



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

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## **WELCOME NASH, THE NEWEST B-G BOBCAT!**



The B-G District Office is excited to introduce our newest Bobcat, Nash the Flemish Giant rabbit. Nash was found by the Norwich PD running loose after he was almost hit by a car. The officers contacted Erin Insinga, Director of Delaware Valley Humane Society who quickly came and collected him. When Superintendent Ryan saw Nash he knew he had to adopt him. Mr. Ryan and his secretary, Kelly Grigoli had been discussing an office pet for a while, and Nash was perfect!

Nash spends his days running free in a large office space, where he is showered with attention from the Jr.-Sr. High School staff and students. He will visit the Guilford and Greenlawn schools once we feel that he's truly comfortable with Mr. Ryan and Ms. Grigoli. He is incredibly friendly, very calm, and is embracing all of the love and attention he is getting on a daily basis.

B-G would like to thank the Norwich PD and Erin for the part they played in bringing so much joy to the District. Keep an eye out for more adventures of Nash!



# **“STUDENTS OF THE MONTH”** Jr.-Sr. High School

## **NOVEMBER**



***Lindsey Shirkey—12th Grade***



***Aiden Vermilyea—11th Grade***



***Payton Umbra—10th Grade***



***Aayden Ireland—9th Grade***



***Meranda Neer—8th Grade***



***Reagan Felzak—7th Grade***

## **DECEMBER**



***Cooper Sienko—12th Grade***



***Chandler Benjamin—11th Grade***



***Albert Leo—10th Grade***



***Leigh Fitzgerald—9th Grade***



***Ariya Toth—8th Grade***



***Jennifer Henry—7th Grade***

**Students of the Month will receive a \$5 gift card from Sal's Pizzeria.**

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!

# A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Happy Spring! We have been at work since November on the 2024-2025 school budget. I wanted to briefly outline the process that the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District goes through to develop a school budget before it is put out to voters.

## So how does the school budget get built?

A good annual budget begins with sound estimates and well-supported budgetary assumptions. Spending levels and financial resources must be gauged as accurately as possible to ensure that planned services are properly funded. To develop sound estimates, the Superintendent and the School Business Official along with the administration and Board of Education, will gather and analyze as much data as possible. Sources of information used in preparing the budget include the following:

- Prior and current year budgets
- Prior and current year expenditures
- Current year revenue
- Debt service requirements, contracts, and other commitments
- Current economic conditions affecting revenue generation
- Revenue projections
- State and federal aid information-this often isn't out until end of March, early April
- Collective bargaining agreements
- Multiyear capital plans
- Rate of inflation
- Tax and debt limit information, the district's tax levy
- Strategic plans-needs and wants for the district's future
- Input from stakeholders including taxpayers

Spending levels and financial resources must be accurately gauged at budget preparation time to ensure that planned services are properly funded.

**Budget Calendar**—The budget preparation process starts with the setting forth of the budget calendar.

- Budget Assumptions/Baseline Budget - The Superintendent and School Business Official prepare a list of "Budget Assumptions" which will guide the preparation of a preliminary "BASELINE" budget which will provide the initial estimate of the cost of maintaining all current programs, services, and personnel in the next fiscal year.
- Budget presentations begin at each BOE meeting in January.

- Budget Worksheets - The School Business Official and Superintendent meet with administrators and staff to determine wants and needs for the new budget. The administration will also look for cost savings in the current budget that could be implemented the following year.
- Administrators submit their estimates and discuss their requests with the Superintendent of Schools.
  - The district finance committee meets multiple times to review budget proposals and discuss any cost-saving measures or possible cuts.
- Tentative Budget prepared - The Superintendent and the School Business Official use the information they have gathered from the staff. This involves assessing whether the total building and program estimates of appropriations are greater than the estimated financial resources and then developing a budget proposal that provides necessary appropriations within the limits of those resources and meets the Superintendent's goals and objectives.
- Superintendent's Recommended Budget completed -The Superintendent presents the tentative/proposed budget (Superintendent's Recommended Budget) to the Board of Education. Alterations and revisions may be necessary after the BOE submits their recommendations.
  - The Superintendent submits a final, polished copy to the Board of Education for approval.
  - The Board of Education votes to adopt the proposed budget before presenting the school budget to the public for vote in May. A successfully approved school budget is implemented July 1 of that year.

The Superintendent, School Business Official, Board of Education, and administration, invest a significant amount of time and effort into preparing the annual budget. It is often a very busy and stressful time. However, it is not meant to be a solo effort, or a budget created by one or two people. The district welcomes community input with this process.

In the coming weeks and months please look for more information on the school budget. I will also be discussing the budget in the local newspapers and my coffee on May 6, 2024. The Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District is YOUR district and I welcome your involvement in this process.

Enjoy the coming of spring and please feel free to email me at [tryan@bgcsd.org](mailto:tryan@bgcsd.org) or call the district office at 607-967-6321.

Sincerely yours

*Timothy R. Ryan*

Superintendent of Schools



## The best way to communicate within the B-G School district is to CALL US!

Frequently, parents and other community members request help in knowing the best way to communicate with the school. The dialogue that can be established via a phone call cannot be duplicated via text or email. The communication guideline chart below will serve as a helpful resource. By contacting the following people in the prescribed order, questions can be answered.

For questions about:	1st Contact	2nd Contact	3rd Contact	4th Contact
<b>Academics</b>	Teacher	School Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent
<b>Athletics</b>	Coach	Athletic Coordinator	Jr-Sr HS Principal Director of PE & Athletics	Superintendent
<b>Behavior</b>	Teacher	Assistant Principal or Building Principal	Superintendent	
<b>Behavior—Bus</b>	Head Bus Driver	Assistant Principal or Building Principal	Superintendent	
<b>BOE Policies</b>	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education	
<b>Budget</b>	Business Manager	Superintendent		
<b>Building Use</b>	Building Main Office	Building Principal	Superintendent	
<b>Cafeteria</b>	Building Cook Manager	Food Service Manager	Business Manager	Superintendent
<b>Classroom Procedures</b>	Teacher	Building Principal	Superintendent	
<b>Co-Curricular</b>	Advisor	Building Principal	Superintendent	
<b>Facilities</b>	Director of Facilities II	Superintendent		
<b>Health Office</b>	Building Nurse Office	Building Principal	Superintendent	
<b>Scheduling</b>	Guidance Office	Building Principal	Superintendent	
<b>Special Education</b>	Teacher	Special Education Chairperson	Special Education Administrator	Superintendent
<b>Transportation</b>	Transportation Office	Superintendent		

## B-G Organizations

### BOOSTER CLUB

Theresa Youngs, President  
607-226-1727

### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Judy Volkert  
[bgbobcatalumni@gmail.com](mailto:bgbobcatalumni@gmail.com)  
[www.bgalumni.org](http://www.bgalumni.org)

### PTO

Leslie Cuzzo  
607-967-6301 (Greenlawn Main Office)  
[lcuzzo@bgcsd.org](mailto:lcuzzo@bgcsd.org)

### CONTACT INFORMATION!

Please notify the Main Offices if your phone numbers change during the school year. We use an automated call system to keep parents and guardians informed about school closures, events and important announcements. Thank-you!

### B-G WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE [www.bgcsd.org](http://www.bgcsd.org) and the BAINBRIDGE-GUILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL FACEBOOK page FOR SPORTS and ACTIVITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES!

## Important Notices for Home School Parents

Transportation requests for students attending nonpublic schools (e.g., Holy Family, Valley Heights Christian Academy, etc.) must be received by the district office **no later than April 15** preceding the beginning of the next school year. All students requesting transportation must have the required immunizations for attending public school. The Board of Education will take official action on the requests at the May Board of Education meeting.

Requests for special education services for home schooled students must be received by the district office **no later than June 1** preceding the beginning of the next school year. The Board of Education will take official action on the requests at the first Board of Education meeting in June.

Please submit your letter of intent to home school **no later than July 1**.

Please call Kelly Grigoli in the District Office at 967-6321 if you have any questions.





## Coffee with the Superintendent:

Join Mr. Ryan on May 6 at 6:00 for a Virtual coffee hour. More information will be posted on the B-G website and Facebook page closer to the date.

## Notice of Possible Eligibility for Senior Citizens Exemption

Property Owners 65 years of age and older May be eligible for exemption on their Primary Residence. Household Gross Income Must be Below \$23,400 to qualify. Must Apply by March 1, 2024; application, proof of age and 2022 income must be provided. Email [bainassessor@gmail.com](mailto:bainassessor@gmail.com) or call (607) 967-5232 with questions or to request application.

## Concert Dates:

- March 15 & 16—County Music Festival – Sidney
- March 26—Sr. High Spring Concert

## Blood Drive



## Red Cross:

The Sr. Honor Society is hosting its second and final Red Cross Blood Drive for the year on Friday, March 8, 8:00 a.m – 2:00 p.m. in the High School MPR.

## Thank You!

The Bainbridge-Guilford school district would like to send a big Thank You to the Bainbridge Lions Club. In November they performed vision screenings for students in all three of our buildings.



## 2023 B-G Food Holiday Drive A Success

Thanks to the support of our schools and community, the B-G holiday food drive was an overwhelming success.

Through the hard work of our senior high Student Council, junior high Student Council, elementary Student Council at Greenlawn, and the Guilford staff, students and staff at all levels donated non-perishable items for families in our district. Items ranged from soups, peanut butter, and cereal to shampoo, detergent, and other household items. Each basket was topped off with a turkey, Chobani yogurt, and some delicious treats.

B-G is extremely appreciative for everyone, including school groups and community members, who contributed financially to the Angel Fund or made an in-kind donation to the food drive. We would like to especially thank Chobani, First Presbyterian Church of Bainbridge, B-G Teachers Association, Lion's Club of Bainbridge, Gifford Dental, SFCU of Bainbridge, Toys for Tots, Bainbridge United Methodist



Church, E-Z Fill Pump Station, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and several individuals whose donations to the Angel Fund made a huge difference in the lives of the 89 families who received a basket. Also, a special shout-out and thank you to our bus drivers for their time and expertise!

If your community group is interested in supporting future food drives, please contact Alyssa Hardy: [ahardy@bgcsd.org](mailto:ahardy@bgcsd.org), for more information.

# BUDGET & BOARD MEMBER VOTE!

**MAY 21, 2024**

**NOON-9:00 PM**

**YOUR VOTE DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

## **VOTING LOCATIONS!**

**Greenlawn Elementary School:**

Voters in the Bainbridge voting district

**Guilford Elementary School:**

Voters in the Guilford voting district

## **BUDGET HEARING**

A budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, in the District Conference Room.

## **VOTER REGISTRATION**

Personal registration of Voters is required for the annual vote.

No person shall be entitled to the vote there at whose name does not appear in the register of the school district, except those persons who registered to vote pursuant to the provisions of Election Law § 5-612. (Qualified voters who are registered with the County Board of Elections are eligible to vote without further registration.) Persons otherwise qualified to vote who voted in any annual vote conducted within four calendar years before the preparation of the register need not personally register for this vote.

Registration will be held on May 14, 2024 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at the Greenlawn and Guilford Elementary Schools. Voters may register with the District Clerk, 18 Juliand Street, until May 11, 2023. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The register of the school district shall be filed five days before the date of the vote in the office of the District Clerk, located at 18 Juliand Street, Bainbridge, New York where it is open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., each day up to and including the day set for the vote, except Sunday.

## **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. (Legal residence is determined by the fixed and permanent home of the voter. Property ownership alone does NOT equal residency. Ownership of real property alone does not qualify an individual to vote in the election of that district.)

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

## **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 (May 14, 2024).
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 (May 21, 2024).

Please contact the District Clerk by phone at (607) 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, 2023. The following vacancies are to be filled:

- A three-year term (July 2024-June 2027,) presently held by Keith Hanvey
- A three-year term (July 2024-June 2027,) presently held by Rebecca Sullivan
- A three-year term (July 2024-June 2027,) presently held by Gordon Daniels

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.

For more information, please contact Kelly Grigoli, District Clerk at 607-967-6321.



# A MESSAGE FROM THE JR.-SR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

We want to celebrate the tremendous generosity and hard work put into the annual holiday food drive. The Student Councils from Greenlawn, Junior High, and Senior High worked together to organize and implement the food drive. Each Student Council had our students and staff bring in food to be donated to families within our communities to help them during the holidays. Our Senior Honor Society also helped in the drive and packing of the totes. Additionally, Staff held a Casual for a Cause where they pay to wear jeans as a donation, on a Friday, which went to buy food for the drive. The BGTA (Bainbridge-Guilford Teacher's Association) donated the turkeys. The food drive allowed 89 families to receive food and toys for the holidays. These holiday care packages were delivered by staff members and students on buses on December 21. Thanks to all of our student groups, and our staff who took part in this gigantic effort of giving and we send a special thanks to all who donated food, toys and/or money for the holiday deliveries!

The January Regents Exams have occurred by the printing of this article. Our students will have taken the English Regents, the United States History Exam, the Spanish B Checkpoint Exam, The Living Environment Regents, the

Global History Regents, the Algebra 1 Regents, and the Earth Science Regents. The spring 3rd through 8th Grade State Assessments and June Regents Exams will occur as scheduled and we continue to prepare our students for those assessments. In 7th and 8th Grade, all State Assessments will again be taken through computer-based testing. To help students prepare, we have recently done simulations to test our system and to have students practice small portions of those exams.

On a disappointing note, we have been dealing with a number of students vaping and students losing or having their belongings stolen. Please speak to your children about the dangers of vaping and seek help if they are addicted. Our guidance department and school nurse can supply information on places to get help with addiction. Also, please speak to your children about the need to have their personal items locked in their hallway or physical education locker.

Our students have been working hard in their academics and extracurricular activities. Our staff enjoy helping our young adults achieve. We are proud of the efforts by both our students and staff and their drive to be successful!

—William Zakrajsek

Jr-Sr High School Principal

## 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:

- 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 PM.
- 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



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## 8th Grade Students & Parents

Time is quickly approaching when your child will be entering 9th grade and taking high school credit-bearing courses. Several activities will be taking place to help you and your child prepare to make important decisions about high school course selection and planning after high school.

On Wednesday, March 6, the Guidance Office will host an 8th grade parent information night at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. At this meeting we will discuss requirements for graduation and what options your child has regarding selection of high school courses.

Students will be touring BOCES Harrold Campus on Tuesday, February 27 in the morning. The purpose of the field trip is for students to tour the Harrold Technical Education Center and learn about the variety of technical educational programs offered. This visit is helpful for students when considering options for their high school four-year plan. BOCES technical educational programs are available to students during their junior and senior years of high school.

A letter with specific dates and times that school counselors will be available to meet with you and your child to develop a four-year plan for high school will be sent home with report cards in January. Guidance staff would like to meet with each student and a parent/guardian individually to develop a four-year plan. The purpose of this plan is to map out what courses your child will take in grades 9-12. The four-year plan is the first step in helping your child make a decision about their plans after high school.

Parental/guardian input and support is essential in helping your child realize their goals. There will be day and evening appointments available. Individual meetings usually last approximately one half hour.

Please contact Joanne Moxley at 967-6320 with any questions.

## Bainbridge Guilford Drama Club Presents: PLAY ON!

The Bainbridge Guilford Drama Club will be presenting **PLAY ON!** by Rick Abbot on Friday, March 1, Saturday, March 2, and Sunday, March 3. **PLAY ON!** is about a community production company putting on a newly written murder mystery play by a local author. The director, stage crew, and cast have a lot of work to do because the

playwright keeps changing the show even as opening nights quickly approaches. Hilarity ensues through the three acts as the production company scrambles to adjust to the constantly changing script and atmosphere of "Murder Most Foul." Come out and support the BG Drama Club as they create an evening of sheer absurdity in **PLAY ON!** by Rick Abbot. The play will take place at BG High School in the Auditorium. Prices and Show Times are below.

Students—5 Dollars • Adults—10 Dollars

Friday, March 1 - 7 p.m. (opening night)

Saturday, March 2 - 2 p.m. Matinee and 7pm

Sunday, March 3 - 2 p.m. Matinee



## REMEMBER WHEN

Guilford Teachers of 1954



row 1: William Clark, Evelyn Crabtree, Warren Ryther, John Butler, Dorothea Meagley, Owen Bliven. row 2: Mary Snover, Helen Roberts, Mildred Stapleton, Evelyn Holmes, Leta Carter, Elizabeth Munyan. row 3: Aline Wilkinson, Leta Mullins, Altha Salzberg, Withelmina Henley, Florence Race.



# GREENLAWN NEWS

Greenlawn has been a busy place for the past couple of months. In December, the Board of Education and Administration served the faculty and staff a holiday breakfast. It was a pleasure to be able to do something special for all of our hard working faculty and staff. Thank you to our cafeteria staff for working so hard and providing such an incredible meal for everyone. The music department and their students had two incredible holiday concert performances. Students performed for their families and community and then the next day for all Greenlawn students, faculty, and staff. They did an amazing job and we are very proud of them! At the conclusion of the holiday concert, students were surprised with the chance to pie the face of one of our brave volunteer faculty and staff members. It was a great day, with a lot of beautiful music and children laughing. The Math Department continues to gather information and seek professional development using Eureka Squared. Representation from all grade levels will be going to Delaware Academy for a full day visit to watch

the implementation of the program and to learn options of implementing and piloting the program. Regarding both ELA and Math, RTI providers have been scheduling data meetings. During these meetings student data is assessed using common formative assessments and IReady diagnostics.

The Greenlawn school community thanks you for all of your support and we look forward to the rest of the school year.

—Jenn Henderson,  
Greenlawn Principal



*Greenlawn sixth graders had their third career day today with carpenter and contractor Dan Thompson. Mr. Thompson shared his journey of how he became a contractor and the pros and cons of being self-employed. Students had the opportunity to take measurements of various items related to wood-working and even figured out the amount of material and cost of flooring for a home. Thank you Mr. Thompson for this opportunity!*





# Ashley Johnson

GREENLAWN SCHOOL COUNSELOR

**Dear Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District Community,**

I am ecstatic to have the opportunity to undertake the role of your Greenlawn School Counselor Substitute for the remainder of the 23-24 school year! Holding a Masters of Science in School Counseling and having worked as a School Counselor with students PreK-12 since 2022, I have a passion for supporting students' well-being and continual growth.

In addition to my current role as your School Counselor, I am actively working towards becoming a National Certified Counselor and obtaining my Advanced Certificate in School Counseling, along with pursuing a PhD in Counseling Education.

.My utmost priority is to support students in their Social/Emotional, Academic, and Career development, empowering them to reach their full individual potential.

Throughout the remainder of the school year, students will continue to be offered a variety of services that include, Individual Counseling, Group Counseling, and SEL Classroom Lessons that will cover topics such as: Feelings, Career Readiness, Calm Down and Coping Techniques, Problem Solving, and much more!

I'm excited to meet and work with each and every one of you.  
Thank you for welcoming me into your District!

**Ashley Johnson, M.S.S.C.**  
Greenlawn Elementary School Counselor



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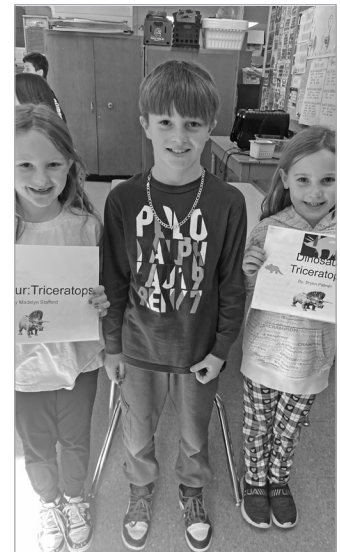
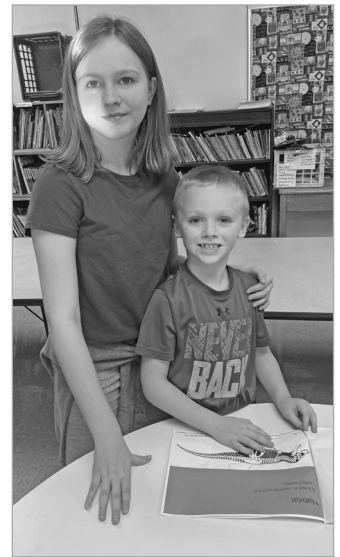
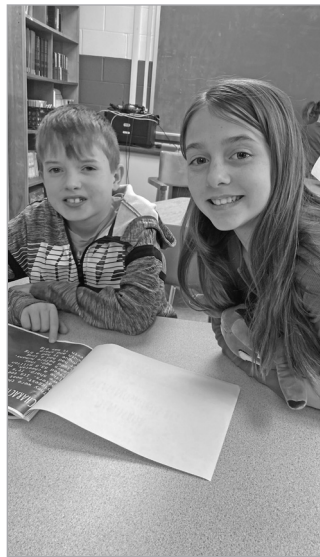
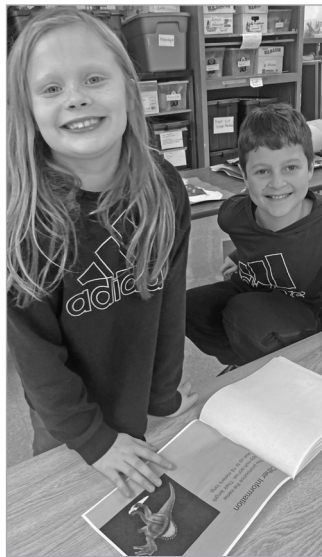
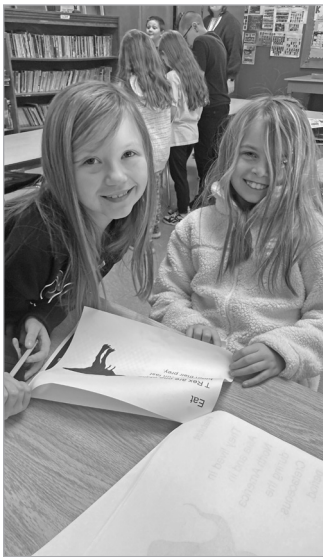
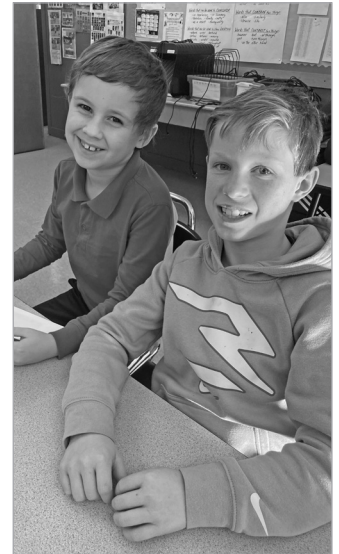
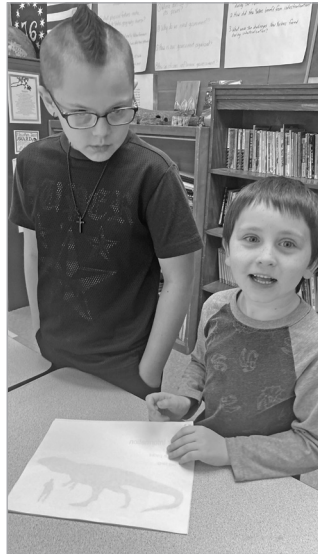


# MULTIAGE NEWS

The 2nd and 3rd grade multiage classes teamed up with Mrs. Metch's 4th grade science classes to share our dinosaur research. Each of the younger students picked a dinosaur of their choosing, found facts about the dinosaur in books and online, and typed facts to create a book. The 2nd and 3rd graders brought their finished work to Mrs. Metch's classroom where we read our books to multiple 4th graders. Some of the 4th graders were in multiage last year so we were excited to see some friends. Some of us also got to read to our siblings and our cousins.

We have had the chance to listen to Mrs. Metch's class share their work earlier this school year, so we were extra excited to be the experts this time around! Thank you for having us, Mrs. Metch.

*Kimberly Morris-Schinn  
Amanda Madugno  
2/3 Multiage Teachers*



# GUILFORD GREETINGS

With the second trimester almost over, our Guilford students have shown how much they learn every day. The 100th day of school will fall sometime around mid-February and we will celebrate with much fanfare; a huge cake will be presented at the 100th day assembly. Students will work on different projects and activities to show off that they are all 100 days smarter!

Teachers and staff have been working hard on enrichment activities that take place during our daily buddy SEL (Social Emotional Learning) period. Students cook together with their buddy classes, participate in dramatic play stations such as a ski lodge, a post office, and an auto mechanic shop. Students also have the opportunity to write letters to people all over the school at the writing island center.

Students love to show off their reading skills by reading books at home and reading to me during the day. Be sure to look for a certificate if your child has "Read to the Principal." In March we will be celebrating Read Across America all month. We look forward to guest readers coming in to read to our students. If you are interested in being a guest reader, please call the Guilford main office at 607-895-6710.

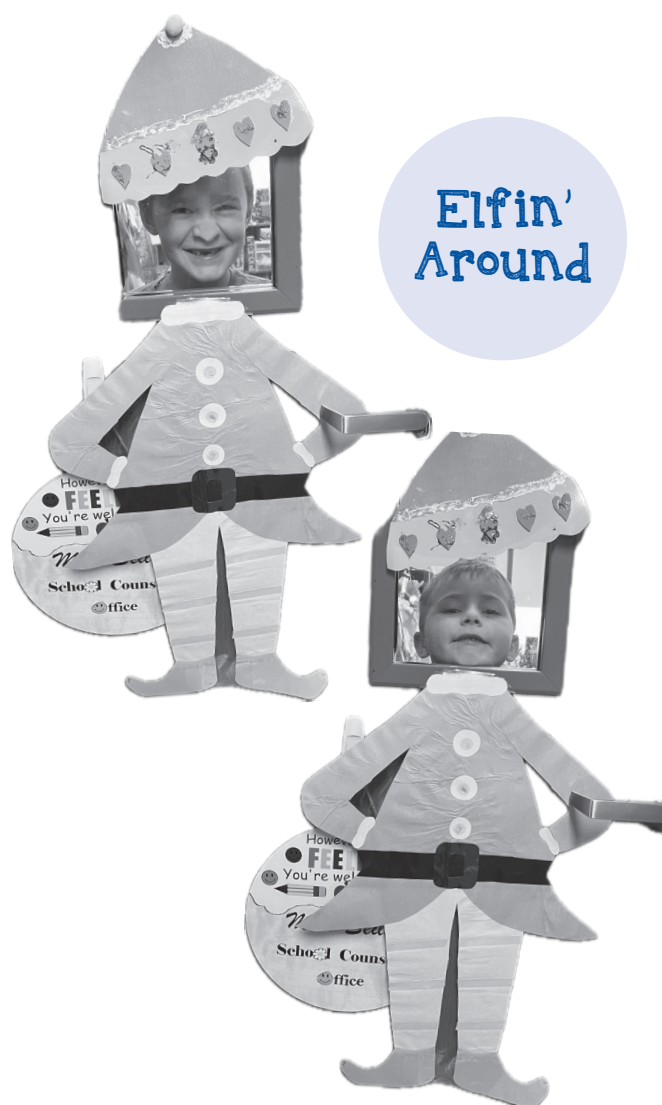
Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

February 19-23 Winter Break—No School

March 18—No School

March 20—Half day at Guilford for Parent/Teacher Conferences – student dismissal is 11:15

~Linda Maynard, Guilford Elementary Principal



## UPK 2024

The Bainbridge-Guilford Central School is accepting applications for the (2024-25) Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) program. Parents of all children who are district residents and who will be four years old on or before December 1, 2024, but not five years old by that same date, may submit an application. Similar to last year our program will include two full-day programs.

Children who are accepted and who are not yet four years old may not ride Bainbridge-Guilford School District transportation until they become four years old. Both classes will be housed in the Guilford Elementary School. The program will run Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

According to New York State, when the number of available openings in a Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) Program are fewer than the number of applicants, the selection for prekindergarten must be done randomly.

Selection of applicants for the available slots will be determined from all applications received by the deadline of April 30, 2024. We anticipate that the random selection from these applications would be made the following week. Notices to parents will be mailed out shortly thereafter with instructions for enrolling your child in the prekindergarten program.

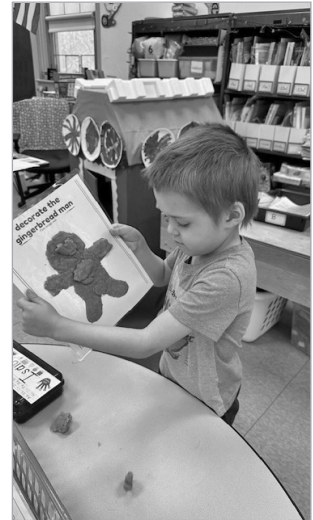
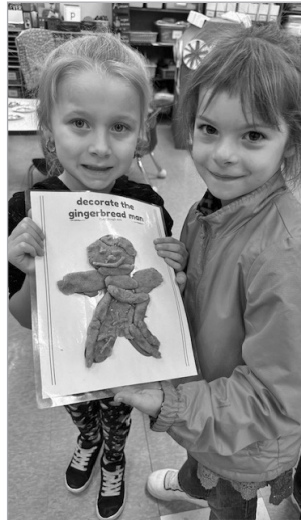
The deadline for prekindergarten applications received in the Guilford Elementary School Main Office is 4:00 PM on Tuesday April 30, 2024. To obtain further information please contact the school at 895-6710.



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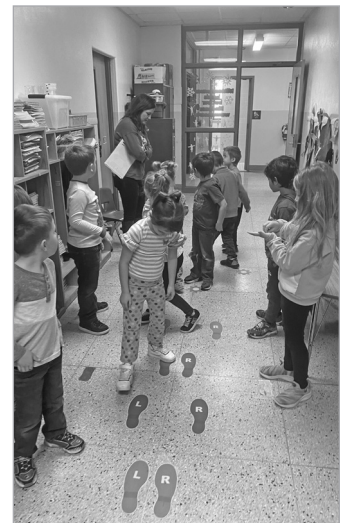
## Gingerbread friends

Students listened to Jan Brett's "Gingerbread Friends" and discussed feelings and situations in the book about friendship. They practiced friendship skills using I-Care rules and created gingerbread friends of their own!



## Gingerbread Hunt!

Gingerbread Man is (was) On the Loose at Guilford! Our SMART Guilford detectives successfully followed clues carefully until he was captured!





## Colors of Us

Classes discussed and celebrated differences!



## Snow Globe Regulation

Students worked with counselor to identify and practice different ways to regulate BIG emotions to settle their “snow globe” brains!



## Warming up to Winter with gratitude

Students are benefitting from the Bobkitten Snow closet restock thanks to the generosity of the New Beginnings Thrift Store run by the Presbyterian Church in Bainbridge. A special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Davidson for their delivery!!



## ATTENTION NEW KINDERGARTEN PARENTS:

If you have a child turning 5 years old by December 1, 2024, please call The Guilford main office at 607-895-6710 to begin the kindergarten enrollment process. Be sure to stay tuned to the B-G website for more information regarding the 2024-25 kindergarten program.





## POPPIN IN FOR A VISIT

Santa and Mrs. Claus surprised our Guilford friends in December by “popping in for a visit and handing out gifts for children. Children received a book each and then enjoyed the afternoon eating popcorn and watching a movie. It was both a surprising and cozy time for all.







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