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School News and Notes

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Superintendent's Message

Welcome fall! It seems the warm summer days have given way to chilly evenings and foggy mornings. Our school year is off and running! What a tremendous opening we had this year. It is great to have the staff and students back in the buildings. Our sports teams are enjoying much success on the field and in the gymnasiums, and the classrooms are buzzing with teaching, questions, and the excitement of a new school year.

The summer has been tremendously busy here at school. The District's LINKS team met for two days on August 2 and 3. We held a new staff orientation on August 30 and 31 for all new staff members and our Board of Education held a retreat and training session on August 31 to focus on goal setting, the mission and vision for the District, and starting the process of policy review this fall.

I have spent much time over the summer and into the school year meeting with every staff member here at Bainbridge-Guilford. It is very important for me to get to know our entire staff and allow them the opportunity to share their thoughts about our District. This has been a very educational experience for me.

Please take some time to scroll through our school website. All current information is on the site as well as Board of Education agendas, meeting minutes, athletic events and

school closings. The District will soon be unveiling the official Bainbridge-Guilford Central School Facebook page. This will be another avenue for the school, parents and community members to better communicate. Look for photos, important meetings, emergency closings and celebrations on this page. The District's webpage will still be used and kept current as well.

Calling all Veterans . . . Our inaugural Veterans Day breakfast will be Thursday, November 10 at 8:15 a.m. in the Greenlawn Elementary School Cafeteria. Our students will be serving our veterans a hearty breakfast and there will be a short program immediately following. Please invite all veterans and have them RSVP Sue Weibel in the District Office at 967-6321.

And finally I would like to thank each and every one of you for the amazing welcome my first few months here at B-G. This is truly an amazing district and I look forward to a very bright and positive future. I would like to invite all of you to email, stop in or call me during the year. I welcome your ideas, questions and concerns. Also, each month I will be hosting a *Coffee with the Superintendent* in the District Office. Please check the website and school calendar for these dates. We truly are a school community that thrives on the investment of all. Have an outstanding school year!

—*Timothy R. Ryan*, Superintendent of Schools

Community Coffee Hour

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

On September 16, at 8:00 a.m. in the District Conference Room, 25 community members joined Mr. Ryan for coffee, to answer questions and share thoughts and ideas about the B-G School District. More Community Coffee Hour dates can be found on the school website and District Calendar and will alternate between the High School in Bainbridge at 8:00 a.m. and the Guilford Elementary School at 8:30 a.m.



New Hires at Bainbridge-Guilford

RICHARD BEARDSLEY, AIDE



Richard “Rick” Beardslee is from Sidney where he resides with his wife Charity and their four children. Richard is a 2002 graduate of Sidney HS and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Youth Ministry from Davis College in 2006. His hobbies include perfecting his lasagna recipe, fishing with his kids and playing sports. Richard pursued working at B-G in order to get back into a classroom setting working with students.

EMILY GREGORY, AIDE



I am very excited to be joining the staff at the Jr.-Sr. High School. I am a graduate of Afton Central School and I am truly blessed to have a supportive husband and three great kids. I have been working with children of all ages for the past 15 years. I enjoy gardening, reading, watching football, teaching Sunday school and spending time with my family. I am looking forward to working with the amazing staff and students at B-G!

BARB RYAN, LTA



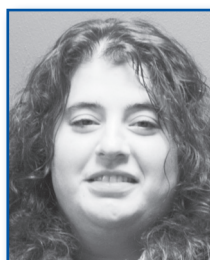
In 2005 I moved to Guilford with my daughter Courtney, who is a B-G graduate. I have worked as a Teacher Aide for B-G since 2006. Recently I became certified as a Licensed Teaching Assistant and take great pride in my new position in the life skills classroom. I am looking forward to working collaboratively with the amazing staff at Greenlawn. My belief is that all students, in the right environment, can reach their potential. I strive to create that environment through understanding, mutual respect, social integration, and an individualized approach to learning. My spare time is spent kayaking, antiques, spending time with my children and grandchildren, and traveling with my fiancé, Ed. I am looking forward to a wonderful and productive year!

SAMANTHA LATOURETTE, LTA



My name is Samantha LaTourette. I grew up on a farm in Delaware County. I went to SUNY Oneonta for Childhood Education. I love the outdoors—hunting, fishing, camping, etc., and I am very excited to be able to join the Bainbridge-Guilford Bobcat staff!

MELISSA MARGADONA, SPECIAL EDUCATION



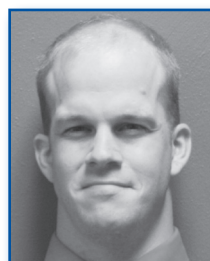
Melissa Margadona is the new special education teacher at Guilford Elementary School. She is very excited to be a part of such a supportive and proficient educational community. She is passionate about working with children and enjoys learning new things. Some of her favorite activities are reading, costume designing and gardening.

MATTHEW DOWNEY, MUSIC TEACHER



Matthew Downey is the long-term substitute teacher for Mrs. Raphelson-White while she is out on maternity leave this year. He grew up in Otego and was inspired in high school to go off to college to major in Music Education. Matt obtained an undergraduate degree in Music Education from SUNY Fredonia. Matt also received his Masters Degree from Fredonia in Classical Guitar Performance. Matt spent his degrees teaching guitar privately, playing guitar/bass/banjo/mandolin in school musical productions around the Buffalo area, taught at charter school in Buffalo with over 80 elective guitar students, taught guitar ensemble at SUNY Fredonia, was a part of the prestigious Fredonia Guitar Quartet, and performed regularly with a Dixieland band based out of Buffalo. Last year Matt worked as a PK-12th grade general music at Franklin Central School District for seven months while the primary teacher was out for maternity leave. Matt is currently the VP (switching to Treasurer) of the Classical Guitar Society of Upstate New York and is also tuning pianos for schools in the surrounding areas. Matt will also be the Drama Club director for B-G this year as well as being the Speech and Debate coach at Franklin Central School.

JOSHUA SMITH, SPANISH TEACHER



I am a recent arrival to B-G starting this year; however, this will be my fifth year in public education teaching Spanish. I am also excited to be a coach with the Modified Football Program. Outside of school, I am a First Lieutenant in the Army Reserves as an Engineer Officer conducting earthwork projects. I recently returned from the Middle East in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, and I am beyond excited to finally lay some roots in this welcoming community.

COLLEEN HEAD, CSE CHAIRPERSON



My name is Colleen Head and I am Bainbridge-Guilford’s new 504/CPSE/CSE Chairperson. I began my career as a paraprofessional in a BOCES classroom for students with Autism 11 years ago. It was there that I discovered my love for teaching and for working with students with disabilities.

My interest in this led me to SUNY Oneonta where I received a Bachelor’s Degree in Childhood Education and then to Dominican College for a Master of Science Degree in Student’s with Disabilities and Severe and Multiple Disabilities. I spent two years teaching general education at the elementary level and the last five years as a special education teacher at the Charlotte Valley Central School. I have a passion for teaching and for working with children and their families. I am excited to bring all of my experiences in education to this position and to get to know the B-G community! Outside of school, I enjoy being outdoors and spending time with my family and one-year-old son. I am looking forward to a great year and to meeting new people.

NICOLE MARSHALL, SCIENCE TEACHER



Hello, my name is Nicole Marshall and I am the new (returning) middle school science teacher. I graduated from Windsor, began my path to teaching at BCC, and then transferred to SUNY Oneonta. Upon graduation, I began my first year of teaching right here at Bainbridge-Guilford where I

fell in love with the profession. Because the position here was only for the year, I then took a teaching position with Deposit before returning. I am very happy for the opportunity to rejoin the Bainbridge-Guilford family. Outside of school I am working on my Masters in Educational Technologies. In my free time I like to go hiking, camping, and kayaking with my fiancé and our dog. I look forward to meeting (or re-meeting) all of you!

STEPHANI KNOWLES, LTA



My name is Stephanie Knowles. I graduated from B-G in 2012. I am excited to be back as a licensed teacher’s assistant in Greenlawn. I have been a teacher’s aide at Oxford Academy Primary School for the last three years. I love what I do! I am currently working on my bachelor’s degree in Elementary

Education to become a teacher.

LORI LEAHY-BASSO, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

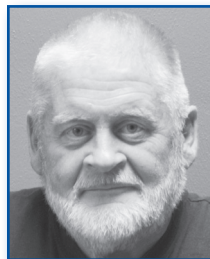


As we start the 2016-17 school year, I am excited to introduce myself as your new School Social Worker at Greenlawn and Guilford Elementary Schools. Although I am new to the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District, I look forward to creating and fostering a successful year.

A little bit about me . . . I am originally from the Oneonta area, attending Oneonta High School and graduating from SUNY Oneonta. I resided in South Jersey for the last 12 years where I continued my education, receiving my master’s degree in Social Work from Rutgers University. I recently relocated back to Upstate New York to be near family and begin the next chapter of my life.

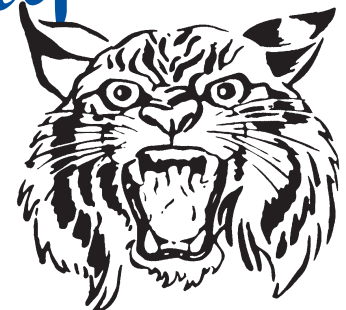
I am excited for the opportunity to work with the students, families and staff of Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District. I look forward to learning more about the community, assisting students in obtaining their goals and developing a positive relationship between home and school. I believe there are great things ahead of us this year at Greenlawn and Guilford Elementary!

“Coming together is a Beginning; Keeping together is Progress; Working together is Success” —Henry Ford



ROGER IVES, BUS DRIVER

Welcome to
Bainbridge-
Guilford!



School Board Recognition Week

Governor Andrew Cuomo designated School Board Recognition Week for the week of October 24, 2016. This event was observed by more than 700 school boards and school districts throughout New York State.

New York State recognizes the following attributes of those who serve on the School Board of Education:

- The men and women serving as members of school boards are dedicated to children, learning and community, and devote many hours of service to elementary and secondary public education as they continually strive for improvement, excellence and progress in education.
- The members of New York's local school boards are community leaders who provide an invaluable resource as local decision makers, responding not only to the respective educational needs of their communities, but also serving in the interests of schoolchildren and their future.

Please join us in thanking our school board members for their service to our District!

2016-17 B-G SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Emily Hall—President

Jeanne Shields—Vice President

Tina Ammon Keith Hanvey

Gary Smith Kay Striegler

Rebecca Sullivan

AHERA Notification

The Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District has completed the inspection of its facilities to determine if asbestos is present and if any action is needed to avoid potential health hazards.

A management plan has been developed in compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Alert (AHERA) to insure that the school district continues to provide and maintain a safe environment for students, employees and visitors.

THE PLAN INCLUDES

- Training of maintenance staff to prevent disturbance of asbestos;
- Provisions for periodic re-inspection and surveillance; provisions for abatement activities performed by trained personnel.
- Annually school districts are required to notify parent, teacher, and employee organizations of the availability of their management plans.

A copy of the management plan is available for inspection at the Main Office of the High School and Guilford as well as at the Director of Facilities Office at Greenlawn. Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to Howard Thompson, Director of Facilities II at 967-6322.

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

We at Bainbridge-Guilford Jr.-Sr. High are coming off one of the most successful school years in my 11 years as Principal. Our Regents results were exceptional! Our AP Test Results were above 80% for students earning a three or above! Two students earned an Associate's Degree from TC3 with many more seniors earning college credits. Our graduation rate was 96% and our school earned the honor of Scholar Athlete School of Distinction Winner by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. We are very proud of our students, staff and community for working together to achieve such outstanding accomplishments.

Education is an opportunity for our students to gain knowledge, skills, and experiences. It allows students to discover where they, as individuals, are both weak and strong and through this time of discovery develop interests and passions which will stay with them throughout their lives. Along with the goal of becoming a well-rounded, contributing member of society, and through the discovery of passions and areas of strength, students will create a path for a career.

As the principal, I believe my role is to lead in providing students an education full of opportunities within the safest environment; one where students learn, experience life, develop a strong work ethic, and exit high school with a diploma or credential that will allow them a path to a career, independence and worth. Within this primary role as principal, is the importance of giving support, guidance, and resources to our faculty and staff to enable them to provide our students the best education we, as a district, can give. Finally, I believe being a positive role model through respectful and compassionate student interactions aides to instill character and appropriate social skills, and fosters the maturation of our students from children to young adults.

We are excited to begin another school year and look forward to continued learning, growth and achievement by our students. We are fortunate at Bainbridge-Guilford as we have a wonderful staff and great students. We are able to provide many opportunities and appreciate the support of our community.



New Flag at the High School

Mr. Sam Dalessio, graduate from the class of 1961, donated an 8'x12' U.S. flag to the High School. Mr. Dalessio is the owner of the Flag Depot in Las Vegas, NV. Ms. Barbara Bowker from the same class has taken the old flag to donate to another organization. Many thanks for your generous gift!



A Message from the Greenlawn Elementary Principal

It is with great pride and excitement that I begin my second year as the Greenlawn Elementary School Principal. Believing that our elementary students are the foundation to the Bainbridge-Guilford District and Community, I am inspired to have a positive impact on the student's educational and social-emotional growth. This inspiration promotes my philosophy to develop a collaborative approach that needs to involve students, faculty, staff, parents and community.

It is my goal to be a part of an enriching academic and social-emotional program, that encourages a continuum of curriculum and programming that links to student's previous knowledge and experiences, yet also promotes further exploration of new ideas. With that being said, it takes a village to raise a child. Parents, teachers, support staff, community and administration all play a part in helping our students meet and exceed expectations. To foster this, I encourage a collaborative approach with an open door policy, allowing for the school community to feel comfortable communicating with me.

It is amazing to be part of the collaborative team at Greenlawn, where we all provide for an enriching and nurturing environment for all students. Along with this collaborative approach, the Greenlawn faculty and staff understand that academic learning must begin with motivation and inspiration. This motivation and inspiration comes from promoting systems that allow for students and teachers to take risks. This approach facilitates differentiated activities for each student's distinctive ambitions, making the subject more relevant to every student's life.

I am so happy to see all of the students back at Greenlawn eager and ready to learn. I thank all of the hard working faculty and staff at Greenlawn and look forward to another successful year.

—Jennifer Henderson

A Message from the Guilford Elementary Principal

It is with great pride that I begin my second year as the Guilford Elementary School Principal. It is both exciting and challenging to be charged with providing the foundational experience for our youngest B-G students and families. Having a child begin school is a huge transition for both the student and the parents. At Guilford we are committed to providing our PK, kindergarten and first grade families with the resources and supports necessary to make these transitions as smooth as possible. Every one of us—administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, and community members play a significant role in nurturing and developing a positive educational environment for our students. Open communication and ongoing collaboration build strong partnerships between home and school and it is these relationships that provide the best foundation for our youngsters. It is my vision that by working together as a team, we will enable our Guilford Elementary students to each achieve their highest potential!

I believe a quality education grows from a positive school environment. At Guilford Elementary, I work together with faculty and staff in a collaborative culture grounded in common goals and relational trust. This enables our teachers to reach beyond complying with state mandates and search for what our students need and deserve. This safe environment is one in which our teachers become risk-takers and problem-solvers. Our social capacity grows, allowing us to be innovative while looking for continuous opportunities to meet the needs and challenges of our students in the 21st century.

Continuous school improvement is a necessary component of a quality education. A quality education is provided by teachers who are committed to life-long learning and ongoing problem-solving. As principal of Guilford Elementary I am committed to building a trusting culture in which school improvement is a constant priority. I am anxious to continue working with the dedicated staff at Guilford Elementary this year. I anticipate the year ahead being a wonderful year full of great learning activities for our students.

Open House Reminders

JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

October 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

GUILFORD ELEMENTARY

October 19, 6:00-7:00 p.m.



BAINBRIDGE-GUILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

18 JULIAND STREET — BAINBRIDGE, NEW YORK 13733-1097

Jr.-Sr. High School
(607) 967-6300

Telefax (607) 967-4231

Guilford Elementary School
(607) 895-6700

Administrative Offices
(607) 967-6321

Business Offices
(607) 967-6335

Greenlawn Elementary School
(607) 967-6301

Request for Pesticide Application Notice

October 2016

Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff,

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hour following an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25; or
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets.

The Bainbridge-Guilford Central School will not allow the use of any pesticides that require notification unless an emergency exists. In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to the school. For further information on these requirements the school pesticide representative is Howard Thompson who may be reached at 967-6322 or at the District Office, 18 Juliand St., Bainbridge, NY 13733.

**Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District
Request for Pesticide Application Notification**

School Building: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please return to Howard Thompson, 18 Juliand St., Bainbridge, NY 13733

Adult Basic Education/ High School Equivalency

Are you interested in earning a high school equivalency diploma, or improving your reading, writing and math skills? There are free, educational services available through Afton Central School's Adult and Continuing Education program.

Afton Adult Education sponsors two classes per week in many area schools and libraries. You may join a class at any time. Classes are free, and work is individualized.

For those unable to attend a class, there is a program offered through the mail called GRASP (Giving Ready Adults a Study Program). This program is designed for motivated people 21 years of age or older who work well on their own and possess good reading skills.

For more information about classes or GRASP, call June White, Director at (607) 639-2811 or 1-800-792-2145.

Fundraisers 2016-17

Date	Group	Event
September 29- October 11	Grade 7	Magazine/Cookie Dough
October 5	Grade 8	Spaghetti Dinner
October 3-14	Grade 12	Cheesecake
October 14-28	Grade 11	Cherrydale
October 17-21	Student Council	Krispy Kreme
October 21- November 10	PTO	Gertrude Hawk Candy
October 31- November 12	Varsity Softball/ Soccer	Spirit Sale
November 10	Grade 10	Spaghetti Dinner
November 7-16	Grade 8	Enjoy the City Coupon Book
December 5-15	Grade 12	Chocolate Bar Sale
January 4-13	Grade 12	Cookie Dough
February 1-10	Grade 12	Galaxy Bowl Pizza
February 13-27	Grade 9	Gertrude Hawk Candy
February 16	Grade 11	Chicken Biscuit Dinner
March 13-24	Jr. Honor Society	Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars
March 17	PTO	TBA
March 18	JV Softball	Pancake Breakfast
March 20-24	Jr. Stud. Co.	Plant Sale
March 20-31	Varsity Softball	Travel cups/mugs/ tumblers
April 17-28	Grade 10	Krispy Kreme

Contacting A Teacher

The teachers at B-G Jr.-Sr. High School were canvassed regarding the best times to be contacted by parents. Listed here is a B-G time schedule and a listing of teacher availability. Please feel free to call to discuss problems, to get information or just chat.

Dean's Office: 967-6300 *Main Office: 967-6323*

JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL TIME SCHEDULE

Period	Time
1	7:55-8:35 a.m.
2	8:38-9:15 a.m.
3	9:18-9:56 a.m.
4	9:59-10:36 a.m.
5	10:39-11:17 a.m.
6	11:20-11:50 a.m.
7	11:53 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
8	12:33-1:11 p.m.
9	1:41-1:51 p.m.
10	1:54-2:32 p.m.
11	2:35-3:05 p.m.

Teacher	Period Preference	7:30- 7:55	3:05- 3:15	At Home
Ackley	9 & 10			
Brewer	9 & 11	X		
Bunting- Cliffe	6 & 7		X	967-2207
Cifone	7 & 9			
Cirigliano	2			
Degan	6		X	
Feltham	4 & 10		X	
Hardy	1, 4 & 5		X	
Hores	1, 2 & 3			
Hosier	4 & 5		X	
Jenkins	7		X	435-5946
LaFever	1 & 2			
Lanfeare	4			
Lorimer	2, 3 & 8	X	X	
Marshall	7		X	
McCandless	4 & 5	X	X	
Mertz	8		X	
Miller, L.	1 & 5		X	
Northrup	6, 9 & 10	X	X	437-4937
Slack	9 & 10		X	
Waymire	4 & 8			
Westcott	4 & 5			

Jr.-Sr. High School Open House Wednesday, October 5

Open House for the Bainbridge-Guilford Jr.-Sr. High School will be on Wednesday, October 5, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Open House will begin in the Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. with a welcome from Mr. Zakrajsek, School Principal.

Eighth grade Core (English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Reading) teachers will be available to meet parents starting at 7:15 p.m. following the conclusion of the Spaghetti Dinner.

All teachers are looking forward to meeting their students' parents and sharing information and expectations regarding their courses. Mr. Zakrajsek, Jr.-Sr. High School Principal, and our entire staff enthusiastically encourage all parents to attend Open House to learn about and support your children's education.

We are looking forward to seeing you!

Guilford Elementary Open House

The Guilford Elementary School Open House will be held on Wednesday October 19 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Much has been happening since school began and students are eager to share their learning activities with their families. Teachers will be looking forward to showing parents and friends their classrooms. Parents will also have the opportunity to sign up for parent-teacher conferences at Open House. You may sign up for an afternoon or evening appointment on either Wednesday, December 7 or Thursday, December 15. Both of these days will be half days for Guilford students. Dismissal will be at 11:10 a.m.

In addition to visiting your child's classroom, there will be many other opportunities for you to learn about our school and community. There will be community informational tables set up for you to visit, a book fair to browse through, and samples of our school lunches for you to see, and treats for you to taste. It will be an exciting night and we hope to see you all there!

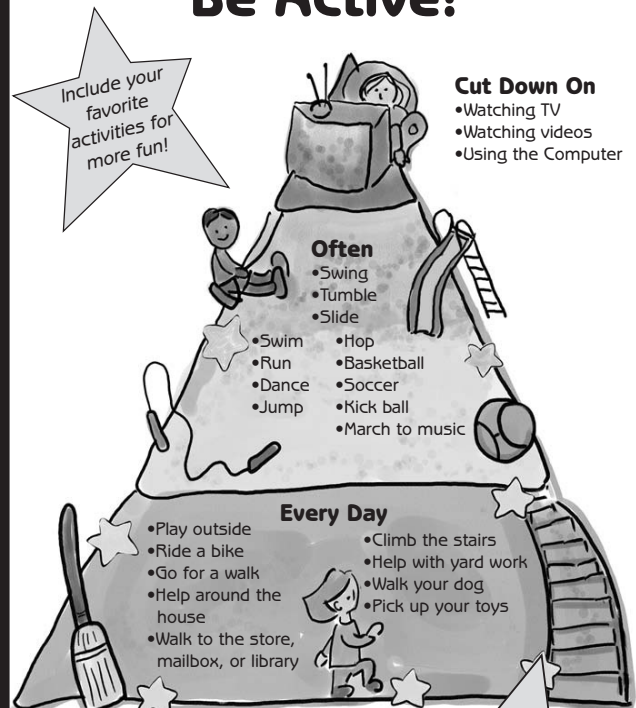
*Mark Your Calendars
and be Sure to Join Us!*



Activity Guide Pyramid

Eating a variety of foods and being physically active every day will help children be strong and healthy.

Get Your Child and Yourself Moving! Be Active!



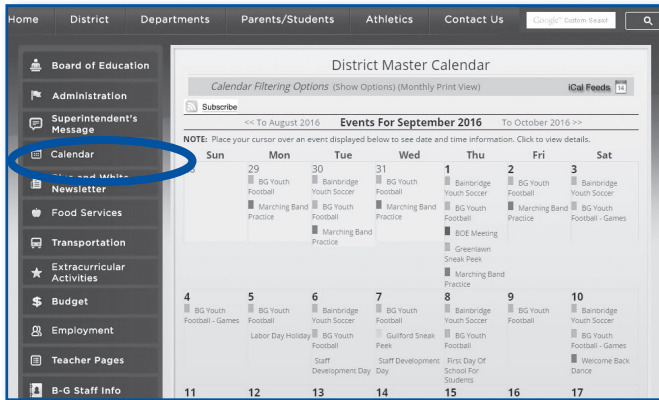
•Go for at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

•There is a link between TV viewing and being overweight so turn off the TV, the video games, the computer and move your body.

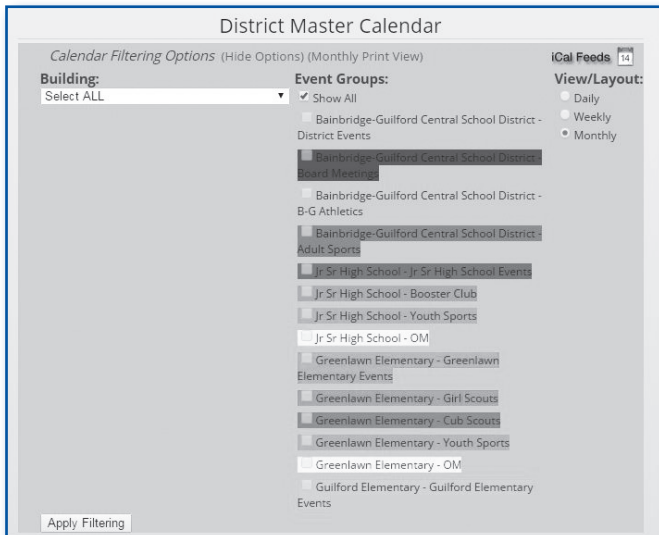
New York State Department of Health

Raven's Web Update

The District Calendar is now located on the HOME page. Look for the blue button on the left hand side of the page. Clicking on that button will bring you to the District Calendar for the current month.

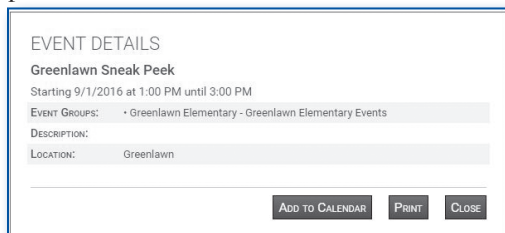


Under the title *DISTRICT MASTER CALENDAR* is a blue box with *Calendar Filtering Options*. Clicking on *Show Options* will open a box like this:



From this box, you can choose to view the calendar by Building, Event Groups and View/Layout. Uncheck the *Show All* box to allow the other choices. To return to the complete calendar, have the Building set to *Select All* and the Event Group box *Show All* checked. Check the *Apply Filtering* button after you have made your choices to change the calendar view. Experiment with these options to view the events that are pertinent to your interests.

Clicking on the posted event will open another box with the time and place of the event.



Athletic events can be found under *ATHLETICS* (located on the *HOME* Page) on the *Weekly Schedule*. This is a PDF document that can be easily opened and printed.

Keep checking the B-G website for a link to our new Facebook page!
Note: Raven is Mr. Ryan's pet tarantula!

Coaching Change at B-G

Starting with the Winter Coaches for the 2016-17 school year, a list of all coaching positions will be posted on the website and in each school building. All individuals interested in these positions (even if you have coached in past years) should submit a letter of interest to the Athletic Coordinator, Kevin Hores.

Booster Club News

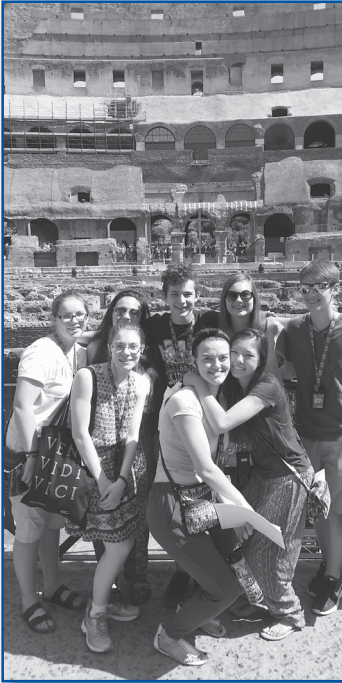
PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE B-G BOOSTER CLUB

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

Also, please visit www.bgcds.org 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 B-G 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 is 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 B-G Booster Club and the student athletes appreciate your support!

Students Visit Spain and Italy!



The Colosseum in Rome, Italy

This past July, eight high school students—**Maya Cliffe, Dina Cordes, Helaina Curtin, Mara Hartwell, Morgan Neidig, Cole Nutter, Alondra Ramirez, Tristan Watford**—became European travellers. Along with Spanish teacher Karen Mertz and Morgan’s Aunt Tamie, they visited Madrid, Toledo, Zaragoza, Barcelona, Rome and the Vatican.

In Madrid we visited the famous Prado Museum, ate lunch in the *Plaza Mayor*, shopped and saw the sights in the *Puerta del Sol* and saw how the Spanish royalty used to live in the *Palacio Real*. Much of our free time was spent having a merienda (snack) in the cafés and checking out the European fashion in the shops.

The city of Toledo gave us a sharp contrast from cosmopolitan Madrid. This ancient walled city with its narrow streets, suits of armor in the shops and mixture of Arabic, Jewish and Christian culture and architecture was a favorite spot for many of us. The Cathedral was huge, beautiful and, due to the hot weather and it being vacation time for most Spaniards, not crowded! A demonstration of how the damascene ornamentation is made was presented in one of the shops.

The eight hour bus ride from Madrid to Barcelona was broken up by a visit to Zaragoza, a small town with a huge Basilica. We toured the Basilica, ate some of the best helado (ice cream), shopped and relaxed by the cascading water fountain.

Barcelona was a blast! As our awesome tour guide Patricia explained to us, “Rome is like a family’s grandmother, Madrid is like the mother and Barcelona is like the young, cool daughter.” We saw the Sagrada Familia cathedral, started by Antoni Gaudí in 1883 and slated to finally be finished in 2026, the hundredth anniversary of Gaudí’s death. The Gothic and Art Nouveau facades and architecture are amazing. We spent some time in “playful, Modernist mosaic” Parq Guell, feeling like we stepped into another, surrealistic world. We viewed the panorama of the city on Montjuic and drove by the spot where the 1992 Summer Olympics were held. We wandered down Las Ramblas, the

central main avenue, enjoying the kiosks, shops, cafés and, of course, people watching. We didn’t even really mind getting soaked by the rain, after several 100° F days. One evening we attended a flamenco show in a truly spectacular theater and the next day we biked around Barcelona, ending up at the Mediterranean Sea where we were able to play in the waves for a few minutes.

The next night found us on a cruise ship, crossing the Mediterranean on our way to Italy. It was a great time to catch up on some much needed sleep!

Rome was, well, Rome! Standing in the Colosseum where people have stood, fought, died and spectated since the first century was amazing. We walked the stone path from the Colosseum to the Roman Forum, feeling like we had gone back in time. Wandering through the dark, damp Catacombs was a little disconcerting but still eye-opening. Many of us threw a coin (or two or three) in the Trevi Fountain. One coin is to ensure that you will return to Rome someday. Two coins is means you will fall in love with a Roman. Three means that you will marry him or her. We all want to return to Rome someday!

Our trip ended with a visit to the smallest country in the world, the Vatican. We admired the Sistine Chapel, painted by Michelangelo and tried to absorb the significance of being in such a powerful place. Saint Peter’s Basilica was breathtakingly beautiful and awe-inspiring.

This trip was offered through EF Educational tours. For over 50 years EF has been a world leader in international educational travel, with over a million students a year experiencing these opportunities to transform how they look at the world and themselves. Many students have had the opportunity to travel with this company over the past years.

Mrs. Mertz would like to thank Tristan, Alondra, Cole, Morgan, Mara, Helaina, Dina, Maya and Tamie for being wonderful travelers. You represented your town and your country admirably and you were a lot of fun to be around!



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Spain



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Spain



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Italy

Kids In Need Foundation and ACCO Brands Provide School Supplies for Local Students



All 308 students of Greenlawn Elementary School (grades 2–6) received a new school bag filled with 20 school supply items on the first day of school, handed out by employees of ACCO Brands. This gift was made possible by financial and product donations from ACCO Brands and the Kids In Need Foundation. Employee volunteers from ACCO Brands filled the bags at their site in Sidney with supplies to distribute to the children. The donation had a significant impact on these families, many whom were purchasing supplies for two, three or four children.

“I was relieved to know my son, who is just going into second grade, would have such a practical gift to welcome him to his new school year,” said Carrie Porter, Project Supply Chain Manager, ACCO Brands, and Greenlawn Elementary School parent.

For ACCO Brands manufacturing employee and parent Angel Barkman, it was her second grade son’s reaction to the upcoming distribution at his school that she treasured: “Remington said he couldn’t wait to tell everyone that his Mom works for the company who is giving these bags away.” She added, “We know many families where this gift will make such a difference.”

“We have a natural commitment to education and academic achievement,” said Tom Tedford, ACCO Brands Executive Vice President, President North America Office and Consumer Products. “Our product line of essential back-to-school items, including folders, notebooks, and staplers, is included on most back-to-school lists. That is why it is important that we can partner with Kids In Need to give these same products to students who need them.”

The students received the gifts enthusiastically at the distribution in the Greenlawn Cafeteria.

This is the third year that ACCO Brands has partnered with Kids In Need to provide back-to-school supplies for the students near one of its employee sites: North Chicago (2014), Booneville, Mississippi (2015), and this year Sidney.



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Annual 8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner October 5

**NO TIME FOR DINNER ON
OPEN HOUSE NIGHT? NO PROBLEM.**

The 8th grade class will be hosting a spaghetti dinner with salad and dessert. Dinner will be served from 5:00-7:00 p.m. If you would like to purchase advance tickets, see any 8th grade student. The cost is \$7 per person and \$3 for 6 and under.



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Calling All Veterans!

Our inaugural Veterans Day breakfast will be Thursday, November 10 at 8:15 a.m. in the Greenlawn Elementary School Cafeteria. Our students will be serving our veterans a hearty breakfast and there will be a short program immediately following.

Please RSVP Sue Weibel in the District Office at the school at 967-6321 by November 1, 2016.