



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

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# Veterans Day

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



On November 8th the Greenlawn Elementary held a Veterans Day breakfast for all local Veterans and their guests. This year we also welcomed guests from the Oxford Veterans Home. The chorus sang *My Country 'Tis of Thee* and *You're a Grand Old Flag* led by music teacher, Molly O'Hara. Thank you to the Student Council for serving, the students who made the decorations, and the cafeteria staff who prepared the breakfast. You all helped make it a huge success.





# “STUDENTS OF THE MONTH”

Jr.-Sr. High School

SEPTEMBER



7th Grade—Isabele Suda



8th Grade—Beckett Longwell



9th Grade—Hailey Maye



10th Grade—Braiden Youngblood



11th Grade—Olivia Hall



12th Grade—Cadence Medlar

OCTOBER



7th Grade—Macy LaFever



8th Grade—Owen Degan



9th Grade—Ruth Wilson



10th Grade—Lincoln Benjamin



11th Grade—Clare Sullivan



12th Grade—Arien Sherman

## A Message from the Superintendent

On Wednesday, November 8, 2023, the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District held its annual Veterans' Day breakfast and ceremony at Greenlawn Elementary School. This year we hosted 100 veterans and their guests! We were honored this year to welcome Veterans from the New York State Veterans' Home in Oxford to our breakfast.

The event began at 8:30 a.m. with a hearty breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, and biscuits with gravy. Students from Greenlawn Elementary decorated the tables, made the veterans "thank you" cards and performed a medley of patriotic songs.

This is one of most important events we do during the year. We can't thank our veterans enough for their service to our country. It is so important for our veterans to be recognized and for our students to have an opportunity to thank them.

This is the 7th year the B-G district has held the breakfast and ceremony. Our first year we had 20 in attendance and this year we had 100! It is the district's goal to grow our celebration every year! Hopefully next year we will be at 125 or more!

Please help the district spread the word to all area Veterans. The B-G district would like to thank all of our veterans for their service.

With cold weather approaching, please make sure your contact info is up to date with the district so that we may reach you for inclement weather or emergency closing information. Please follow me on twitter @BGsuperint for immediate closing/delay info. Also, with the cold weather on the horizon, should your children need assistance with winter clothing, please reach out to their building to access our Bobcat Boutique in each of our three school buildings.

With the holidays just around the corner, please take time with family and friends to celebrate the end of 2023, and the beginning of 2024. Best wishes to our Bobcat community for a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,  
*Timothy R. Ryan,*  
Superintendent of Schools

## School Budget Information!

Budget season has begun here at Bainbridge-Guilford. If you are interested in hearing and learning more about the different areas of the 2024-2025 school budget, information will be presented at each of the Board meetings for the next few months.

We welcome any community members who would like to join us as we move through the various areas of the budget working towards a final spending plan to present to taxpayers for vote in May. We hope to see you there!

### BELOW IS THE SCHEDULE OF THE BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

- January 18—Transportation & Facilities
- February 1—Athletics & Special Education
- February 15—Tax Cap Review
- March 7—BOCES Services
- March 21—Budget Progress Update

### BUDGET TIMELINE

- April 4—Board of Education Adopts the 2024-25 School Budget
- April 22—School Board Candidate Nominating Petitions are due in the District Office by 5:00 p.m.
- May 7—Budget Brochure mailed to District Residents
- May 14—Voter Registration  
Bainbridge Residents: Greenlawn Elementary School  
Guilford Residents: Guilford Elementary School
- May 14—Public Budget Hearing—place TBD
- May 21—District Residents vote on the proposed budget  
Bainbridge Residents: Greenlawn Elementary  
Guilford Residents: Guilford Elementary

## January Regents Exam Notification

The January Regents examinations will be given at the Jr. – Sr. High School on the following dates January 23 – 26

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. 7th and 8th grade students will not attend school these days.

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. Regent's exam students must be present by 10:00 a.m. to take their 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 23

- 8:00 a.m.—English (ELA)
- 12:00 p.m.—Living Environment

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

- 8:00 a.m.—Geometry, U.S. History & Government
- 12:00 p.m.—Algebra 1; Physical Setting/Physics

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

- 8:00 a.m.—Global History & Geography II
- 12:00 p.m.—Algebra 2

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

- 8:00 a.m.—Physical Setting/Chemistry



## A Message From The Jr.-Sr. High School Principal

The 23-24 school year has started off well! Our 7th grade students have had a good transition from Greenlawn to the Jr.-Sr. High School and are doing wonderful in their academics. Students are taking advantage of extracurricular activities offered here at B-G. We have high numbers in our student councils and Yes! Leads group. Our sports teams are well represented and did well in the fall and are in full swing for the winter season. In particular, our merged Girls' Cross Country Team won a Sectional title with *Ethne Degan* placing first. Additionally, as you will see in this addition of the Blue & White we had 12 students inducted into the National Technical Honor Society for their Career and Technical Education

courses they take at the BOCES Harrold Campus. This is a record number whom we are extremely proud of.

As we continue through the school year, we remind everyone of the importance of attendance at school to do well. Additionally, please submit handwritten signed excuses when your child has to miss school. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher, school counselor, or coach. We look forward to the continuation of a great school year and many positive accomplishments by our students, artists, athletes, musicians, organizations, and teams!

*William Zakrajsek,*  
Jr-Sr High School Principal

## BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

### SAVE THE DATE:

The Booster Club will be holding their 11th Annual Youth Basketball Tournament on Saturday, February 10, 2024. Stay tuned for more details.

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

The B-G Booster Club meets the 1st 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 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.

### 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 upper parking lot by the soccer field, behind the high school and in Guilford, our bottle bin is located at Smiley's convenience store. We will also be adding an additional bin in the parking lot next to Blitz Family Dental. 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 scholarships for graduating seniors, paying half of youth sports insurance etc.

### ALSO, PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW WEBSTORE AT

<https://bobcatboosters.itemorder.com/shop/home/> to purchase your BG merchandise – we have lots of great, new items available!! Youth sizes and personalization are also available!! You can now shop from the comfort of your home and have merchandise delivered to your door! Local pick up at Shupperd's Tack Shop, located at 305 State NY 8 is also an option.

*The BG Booster Club & the Student Athletes  
Appreciate Your Support!*

## B-G Alumni Association

Many of you may not be aware that there is an Alumni Association for graduates and attendees of Bainbridge, Guilford and B-G. The present Association was formed in 1988. The Association sends out an annual newsletter, administer and handout Incentive Awards to Seniors, sponsor Jr High Math Awards, and organizes an All-Classes Reunion every three years. Our next reunion is being planned for Saturday, July 26, 2025.

All of these are done through donations and dues paid by Alumni. You can find a form for dues on our website: [www.bgalumni.org](http://www.bgalumni.org) Also, The B-G Alumni Association along with the help of the B-G administration completed a project where all the existing yearbooks through 2020 have been scanned and placed online for anyone to view. Included are Bainbridge, Guilford and B-G yearbooks! The link: <https://www.bgcsd.org/Alumni.aspx>

With Covid restrictions, we found that most of our business can be done through email. In person meetings are held as needed (usually three-four per year) with the meetings lasting no longer than one hour.

If you are able to give a few hours a year for meetings and/or help with the planning and carrying out of the All Classes Reunion, or for more information, please contact us at:

Email- [Bgbobcatalumni@gmail.com](mailto:Bgbobcatalumni@gmail.com)

PM Facebook page - Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District-Alumni

Call - Judy Butler Volkert, President 607-206-7632

Contact – Marion Turnick Ireland, Sue Lewis Pixley, Bob Evans, Wendy Hartwell Lansing, Louise Goodwin Butcher, Stephanie McCumber Bartell, Molly Morrison Becht, Debbie Field Arotsky or Amy Garland LaFever

*Submitted by Judy Butler Volkert,  
President, B-G Alumni Assn.*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## AUTOMATED PHONE CALLS AND TEXTS

Calls for important announcements and closings will be generated by the phone numbers provided for your students. To receive text messages, text “YES” to 67587 from a phone that is registered in PowerSchool. **Please keep your contact information current!**

In case of an emergency an automated phone call will be sent to parents and guardians. Please listen to any messages in full. Vital information regarding reunification will be announced this way.

Follow us on **FACEBOOK** – Bainbridge-Guilford Central School

• Follow Mr. Ryan on **TWITTER** - @BGsuperint • Check the **WEBSITE** [bgcsd.org](http://bgcsd.org) for Announcements!

## COFFEE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT!

Dates are planned for February 5, 2023 and May 6, 2023. More information will be posted on the website, [www.bgcsd.org](http://www.bgcsd.org) and the District Facebook page as the dates get closer.

## WINTER CONCERT DATES:

- 12/6—Sr. High Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 12/13—Jr. High Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 12/20—Guilford Sing A-Long, 3:30 p.m.
- 12/21—Greenlawn Holiday Assembly, 9:00 a.m.

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Hello, I'm Gregory Winn. I graduated from Bainbridge-Guilford in 1999 and later attended Oneonta State for Elementary Education, earning a Bachelor's degree in 2003 and a Master's degree in 2008. During my time there, I was a member of the wrestling team for four years and an assistant wrestling coach for three years. As a wrestler, I was a NYS Collegiate All-State wrestler twice and a three-time Academic All-American. One of my proudest moments was coaching my brother Dustin (a 2001 graduate) to a third-place finish at the nationals.

After leaving Oneonta State, I became a 3rd-grade teacher at Oxford's Primary School and then taught 6th grade at Otselec Valley for 10 years. Another proud moment came when I started a wrestling program that spanned from youth to varsity in 2013. In 2017, we won the league championship,

and I was named league Coach of the Year for 2017 and 2018.

I obtained an administrative certification in 2019 and left Otselec Valley to become the Assistant Principal at Afton. There, I worked with all grade levels and chaired the Safety Committee. I am grateful to be the Jr.-Sr. High School Assistant Principal at Bainbridge-Guilford now, a position I have held for almost two years.

I live in North Norwich with my beautiful wife, Molly, who is a kindergarten teacher at Oxford Primary School. Together we have three awesome children. Hannah is our 4-year-old daughter who loves Taylor Swift and unicorns. Mack is our 3-year-old son, infatuated with monster trucks. Connor is our one-year-old son; his passions include getting into the kitchen cabinets, laughing, and feeding the dogs his dinner.

The Bainbridge-Guilford school and community have provided me with countless opportunities that have shaped my life and helped me become the best person I can be. I take great pride in giving back. It's fantastic to be back in Bobcat country!

## Student leaders unite and harness the power of teamwork!

Our High School Food Drive committee members teamed up with Greenlawn's Student Council members to get this year's B-G Food Drive underway! Throughout the month of November, members from both buildings came together to learn about each other, create friendships, and work on common goals. Students also worked together to create collection boxes for each homeroom class at Greenlawn. The items from the food drive will be packed and distributed to over 100 families in our immediate community!



# QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLL

## 12TH GRADE

### Principal's Honor Roll

Brianna Bartow  
Maddie Blake  
Macaela Burns  
Lindsey Chambers  
Gabriella Cuozzo  
Ethne Degan  
Collin Dicks  
Cohn Foster  
Sophia Grigoli  
Johnna Henderson  
James Hogroian  
Isabelle Johnson  
James Leo  
Osias Mealing  
Sakeena Meghani  
Makayla Nelson  
Easton Porter  
Julian Pruskowski  
Sage Pruskowski

### High Honor Roll

Brendan DeForest  
Richard Franklin  
Madalynn Gaias  
Levi Gregory  
Noah Janinda  
Giovanni Johnson  
Theron Kiesinger  
Kevin Lang  
Alaina Maxson  
Sierra McCarthy  
Lukas McKown  
Nickolas McKown  
Cadence Medlar  
Adriana Petrutoni  
Lyndsay Shirkey  
Cooper Sienko

### Honor Roll

Annika Armstrong  
Madalyn Brown  
Jacob Butts  
Joseph Doyle  
Alyssa Finch  
Gavin Gifford  
Nathan Goodrich  
Collin Hurlburt  
Nathan Kanzer  
Olivia Nichols

Timothy Northrop  
George Pratt  
Damon Seymour  
Arien Sherman  
Arashdeep Singh

## 11TH GRADE

### Principal's Honor Roll

Zachary Bartow  
Chandler Benjamin  
Vanessa Brazee  
Ellie Brown  
Owen Fleming  
Olivia Hall  
Violet Jones  
Declyn Marshfield  
Madisyn Oakes  
Brock Porter  
Erinne Sullivan

### High Honor Roll

Loegan Barnard  
Connor Borowski  
Kaydence Brimmer  
Brandon Campbell  
Samuel Davidson  
Austin Felzak  
Jamila George  
Jayden Ingham  
Emily Kingsbury  
Blaise Loya  
Rahim Meghani  
Anthony Pfaff  
Anna Seymour  
Kaiden Seymour  
Emily Sprow  
Clare Sullivan  
Blake Tuttel  
Aiden Vermilyea

### Honor Roll

Nevan Baker  
Lillian Beam  
Emma Beames  
Landon Benham  
Ryan Blackman  
Elliott Briggs  
Malcolm Campbell  
Juelian Fairchild  
Anthony Graham  
Chanel "Shu-Hsuan" Hsu

Jocelynn Hulburt  
Joseph Hurlburt  
Eric Liles  
Abigail Mason  
Layla Price  
Blake Prisco  
Zachery Reynolds  
Dominik Rickard  
Enoche Ross  
Hailey Soules

## 10TH GRADE

### Principal's Honor Roll

Ryan Larsen  
Albert Leo IV  
Christopher Moyer  
Madisyn Peck  
Hannah Shackelton  
Peyton Umbra  
Matthew Wombacker

### High Honor Roll

Elijah Aponte  
Lincoln Benjamin  
Kaylynn Crandall  
Mason Craver  
Aidan Haynes  
Dominick Johnson  
Brian Lynn  
Cyrus Megale  
Anna Scheuerman

### Honor Roll

Jessica Addorisio  
Parker Buttice  
Jenna Cartelli  
Breanna Casey  
Alyssa Castle  
Trey Champlin  
Kaelum Dailey  
Connor Davy  
Gavin Dicks  
Tyler Engel  
Carly Finch  
Kaylin Furgason  
Brenna George  
Aaron Hacker  
Abigail Harrington  
Emalyn Harrington  
Jayslin Henderson  
Olivir Hilts

Emily Kanzer  
Kassidy Middleton  
Johnathan Monuszko  
Morgan Prisco  
Sejasity Sherman  
Aubrey Surplus  
Braiden Youngblood

## 9TH GRADE

### Principal's Honor Roll

Davis Barnard  
Rowan Beasinger  
Alessandra Cafasso  
Jack Cannistra  
Troy Cannistra  
Cole Fleming  
Elodie Hall  
Aiden Lockwood  
Benjamin Porter  
Victoria Suda  
Ruth Wilson

### High Honor Roll

Peter Blance  
Bradley Bolster  
Christian Campbell  
Tyler DeForest  
Ashlyn DeMorier  
Jaidyn Evans  
Vincent Fisherman  
Nolan Foster  
Brooklenn Hall  
Harpo Hardt  
Emma Kinter  
Merren Lorimer  
Layne MacDermott  
Hailey Maye  
Roxanne Megale  
Keegan Milk  
Sawyer Nichols  
Akai Sherman  
Elanor Sprow  
Leyah Thomas  
Makenna Wehrli  
Laila Williams

### Honor Roll

Remington Barkman  
Amelia Beam  
Ethan Beardslee  
Charles Buccino



## QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLL

Treytin Clark  
Leigh Fitzgerald  
Levi Fletcher  
Aayden Ireland  
Kassie Monroe  
Railey Odell  
Aubrey Schinn  
Bradyn Terebo

### 8TH GRADE

#### Principal's Honor Roll

Madalynn Beardslee  
Owen Degan  
Theo Loya  
Marissa Mayo  
Drew Sullivan

#### High Honor Roll

Keelan Ammon  
Lelaenia Baldwin  
Micah Casey  
Daisy Crisell  
My'Kel George  
Ethan Germond  
Madeleine Ingham  
Andrew Ireland  
Carleigh Judd  
Caleb Larsen  
Johnathan Leizear  
Beckett Longwell

Emely Lopez  
Caydee Monroe  
Ethan Morris  
John Palmer  
Grady Park  
Frank Parsons  
Brysen Reif  
Ariya Toth  
Alison Vermilyea

#### Honor Roll

Mason Acquisto  
LillyAnn Boice  
Mason Brown  
Vincent Cole  
April Conway  
Emily Cooper  
Gaberiel Dasilva  
Bailey Donnelly  
Abbagayle Fitzgerald  
Abigail Hill  
Owen Hulbert  
Ashley Madugno  
Isabella Mathewson  
Hudson McGraw  
Andrew Meres  
Brody Mertz  
Meranda Neer  
Ariana Nieves  
Kamry Patten

Donna Patton  
Kayla Patton  
Hunter Scott  
Brianna Svenson  
John Winn

### 7TH GRADE

#### Principal's Honor Roll

Lucia Hall  
Macey LaFever  
Madyson Smith

#### High Honor Roll

Hope Blackman  
Anthony Cafasso  
Camren Cuozzo  
Tabitha Doyle  
Shweta Fazio  
Raegan Felzak  
Ian Leo  
Sadie McKown  
Tyler Murray  
Colton Ryan  
Trenton Smith  
Solara Spinella  
Madison Stanton  
Janaya Walker  
Brayden Wehrli  
Jacob Weissflog  
Lily Wood

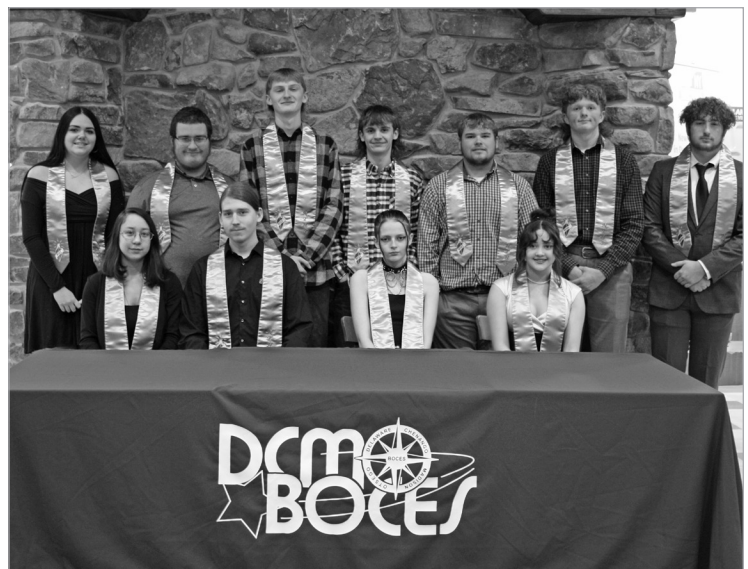
#### Honor Roll

Emily Aldrich  
Milagro Aparicio  
Genevieve Astrologo  
Alana Blanchard  
Mason Buchanan  
Natalie Cole  
Irelyn Deitch  
Austin Donnelly  
Bristol Finch  
Tillie Foster  
Breegan George  
Jennifer Henry  
Zane Holmes  
Piper Hurd  
Braison Ives  
Freya Ives  
Zane Mumbulo  
Jaylea Nack  
Skyla Orozco  
Sara Rinker  
Mason Sherwood  
Isabel Suda  
Lindsey Sundal  
Elsie Wayman Smith  
Jalyn Winans  
Kendall Wygant

## BOCES HONOR SOCIETY

On November 14th at a ceremony held at DCMO BOCES twelve Bainbridge-Guilford High School students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. Those students inducted were:

**Brendan DeForest**, Conservation  
**Levi Gregory**, Conservation  
**Gavin Gifford**, Conservation  
**Arien Sherman**, Conservation  
**George Pratt**, Certified Nurse Assisting (photo missing)  
**Alyssa Finch**, Certified Nurse Assisting  
**Nate Kanzer**, Security and Law Enforcement  
**Cohn Foster**, Visual Communications  
**Cadence Medlar**, Visual Communications  
**Makayla Nelson**, Visual Communications  
**Lyndsay Shirkey**, Visual Communications  
**Joseph Doyle**, Welding



# GREENLAWN NEWS

## A message from the Greenlawn principal!

Greenlawn has been a very busy place the past couple of months. Our students have had a lot of enrichment activities in addition to their classroom instruction. Some of the highlights have been Ag in the Classroom, our first elementary color guard performance, sixth graders having their first two career day experiences, our fall parade, we re-introduced morning program and have had our first two assemblies, and our celebration event of having our Veteran's for breakfast in their honor. Ag in the Class had the opportunity to visit Peila View Farm in Oxford, learn how to make apple cider, and learned about conifer trees. Ms. O'Hara and Mr. Jenkins put together an amazing Fall Parade for our faculty, staff, students, and community to enjoy. Together they have approximately 100 students in color guard and band. It was a great day watching them and all of the students in their costumes marching. Sixth graders had the opportunity to learn the skills necessary to own and operate a bakery from Erika's Cakery. They also had the opportunity to visit Hanehan

Dairy Farm. Students were taught how math, science, and technology are such a significant part of running a successful farm! Despite the cold, they had a great time! During morning program, we have focused on the character traits of Respect, Responsibility, and Gratitude. Our elementary student council members put together assemblies for students in grades 2-4 to talk about these traits and recognize students for their accomplishments. Greenlawn students, faculty, and staff were overjoyed to be able to invite and welcome our Veteran's for Veteran's Day Breakfast. Nearly 100 Veterans, including visitors from the Oxford Veteran's Home, enjoyed coffee, breakfast, the pledge of allegiance by our 2nd grade students, and choral performances from our Elementary Chorus.

We look forward to many more educational and enrichment opportunities to continue at Greenlawn. We are planning and working on our food drive, holiday performances, and enjoying the holiday season with each other.



*Congratulations to Easton Judd who won the Greenlawn pumpkin weight guessing contest. Easton won a Dunkin Donuts gift card for his closest guest.*





## Multiage

The 2nd and 3rd grade multiage have the whole world in their hands! After learning about how the earth changes over time and about how rocks are formed, Mrs. Morris-Schinn's class and Mrs. Madugno's class made clay models of the layers of the earth. During our study, we found and collected igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks. We learned how to identify rocks based on their properties. We used magnifying glasses and our observation skills to identify lustre, hardness and streak. Our students broke open geodes and created beautiful geode art. If you look closely at the pictures, you can see a cross section of our models with an inner core, outer core, mantle and crust being displayed. They have been awesome geologists!

*Kimberly Morris-Schinn  
Amanda Madugno*

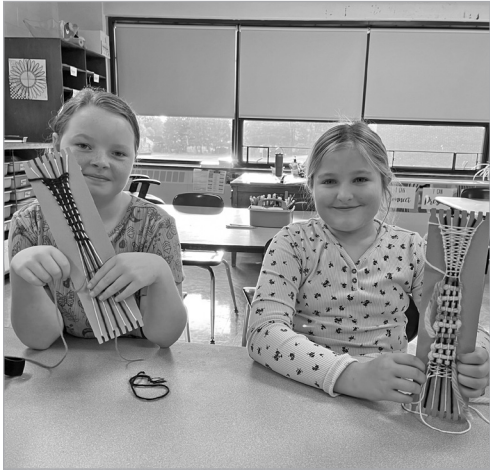




# ART & MUSIC ENRICHMENT!

At Greenlawn, Art and Music Enrichment has begun! In the first trimester, Mrs. Jenkins worked with multiage to create various art projects about fairy tales, rocks and geodes, and dinosaurs. Students in 4th grade worked in small groups with Mrs. Jenkins to learn how to weave with yarn, make comics, origami, and different sculptures.

In the first trimester of music, our Greenlawn students were able to experiment with color guard flags. Ms. O'Hara worked with the 5th and 6th graders to learn skills and memorize a routine. Our Elementary Color Guard was then able to perform with the Elementary Marching Band in our Greenlawn Fall parade!





# AG IN THE CLASSROOM

## Ag is flourishing at Bainbridge-Guilford

FFA, Ag Club, Intro to Agriculture, Animal Science and B-G Ag in the Classroom are areas of interest for students at Bainbridge-Guilford. Over 30 students are enrolled in ag this fall and have participated in many hands-on learning experiences. Students in animal science have experimented with cellular respiration and cellular transport while learning about the respiratory and circulatory systems. To explore the digestive and skeletal systems students are painting life sized Fibercast animals.

Introduction to Agriculture has been learning to design with flowers, identify common trees, measuring distance by using their pace, calculate tree height, tree diameter, and learning how to use local crops in a farm to table experience. All students have been working hard to keep the grow tower thriving in the hopes of harvesting greens and cucumbers in the near future.

FFA and Ag Club have continued to grow. Kicking off the start of the year was a welcome cheese contest. Students tasted 10 different cheeses as one small part of the Dairy Food Science Career Development Event in FFA. Winning the contest was *Jalyn Winans*. Cheeses ranged from feta to cheddars. Be sure to look for us at the holiday parade in Bainbridge!

In elementary school, students have been busy learning about local agriculture. In October, Greenlawn students had a visit to Peila View Farm while Guilford students made pumpkin pie in a bag. For November, students at both schools learned about conifers (evergreen) trees and created swags and centerpieces. Both schools had a virtual field trip to Rocky Hill Farm in New Lisbon, NY where they learned how overgrown Christmas trees can still be used for wreaths and other floral arrangements in the winter months. A big thank you goes out to Chobani and The Community Foundation for South Central New York for funding B-G Ag in the Classroom



# GUILFORD GREETINGS

It's hard to believe that we are already through the first trimester of school for the 2023-24 school year. This year we are celebrating our buddy classrooms. Each kindergarten classroom buddies with a first-grade classroom. Together, students engage in dramatic play activities, board and card games, writing activities, and cooking events with their buddies. Students enjoy this time and are learning to be good friends and helpers to each other.

In November, we celebrated our school related professionals. At Guilford Elementary School we have an amazing staff of aides that work with students in every classroom. These aides support our students and teachers every day. Classroom aides are hard workers who provide students with the hugs, smiles, and extra help they need throughout the day. Aides keep our classrooms running smoothly and help to keep our students safe. We appreciate each and every one of them!

As December comes knocking on the door, our buddy classrooms are busy decorating their hallways for the holiday season. Be sure to watch for amazing pictures of their projects on Facebook and our website. We might also be having a special visitor or two arriving in December to share holiday cheer with our students.

My "Read to the Principal" program is underway at Guilford Elementary School. Students are so proud when they come to my office to read me their books. Each student who does so, receives a Reading Certificate to take home. It is magnificent to watch these little learners turn into independent readers and see the pride of their accomplishments in their big smiles and warm eyes.

Please mark your calendars with some important upcoming events at Guilford:

- December 15 – Report Cards go home
- December 20 – Guilford Sing-Along at 1:30 p.m.
- December 23 – January 1 – Holiday Recess

Lastly, it's already time to be thinking about next school year. So, if you have a child turning four or five years old by December 1, 2024, please call Michel Sherwood, Guilford main office secretary at 607-895-6710, for information regarding enrolling your student in Pre-K or Kindergarten for the fall of 2024.

I'd like to thank all of you for supporting our programs! I wish you all a safe and happy Holiday Season.

*Linda Maynard, Principal*

## Firehouse visits!

*Big thank yous to all firefighters and emergency responders!*



*The Guilford pollinator garden continues to buzz with activity, exploration, discoveries, and more!*





*Halloween was filled with tricks and treats and parades, Oh MY!*



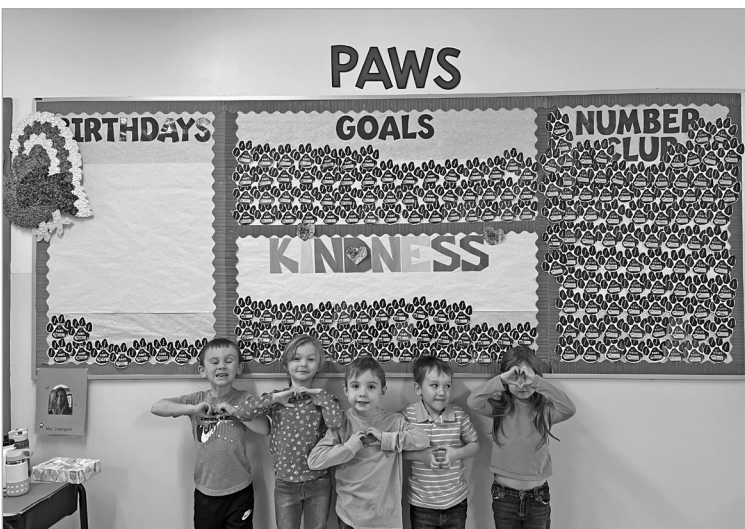
*Helping Hands abound at Guilford. Kindergartners and Pre K students learned the I Care Rule, Hands are for Helping, NOT hurting!*



*Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Includes cooperative activities! Pumpkin cake making and baking were a yummy hit with kindergarten and 1st grade!*



*SEL can also provide opportunities for dramatic cooperative play, complete with puppets and imaginative stories!*



**PAWS = Pawsitively Awesome Wonderful Students**

The PAWS team continues to facilitate a monthly assembly to celebrate our PAWSome students! 4 categories include: I Care Cat Kindness PAW, Superhero Goal Getter PAW (personal goals), Number Wizard PAW (students who can count or write numbers to meet number club criteria, and Birthday Queen (celebrating the students birthdays for the month)

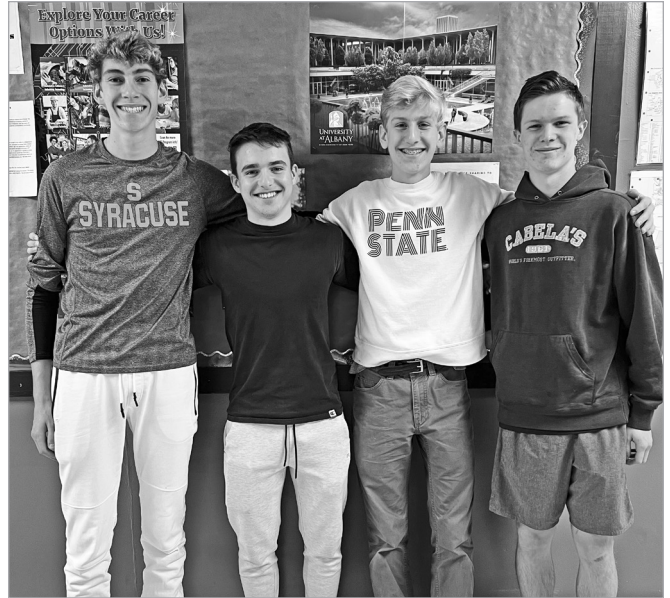
November was obviously a busy month for meeting many goals and celebrating many birthdays!





# BOYS STATE

This past June, four B-G students attended the American Legion Boys' State program. Boys' State is a program of the American Legion developed from the concept that youth should be offered a better perspective of the practical operation of government. This leadership action program is an opportunity for high school juniors to participate in a practical government course designed to develop a working knowledge of the structure of government and to impress upon them the fact that their government is just what they make it. Students must be selected by faculty/staff based on the qualities of Leadership, Character, Scholarship, Service and Citizenship. B-G was proudly represented by *Easton Porter, Julian Pruskowski, Cooper Sienko* and *Collin Dicks*.



# CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our Girls' Varsity Cross Country team who won the Class C Sectional Championship. The team advanced to the NYSPHSAA where they placed 7th overall. Senior *Ethne Degan* led the way by winning the Class C Sectional Championship with a 1st overall finish, *Ethne* also placed 9th in the State Championship. The team was comprised of: *Laeni Baldwin, Loegan Barnard, Vanessa Brazee, Ethne Degan, Maddie Ingham, Sage Pruskowski, Laila Williams, Ruth Wilson,* and *Jalyn Winans*. The team is coached by Nick Mayo and Collin Smith.





# “RIDERS OF THE MONTH”

Bainbridge-Guilford started a Bus Rider of the Month program this year. Our first recipients for September and October were:

*Kaylynn Crandall*  
*Hope Blackman*  
*Makayla Nelson*  
*Cole Fleming*  
*Ariana Nieves*  
*Emily Cooper*

*Darius Best*  
*Brooke Stewart*  
*Ava Kemmeren*  
*Sophia Suda*  
*Emma Decker*  
*Jaxon Youngblood*

*Sophia Leo*  
*Waylon Casey*  
*Myah Sheley*  
*Julianna Diamond*

Not pictured:  
*Elizabeth Conway*  
*Aubrey Fuller*  
*Amya Hotchkiss*  
*Caleigh Leach*







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