



THE BLUE & WHITE

School News and Notes

Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District
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B-G Students Earn Associate Degree

Congratulations to **Morgan Shew, Cadi Barber** and **Darcy McElligott** for being the first B-G Students to earn an Associate Degree from Tompkins, Cortland Community College *before* they graduated from high school in June! They are also the first students in Chenango County to accomplish this feat.

Through a collaborative effort with TC3, B-G students can choose from more than 20 concurrent enrollment courses and several on-line courses covering a wide variety of subjects. Even if students don't earn enough credits for an Associate Degree, it's a great way for them to explore career interests while saving on future tuition charges if they choose to attend college after graduation. If you would like further information about this program, please contact the high school guidance office at 607-967-6320.

Best wishes ladies in your future endeavors!



Associate Degree Candidates



Cadi Barber with her Associate Degree Certificate!

Manufacturing Day at Raymond Corporation



Machinist students and a few welding students attended Manufacturing Day at Raymond Corporation last Friday. Manufacturing Day is a day set aside to celebrate the manufacturing industry in the United States. B-G students were excellent ambassadors for the District as they learned about careers available at Raymond Corp. as well as careers in manufacturing in general.

IBEW Local 325 Awards Scholarship

A mistake was made at our awards ceremony in June. **Tierney Decker** should have been announced as the award recipient of the IBEW Local 325 scholarship. Thank you very much to the union who awards this very generous scholarship.

We congratulate Tierney on this honor and wish her the best as she continues her education at Broome Community College in the field of Dental Hygiene.

Congratulations Tierney!

School Board Recognition Week



Governor Andrew Cuomo designated School Board Recognition Week for the week of October 26, 2015. This event is 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!

2015-16 B-G SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Emily Hall—President
Patrick McElligott—Vice President
Tina Ammon
Keith Hanvey
Julee Hartwell
Jeanne Shields
Rebecca Sullivan



BOE Blog

In July, the Board of Education welcomed three new members: Tina Ammon, Keith Hanvey and Rebecca Sullivan. Throughout the past couple of months the Board has had the opportunity to become acquainted with these three individuals and have been pleased with their passion for education, diverse skill-sets and knowledge, and most importantly their commitment to doing what is best for the children of our District. In a *Blue & White* article last year we had the opportunity to introduce you to Tina while she was serving the remainder of a 1-year term. Below we will introduce you to Rebecca and Keith.

Rebecca works both as a Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse at Wilson Regional Hospital and as a nursing instructor at DCMO BOCES. She has experience in business management, clinical research, and education. Rebecca grew up in Bainbridge and after graduation went on to receive a Bachelor of Fine Arts from New York University and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from The University of Pennsylvania. After spending several years living and working in New York City and Philadelphia, she and her husband returned to Bainbridge to raise their two daughters. Rebecca and her family have been Village of Bainbridge residents for 8 years now. In addition to serving on the Board, Rebecca is a member of the following committees: Facilities, Transportation, Capital Project and Health/Safety.

Keith Hanvey grew up in Davenport and spent his working years holding an assortment of manufacturing positions including material handler, machine operator, group leader, and also serving on the plant safety committee. Keith is a single father of two children, both of whom are B-G graduates. If you attend most any B-G athletic events, you will likely see Keith, as he is an avid Bobcats fan. Keith has a number of hobbies that keep him busy within our community. He is a trustee for the Bainbridge United Methodist Church, a member of the NYS Archaeology Association, works with The Mended Hearts, Inc. and also enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing golf. In addition to his work on the Board of Education, Keith is serving on the Policy, Personnel, and Athletics Committees.

It is said that *change is necessary, complex and messy* which is very true; however, they also say that *change does not have to be scary*. What finer words could I offer at this time of year when not just our Board of Education, but also so many things are changing? As a board we have embraced this shift and have been rewarded with three highly capable members. Though I know most people in our community are busy, I urge you to take the time to attend a Board or Committee meeting and introduce yourself to our new members.

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 each school building as well as at the Business Office of the school district. Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to Howard Thompson, Director of Facilities II at 967-6322.

Booster Club News

The B-G Booster Club hosted the 1st Annual Bon Fire and Tailgate Party to kick off Pride and Spirit Week on Saturday, September 26. We received tremendous support from the community and would like to thank everyone that helped to put this event together. Our hope is to make this an annual event and to expand on this event going forward. It's a great way to celebrate our kids and to bring school and community together! Thanks again to everyone that extended their support!

Don't forget to visit www.bgcsd.org to purchase your B-G merchandise. 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 B-G 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 meets the 3rd Monday of every month during the school year. New members are always welcome and encouraged to attend. Meetings are held in the conference room just down the hall from the auditorium.

The B-G Booster Club and the student athletes appreciate your support!

Important BMI information 2015-2016 School Year

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index or BMI. The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low. Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. A sample of school districts will be selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. If our school is selected to be part of the survey, we will be reporting to New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report. The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier.

If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year, please print and sign your name below and return this form to your child's School Nurse by October 31.

Please do not include my child's weight status information in the 2015-2016 School Survey.

Print Child's Name

Date

Print Parent's Name

Parent's Signature

District Communication Guidelines

Frequently, parents and other community members request help in knowing the best way to communicate with the school. The communication guideline chart below will serve as a helpful resource. By contacting the following people in the prescribed order, questions will be answered.

For questions about:	1st Contact	2nd Contact	3rd Contact	4th Contact
Academics	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Athletic Coordinator	Jr-Sr HS Principal	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	Dean or Building Principal	Superintendent	
Behavior-Bus	Building Principal	Superintendent		
BOE Policies	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education	
Budget	Business Administrator	Superintendent		
Building Use	Building Secretary	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Cafeteria	Building Cook Manager	Food Service Manager	Business Administrator	Superintendent
Classroom Procedures	Teacher	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Co-Curricular	Advisor	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Facilities	Superintendent of Building and Grounds	Superintendent		
Health Office	Building Nurse Office	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Scheduling	Guidance Office	Jr-Sr HS Principal	Superintendent	
Special Education	Teacher	Building Principal	CPSE/CSE Chairperson	Superintendent
Transportation	Supervisor Transportation	Superintendent		

Bainbridge-Guilford Central School Directory

Main Switchboard.....607-967-6300

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

Board of Education
Dr. Donald Wheeler, Superintendent
Sue Weibel, District Secretary and District Clerk

Business Office607-967-6335

Janice Rideout, School Business Manager/District Treasurer
Jodie Ives, Accounts Payable
Cadi Barber, Clerk

Guilford Elementary607-895-6700

Linda Maynard, Principal and CIO
Diane Parsons, Office Aide
Kelly Hromada-Johnson, School Social Worker

Greenlawn Elementary607-967-6301

Jennifer Henderson, Principal and CSE Administrator
Jeanne Howard, Secretary/Typist
Keren Seiler and Phylicia Dunham, Guidance Counselors

Jr.-Sr. High School607-967-6323

Bill Zakrajsek, Principal
Julie Fuller, Secretary/Typist

Jr.-Sr. Guidance Office607-967-6320

Shannon Phillips, Counselor
Nanci Miller, Counselor
Joanne Moxley, School Social Worker
Teresa Burnett, Office Aide

Special Education

Jennifer Henderson, CSE Administrator.....607-967-6327
Jessica Hussar, School Psychologist Grades Pre K-6,
CPSE/CSE Chairperson607-967-6337
Allison DeForrest, School Psychologist
Grades 7-12, CSE Chairperson607-967-6348
Kelly Pope, Secretary/Typist607-895-6333
Nancy Peck, Secretary/Typist.....607-967-6333

Athletic Coordinator607-967-6300

TBD
Teresa Hager, Secretary/Typist

Transportation607-967-6324

Ken Starr, Transportation Supervisor

Building and Grounds.....607-967-6322

Howard Thompson, Director of Facilities II

Food Service607-967-6331

Food Service Manager and Building Cook Managers

Health Offices/Attendance Officer

Greenlawn Nurse/Attendance607-967-6330
Guilford Nurse/Attendance607-895-6703
Jr.-Sr. HS Attendance Officer.....607-967-6368
Jr.-Sr. HS Nurse607-967-6313

For additional contact information check our website
at www.bgcsd.org

Calling Your 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

Bainbridge-Guilford Jr.-Sr. High School Time Schedule

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

Teacher	Period Preference	7:30–7:55	3:05–3:15	At Home
Ackley	4 & 5			
Bunting-Cliffe			X	967-2207
Cifone	4 & 10			
Cirigliano	4			
Degan	6		X	
Feltham	5 & 11		X	
Filor	2-5		X	
Frazier	8, 11		X	
Grigoli	1 & 11		X	
Hardy	1, 7, 11		X	
Hores	7	X		
Hosier	4 & 5		X	
Jenkins			X	435-5946
LaFever	8			
Lamb	4 & 8		X	
Lanfear	3			
Mayo	4 & 8	X		
McCandless	1, 2, 3, 6 & 11	X	X	423-9170
McFee	1, 11		X	<i>emcfee@bgcsd.org</i>
Mertz	6 & 7		X	
Miller, L.	2		X	
Mitchell	1			
Moyse	3 & 9		X	
Northrup	6, 9 & 10	X	X	437-4937
Rhodes	5, 6, 7, 8			
Scherhauser	11		X	
Slack	4, 5		X	
Waymire	3, 8			

My School Bucks!

The Food Service Department at the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District has made a change to a new secure online payment service through mySchoolBucks. This service allows you to deposit money to your child's school meal account and view balance and purchase information for up to ninety days. By having money in each child's account prior to entering the cafeteria, we find that lunch lines move faster allowing your child more time to eat and be with friends.

To access this service:

1. Go to the District web site at www.bgcsd.org.
2. Click the Departments tab and go to the Food Services link.
3. Click the mySchoolBucks link.
4. On the mySchoolBucks website you can create an account and add money to your child's school meal account. You will need your child's name, school, and cafeteria pin number. The instructions listed on the back of this page will guide you through the process.

Things to know:

- If you have more than one child in the District you can handle all online payments using the same online account.
- Payments may be made with a Visa, MasterCard, and Discover credit or debit card. You may also make a payment using an e-check.
- A small convenience fee of \$1.95 per transaction will be assessed. Parents placing money into multiple meal accounts will only be assessed the \$1.95 fee once per deposit transaction. The Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District will not profit from the use of this site.

Please Note: You may fund up to \$120 per child, however, a family may pay for all of their children with a single transaction.

We are confident that mySchoolBucks will benefit you, your child and our District. If you choose not to take advantage of the online payment service you may continue to make advance payments via check, which should be made payable to BG School Lunch Fund. Please remember to write your child's full name on the check.

If you have any questions about his new service, please feel free to contact my office at 607-967-6331.

Thank You,
Billie Reigles
School Lunch Manager



BAINBRIDGE-GUILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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 2015

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: _____

E-Mail 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 the work is individualized.

For those unable to attend a class, there is a program offered through the mail called GRASP (Give 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 2015-16

Date	Group	Event
October 2–16	Grade 12	Cheesecake
October 19–30	Grade 11	Cherrydale
October 31– November 17	PTO	Yankee Candles
November 2–13	Varsity Softball/ Soccer	Spirit Sale
November 12	Grade 10	Spaghetti Dinner
November 16–27	Grade 8	Enjoy the City Coupon Book
December 1–11	Grade 12	Chocolate Bar Sale
January 4–15	Grade 12	Cookie Dough
January 14	Grade 11	Chicken Biscuit Dinner
February 1–19	Grade 12	Galaxy Bowl Pizza
February 3–17	Grade 9	Gertrude Hawk Candy
March 7-18	Jr Honor Society	Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars
March 19	JV Softball	Pancake Breakfast
March 21– April 1	Varsity Softball	Windy Hill Candles
April 11–22	Grade 10	Krispy Kreme

Jr.-Sr. High School Attendance Procedure

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Please Post this number: 967-6368

- This number should be called *as early in the morning as possible on the day* your child will be absent or tardy. It should be called each and every day that your child will be absent or tardy. Policy states it is the parent/guardian responsibility to make the calls. There is an answering machine, so you may call at any time, day or night. If the parent/guardian does not call in for the student, an attempt will be made to contact the parent/guardian.
- Notes to be excused during the school day should be presented to the Attendance Officer in the High School Main Office when the student first enters the building in the morning. Notes not received first thing in the morning will be subject to verification. If you find you need to take your child for a last minute appointment, you should call the number listed above or fax a note and then personally come in to sign your child out for the appointment. It is very difficult to have your child ready for pick-up without knowing ahead of time.
- A student who will be going on an extended absence—whether it be excused or unexcused—should complete an Extended Absence Form available in the Main office from the Attendance Officer. Some examples would be: horse shows, family vacation, 4H conference.
- The nurse will continue to assess ill students and call the parent/guardian if the student needs to go home. The parent/guardian will either come for the student or designate a person to pick up the student. Parents should discourage their children from calling to leave school without first seeing the nurse for assessment.



LINDA MAYNARD—PRINCIPAL, GUILFORD



I am honored to have become part of the administrative team at Bainbridge-Guilford School District as the new Guilford Elementary School Principal.

My dedication to the teaching profession began over 20 years ago in Worcester. I began teaching as a reading specialist servicing at risk students.

After nine years I became a third grade teacher, and five years later became a fifth grade teacher. Additionally, I served as the district after school coordinator and completed an administrative internship at Worcester Central while attending SUNY Cortland. In 2014, I completed my administrative studies in Educational Leadership and received my Certificate of Advanced Study.

I am originally a “downstater,” having grown up in Blue Point, a small town on Long Island very close to the ocean. I moved to upstate New York in 1986 and now live in Oneonta with my husband William Maynard, also a teacher and a native Long Islander. Together we enjoy traveling, especially to the beach, and spending time with our children and grandchildren.

I am eager to meet each and every one of you as we embark on a new and exciting school year. I encourage all of you to stop in and visit with me. You will find me to be honest, responsive, and dependable. I believe strong relationships between students’ families and school staff is the best way to ensure a positive educational experience for our students. I look forward to getting to know all of you and having an amazing school year.

JO ANN WINSOR—TEACHER AIDE, GUILFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



My name is Jo Ann Winsor and I am a new teacher aide at the Guilford Elementary School. My husband, Bruce and I have lived in Guilford many years, and he and our two grown children, Rae and Kacie, are B-G graduates. Bruce is also a former

Bainbridge-Guilford Board of Education member.

I hold an Associate’s Degree from Morrisville State College and retired in 2013 from DCMO BOCES as Secretary to the District Superintendent and Clerk of the Board, with 24 years of service.

I am thrilled to be returning to education in this new support role, and I am presently learning the duties of my position as well as developing and enhancing relationships with students and staff.

JENNIFER HENDERSON—PRINCIPAL, GREENLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



It is with great pride and excitement that I became a part of the Bainbridge-Guilford School District and the Principal at Greenlawn Elementary. 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.

I grew up in the small community of Davenport and graduated from Charlotte Valley Central School. After high school, I received a Bachelor of Science from Cortland State with a degree in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology. My Master’s Degree was also from Cortland State with a degree in Reading. I began teaching as a teacher of the speech and hearing handicapped for ONC BOCES for seven years. Next, I began my career at Charlotte Valley Central School as a Speech Therapist and Committee on Special Education Chairperson. During my 10 years at CVCS, I developed programing and classrooms for students, was the Dean of Students, Supervisor to LTA and aides, and coached many youth and varsity sports. During my tenure, I pursued my administrative degree from SUNY Stony Brook. I currently hold certification in both School Building Leadership and District Leadership.

BENJAMIN MOYSE—SCIENCE TEACHER, JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL



Hi. I am proud to be a new member of the Bainbridge school district. I have lived most of my life in Delhi, and attended both Delaware Academy and SUNY Delhi. I am a graduate of the University of Delaware with a Bachelors degree in Plant Science, and I also have a Masters degree in Education in

Biology from Western Governors University. I have three beautiful children ages eight, six and three and they are my life. I enjoy games and sports, nature, gardening, and art if I do get spare time. I am teaching 7th grade Life Science and non-regents Chemistry and look forward to meeting the staff and students here at Bainbridge. I will leave you with a quote I learned from my dad . . . “That man is richest whose pleasures are the cheapest.” —Henry David Thoreau

**LAURA DODD—LTA, GREENLAWN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



I am very excited to be a part of the B-G School District family this year! I will be working as an LTA for several grades this year in the Greenlawn building. I am a recent graduate of SUNY Oneonta with my Bachelors degree in Childhood Education and I will be finishing up my Master's degree in Birth-6th grade Literacy. I started off at Greenlawn last fall as a student teacher in 5th grade ELA and the 2nd/3rd grade multiage classroom. After graduation, I jumped right into substituting throughout the school district, where I had the pleasure of teaching 6th grade ELA last Spring as the long-term substitute teacher. This past summer, I had the incredible opportunity to work as the 2nd grade Literacy Instructor in the Whitney Point School District, where I implemented an engaging and intensive literacy program.

I am blessed to have a very supportive husband and two beautiful children. Our son recently started at Guilford Elementary in the first grade and our two-year old daughter also joins us in Bainbridge at an in-home daycare. I look forward to working with the amazing staff and students at Greenlawn this year!

**WILLIAM STEVENS—LTA, GREENLAWN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



I'm very pleased to be here at Greenlawn Elementary. I've worked for many years in the Boys Scouts of America and in Human Service. I graduated from Elmira College and Western Governors University. I live in Owego with my wife and two kids Hailey and Austin. In my spare time I

enjoy camping and lots of family time.

**CHRISTINE GAIAS—TEACHER AIDE,
GREENLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



Hi my name is Christine Gaias, I am a Life Skills Teacher Aide at the Greenlawn Elementary. I am a mother of three, one who is a recent graduate of the B-G Class of 2015. I have completed course work in Early Childhood Education and the medical field.

I have worked with children for about 13 years. I enjoy outside sports such as, fishing, hiking and snowshoeing. I also enjoy gardening, baking and cooking and I am an avid reader. I am very excited to be part of the B-G Greenlawn team.

**JESSICA HUSSAR—SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST,
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**



I am excited to be the new school psychologist for Guilford and Greenlawn! I grew up in the Binghamton area, and I am a graduate of Chenango Valley High School. After high school I attended the University at Albany where I earned a BA in psychology. I continued my education at Alfred

University where I earned a MA and CAS in school psychology. I am currently finishing a doctoral degree in school psychology, also at Alfred University. I have worked in many different settings such as school districts and agencies throughout my professional career. Most recently I was the school psychologist for preschool services for the Family Enrichment Network in Johnson City. I am excited to be a part of the school program at BGCSD and I am looking forward to working with the community and BG students. In my free time I enjoy geocaching, hiking, experimenting with new baking recipes, and reading. I am looking forward to a fantastic school year and being a BG Bobcat!

**ALLISON DEFORREST—SCHOOL
PSYCHOLOGIST, JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL**



Hello! I grew up in Herkimer, which is a small town very much like Bainbridge. I went to Le Moyne College in Syracuse where I got my Bachelors of Arts in Psychology. During my time at Le Moyne I worked with a lot of children in the Syracuse schools. I decided I really wanted to continue to

work with children in schools. So I decided to go to SUNY Oswego to get my Masters of Science and Certificate of Advanced Study concentrating on the area of school psychology. I have previous experience working in a high school out near Rochester and enjoyed every minute. In my free time, I love to go hiking and read a variety of books. I look forward to having a great year at B-G!

**SCOTT GRAHAM—DEAN OF STUDENTS,
JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL**



I am so excited to be the new Dean of Students within the Bainbridge-Guilford Jr.-Sr. High School. I am looking forward to being a part of this amazing community. I am originally from Vestal, and currently live in Binghamton. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in History at Binghamton University, and my Master's Degree in Curriculum Development

and Instructional Technology from SUNY Albany. I then returned to Binghamton University to earn my Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Leadership. During this time, I taught at the Children's Home of Wyoming Conference for four years and, most recently, was a 9th and 10th grade Global History Teacher at Johnson City High School for the past ten years. These experiences all solidified my love and passion for the field of education, and I feel fortunate and honored to be able to start a new chapter of my life here in Bainbridge-Guilford. I look forward to meeting you all and am grateful to be able to provide an exciting, meaningful, and fun learning environment for every member of this community.

**CATHY HERMAN—BUSINESS TEACHER,
JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL**



I am pleased to be part of the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District. As a transplant from the Brockport area, I am loving it here. I received my B.S. in Business and Distributive Education from Nazareth College of Rochester, NY and a M.S. in Liberal Studies from the College at Brockport: SUNY. I also bring real-world experience to my position having enjoyed several years working in corporate America in an accounting department, at a law firm and at a bank. I am spending my free time getting to know the community and what the area has to offer. I am very accessible, so contact me if you have questions about the business program and its courses at the high school.

**NICK MAYO—SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER,
JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL**



I am very excited to be one of the newest additions to the Bainbridge-Guilford teaching staff. I graduated from Sidney High School and then completed my Associate's Degree in Business Administration at Broome Community College. After deciding to pursue a career that would allow me to work with youth in ways that could positively impact their lives, I completed my Bachelor's Degree at Grand Canyon University with a dual major in Elementary and Special Education. I look forward to many years of teaching and coaching at Bainbridge-Guilford. I am married and have two children. My daughter, Marissa, is five years old and currently in Kindergarten and my son, Dawson, is two years old. In my spare time I enjoy sports, hunting, and fishing.

CHERYL MASON—LTA, JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL



Hello! I am very excited to be a part of the Jr.-Sr. High School team, and to work with a fantastic group of students. I grew up in Pennsylvania and moved to Sidney 34 years ago to begin my career in special education. I hold a Masters' Degree in Special Education from Binghamton University, and graduated from SUNY Cortland with a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration. I recently retired from BT BOCES after a 34 year career in education. In between Sidney and BT BOCES, I worked for ONC BOCES in their Innovative Programs Department. I have been an Odyssey of the Mind Coach and involved in Special Olympics. I am looking forward to a great year assisting students in preparing for their future!

**JENNIFER SIENKO—TEACHER AIDE,
JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL**



Hello B-G community! I am happy to be returning to the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District as a Teacher's Aide. I have substituted for the district since 2009, primarily in Guilford. I am very excited and grateful for the opportunity to work with our middle and high school students, not to mention the amazing faculty and staff! I am proud to be a graduate of the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District. After graduating from B-G, I attended SUNY Broome and received my AAS Degree in Business Administration. I then continued my education at SUNY Oneonta and received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, all while working full-time on our family dairy operation. After 20 years in the dairy business, I retired to raise a family and embark on my journey working in the educational system. I have one son, Cooper, eight, who keeps me very busy! We enjoy chickens, gardening, and life in the country. I am a coach for the Bainbridge Youth Soccer Program, a Cornell Master Gardener Volunteer, and a Den Leader for Bainbridge Pack 52 Cub Scouts. I am also an elected member of the Bainbridge Town Council. I'm a very dedicated and proud community member! I truly look forward to having both a successful and impactful first year working with our students at the high school.

TAMI WESTCOTT—LTA, JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL



I am excited to be joining the staff at the Bainbridge-Guilford High School this year as an LTA. I am a graduate of Walton Central School and attended Oneonta State College and Broome Community College receiving my degree in Early Childhood Education. I live in Sidney with my husband Kyle and I'm the proud mom of three boys Matt, Kody and Tanner. I worked in the Sidney School District for five years as an LTA and most recently as a substitute teacher. I look forward to getting to know the staff and students at B-G.

NANCY MORSE—TEACHER AIDE, JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL



Hello B-G Community! I graduated from B-G a few years ago and am very excited to be employed here at B-G to take on the challenge of assisting your children with their educational needs. I live in Bainbridge with my husband (Don-25 years!) and our two daughters. I enjoy watching Winterguard (Haley),

Indy car racing and walking our two dogs Neko and Fiona. I look forward to having a terrific year here at B-G.

CADI BARBER—CLERK, BUSINESS OFFICE



When you call the Bainbridge CSD Business office, you may be hearing a new voice on the other side of the line. That voice will probably be mine. My name is Cadi Barber and I am thrilled to be employed as a Clerk in the Business Office. I am originally from Lackawaxen, PA. In 2006, I

moved to Guilford with my parents and became a 4th grade student. Throughout my years at BG, I was actively involved in many activities and sports playing volleyball in the fall, basketball in the winter (but it seemed to be much longer) and softball in the spring and summer. My formal education continued until 2015, when I graduated with both a High School Diploma and an Associate degree from TC3 in the other. I plan on being able to pass on the lessons I have learned to the students at B-G through the various interactions we will be having. I am currently an assistant coach for volleyball and hope to be an assistant coach for softball as well. While I do not have any children in the school district (I am only 18), I do have a sister (Bree Barber) who is still in the school district. When not working, I am busy gardening, splitting and stacking wood, and taking care of my animals. If I do eventually decide to have children, I would love to see them go to B-G!

B-G Administrator, Victoria Gullo, Retires

After 21 years at B-G, Victoria Gullo retired in July. Ms. Gullo held many different positions during her time in the District. In fact, she often held many positions at the same time.

Her first position was Special Education Coordinator between 1994 and August 2002. As special education coordinator she worked tirelessly to make sure student needs were being met. We continue to reap the benefits of her efforts as special education coordinator today. Many of the teachers she hired are still with us and are leaders in their department and the District.

In 2005, Ms. Gullo became the Middle School Principal. She worked with grade level teams to help students through the difficult transitional years in grades 6-8. She participated in team meetings, enabling teachers to play a significant role in decision making about the direction of the Middle School. She encouraged teachers to work with parents and students to come up with the best possible plan when a student was struggling. Ms. Gullo pushed the teachers and students to be our very best at all times.

While she was Middle School Principal, she wore other hats, including facilitator of the LINKS team. This was an enormous undertaking, involving leading meetings for a diverse group of people, with diverse needs that were not always easily reconciled . . . not to mention the significant paperwork!

Ms. Gullo ended her career at B-G with two jobs, Guilford Principal and Special Education Coordinator. She made the move to Guilford during the 2012-2013 school year and found the change from adolescents to young children refreshing. Things became somewhat more challenging when she began the balancing act required to be building principal in Guilford and Special Education Coordinator, running meetings in all three buildings.

Ms. Gullo always made an effort to do what was best for students. She was focused on providing students the greatest opportunity for success and encouraged the faculty and staff to do the same. She had a significant impact on the District, has made many of us better teachers and has been part of making our programs the best we can offer.

In her retirement, Ms. Gullo plans to continue photography, which has always been her hobby. She also has plans to travel, spend time with friends and family, and enjoy her gardens and pond. We wish her the best in her retirement!

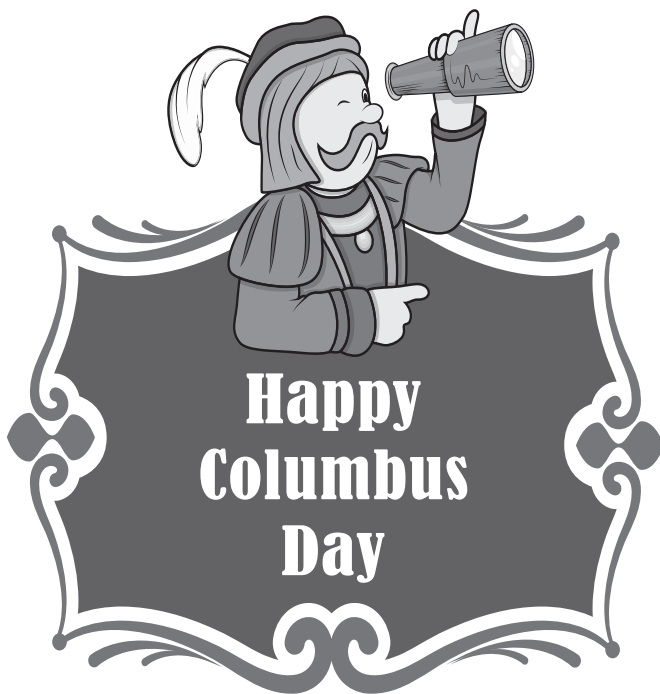
Principal Michele Shirkey Retires

Michele Shirkey started her teaching career at Unatego Central School in 1981 as a Home Economics Teacher. In 1988 she became a School Counselor at B-G moving into Administration in 1996 and Greenlawn Principal in 2000. Along with her professional roles, she has also been an advisor, chaperone, coordinator, exchange student host, coach and mentor always focused on enriching the lives of students. Several of our staff at B-G had her as a coach or teacher.

Mrs. Shirkey has also been involved in several professional organizations including the New York State Council on Leadership and Student Activities, New York State Middle School Association, Rotary International, Cornell Cooperative Extension (4-H), Girls on the Run International and SAANYS. She has received several awards for her accomplishments in these organizations.

Mrs. Shirkey's amazing organizational skills and passion for students made her so important to us. We have great joy for Mrs. Shirkey and her new adventures and wish her many blessings in this new chapter of her life and endless summer vacation! We cannot wait to see what great things you will be doing for others. Think of us when you wave your hankie!

Best Wishes!



Jr.-Sr. High School Students of the Month

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

MAY



7th—Shelby Haynes, 8th—Katelyn Porter, 9th—Benjamin Bivar



10th—Nathan Searles, 11th—Danielle Rowe, 12th—George Lang

Students of the month will receive a gift card from Rosa's Pizzeria for a slice of pizza or small fries and a small soda!

To be eligible for this honor, students must be passing all subjects, demonstrate consistent kindness to others, be actively involved in school or community activities, show pride in the school and community and be an upstanding student in all aspects. We would like to congratulate these students for their hard work and effort to be both good students and good citizens!

Greenlawn Playground is *Swinging*

Phase 2 of the Greenlawn community build playground is complete. A new set of swings was installed just before school started. Many thanks to all those who donated funds, the PTO, and to the Bainbridge Rotary for helping put the swings up. The work crew included: Howie Thompson, James Rideout, Randy Palmatier, Brandi Clark, Michele Shirkey, Luanne Gaudio, Jamie Hatton, Leslie Stoutenburg; Elisabeth Bende, Mike Wilcox, Phil and Violet Wade, Dave DeClue, Christine and Anna Seymour, Kyle Hanvey; the Cuzzo family Leslie, Marissa, Gabriella and Cameron; the Haddad family Robin, Gina and Valerie; The Sullivan family Rebecca, Erin, Claire and Grandma Marilyn Cotter; and the Rotary exchange students.



*Thank
You!*



Memorial Dedication to Doris Bauer

Bainbridge-Guilford staff from all three buildings gathered on June 17 to dedicate two friendship benches as part of the Guilford playground. A friendship bench is a place to sit when you need a friend to play with. The benches were dedicated in memory of Doris Bauer, Guilford secretary, who passed away on December 19, 2014.

The group celebrated Mrs. Bauer's kindness, her positive and selfless character, and her love of ladybugs. Her kindness and concern for others inspired the idea of friendship benches. She is missed by all who knew her.



Jan Harrington and granddaughters present a framed picture of Mrs. Bauer.



Cooper Sienko Gives Chicken Presentation to Guilford Students

Cooper Sienko, a third grade student at Greelawn, gave a chicken presentation to PK, K and first grade students at Guilford at the end of the 14-15 school year. Since the Kindergarten classes hatch chickens he offered to do a presentation to show and tell students how chickens look and behave once they grow up. He brought his two pet chickens, Sunny and Peep with him. He passed Sunny around for students to hold or pet.

According to Cooper and his mom, his chickens love to swing and ride on Cooper's scooter and Sunny loves to ride in a plastic shopping cart. Thanks, Cooper for volunteering to share your knowledge and your chickens with Guilford students!



Cell Phone Safety

Top Ten Tips for Teens



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1. Only give out your cell phone number to people you know for sure you can trust.

2. Do not take any cell phone pictures or video that are sexual in nature. First off, if they involve nudity or partial nudity, they are illegal and classified as child pornography - a felony offense in most states. The intent of the parties does not matter, nor does whether permission was granted. Secondly, they have the tendency to get into the hands of the wrong people. Think about your reputation.

3. Do not send texts or capture pictures or video on your cell phone that you wouldn't feel comfortable sharing with your parents.

4. Ask yourself how you'd feel if the text you sent or the picture or video you captured were broadcast all across the school, and all across the Internet. Even if you personally don't send it around, others can and often do.

5. Remember that all of the text, photos, and videos you create with your phone are saved and available as digital evidence. They are either stored on the servers of your cell phone provider, or on your cell phone provider's web site in your individual web-accessible account, or on the flash memory or SIM card of your phone and on other phones - even if you have deleted them.

6. Schools can take your cell phone when they have reasonable suspicion that it has been involved in some violation of school policy or the law.

7. Never text and drive. No text is worth losing your life over, or taking someone else's. If something is urgent, pull the vehicle over to a safe place before dealing with it.

8. Remember that having a cell phone is a privilege and not a right. Treat it as such. Appreciate that your parents have allowed you to have one (and often purchased it for you), and you'll earn more of their respect. Many youth have sabotaged their future (e.g., admission into college, scholarships, job opportunities, legal problems and costs, criminal prosecution, being placed on sex offender registries) because they have misused computers or cell phones. It is NOT worth it.

13 year old Female from Florida

Some random guy was texting me and was asking me weird questions. I was scared. I told my mom and we called the cops.

9. Don't respond to text messages from numbers and people you don't know. Learn how you can block certain individuals (via their cell phone numbers) from contacting you. Don't subject yourself unnecessarily to people who are mean to you when you can keep them from sending you any messages.

10. Keep your cell phone keypad locked (and the PIN or password safe and private), so that others can't grab it, unlock it, and use it to get you into trouble when you're not looking.

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Guilford K and First Grades Go to Cole Park

Guilford Kindergarten and first grade classes went to Cole Park at the end of the year last year. They celebrated a great year and all had a wonderful time!

