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Valedictorian and Salutatorian Announced!

VALEDICTORIAN



Abbi Lin Miller, daughter of Rich and Nanci Miller, has been named the valedictorian of this year's graduating class of 2017. In addition to taking multiple AP classes throughout her high school career, she has also taken advantage of several concurrent enrollment and online courses offered through

Tompkins Cortland Community College. As a result of her academic achievements, Abbi has maintained a consistent standing on Principal's Honor Roll through all four years of high school, is a current member of the National Honor Society, and will be graduating with over 60 college credits, including an Associate's degree in math and science from Tompkins-Cortland Community College.

In addition to academic work, Abbi has been involved in several extracurricular activities such as, soccer, basketball, softball, Student Council, band (concert, jazz, pep), orchestra, chorus, and Honor society. During her freshman and sophomore years she also played for the Oneonta Soccer Club and the Streakers summer softball team. As a senior, she has added Envirothon as well as Yes! Leads to the list of groups in which she has participated. In many of these organizations, Abbi has held leadership positions along with her regular responsibilities. Such roles include being a captain on the Varsity Soccer team, Treasurer and then President of Student Council, and Treasurer of Honor Society.

Outside of school, Abbi has worked at the Bainbridge Town Pool for three summers as a lifeguard and swimming instructor. She has also volunteered as a counselor for the 5th grade campout and a referee for youth soccer games. In the summer of her junior year, Abbi attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and has helped organize other leadership conferences hosted by the high school student council.

Abbi would like to thank everyone who has supported her throughout her time at B-G, and helped her be successful. She would not have been able to accomplish all that she has

without the advice and guidance of her teachers, coaches, friends, and family. She truly appreciates all the faculty and staff at Bainbridge-Guilford as well as the surrounding community who have taught her the value of growing up in a small town. Abbi would especially like to thank her family for being there through thick and thin, and exposing her to the multitude of opportunities awaiting those who are willing to take them. A special thank you also goes out to Mrs. Anderson for teaching important lessons that extended beyond the classroom-lessons about loyalty, perspective, hard work, compassion, and of course, Alexander Hamilton. She has served as a constant role model for Abbi and other students and has had a great influence on Abbi's time at Bainbridge. And lastly, she would like to thank her sister, Alli, for all that she's done and continues to do. "I have been very fortunate to have experienced such a wide perspective during my high school career, as it shows you what to strive for, and who you want to become as a person."

Following graduation, Abbi plans to attend college to study biomedical engineering, and is currently deciding between University at Buffalo, Rochester Institute of Technology, and University of Connecticut. Wherever she chooses to attend, Abbi hopes to study abroad in Europe and pursue a career in which she can improve the already advanced and fast-paced field of medicine.

SALUTATORIAN



Olivia Drew Garror, daughter of Lisa Graney and Michael Garror, has been named the salutatorian of the Bainbridge-Guilford Class of 2017. She has been on Principal's Honor Roll throughout all four years of high school, and has also been a member of both the Junior and Senior National Honor Societies throughout her years at

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Superintendent's Message

Where is spring? It seems like this has been a very long winter for us here in the Bainbridge and Guilford areas. Rest assured, the Farmer's Almanac says spring is coming. We have many exciting things happening at school and I think we are all looking forward to warmer weather.

Our athletes have wrapped up a very successful winter sports campaign. All of our winter sports teams made it to sectional play. Our very own **Cameron Luca** was a member of the NYS Champion Bowling Team, our Boys' Volleyball Team was crowned MAC champions, and our Girls' Basketball Team lost a heartbreaker by two points to Watkins Glen in the Section IV Basketball Tournament Championship. A huge congratulations to our wrestling coach Brandon McNaught for being named the NYS wrestling coach of the year!

Our B-G students are the best! Recently graduation rates for schools in New York State came out and Bainbridge Guilford has a graduation rate of 93.2%. This is well above the state graduation rate of 79.4%. We have the highest graduation rate of the Chenango County Schools. Also, our students with disabilities have a graduation rate of 87.5% and again, B-G is on top in Chenango County and 33rd in the entire State! This is a testament to an amazing staff and great kids.

Spring sports have started, NYS testing will begin shortly and our process for the Capital Outlay project of LED lighting in the Jr.-Sr. HS classrooms has begun. The new lighting should pay for itself after three years. This is one of the many ways the District is moving in the *green* direction. Look for upcoming information about a fall school *ag. fair*, increased recycling and an FFA program.

As we navigate towards the end of the year it is a busy time for staff and students. Graduation draws ever closer and summer planning has begun. It is an exciting time to be a Bobcat! If you are ever in the Jr.-Sr. High School building, please stop by the District Office and say hi.

Sincerely yours,
Timothy R. Ryan
Superintendent of Schools

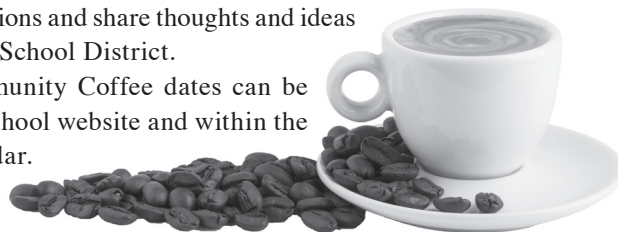


HELLO SPRING!

Join the Superintendent for Community Coffee Hour

On April 21, at 8:00 a.m. in the District Conference Room in the High School and on May 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Guilford Elementary School Cafeteria, community members are invited to join Mr. Ryan for coffee, to answer questions and share thoughts and ideas about the B-G School District.

More Community Coffee dates can be found on the school website and within the District Calendar.



Capital Project Vote Results

The Bainbridge-Guilford Administration, Staff and Students would like to thank everyone who helped make the Capital Project Vote a success! Of the 291 voters at the polls, 204 voted in favor of the proposal.

YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Announcements

OPEN COMPUTER LAB

Computers will be available for use in the HS Library on Tuesday evenings from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

PRICE CHOPPER "TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS"

Have you linked your AdvantEdge Card to our schools? Simply sign up and shop to help our school earn free classroom equipment all donated by Price Chopper. Enroll at www.pricechopper.com/savings/tools-for-schools. Our School Codes are: Jr.-Sr. HS—17003; Greenlawn—17005; Guilford—17040

Share this post to get family, friends and neighbors to sign up too! The more supporters we have, the more opportunities our school has to earn points when they shop! Thank-you!

ATTENTION PARENTS AND GUARDIANS!

Please update your contact information with your student's Main Office Building secretary. For safety purposes it is imperative to have your current contact information! Thank-you!

CHANGE IN SCHOOL CALENDAR

April

10-11—All Students full day of instruction

June

22—Elementary Students (Pre-K-6), full day of instruction

23—Elementary Students (Pre-K-6), half day of instruction

SALUTATORIAN (continued from page 1)

Bainbridge-Guilford. While participating in a multitude of extracurricular activities, she has also filled her schedule with a plethora of advanced placement, dual enrollment, and online college courses through Tompkins Cortland Community College. As of May 2017 she will have walked with the TC3 graduating class of 2017 in order to receive her Associate's degree as a high school senior.

Over the years, Olivia has made an effort to be involved in many of the organizations the school had to offer including soccer, softball, Yes! Leads, Student Council, concert band and orchestra, jazz band, and marching band. While participating in such activities, Olivia was able to maintain her grades as well as take part in several volunteer opportunities including Red Cross blood drives, Yes! Leads sponsored drug awareness nights, and Student Council can drives. She believes in the importance of giving back to the community, as it is important to get a full understanding of the world that we live in. As a senior, she took on the responsibility of being enrolled in the New Vision Allied Health program through Chenango Memorial hospital in Norwich, where she spent her time learning about the medical field, shadowing medical professionals, and becoming more privy to life in the medical world. Olivia also held a part time job at McDonald's throughout both her junior and senior years at Bainbridge.

Olivia would like to thank everyone who has supported her throughout her time in school. Without the support system that the faculty and staff of Bainbridge-Guilford High School created, she would not be where she is today. While every teacher has had some sort of impact on her success, she would like to give a special thanks to a few individuals who really went out of their way to encourage her to achieve her goals. These individuals include, Tammy Slack, Kevin Wehrli, Victoria Anderson, Nanci Miller, and Joanne Moxley. Each and every one of these staff members consistently encouraged her to push through the hard times in knowing the success that would come with Olivia's hard work. These individuals helped Olivia through both personal and academic hardships, as well as congratulated her through her successes and achievements. She would like to thank them for pushing her to step out of her comfort zone in order to make her the best she could possibly be, and they all have played a big role in getting her to the point that she can be recognized as the salutatorian of her graduating class. Olivia would also like to thank her mother Lisa Graney, her father Michael Garror, and her step-father William Smith for constantly encouraging her and supporting her through both her times of success and through times of adversity. "My family has believed in me since day one, and I could never be where I am today without them. My parents, grandparents, siblings . . . etc. have all been there to congratulate me, cheer me on, and root for me every step of the way. I am so grateful for each and every one of you, and love you all very much."

After graduation, Olivia plans to further her education by attending either Rochester Institute of Technology or Pennsylvania State University as a Pre-medicine/Biomedical Sciences major. She intends to study through both undergraduate and graduate school in hopes of becoming a pediatrician. She has always desired to make a difference in some way, shape, or form, and she hopes that becoming a doctor will be her chance to do so.

Alumni Scholarship

Bainbridge-Guilford Alumni Association applications for Incentive Awards and Myrtle Pagett Award will be available in the High School Guidance Office on April 3. These awards are for any student continuing their education beyond high school, for a trade school or a 2- or 4-year degree. The Myrtle Pagett Award is for a student pursuing a nursing or education program. Applications are due on April 28, so don't delay.

B-G Art Students Featured in Annual Showcase

The 11th Annual Student Art Showcase was held recently in downtown Bainbridge. The show, featuring the work of exemplary art students from six local schools, included B-G seniors **Ashley Parsons** and **Alondra Ramirez**. Ashley displayed five pieces of artwork including charcoal drawings and black and white photographs printed in the high school darkroom. Alondra created five works that incorporate both black and white photography and poetry. Both Ashley and Alondra put in several hours of work above and beyond class time to prepare for this show. Congratulations to both students on their achievements.

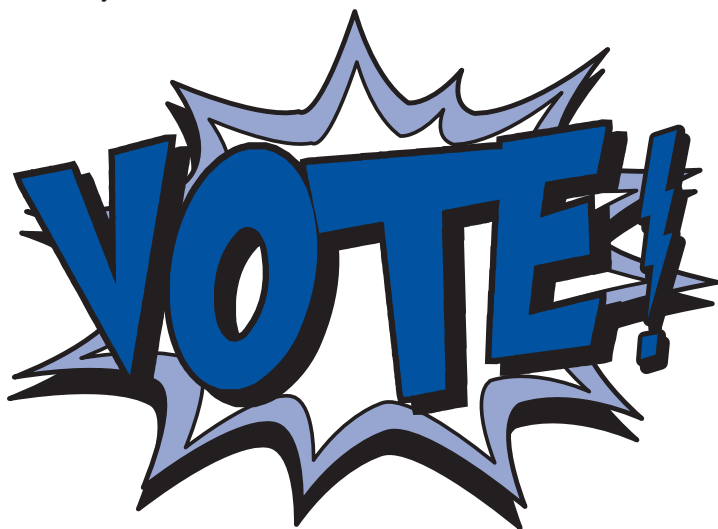
Drama Club News!

The Bainbridge-Guilford Drama Club had two great performances of *An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe* on March 3rd and 4th. Each night had almost 100 people in the seats, eagerly waiting to watch renditions of EAP's short stories realized by the student performers. The gripping stories had intensity, suspense, fear, and spots of humor that would make EAP crack a macabre smile. The Drama Club would like to thank their families, friends, B-G Central School District, and the supportive community for helping with two wonderful nights of Edgar Allan Poe set to stage.

thank you.

7 Reasons to Vote on May 16

With all the things you have to do, why should you come to the polls on Tuesday, May 16 to vote on the proposed school budget and cast your ballot in the school board election? Here are seven reasons from the New York State School Boards Association.



WHY VOTE?

- **Because you can.**

In many nations of the world, and in most states of our union, citizens do not have the right to vote on the spending plans developed by their school districts.

- **Because you set an example.**

The students we serve notice whether or not the adults in their lives exercise their civic responsibilities. We set an example whether or not we vote.

- **Because you control public education.**

You get to decide each year on the quantity and quality of educational programs and services provided in your community.

- **Because you show respect for what educators do.**

Working with all the students that show up is a very difficult challenge. By taking the time to vote, you acknowledge this challenge.

- **Because your response is needed.**

Your school board has developed a spending plan based on input from district employees and community members of budget advisory committees. These folks spent hundreds of hours considering options and making spending decisions for your consideration. Respond by voting.

- **Because public education matters.**

Our public schools educate by far the greatest number of our next generation—those to whom we will be turning over the reins of government and business, and those who will be caring for our generation as we get older.

- **Because your community and its children depend on you.**

The folk wisdom that “it takes a whole community to raise a child” fits here. You share the responsibility to see that all children are educated. While you may not be actually involved with what occurs in classrooms, you can make your opinion known on what happens there by voting.

“ALL IN FAVOR” CAST YOUR VOTE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

—New York State School Boards Association

Budget Vote/Election Information

CHANGE IN VOTE LOCATION

Voters in the Bainbridge voting district will cast their ballots at the Greenlawn Elementary School from Noon-9:00 p.m. on May 16, 2017.

BUDGET HEARING

A budget hearing will be held at the Jr.-Sr. HS Auditorium commencing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Personal registration of Voters is required for the annual vote. Registration will be held on May 9, 2017 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at the Greenlawn Elementary School and the Guilford Town Hall. Qualified voters who are registered with the County Board of Elections are eligible to vote without further registration.

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

A person shall be entitled to vote on the appointed date for the election of school district officials, and upon all other matters which may be in the form of a referendum, who is:

1. A citizen of the United States.
2. Eighteen years of age.
3. A resident within the district for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the meeting at which he/she offers to vote.

No person shall be determined ineligible to vote by reason of race, creed, color or sex, who has other qualifications in this section.

VOTE

May 16, 2017, Noon-9:00 p.m., Greenlawn Elementary School and Guilford Town Hall

YOUR VOTE DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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:

1. Obtain and submit an application for an absentee ballot.
2. If the ballot will be mailed the application must be received no later than the SEVENTH DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION.
3. Upon completion of the application, the ballot will be given to the applicant or, in the case of a written request, will be mailed to the applicant.

Completed ballots MUST BE received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

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 17, 2017. The following vacancies are to be filled:

- A three-year term ending June 30, 2017 presently held by Jeanne Shields
- A three-year term ending June 30, 2017 formerly held by Gary Smith

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.

Universal Pre-K Meeting

There will be a parent meeting for all students enrolled in our Pre-K program on Thursday, May 18 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Guilford Cafeteria. This meeting will give you an overview of the UPK program and an opportunity to meet the Pre-K teachers. During the meeting, school personnel will assist you with the enrollment process and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting you! If you have any further questions or concerns, please call the Guilford secretary, Kathi Ives at 895-6700.

Guilford Kindergarten Parent Night

On Thursday, April 27, Kindergarten parents are invited to our Kindergarten Parent Information Night. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the Guilford Cafeteria. There will be a presentation designed to help you understand our kindergarten program and the experiences your child will have throughout the year. At this meeting you will be able to sign up for a kindergarten screening time slot. Kindergarten screening days will be May 8th-11th. If you have any further questions or concerns, please call the Guilford secretary, Kathi Ives at 895-6700.

District Looks Towards Leasing Busses

This year the district will be seeking voter approval to lease two large passenger diesel buses as we retire/trade-in buses 29, 37 and a smaller 22-passenger bus. While this is a new venture to us at B-G, many local districts are already enjoying the cost savings associated with the leasing process. With voter approval in May the District can realize savings of nearly \$6,000 on each of the two larger buses and \$3,000 on the 22-passenger bus. I feel it is very important to present taxpayers with cost savings measures and leasing buses is a way we can save the district money.

WHY LEASE?

- There would be maintenance savings with leasing buses because the district would assume no cost for the upkeep of the buses other than oil, filter, headlights or vandalism. Brakes, tires and parts would be the responsibility of the company.
- There is no need to purchase many of the new, required diagnostic tools that are needed to work on the buses.
- There would be no need for a fiscal agent or bond counsel.
- No large upfront payment with leasing buses (roughly \$17,000 for each big bus instead of \$107,070). After aid approximately \$3,900/yr. for each big bus to lease versus \$24,610 to purchase. We are looking at five-year leases.
- Our 22-passenger bus is \$54,667 or \$12,573 after aid and \$2,047 per year to lease.
- Leasing will allow us to create a newer fleet and completely flip our existing fleet in five years.
- Leasing can bring consistency, predictability and even expenditures for the district.

WHY DIESEL?

- Today's clean-diesel school buses are 20 times cleaner than buses of 2003
- Produce near zero emissions and achieve Emissions performance near equivalent of alternative fuels
- Are extremely reliable
- Require no new infrastructure
- Get better fuel economy
- Will keep our fleet evenly split between propane buses and diesel 6/7
- We no longer receive the NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority) grant for propane buses due to it no longer being available, however, we do still receive a NYSERDA fuel credit.

LEASING QUESTION/ANSWER

- Q. Is school bus leasing a state aid-able expense in NYS?**
A. Yes, Leasing is state aid-able in NYS.
- Q. Can a district purchase equipment at the end of the lease?**
A. If the lessor is willing to offer equipment for sale, then a

district could conduct a local bid and purchase the same equipment back. This would be an aid-able purchase of used equipment, as long as all bus purchase laws and regulations are followed.

Q. Is voter authorization needed to lease buses in NYS?

- A. Yes and No. It is needed for a lease of 1 year to 5 years. It is not needed for a lease of less than a year.

Q. I recently learned that the Bainbridge Guilford Central School District is looking to lease two diesel buses this year instead of propane buses as in the past. Is this the direction the district is heading?

- A. That information is correct. This spring we will be looking to lease two International diesel buses from Leonard Bus Sales. There are several reasons why the district is looking at diesels this year instead of propane:

- There is no longer a NYSERDA incentive given to districts for propane
- Propane buses can't travel the distances that diesel buses can without refueling and it is often times difficult to find propane refueling stations
- We want to keep our fleet evenly split
- Diesel emissions have become extremely clean
- Propane buses aren't allowed in the tunnels traveling to NYC

While this spring we will ask voters to approve two diesel buses this does not mean we won't purchase propane buses in the future. Thank you for a great question and please email or call with any questions or suggestions you might have.

Please feel free to email me at tryan@bgcsd.org or call my office at 607-967-6321 if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Timothy R. Ryan

Superintendent of Schools

Remember When . . .



1992—Computer monitors in Mrs. Branham's Keyboarding class!

Alumni Spotlight!



Dr. Michelle Gifford, a dentist practicing in the heart of Bainbridge, now services the town that helped her grow into the successful practitioner she is today. Twenty-five years ago, in 1992, she stepped off the stage at her very own B-G graduation, excited for what college would hold. Her higher education would take her to Lemoyne, a prominent New York college, where she would go on to receive a bachelor's degree in biology. After Lemoyne, she moved on to receive her doctorate in Dental Medicine from the University of Buffalo. With her new degree in dentistry she could hypothetically go anywhere she wanted to set up. In her own words, "every town needs doctors, dentists, lawyers, teachers and accountants." In fact, even her family said they doubted she'd ever come back. Yet, she returned to her little home town in upstate New York.

She says that people were the real draw. Something about the people in Bainbridge just kept her wanting to be here, around those who had helped her achieve all she could. She reminisced fondly of how many opportunities she was given at Bainbridge, including music and year-book editor, and how that environment allowed you to do as much as you wanted. She said her experience at B-G was great! On top of her taking advantage of many of the extracurricular activities offered, she took as many AP's and as many business classes as she could. Through all this, she was supported by the people in the Bainbridge community. Even after leaving for college she kept in contact with her friends, even though back then it wasn't as easy as a Facebook friend request. By the time she had graduated dentistry school most of her friends had returned to Bainbridge to start careers here. With her family being here too, it just seemed right to come back.

"Not every dentist can say that their Kindergarten teacher is their patient" she said proudly, "but I can!" She said that that's not her only patient who used to be a teacher. Not only that, friends, family, and people she's known her whole life. She feels like she is giving back to the people who raised her, if only in a little way. In one more attempt to give back she offers some advice to B-G students, "My advice to students graduating would be to dream big, you are not limited because you came from a small town. Apply to that dream school, there is a way to make it happen."

Those words echo her own story. Allowing those around her to help her reach her goals, then returning to the community to support those who encouraged her.

—submitted by *Griffin Fisher*, B-G Class of 2017

Booster Club News

Thank you so much to those that came out to the B-G Youth Basketball Tournament held on Saturday, February 4 at the Jr.-Sr. High School. The Booster Club would like to thank everyone that volunteered their time to make this tournament a huge success. We would like to extend a special thank you to our referees: Brad Aldrich, Rob Bronson, Dan Cirigliano, Bob Conway, Lindsay Coons, Tim Mattingly, Jim Mosher, Christine Oliver, Jordan Smith, Randy Smith and Kevin Wehrl. In addition, thanks to those who volunteered to help with concessions: Karen Gage, Lori and Tara Smith. Thanks also to the JV & Varsity Boys' and Girls' Basketball players who helped with keeping score and running the clocks.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

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

ACCO	Kelsey Brook Alpacas
Amphenol	Michelle Gifford, DDS
Bainbridge Pet Wellness	Mirabito
Bainbridge Chamber	Dolores & Roy Nabinger
Blitz Family Dental	NBT Bank
Bob's Diner	Payne's Cranes
Coca-Cola	Pennysaver
Coughlin & Gerhart	Pine-Ridge Grocery
Barb & Cliff Crouch	Rosa's
Dunkin Donuts	Scoville-Meno
Germond Chiropractic	SFCU
Huff's	Upturn Industries
In Memory of Connor P. Glassett (Great American—Sidney)	Steven & June White

BOBCAT CAN/BOTTLE BINS

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

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

**The B-G Booster Club &
the Student Athletes
Appreciate Your Support!**

Safety Efforts Earn B-G Safety Excellence Award

Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District is one of 136 school districts and Board of Cooperative Education Services in the state to receive the 2017 *Titanium with Honors School Safety Excellence Award*, the highest level of recognition offered by the Utica National Insurance Group.

The honor, presented annually, recognizes school districts' safety efforts as they work to help keep students, staff and visitors safe. Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District received its' award at Utica National's 37th annual school safety seminar in Binghamton. For over 40 years, Utica National has kept kids and school staff safe and currently insures more than 300 school districts in upstate New York alone.

Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District officials accepted a certificate to commemorate the district's safety efforts and a \$500 award for use in furthering those efforts. This is the 14th time B-G has received this award.

Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award Program has three levels—titanium, platinum and gold—in which schools can earn a meritorious distinction by meeting specific criteria to enhance overall safety. Through the program, schools with their own transportation, schools with contract transportation, and BOCES are evaluated. Categories covered include bullying prevention programs, playground safety and other areas, and are measured using specific quantifiable surveys. "Safety and health concerns continue to be a priority in our school districts," explained Brian Saville, Resident Senior Vice President in Utica National's Educational Institutions Unit. "Districts that go 'above and beyond' to provide a safe, healthy and focused culture for learning are to be applauded, and we're pleased to count Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District among them."

The school district would like to specifically thank Director of Facilities II, Howard Thomson, and the members of the Health and Safety Committee for their ongoing efforts to make Bainbridge-Guilford a safe place for faculty, students and staff.



L-r: Scott Poulton, Tri-Town Agency-Agent & Broker; Cassandra Ingham, Utica National Insurance Group—Certified School Risk Manager Educational Unit; Howard Thomson, Director of Facilities II—BGCS D; Karen Wills, Utica National Insurance Group—NYS Senior School Underwriter

Jr.-Sr. High School Attendance Procedure

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOLERS

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.
- Parents/guardians are arriving unannounced at the Jr.-Sr. High School to pick up their child(ren). Policy states that students should present a note to the Main Office first thing on the morning of the day that they will be leaving. It is very difficult to have your child ready for pick-up without knowing ahead of time. If you find you need to take your child for a last minute appointment, you should call the number listed above and come in to sign your child out for the appointment.
- Notes to be excused during the school day should be presented to the Attendance Office in the High School Main Office in the morning when the student first enters the building. Notes not received first thing in the morning will be subject to verification. Students needing to be excused during the day but who have not brought in a note should have the parent/guardian call the Attendance Office at 967-6368. The parent/guardian will need to either FAX a note or personally come in to pick up the student.
- 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 Attendance Office. Some examples would be: horse shows, family vacation, 4-H 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.

Message from the Jr.-Sr. High School Principal

As I near the end of my twelfth year as the high school principal and just spent an evening with 8th graders and their parents at the 8th Grade Parent Information Night my message will be on the wonderful things Bainbridge-Guilford has to offer our students. Prior to my start as principal, my first year at B-G was in the position of Dean of Students. When I applied, interviewed and accepted the position of Dean of Students I was very impressed by all B-G offers for a smaller school and the importance placed on academics accentuated with a pass grade expectation of 75.

As I moved on to become the principal I carried forward my pride and desire to lead our school in offering great things by providing opportunities and access for our students to a well-rounded education and choices for learning, fun, and career paths.

Our small rural school is one of few that offer chorus, band and orchestra. In addition to Marching Band we have a Pep Band, a Jazz Band and Color Guard. Our school offers the traditional sports as those schools around us along with Boys' Volleyball, Badminton and Table Tennis. We offer Drama Club, Ski Club, Spanish Club, Yes! Leads and Student Councils to both Jr. and Sr. High School students. We offer both a Jr. and Sr. Honor Society and compete in the Envirothon and Odyssey of the Mind. We also produce our Yearbook through the Yearbook Club. Finally, we offer enrichment activities each day in the form of Intramurals at both Jr. and Sr. High, Weight Room and Computer Lab.

In academics we offer strong core subject instruction along with electives in Art, Health, Music, Physical Education, Family and Consumer Science, and Technology. Our 11th period is a time for both enrichment and extra help. We offer over twenty dual credit college classes, more college courses via online learning and four Advanced Placement courses. About a third of our students in 11th and 12th grade travel to BOCES each day to participate in various Career and Technical Education programs (Trade Type Careers). Additionally we offer a two year Machine Tool Technology Program on site. We have had five students graduate with an Associate's Degree from TC3 in two years and look to have eight more gain this degree this school year. Many more students earn over 24 college credits and the majority of our seniors graduate with more than 25 high school credits. Also, in summer we offer students a chance to take Driver's education.

Although we offer much to our students, the greatest thing we have, which makes the biggest impact on our students learning and growth, is a highly trained staff that are caring and compassionate. Our staff in transportation, cafeteria, maintenance, instruction and administration are at B-G because they love working with students and sincerely want our students and our school to be the best. It has been my

pleasure and one of our most important duties to find, hire and train the best candidates in every employment opening we have. As people retire or leave we have worked diligently to find the best people to be the difference makers in your child's education.

The goal of our 8th Grade Parent Information Night is to review what we offer and what is both necessary and available to students moving into high school on their journey to graduation. We share available sports, activities and clubs along with credit requirements, regents' requirements, pathway options, and available courses in each subject area. This information meeting is the set-up for students to then meet with a school counselor to pencil in their high school four year plan.

When presenting at the information night or to our Board of Education and anytime we interview potential employment candidates, I am filled with pride as I always share the wonderful things we offer our students. I always tell everyone we have wonderful staff and wonderful students. Thank you Bainbridge-Guilford for my opportunity to be your High School Principal and for all the support this community continues to give to our school district.

—William Zakrajsek, Jr.-Sr. High School Principal

Jr.-Sr. HS Guidance Corner

2016-2017 NYS TESTING SCHEDULE

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

7th Grade Testing

May 2-4 NYS Math Test

8th Grade Testing

May 2-3 NYS Math Test

May 24-25 NYS Science Test—Performance

June 5 NYS Science Test—Written

Please encourage your child to do their very best on the State exams. Student scores are used to determine interventions and who may be recommended for accelerated classes. Information regarding these State assessments can be found online at *Engageny.org*. When we receive the results of these exams, reports will be sent home specific to your son/daughter's performance.

The testing window is much smaller this year, and it is very important to not schedule routine appointments for your child on the above scheduled testing dates.

**12TH GRADE
PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL**

*Konnor Bookhout
Austin Carr
Caitlyn Diamond
Griffin Fisher
Olivia Garror
Camille Hawkins
Abbi Miller
Katlyn Mullin
Aidan Nolan
Kyle Rideout
Nathan Searles
Katherine Tiley*

HIGH HONOR ROLL

*Lindsey Barnhart
Alec Burdick
Skylar Clark
Zoe DePew
Nevada Heaney
Rachel Hinkley
Owen Lambrecht
Jesse Micha-Hurlburt
Ashley Parsons
Alondra Ramirez
Kyle Raymer
Rebecca Reyes
Hunter Richter*

HONOR ROLL

*Lucas Beebe
Rose Bochicchio
Zachary Cappiello
Cole Clendening
Dennis Dailey Jr.
Morgan Dean
John Goldswor III
Scott Griebel
Akelyah Hall
Kailey Harris
Bailey Hotaling
Dani Johnson
Sean Jones
Levi Knapp
Daria Kozak
Alexander Leggett
Kristen Lester*

*Michael Lockwood
Devin Neidig
Austin Rowe
Brandon Scherhauser
Hunter Warner*

**11TH GRADE
PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL**

*Miranda Anderson
Jonathan Castle
Maya Cliffe
Bernardina Cordes
Courtney Delello
Samara Greene
Mara Hartwell
Alana Pires Werneck*

HIGH HONOR ROLL

*Timothy Bauer
Amaya Carlin
Kennra Ceresna
Patrick DeMichele IV
Viktoria Kovacs
Cole Nutter
Molly O'Hara
Brenton Rideout
Matthew Warner
Tristan Watford
Tristan Wilson*

HONOR ROLL

*Benjamin Bivar
Jillian Cannistra
Xavier Cherniak
Anthony Davis
Jillian Davis
Kaia Fuller
Trevor Halaquist
Dakota Hall
Adam Ives
Destiny Jones
Carleigh Lester
Morgan McCall
Jenna Nordberg
Kody Olsen
Megan Palmatier
Jonathan Pratt
Collin Puerile
Joseph Seymour*

*Cody Shackelton
Daniel Spencer
Travis Terzo
Cordel VanDermark
Austin Williams*

**10TH GRADE
PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL**

*Zamira Caldwell
Dadeon Canfield
Tannar Cliffe
Ryan Cooper
Helaina Curtin
Madalyn Erceg
Haley French
Erica Frost
Jacob Hotchkin
Kaylee Miller
Haley Morse
Jared Pruskowski
Abigail Selfridge
Alan Terzo
Alexander Tranvaag*

HIGH HONOR ROLL

*Damien Borowski
Mason Brown
Kristen Chambers
Skylar Collins
McKeyli Decker
Aubrey Fox
Alexis Gombach
Leah Gregory
Gina Haddad
Matraca Harmon
Ethan Ingham
Damian Knapp
Alexis Matthews
Rose McKay
Thomas Palmatier
Kyleigh Pedersen
Montana Pikul
Katelyn Porter
Brendan Roefs
Evan Seymour
Gabriel Watson*

Honor Roll

HONOR ROLL

Alexis Carr
Marissa Cuzzo
Makenzie Drown
Kyle Farnham
Joshua Gaias
Gwenyth Germond
Alexis Haynes
Evan Hyzer
Andrew Miller
Morgan Neidig
Ashley Oliver
Brandon Palmatier
Nickolas Petrutoni
Devon Scherhauser
Jezrah Sherman
Kori Thornton

9TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Samantha Ceresna
Courtney Gilbert
Colby Hotaling
Alli Miller
Hannah Sprow
Ivy Sullivan
Lauren Womelsdorf

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Jake Buchman
Brienna Collingwood
Cierra French
Daniel Hager
Shelby Haynes
Nathaniel Henry
Mariah Olcott
Samantha Sherman
Shelby Smith

HONOR ROLL

Justin Butts
Elizabeth DuMond
Colby Graef
Zachary Ladd
Macie Leizear
Tracy O'Connor
Jadyn Olcott
Kaitlyn Parry

8TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Alexis Brown
Cody Buchman
Makenna Clark
Sasha Lamoree
Abigail Minturn
Taylor Parsons
Ryan Porter
Katrien Roefs
Erica Selfridge

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Bree Barber
Haiden Burns
Sara Cannistra
Abbey Delello
Damien Farberman
Parker Finch
Lisa Gao
Garrett Ives
Peyton Mosher
Josephine Porter
Caleb Presley
Michaela Roach
John Scheuerman
Trent Thornton
Nicholas Williams

HONOR ROLL

JonMarick Crawford
Justin Dibble
Tanner Eckert
Hannah Goldswor
Dalani Johnson
Matthew Kanzer
Joseph Lindsey
Brandon Loucks
Ashley Matthews
Carlene Palmer
Collin Shackelton
Emmalynne Sherman
Owen Walley
Daniel Warner

7TH GRADE PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Nolan Burns
Kira Davidson
Ethan Gregory
Valerie Haddad
Lance Jones
Seamus Nolan
Abigail Wombacker

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Savannah Carlin
Owen Drown
Reese Elwood
AnthonyLouis Grigoli
Autumn Madugno
Alexis McFee
Summer Wasiura

HONOR ROLL

Makayla Boice
Kayden Gombach
Gavin Guy
Connor Harmon
Lillian Luyster
Brayton Northrup
Madison Payne
Haley Ross
Christian Seymour
Evan Thorpe
Landon Umbra
Michael Wright
Hailey Zehr

Congratulations

Jr.-Sr. Dates to Remember

May

- 9 Senior Trip Parent Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,
HS Auditorium—Mandatory for parents of
students attending the trip
- 14-15 Senior Trip: Baltimore—balance due April 3rd
- 20 Jr. Prom, Afton River Club
- 24 Honors Reception—Grades 7-12, HS Auditorium,
7:00 p.m.
- 29 Memorial Day Parade—
Guilford, 8:00 a.m.
Bainbridge, 10:00 a.m.

June

- 5 Athletic Awards Night, HS Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
- 7 Senior Recognition Concert, HS Auditorium,
6:30 p.m.
- 8 BOCES Norwich Campus: Graduation and Awards
- 9 Jr. High Awards, HS Auditorium, 8:30 a.m.
Seniors—Caps and gowns are passed out.
(If you have not ordered yet see Mr. Grigoli.)
- 10 Sidney Home Town Parade, Time: TBA—
This is a band requirement.
- 11 Baccalaureate service, Church: TBA, 7:00 p.m.
(Wear your cap and gown.)
- 12 BOCES Graduation, RWH Gym, 10:00 a.m.
Senior Luncheon at the Silo and Moving Up Day
BOCES Awards, RWH Gym, 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Graduation Rehearsal, 3:00 p.m.
- Sr. High Awards Night, HS Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
(Graduates be here by 6:15 p.m., HS Front Lawn)

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

The Annual Junior Prom and Post-Prom Party

MAY 20, 6:30 P.M.-3:00 A.M. (PARENT PICKUP)

at The Afton River Club (Prom);
and the HS (Post-Prom)

Your son or daughter should be bringing home Prom paperwork in the next couple of weeks for you to read and to sign.

Parents who want to be involved in the Post-Prom Parent Committee (dropping off donations, setting up the party, picking up food, etc.), please email the junior class advisor, Lindsay McCandless, at: lmccandless@bgcsd.org

We need parents to help make the Post-Prom party successful!

Jr.-Sr. HS Students of the Month

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

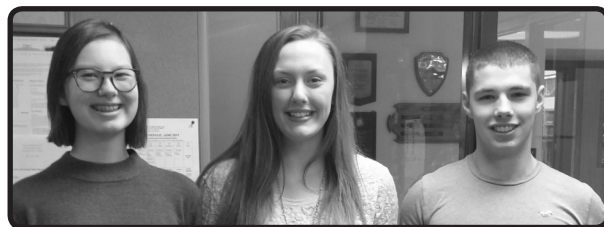
Students of the month will receive a gift card from Rosa's Pizzeria for a slice of pizza or small fries and a small soda!

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!

JANUARY



*Jr. High—7th Grader Lance Jones, 8th Grader Bree Barber,
9th Grader Tracy O'Connor*

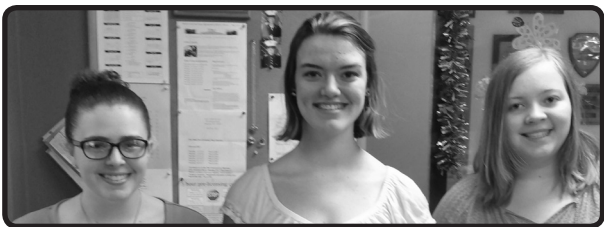


*Sr. High—10th Grader Helaina Curtin, 11th Grader
Miranda Anderson, 12th Grader Hunter Richter*

FEBRUARY



*Jr. High—7th Grader Savannah Carlin, 8th Grader Erica
Selfridge, 9th Grader Lauren Womelsdorf*



*Sr. High—12th Grader Caitlyn Diamond, 11th Grader Mara
Hartwell, 10th Grader Kaylee Miller*

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Afton & Bainbridge-Guilford YES LEADers Team Up to Bring Awareness to Injuries and Prescription Drug Abuse

(Afton, NY) Over 400 community members turned out for “Dinner, Dessert and Direct Talk”, an opiate information event co-sponsored by the YES LEADS groups at Afton and Bainbridge-Guilford High Schools.

Along with a free pizza dinner, attendees heard from a panel of experts that included Senator Fred Akshar, Dr. Garcia Pierre-Pierre of Lourdes Sports Medicine, Local Chiropractor Dr. Dobby Crisell, Athletic Trainer Dan Sheffer, Matt Skojec of Chenango County Behavioral Health, Athletic Coach Robb Munro, James Everard of Chenango County Drug Court and Megan Vogt.

The panel covered topics including the alternative methods to recovering from an injury, the risks and dangers of prescription drug dependence, and the link between opiates and long-term heroin use.

The program was hosted by special guest emcee, Senator Fred Akshar.

"Knowledge is one of the most powerful resources to prevent prescription drug abuse in our community," Akshar said. "It's amazing to have YES LEADers dedicate their time and efforts to organize this event to help families further understand this widespread epidemic."

The evening was organized by the 60 YES LEADers from Afton and Bainbridge-Guilford High Schools. In addition to handing out dinner and setting up the program, YES LEADers were on hand to supervise elementary students in open gym and talk to them one-on-one about the importance of making safe choices.

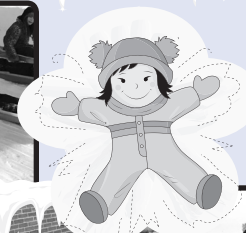
At the beginning of the school year, YES Safe Choices was selected from a group of national youth organizations and coalitions to train YES LEADers in “The pHARMING Effects” presentation. Developed in conjunction with the Cardinal Health Foundation, this pilot program focuses on new ways to educate middle school students about the dangers of prescription drug abuse and their long term connection to heroin.

Afton and Bainbridge-Guilford’s YES LEADS groups were two of the six who volunteered to bring this valuable training into their middle schools and will present The pHARMING Effects in the coming weeks.

Greenlawn Winter Olympics have Abundant Snow!

Greenlawn's Winter Olympics were held on February 17. Students in grades 2-6 participated in the three-legged race, hockey, crab soccer, basketball shootout, and cooperative activities inside in the morning. The afternoon brought outside events in our abundant snow including the luge, sled pull, biathlon and snow sculpture.

Mrs. Oliver would like to thank all the students for being such good sports and working hard on having fun and staying fit. Also a big thank you to all the faculty and staff that work together to run events and help the kids have fun. It can not be done with out you! It was great to see parents participating in some events also!



WHAT A FUN DAY!

After-School Learning!

Greenlawn Elementary is in the position to offer supplemental after-school learning opportunities that promote individual student goal growth with a focus on NYS test score improvement. This opportunity will be under the supervision of elementary teachers providing instruction and guided practice geared toward student created goal growth, Common Core learning standards and NYS expectations. Participation criteria is based upon the following contingencies:

- Commitment to attending consistently
- Active engagement and participation in activities
- Appropriate behavior at all times; inappropriate behavior will result in immediate program dismissal
- Parent pick-up is required at 4:05 p.m.

The designated timeframe for Math goal growth and skill building is Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, during the weeks of April 3, April 17 and April 24. Students will report to the cafeteria for snack at 3:05 p.m. followed by instruction 3:15-4:05 p.m. Students must be picked up at 4:05 p.m. from the Greenlawn lobby.

During the Math focus, students and adults will be working together to develop activities to promote growth toward goals, following the rigorous 3-week schedule below:

1. Guided practice with Multiple Choice questions
2. Independent practice with Multiple Choice questions
3. Guided practice of Constructed Response questions
4. Independent practice of Constructed Response questions
5. Vocabulary review
6. Strategy review
7. Annotation and showing work when solving problems

Snack will be provided. Students will be grouped according to grade level and total participation numbers. If after-school activities are canceled, this program will be canceled as well.

If you are interested in participating, please call Greenlawn at 967-6301. Inserted within this newsletter is the registration form to be returned to the school.

Greenlawn Spring Information

The second trimester report cards were sent home in mid-March during Parent/Teacher conferences. The last day of the third trimester is June 9. Final report cards will be sent home with students on the last day of school.

The third through sixth grade students worked extremely hard through the winter to prepare for the NYS ELA Test. They continued their hard work to take the test March 28-30! Students have been preparing for the NYS Math Test in intervention, class, and some students have opted to prepare by attending the extended day program at Greenlawn for additional practice. The NYS Math Test will be administered May 2-4.

We are so proud of our students and all the hard work that they put in to growing and learning throughout the year!

TIPS TO PREPARE FOR THE TEST:

The night before:

- Get at least 8 hours of sleep!
- Prepare backpack and materials
- Eat a filling dinner
- Do a few practice questions or review vocabulary

The morning/day of:

- Eat a good breakfast
- Bring some gum or a fidget in case you get nervous
- Remember to BREATHE!
- If you don't know an answer, skip it and come back to it later
- Do your best!

Girls on the Run

This spring, girls in grades three through six are excited to take part in the Girls on the Run program at Greenlawn. Three teams of 13 girls meet twice a week to learn to be joyful, healthy and confident while participating in a running program. Coaches volunteer to work with the girls over the course of 13 weeks. This year's coach team includes Amanda Madugno, Leslie Cuzzo, Keren Seiler, Christine Gaias, Kimberly Morris-Schinn, and Judy Hinman. The final running goal is completing a fun run/walk 5k in Cooperstown at the end of the season. Every GOTR coach begins the season hoping to empower her girls to pursue their dreams, and to remember that their potential is limitless.



B-G Odyssey Captures Awards; Two Teams Move on to State Finals

1ST PLACE, 2ND PLACE AND 3RD PLACE AWARDS AT REGIONALS

Bainbridge-Guilford sent six Odyssey of the Mind Teams to the DCMO BOCES, Robert Harrold Campus to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Competition on Saturday, February 18. The teams arrived in Trout Creek after many months of hard work and preparation. They were ready to perform their long-term solutions for the judges and the audience, show off their style elements and compete in the spontaneous phase of the competition. At the conclusion of an exciting and exhausting day, awards were given in the competitive problems for the top three places in each

problem and in each division. B-G's teams took home four trophies! Two of our teams will move on to the State Finals in April.

You will see in the photos our Odyssey teams looked sharp in their team T-shirts. **Gavin Gifford** submitted the design for this year's team t-shirt. The teams and coaches would like to extend our thanks to the Sidney Federal Credit Union and Flemvale Construction, LLC for co-sponsoring this year's team t-shirts.



1st Place and moving on to States—Ready, Set, Balsa, Build; Division I. Coach Ericka Fleming, Enoche Ross, Gavin Gifford, Sawyer Swingle, Aiden Vermilyea, Owen Fleming, and Trevor Bachman



3rd Place—To Be Continued: A Superhero Cliffhanger; Division II. Back: Coach Lori Miller, Jordyn Parsons, Coach Kelli Mohrien; Front: Lillyann Finch, Kaitlyn Curtis, Riley Easton, Noah Patton, Caleb Brimmer and Cyrus Megale



2nd Place and moving on to States—Classics...It's Time OMer; Division I. Back: Coach Christine Gaias, Madalynn Gaias, Kaydence Brimmer, Maddie Brown, Leslie Cuozzo, Gabriella Cuozzo; Front: Camy Brown and Mariah Miller



4th Place—Classics...It's Time OMer; Division II. Coach Lori Davidson, Dylan Easton, Kayleigh Northrup, Marklee Bartle, Sammy Davidson, Coach Mike Davidson; Front: Matika Bartle, Kira Davidson and Clare Sullivan



2nd place—Catch Us If You Can; Division II. Front: Trent Sullivan, Coach Kathy Deforest, Cooper Sienko, Liam Germond, Mason Brownell, Brendan Deforest, Giovanni Johnson; back: Coach Mary Vredenburgh and Connor Vredenburgh



4th place—To Be Continued: A Superhero Cliffhanger; Division III. Front: Valerie Haddad; Back: Coach Robin Haddad, Alexis Brown, Connor Harmon, Landon Umbra, Gavin Guy, Gina Haddad, and Coach Nicole Marshall

Guilford Events

MRS. PIKE REMINDS US TO TREAT OUR TEETH WITH CARE!



VALENTINE'S DAY AT GUILFORD!

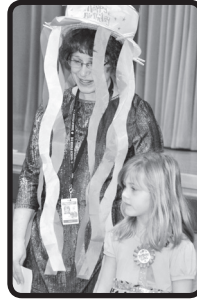


FEBRUARY FUN

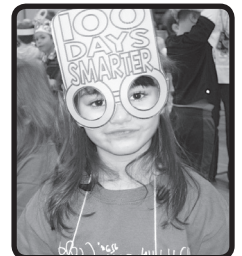


PAWS (PAWSITIVELY AWESOME WONDERFUL STUDENTS) ASSEMBLY

Students are recognized for birthdays, number club, and reaching some personal specific goals.



100TH DAY FINALLY CAME AND WE CELEBRATED IN STYLE WITH LOTS OF COUNTING



More Guilford Events

READ ACROSS AMERICA WITH DR. SEUSS "MIXED UP MONDAY"



MARCH: READ ACROSS AMERICA KICK OFF!

The *Cat In The Hat* is the honored guest who reads *The Sneetches* by Dr. Seuss, starring the Guilford faculty as the Sneetches and Mr. MacBean!



The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

—Dr. Seuss

School bus transportation is safe.

In fact, buses are safer than cars! Even so, last year, approximately 26 students were killed and another 9,000 were injured in incidents involving school buses. More often than not, these deaths and injuries didn't occur in a crash, but as the pupils were entering and exiting the bus.



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

Stay away from the bus until it comes to a **complete stop** and the driver signals you to enter.

Stay away from the bus until the driver gives his/her signal that it's ok to approach.

Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are back away from the bus.

Have a safe place to wait for your bus, **away from traffic and the street.**

Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers are required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses, however, not all do.

When being dropped off, exit the bus and **walk ten giant steps away** from the bus.

Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.

Protect yourself and watch out!

Guilford Bobkitten Counselor News!

JANUARY DIVERSITY CELEBRATION

We focused on skin color and learned about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We read, *The Colors of Us*, by Karen Katz.

Skin colors were celebrated by creating a *special* name for our individual shades such as: caramel, cotton candy, sand, peaches and cream, chocolate cupcake, and peanut butter.

First Graders wrote about their future *job dreams* and how they would use their helping hands in their work.



FRIENDSHIP FEBRUARY

Hip Hip Hooray, we use Problem Solving the I-Care Way!

Book Feature: *How The Crayons Saved The Rainbow* by Monica Sweeney. Teamwork and I-Care rules can help solve problems and add color to our world!

1. We used teamwork to color and create problem-solving wheels.
2. Each class colored a strip to create a rainbow!
3. During Kinder assemblies, we practiced listening to a friendship problem and used our wheel to identify and practice solutions.
4. We learned that problem-solving using I-Care rules protects friendships!

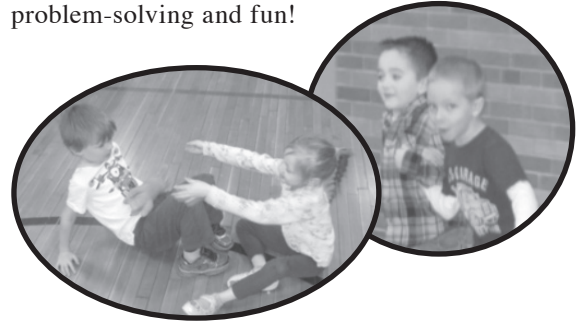


Counselor and *Cupid* share friendship fun on Valentine's day and Cupid finds out how kindergarteners created a problem-solver wall display.



KINDER ASSEMBLIES

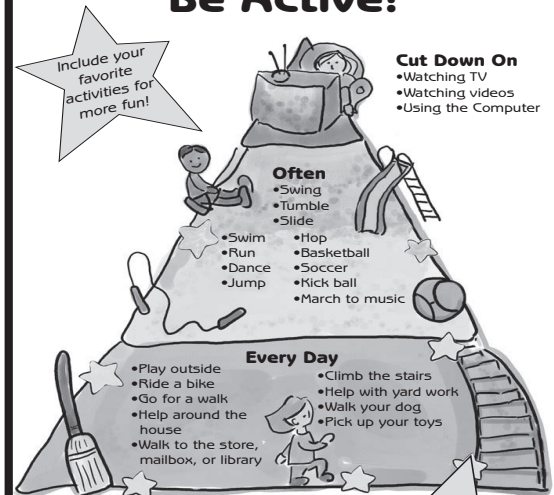
PE and Counseling Team Collaboration with lessons focussing on teamwork, regulation, friendship, problem-solving and fun!



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.

You can be active everywhere . . . inside, outside, recreational center, daycare, home, playground

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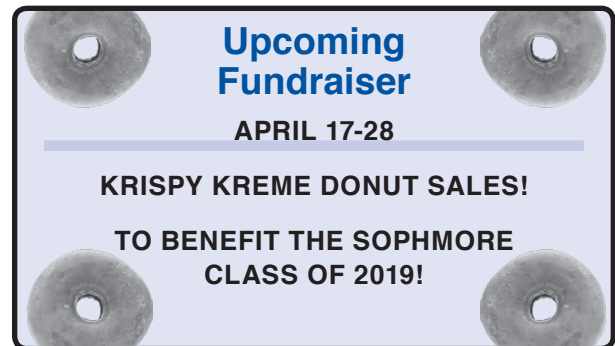
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Home Court Advantage

To the entire Bainbridge-Guilford community,

I want to take a moment to thank every player, parent, community member, staff member, coach, and every fan who attended a home basketball game this season. You truly offered our student athletes a home court advantage through your unwavering support. Yet, you also embodied the concept of our school as the hub of our community. Through the manner that you all supported our student athletes, with positive energy and sportsmanship, you modeled this behavior for our students, as well as other districts. I cannot tell you how many parents, administrators, coaches, and fans from visiting school districts have approached me this season concerning the welcoming atmosphere of our home court. From the dedication of student council members facilitating our half-court shot to the new Bobcat, to Harold and Donna, community members who come to our school for an evening out, to our student cheering section, you all worked together to create this positive, welcoming atmosphere. Truly, this is not an accomplishment to take lightly. In an educational climate where the community and schools tend to become separate from one another, you all work together to bring us closer, making the district the center of it all. Research states that students who are involved in extracurricular activities enjoy greater emotional and academic success, and the class and grace with which you gave our students an amazing home court advantage make me proud to be a Bobcat! Thank you!

—*Scott Graham*, Dean of Students



Attention Parents/Guardians!

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AUTO CALL

In our continued effort to guarantee your child's safety, the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District will be implementing an automated attendance calling system starting Monday, April 3. This call will go out to all students that have been marked "unexcused" from when the morning attendance was taken. If you receive such a call, please call the school to notify us of your child's whereabouts.

With our new system if you know in advance that your child will be out of school, please notify the district ahead of time and this will prevent the automated call. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school at 607-967-6321.