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B-G Fields SEVEN Odyssey of the Mind Teams for the 2015-16 Season

The Odyssey of the Mind Program is in underway at Bainbridge-Guilford for the 2015-16 season. Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem solving competition. This after school program is offered to all interested students at the Greenlawn Elementary School and at the Junior-Senior High School. This year we have fielded our largest group in a long while as seven teams have formed and are preparing for the competition. The teams selected their problems and started the task of creating their solutions. Their goal is to be ready for the Regional Competition, which will be held on February 13, 2016 at the DCMO BOCES Campus in Trout Creek. This is an all day event and we would welcome you to come out and support the teams. Teams finishing in first place in their problem and division will go on to the State Finals on April 2, 2016 at SUNY Binghamton.

The Odyssey program divides teams into different divisions based on the ages of team members. Division I is open to students in grades K-5 and is a competitive division. Our first Division I team has selected Problem 1—*No-Cycle Recycle*. In this problem, teams will build, ride on and drive a no-cycle, recycling vehicle. It will pick up discarded items, adapt them in some way and then deliver them to places to be re-used. The vehicle must travel without pedaling for propulsion. In addition, the driver will have an assistant worker riding on the vehicle that will help process the trash items being repurposed. They will make an unplanned stop along the way to perform a random act of kindness. Team members are **Trevor Bachman, Ryan Blackman, Sammy Davidson, Owen Fleming, Enoche Mitchell Ross, Sawyer Swingle** and **Gabe Walley**. Mrs. Fleming is the coach for this team and is being assisted by Mrs. Walley.

Our next Division I team will be tackling Problem 3—*Aesop Gone Viral*. In this problem, teams will create and present an original performance about a fable gone viral. The problem will include a list of fables attributed to Aesop. Teams will select one and portray it, and its moral, as going viral—that is, being shared throughout the community and beyond. The performance will be set in a past era and include a narrator character, an artistic representation of the fable's

moral, and a character that makes a wrong conclusion about the moral and is corrected. Team members include **Myanna Dickey, Olivia Hall, Kayleigh Northrup, Clare Sullivan,** and **Erinne Sullivan**. Ms. Clair is the coach of this team.

Our next Division I team has selected Problem 4—*Stack Attack*. This problem requires teams to design, build and test a structure, made only of balsa wood and glue that will balance and support as much weight as possible—twice. During weight-placement, teams can *Attack the Stack* where they will remove all of the weights except for the bottom one and the crusher board. Teams will also receive score for removing weights! After Attacking the Stack, the weight placement process can be repeated to add to the total weight held. Teams will incorporate weight-placement, repetition and Attacking a Stack into the theme of the performance. Team members include: **Mason Brownell, Brendan Deforest, Liam Germond, Giovanni Johnson, Cooper Sienko, Trent Sullivan,** and **Connor Vredenburgh**. Mrs. Vredenburgh and Mrs. Deforest are the coaches for this team.

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Holiday Concerts

Jr. High Winter Concert

December 9, 7:00 p.m.

Greenlawn Holiday Concert

(5th and 6th grade Ensembles)

December 18, 9:00 am

Odyssey of the Mind, cont.

Our final Division 1 team will be competing in Problem 5—*Furs, Fins, Feathers and Friends*. The team’s problem is to create and present a humorous performance depicting problem solving from the perspective of three different animals. The animals will help a stranger, help each other, and solve a problem that threatens the survival of all animals. During the performance, the animals will sing and dance. They will also show curiosity, sympathy, frustration, and joy. Team members include **Gabriella Cuozzo, Madalynn Gaias, Jayce Lindsey, Mariah Miller, Jordyn Parsons, Noah Patton** and **Ruth Thomas**. Coaches for this team are Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Cuozzo.

Our next two teams will be competing at the Division II level, which is open to students in grades 6-8. Our first Division II team has also chosen to tackle Problem 1—*No-Cycle Recycle*. A description of the problem is listed above. Team members include: **Ewan Germond, Gavin Guy, Connor Harmon, Owen Thomas, Landon Umbra, and Owen Walley**. Mr. and Mrs. Howard are the coaches for this team and they are being assisted by Mrs. Walley.

Our next Division II team has selected Problem 5—*Furs, Fins, Feathers and Friends*. A description of the problem is listed above. Team members include **Cody Buchman, Jake Buchman, Kira Davidson, Valerie Haddad, Emma Sherman, and Samantha Sherman**. Mrs. Haddad and Mr. Davidson are the coaches for this team.

Division III is open to students in grades 9-12. Mrs. Germond-Howard and Ms. Farrell’s team will be competing at the Division III level this year. This team has selected Problem 5—*Furs, Fins, Feathers and Friends*. A description of this problem is listed above. Team members include **Gwen Germond, Gavin Farrell, Gina Haddad, Olivia Hawkins, and Leah Gregory**.

Budget Information Committee Members Wanted

The Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District is currently seeking members for the B-G Budget Information Committee.

The purpose of this committee is to educate community members and staff to understand the proposed budget and explain the important aspects of the proposal to the general community. We value your perspective and welcome the opportunity for community involvement.

If you would be interested in serving on this committee or if you would like additional information, please contact Janice Rideout, School Business Manager, at 967-6335.

Superintendent Search

On October 20, 2015 the Bainbridge-Guilford Board of Education accepted a letter from Dr. Wheeler that stated his intention to not seek an extension of his current contract which ends July 31, 2016. As a result, the Board has begun the process of searching for a new superintendent.

The Board asked the consulting firm of Castallo and Silky from Syracuse to assist with this process. Mr. Alan Pole, Education Consultant, is the individual from that firm who is working directly with the B-G Board. The Board has already met with Mr. Pole to begin planning and looks forward to working with him to complete the search process. The B-G Board has had a successful history of working with Mr. Pole since he served as the District Superintendent of the DCMO BOCES before his 2008 retirement.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH SCHEDULE

- October 30 Superintendent Brochure and Application mailed
- December 1 Focus Group Sessions with Mr. Pole
Community members are invited to attend the 5:30 p.m. session in the District Conference Room, Jr.-Sr. High School Building
- December 11 Application deadline
- January 25-27 Six candidates will be presented to the BOE
- February 9-11 Three finalists invited back for full day interview with stakeholders
- Late February Board of Education to offer position to successful candidate
- March 18 Candidate is appointed to start July 1, 2016

The Board invites stakeholder committees to interview the three finalists and provide input to the Board on the candidates. These stakeholder committees will include faculty, administrators, support staff, and the community. A student committee will be considered if there is interest. All committee members should anticipate being available at a specified time on February 9, 10 and 11, 2016. Interested individuals can contact the District Office at 967-6321. Each full day of finalist interviews will conclude with an interview with the Board of Education.

On behalf of the Board of Education, we would like to thank the Bainbridge-Guilford community, faculty and staff for your assistance during this upcoming search process and for your anticipated support of our new superintendent of schools. If you have any questions with respect to any aspect of the superintendent search process, please feel free to contact Board of Education President, Emily Hall.

Booster Club News . . .

WHO IS THE B-G BOOSTER CLUB?

Our goal as an organization is to promote positive spirit and pride within our school and communities by providing unbiased support and encouragement for those who compete and coach for Bainbridge-Guilford.

The Booster Club supplies t-shirts to all varsity athletes each year, promoting B-G athletics and encouraging fair play and sportsmanship. The t-shirts feature a new design each year and an inspirational message on the back of the t-shirts. This design is carried over to the apparel that we offer each year. In addition, the club has funded various B-G team equipment purchases over the years some of which have included bats for the softball team, golf balls for the golf team, a pro-spike trainer for our volleyball teams, etc. A few years ago, the booster club helped design and secure funding for the new championship banners that are on display in the High School Gym and the club updates these banners each year. Over the past three years, the club has helped to fund the insurance for all youth sports by hosting the Youth Basketball Tournament.

The booster club supports student athletes attending athletic camps and clinics by reimbursing the student up to \$50 per camp. We also sell merchandise to the general public, fans and athletes at sporting events throughout the school year so that B-G athletes are promoted and the Bobcat name is proudly worn by the people purchasing the sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats and various other items we sell.

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

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



School Cancellation/Early Dismissal

Prior to the beginning of the school day, in instances of school cancellation, parents and students will be notified by local radio and television stations, and the automated notification system. These same media sources will be used in situations where school will be dismissed early. Since phone lines must be kept open during emergencies, parents of elementary students should expect their child to follow their family emergency plan. If no one is available at the intended destination, the student will be returned to either Guilford or Greenlawn.

Family Emergency Plans

At the beginning of the school year, parents will be asked to notify the school where their child should go in the event that a decision to close school early is made. It is suggested that parents stay tuned to any of the above radio stations during severe weather.

Local Media Broadcasting Emergency Closing Information

Radio

Sidney	WCDO	FM 101
	WCDO	AM 1490
Norwich and Oneonta <i>Central Radio Group</i>	WKXZ	FM 94
	WCHN	AM 97
	WBKT	FM 95.3
	WZOZ	FM 103.1
	WSRK	FM 103.9
Binghamton WNBF Affiliates	WDOS	AM 730
	WAAL	FM 99
	WKOP	AM 1360
	WHWK	FM 98
	WNBF	AM 1290

TV

Binghamton	WBNG—CBS WICZ—FOX WBGH—NBC YNN News—TW	<i>See your provider for channel specifications</i>
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Internet

www.wicz.com	Closings and Delays
www.wbng.com	Closings and Delays
www.bgcd.org	Closings and Delays

School Messenger

Automated phone and email system	Closing, Delays and Announcements
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The Junior High Student Council

The Bainbridge-Guilford Junior High School Student Council would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you. Our Student Council is a group of 7th and 8th grade students who coordinate events for the Jr. High School students.

The Student Council just finished organizing the 7th and 8th grade Halloween costume contest. This event was judged by Mr. Wehrli, Mr. Mayo and Mr. Zakrasek. The judges each had to choose and agree on a winner in each of the following categories: original, scary, funny, creative and miscellaneous. The overall winners of the costume contest were **Jadyn Olcott** and **Hannah Spencer**, who dressed as an old couple. Our Student Council was very pleased in how well the costume contest turned out.

In September, the Student Council arranged the Jr. High School Pride and Spirit Week. If we reached our goal for the students dress up and show their school spirit we would receive a reward to watch a movie. Our goal was 1,000 points and we reached our mark! As a reward, the 7th and 8th graders were granted the privilege of watching the movie *The Sandlot*.

Our Student Council members are: **Samantha Ceresna**, President; **Abby Delello**, Vice Preseident; **Alli Miller**, Secretary; **Taylor Parsons**, Treasurer; and **Sara Cannistra**, Sergeant at Arms. The other members are **Makenna Clark**, **Brienna Collingwood**, **Zoe Meyer**, **Haiden Burns**, **Garrett Ives**, **Jonathon Palmatier**, **Erica Selfridge**, **Alexis Grown** and **Josephine Porter**. Lastly our advisor is Mr. Lanfear.

The Student Council is looking forward to leading future events with our enthusiastic 7th and 8th grade classes!

—Josephine Porter

National Junior Honor Society Gives Back!



Members of the National Junior Honor Society have started off the year with various community service projects. The community service based organization kicked off the year recycling on school grounds. Every member participates in recycling by going room to room collecting paper, bottles and cans. Additionally,

the members in the National Junior Honor Society must complete 30 hours of community service during the course of the school year.

Members have already begun to fulfill their duties and collect hours of community service. Some have supported the community youth soccer program by volunteering to referee games, others volunteered at Guilford's Play Day last spring. Members have also worked at the Rotary Club's *Pancake Day* which is held every year on Election Day. The National Junior Honor Society works to support the community and hopes that you will follow their example, especially during the upcoming holiday season.

—Abi Selfridge

Fun Fall Parades

GUILFORD ELEMENTARY



As usual, Guilford Elementary School's fall parade was very well attended by parents and other family members. Children had a grand time parading down the lane and around the circle in front of the building. It was a beautiful day to parade outside!



GREENLAWN ELEMENTARY



All sorts of characters and critters showed up for the annual Greenlawn Elementary fall parade. Students in grades 2-6 along with many staff members dressed up to have some fall fun by parading around the traffic circle on a beautiful fall afternoon. There were robots and super heroes, princesses and pirates, ghosts and witches, who all followed the Elementary Marching Band!

January Regents Exam Notification

The January Regents examinations will be given at the Jr.-Sr. High School on the following dates January 26-29.

- Only high school BOCES students and high school students' grades 9 through 12 who are scheduled for Regents exams or local final exams need to report to school. Buses will run on the normal schedule. Seventh and eighth grade students will not attend school this week.
- BOCES classes will continue as usual for the entire week—BOCES students are encouraged to attend their classes, however please note there will NOT be a noon bus running to take students home.
- In case of a delayed opening all tests (regents and local) will be given. For Regents exams students must be present by 10:00 a.m. to take the test. In the event of a snow day during Regents week, Regents exams for that day will not be given and local tests will be given on the following Monday.
- **Tuesday, January 26**
8:00 a.m.—Global History & Geography
12:00 p.m.—English Common Core; Spanish Regional Regents
- **Wednesday, January 27**
8:00 a.m.—Living Environment
- **Thursday, January 28**
8:00 a.m.—U.S. History & Government; Earth Science
12:00 p.m.—Algebra I Common Core

Jr. High School Guidance Corner

2015-2016 NEW YORK STATE TESTING SCHEDULE

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

- 7th Grade Testing
April 5-7, 2016 New York State ELA TEST
April 13-15, 2016 New York State Math TEST
- 8th Grade Testing
April 5-7, 2016 New York State ELA TEST
April 13-15, 2016 New York State Math TEST
May 31-June 1, 2016... NYS Science Performance Test
June 6, 2016 NYS Science Written Test

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

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

Area All-State Music Festival



Four high school music students were selected to represent Bainbridge-Guilford at the New York State School Music Association Area All-State Festival. Representative musicians from approximately 25 area school districts came together at the State University College at Oneonta on November 20 and 21 for a weekend of rehearsals with guest conductors. **Maya Cliffe**, **Carline Higgs**, **Rachel Hinkley** and **Will Nowak** were selected based on their outstanding NYSSMA solo ratings that they received in May.

Congratulations to these students for their selection and participation in this exclusive event.

Fundraisers 2015-16

Date	Group	Event
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 Students of the Month

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

SEPTEMBER



*9th grade—Jared Pruskowski
8th grade—Lauren Womelsdorf
7th grade—Ryan Porter*



*10th grade—Anthony Davis (r.)
11th grade—Sean Jones (l.)
12th grade—Corey Oliver*

OCTOBER



*9th—Kyleigh Pedersen
8th—Tracy O'Connor
7th—Sasha Lamoree*



*12th—Lindsey Castle
11th—Aidan Nolan
10th—Travis Terzo*

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!

Congratulations!

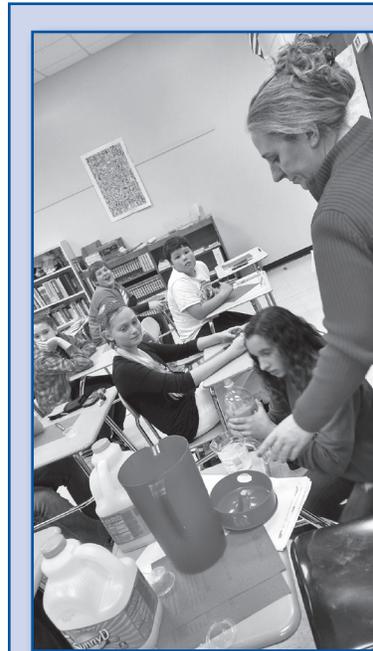
Hiking Windham Mountain



On Friday, October 16, Mr. Cirigliano's Outdoor Activities Class finished up their Hiking Unit with a nine mile round-trip hike of Windham Mt. We arrived around 9:30 a.m. and were able to spend the remainder of the day

there taking in the beautiful foliage and fall air. All the students involved enjoyed themselves and learned a lot.

The highest point is 3,524 feet, not quite the tallest mountain in New York, but a fun gradual climb for a cool, beautiful fall day. The view from the top was amazing and was enjoyed by all!

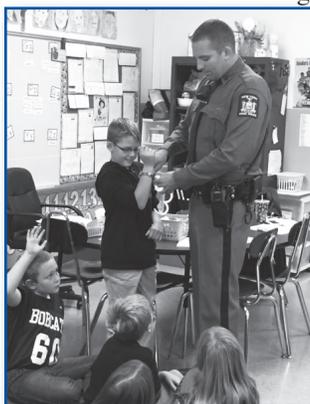


7th graders work on a proportion lab to discover which formula of orange fizz soda is the tastiest. Pictured, Ms Kutz and Dalani Johnson carefully measure out ingredients.

The Community Comes to Us

The multiage classes at Greenlawn have been busy learning all about the community where we live. They have learned about communities that are urban, suburban, and rural. They have answered important questions, such as, “How would your life be different if you lived in a different community?”

One of our main focus points was learning about helpers who keep us safe and help us learn. Several community helpers visited our classrooms, and shared their careers with us. We loved learning about how police officers, nurses, teachers, and farmers do their jobs, and show such passion for helping others. Thank you to those who were able to come in and make a lasting impression on our students!



Trooper Porter demonstrating handcuffs with his son, Brock.



Mr. Northrup taught us about money from all over the world.



Nurse Davidson described her role in the cardiac intensive care unit, and let us try part of her uniform!

Farmer Jeff Seymour, with his daughter Anna, brought twin calves, just hours old!



Playground Community Build Celebration

Five years ago we started thinking about replacing our current Greenlawn playground with a new one after recommendations from our insurance carrier and health and safety coordinator. A committee of teachers, teacher aides, PTO members and community members embarked on a journey to discover what options there were available and how we might raise funds. During the 2011-2012 school year we visited several area playgrounds and reviewed many playground plans before choosing Parkitechs to design a playground to meet our Greenlawn needs based on feedback from our students. We set an ambitious goal of \$100,000, which would be broken down into three phases.

By the end of the 2012 school year, we had collected approximately \$40,000 and in the summer of 2013 the first phase of the playground was completed which were the two climbing units and slides. Many thanks to all of the help from the Greenlawn students, parents and staff and our community sponsors NBT, SFCU, The Girl Scout Council, Head Start, The class of 2014, Upturn Industries, The BGTA, Rosa’s, LN Truck and Tractor, Ploughshare Antiques, The Taggart family in memory of Ellie Taggart, Stephen Witham, Wesley Miga and Karen Stonebraker in memory of Teddy Cherniak, Corning Incorporated, Margaret and Michael Rude, The Vince Taylor family, Marilyn Cotter, and The James O’Connor family. Special thanks to The Clark family, the Bradbury family and Horton Hardware for *manpower* and use of equipment.

Today we are here to celebrate phase two, the swing set which was installed by a community build partnership with the Bainbridge Rotary and school staff just before school started this summer (2015). An additional \$7,000 for this phase was contributed from a variety of small fundraisers done at Greenlawn including the sale of Olympic t-shirts, hat days, casual for a cause days, Box Top collection, Target rebates, and donations made by the PTO. Special thanks to the B-G maintenance department and the village of Bainbridge for their help with manpower and equipment.

Last but not least, special thanks to the playground committee members: Christine Oliver, Amanda Madugno, Brandi Clark, Mary Ann Lorenzen, Teresa Burnett and Robin Haddad. Phase three of the playground has been turned over to the Bainbridge Guilford Central School district and will be included in an upcoming District building project.

—M. Shirkey, Committee Chair

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