests. Additionally, Honor Society members are participating in a pen-pal program with sixth-grade students at Greenlawn Elementary, which aims at creating social connections between elementary and high-school students, helping sixth-graders get involved in the school community, and improving literacy skills. Also, just before the Winter Break, Sr. Honor Society pitched in to help the Student Council pack holiday baskets from the canned-food drive for families in our community. Lastly, we are making a \$150 donation to the Delaware Valley Humane Society in Sidney to help them care for their animals. Senior Honor Society will continue their efforts to assist the community and demonstrate strong leadership skills for their peers.

*Congratulations!*

## Quarter 1 Honor Roll 2020

### 12TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Alexis Brown  
Cody Buchman  
Sara Cannistra  
Makenna Clark  
Sasha Lamoree  
Ashley Matthews  
Eric Nowak  
Taylor Parsons  
Josephine Porter  
Ryan Porter  
Katrien Roefs  
John Scheuerman

### HIGH HONOR ROLL

Bree Barber  
Carson Benjamin  
Kyla Boecke  
Abbey Delello  
Lisa Gao  
Garrett Ives  
Tamera Miller  
Carlene Palmer  
Chelsie Palmer  
Caleb Presley  
Michaela Roach  
Trevor Ross  
Daniel Warner

### HONOR ROLL

Brielle Armstrong  
Thomas Auer  
Edward Barber  
Dustin Collier  
Tanner Eckert  
Jonathan England  
Damien Farberman  
Parker Finch  
Hannah Goldswe  
Matthew Kanzer  
Brandon Loucks  
Michael Manley  
Nicole McKay  
Omar Mohamed  
Jayson Oefelein  
Collin Shackelton  
Trent Thornton  
Kisten VanDermark

### 11TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Kira Davidson  
Ethan Gregory  
Seamus Nolan

### HIGH HONOR ROLL

Nolan Burns  
Savannah Carlin  
Owen Drown  
Valerie Haddad  
Lance Jones  
Autumn Madugno  
Madison Nack  
Trenton Reynolds  
Haley Ross  
Abigail Wombacker

### HONOR ROLL

Matika Bartle Hughes  
Reese Elwood  
Anthonylouis Grigoli  
Aidan Manzer  
Ryan Parry  
Landon Umbra  
Summer Wasiura

### 10TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Celeste Baldwin  
Lainelle Brazee  
Lucas Carlin  
Kaitlyn Curtis  
Lillyann Finch  
Catherine Fuller  
Ian Mineo  
Garrett O'Hara  
Donna Palmatier  
Jordyn Parsons  
Marek Rajner  
Isaac Seiler

### HIGH HONOR ROLL

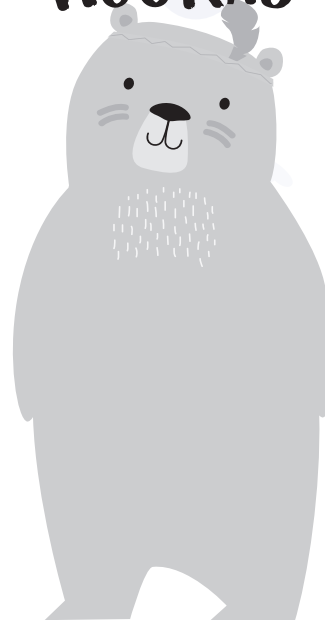
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Joseph Cannistra  
David Emerson  
Tara Fitzgerald  
Rileigh Hacker  
Nolan Hawkins  
Anthony Ladd  
Eden Oefelein

Maxwell Oliver  
Mallory Pikul  
Alex Smith  
Caleb Smith  
Mackenzie Terebo  
Connor Vredenburgh  
Hailey Youngblood

### HONOR ROLL

Marklee Bartle Hughes  
Page Barton  
Ethan Beames  
Caleb Brimmer  
Jorge Canini  
Anastasia Cuyle  
Liam Germond  
Ketcher Graham  
Meadow Harris  
Cassandra Koster  
Autumn Loucks  
Sage Mason  
Isaac Maxson  
Karim Meghani  
Makenna Merwin  
Emilee Northrup  
Konnor Schmidt  
Lilly Simonson  
Arianna Thorn  
Naikia West

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HOORAY





**9TH GRADE  
PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL**

*Brianna Bartow  
Maddie Blake  
Macaela Burns  
Ethne Degan  
Collin Dicks  
Madalynn Gaias  
Levi Gregory  
Johnna Henderson  
Isabelle Johnson  
Cadence Medlar  
Easton Porter  
Julian Pruskowski  
Sage Pruskowski  
Cooper Sienko*

**HIGH HONOR ROLL**

*Annika Armstrong  
Lindsey Chambers  
Brendan DeForest  
Cohn Foster  
Nathan Goodrich  
Sophia Grigoli  
Giovanni Johnson  
Kevin Lang  
James Leo  
Osias Mealing  
Lyndsay Shirkey  
Arashdeep Singh*

**HONOR ROLL**

*Sierra Boice  
Madalyn Brown  
Gabriella Cuozzo  
Joseph Doyle  
Alyssa Finch  
Gavin Gifford  
JoshLynn Hall  
James Hogroian  
William Hunter  
Margaret Marshfield  
Alaina Maxson  
Lukas McKown  
Adriana Petrutoni  
Aliana Reyes  
Jeremiah Rowe*

**8TH GRADE  
PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL**

*Chandler Benjamin  
Vanessa Brazee  
Owen Fleming  
Anthony Pfaff  
Brock Porter  
Clare Sullivan*

**HIGH HONOR ROLL**

*Trevor Bachman  
Loegan Barnard  
Zachary Bartow  
Ellie Brown  
Samuel Davidson  
Jamila George  
Olivia Hall  
Violet Jones  
Timothy Kinter  
Rahim Meghani  
Madisyn Oakes  
Mia Pfaff  
Anna Seymour  
Erinne Sullivan  
Blake Tuttel  
Gabriel Walley  
Jaedan Walling*

**HONOR ROLL**

*Lillian Beam  
Emma Beames  
Connor Borowski  
Corbin Germond  
Jillian Germond  
Jocelynn Hulbert  
Michael Lipani  
Declyn Marshfield  
Abigail Mason  
Fiona Murray  
Sophia Nelson  
Blake Prisco  
Zachery Reynolds  
Stephanie Sanford-Holmes  
Aiden Vermilyea  
Gabriel Weissflog*

**7TH GRADE  
PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL**

*Matthew Wombacker*

**HIGH HONOR ROLL**

*Nakya Bothast  
Jenna Cartelli  
Breanna Casey  
Carly Finch  
Kaylin Furgason  
Brenna George  
Jayslin Henderson  
Dominick Johnson  
Emily Kanzer  
Ryan Larsen  
Albert Leo IV  
Brian Lynn  
Mariah Miller  
Danica Park  
Morgan Prisco  
Gabriella Reinwalt  
Erin Rowe  
Hannah Shackelton  
Peyton Umbra*

**HONOR ROLL**

*Lincoln Benjamin  
Camy Brown  
Kaylynn Crandall  
Gavin Dicks  
Tyler Engel  
Hannah Graham  
Abigail Harrington  
Emalyn Harrington  
Warren Kiesinger  
Cyrus Megale  
Johnathan Monuszko  
Jude Morgan  
Christopher Moyer  
Madisyn Peck  
Kameron Thorn  
Wyatt Wright*

**WAY TO GO!**

## Jr.-Sr. High School Students of the Month

Bainbridge-Guilford Jr.-Sr. High School is proud to announce our students of the month. 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! Students of the Month will receive a \$5 gift card from Sal's Pizzeria.

### OCTOBER

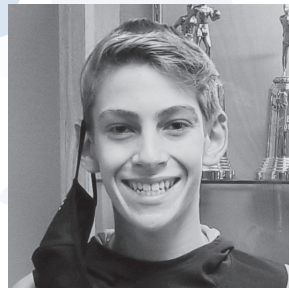
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*7th grade*  
*Morgan Prisco*



*8th grade*  
*Zachary Bartow*



*9th grade*  
*Easton Porter*



*10th grade*  
*Jordyn Parsons*



*11th grade*  
*Ethan Gregory*



*12th grade*  
*Emily Lyle*

### NOVEMBER

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*7th grade*  
*Ryan Larsen*



*8th grade*  
*Violet Jones*



*9th grade*  
*Lyndsay Shirkey*



*10th grade*  
*Ketcher Graham*



*11th grade*  
*Aidan Manzer*



*12th grade*  
*John Scheurman*



DECEMBER



*7th grade*  
*Albert Leo IV*



*8th grade*  
*Anthony Pfaff*



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*11th grade*  
*Nolan Burns*

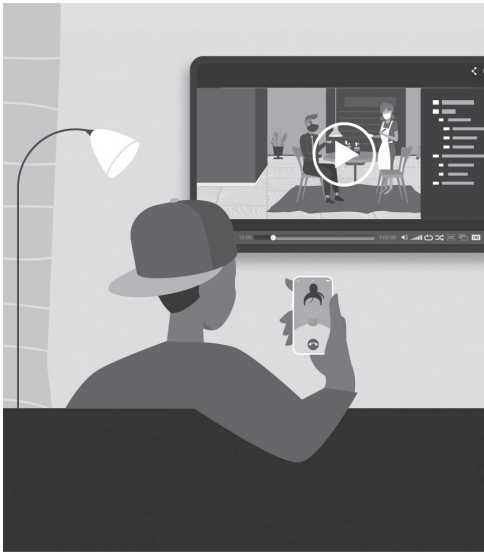


*12th grade*  
*Carson Benjamin*

**Remember When—1971**

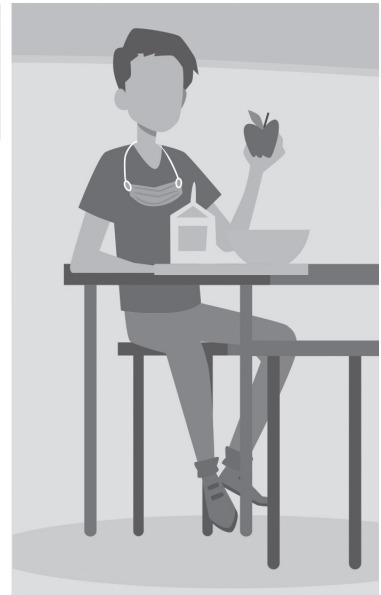
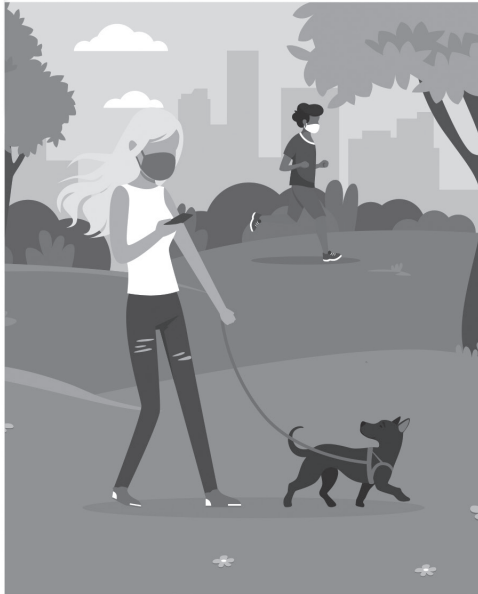


# Students: Care for yourself one small way each day

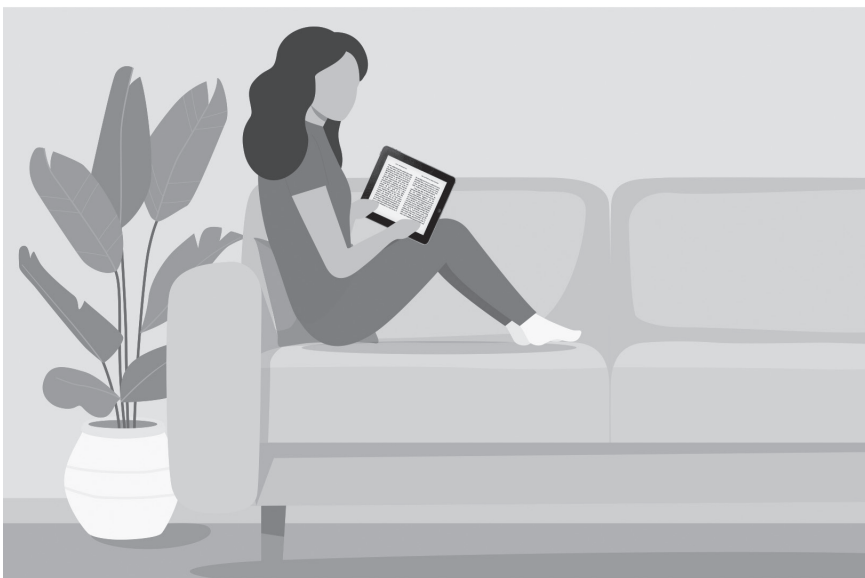


Find creative ways to spend time safely with friends, like virtual movie parties

Do something you enjoy outside, like going to the park or for a run

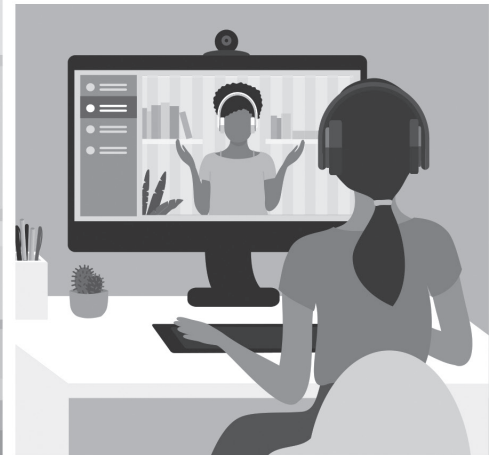


Treat yourself to healthy snacks and get enough sleep



Make time to relax by reading, listening to music, or exploring a new hobby

Remember, you're not alone



Talk to someone you trust if you or a friend feels bad



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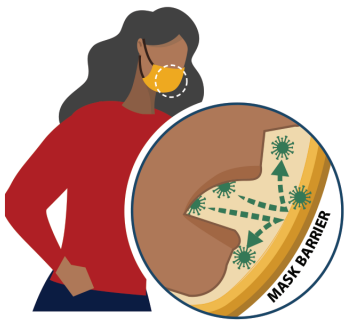
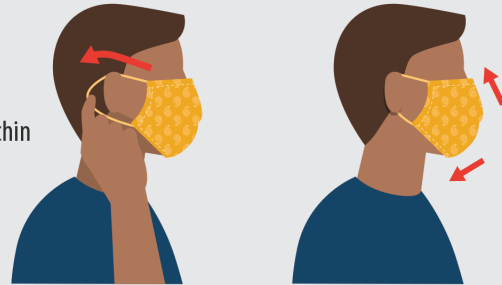


# How to Safely Wear and Take Off a Mask

Accessible: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

## WEAR YOUR MASK CORRECTLY

- Wash your hands before putting on your mask
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily
- Do not place a mask on a child younger than 2



## USE A MASK TO HELP PROTECT OTHERS

- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth to help prevent getting and spreading COVID-19
- Wear a mask in public settings when around people who don't live in your household, especially when indoors and when it may be difficult for you to stay six feet apart from people who don't live with you
- Don't put the mask around your neck or up on your forehead
- Don't touch the mask, and, if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer

## FOLLOW EVERYDAY HEALTH HABITS

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Avoid crowds and places with poor ventilation
- Wash your hands often



## TAKE OFF YOUR MASK CAREFULLY, WHEN YOU'RE HOME

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place mask in the washing machine
- Wash your hands with soap and water

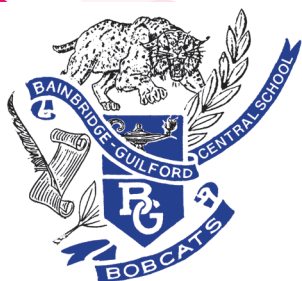


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Personal masks are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, both of which should be saved for health care workers and other medical first responders.

For instructions on making a mask, see:

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### Jeanne Howard Retires!

Jeanne Howard has decided to retire after 25 years with the district. After starting in Guilford as a secretary, she eventually moved to Greenlawn to be the secretary to the principal. After many years in that position, she became the secretary to the Facilities Director as well as the Transportation Supervisor. Jeanne says she has been very fortunate to work with many wonderful administrators, faculty, staff, parents and students alike.

One of Jeanne's fondest memories is baking thousands of Christmas cookies over the years. She started baking them as gifts for the faculty and staff at Guilford while her husband Rich was the principal there. Her cookie operation got big enough that one year she even had the cafeteria staff help her make cookies in the Greenlawn kitchen for Greenlawn and Guilford both!

Even though she has made many long-lasting friendships while here at B-G, she looks forward to retirement and is excited about being able to visit her children more often, relax and not have to make the drive over the Guilford Road during the winter anymore! Thanks for all your help over the years and best wishes for your retirement!