



Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District

The Blue and White

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FOOD DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS!



The B-G community was able to serve the needs of 82 families with children in our District. Over 5,000 cans and packaged goods were collected in the schools. The support that this entire community provided was so overwhelming with so many community organizations and individuals contributing both time and money to make this happen.



THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Superintendent Message

Timber! In previous *Blue and White* newsletters I wrote about the District harvesting the timber on our Searles Hill property. We have retained forester Mike Gray to lead us in this process. At this point it has been determined that there is about 70,000 board feet of harvestable lumber. The stand of trees is predominantly red oak. We are at the point now of accepting bids and continue to move forward with this exciting endeavor. Please look for additional information in upcoming issues of the *Blue and White*.

Our work on the District's capital project continues. We are currently fine tuning plans for the new fitness center, determining the effect of the upcoming project on summer activities and student placement, and submitting architectural plans to New York State for approval. We are being told that work should commence later this coming spring and will last for approximately two years. Upcoming community coffees, Board of Education meetings and newsletters will be used to keep you informed of progress with this project.

On Friday, January 12 we held a celebration in the Jr.-Sr. High School gymnasium for our New York State Champion Volleyball team. Team members were presented with jackets, Coach Tami Selfridge received a plaque for being named Section 4 Coach of the year and team captains **Miranda Anderson** and **Abigail Selfridge** unveiled the state champion banner which will now hang in the gymnasium. The entire BG community is very proud of our volleyball team.

I would like to recognize and thank the Raymond Corporation in Greene. Raymond is donating welding stanchions and equipment so that we can offer welding courses to our students in grades 9-12. It is our hope this will begin second semester for our students. The students and staff are very excited for this new program and none of this would be possible without the generosity of both the Raymond Corporation and the continued support of The Amphenol Corporation in Sidney for their generosity to our students over the years.

It is almost time again for the New York State Assessments for students in grades 3-8. The past few years BG has had about 30% of our students district-wide *opt-out* of taking these tests. Unfortunately, this then creates data that is skewed and not as useful for the district. The school uses this data to help in determining gaps in student learning, the formation of our RTI tier groups and academic support classes, as well as the purchase of educational support materials. I have talked with many parents and understand the concerns associated with these assessments. New York State has shortened the length of the tests and decreased the number of days and tried to listen to parent and teacher concerns. Please continue to involve the District in your decision if you choose to opt your child out.

The school year seems to fly by so quickly. We continue to keep the Palmatier family in our thoughts over the loss of their son, Brandon. Please reach out with any questions, suggestions or concerns you might have. My email is tryan@bgcsd.org and on Twitter [@Timothy88346075](https://twitter.com/Timothy88346075).

—Timothy R. Ryan
Superintendent of Schools

2018-19 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 2018-2019 school budget, budget information will be presented at each of the Board meetings for the next couple of months. In January, presentations were made on the Buildings and Grounds and Transportation areas of the budget. Below is the schedule for the remainder of the budget presentations:

FEBRUARY

- 1 Special Education
- 15 BOCES Services

MARCH

- 1 Total Expenditures consisting of Administrative, Capital and Program
- 15 Revenue, Fund Balance and Reserve Use, Tax Cap Review

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 tax payers for vote in May. We hope to see you there!

Superintendent Ryan is on *twitter*!

His account is [@Timothy88346075](https://twitter.com/Timothy88346075). Follow his tweets as he travels the District visiting classrooms and events!



Tech Update!

The Bainbridge-Guilford Technology Committee is pleased to announce that we continue to move forward with our Smart Bond Investment Plan, which will significantly upgrade the technological capacity and security of our District. We sincerely thank those of you who took the time to read the plan, which is still located on our website, as well as all of your thoughtful questions and comments. In doing so, you have contributed to the upcoming 1:1 initiative, which will have devices in the hands of every student, upgrade the technological infrastructure of our entire District and insure the safety of all of our students.

We are also moving forward with training our teachers to utilize Google Classroom, which allows students to collaborate in real-time within the learning environment. We have also piloted several classes, where students are already engaging with this technology. It is our goal to provide the best technology available in order to move our entire educational community into the 21st century, as well as prepare students for college and careers of the future. Thank you, again, for your continued support.

A Message from the Jr.-Sr. High School Principal

We are very excited and proud to acknowledge our Varsity Girls' Volleyball Team who became the first B-G team to win a State Championship. Our Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team amassed a match record of 17 wins to 1 loss, they were Tournament Champions at the Dryden Tournament, finished first in the silver division of the Union-Endicott Tournament, finished second overall at the Johnson City Tournament and placed second overall at the Windsor Tournament. The team was also MAC League Champions, Section IV Class D Champions, Regional Class D Champions and in the end won the New York State Class D Championship by beating Panama three games to one in the State Tournament held in Glens Falls in November.

At the State tournament, **Erica Selfridge** and **Alexis Carr** were selected to the Class D State Tournament Team and **Abigail Selfridge** was selected as the Tournament Most Valuable Player for Class D. For season play, Abigail and Erica Selfridge achieved first team Class D All-State Status and **Zamira Caldwell** achieved third team All-State Status. Our Volleyball team is coached by head coach Tami Selfridge along with volunteer coach Cadi Barber. Ms. Selfridge was recently recognized as the Section IV Girls' Volleyball Coach of the year. The members of the State Championship Team include: **Miranda Anderson, Bree Barber, Zamira Caldwell, Alexis Carr, Samantha Ceresna, Kristen Chambers, Makenna Clark, Makenna Cole, Marissa Cuozzo, Mckeyli Decker, Makenzie Drown, Leah Gregory, Sasha Lamoree, Taylor Parsons, Abigail Selfridge** and **Erica Selfridge**. Additionally, the team earned New York State Public High School Athletic Association Scholar Team Status by our team having enough of our players earning a 90 or higher overall Grade Point Average (GPA). All our players had over a 90 (GPA) with a team average of 98.

When the team won the State Title, upon their return from Glens Falls, the town and community gave them a Lights and Sirens parade led by the Bainbridge Fire Department and the New York State Police with many people greeting the team and enjoying pizza at the soccer field parking lot as the first significant snow fell from the sky. Our school also held a pep rally on Friday, January 12 to celebrate the team's remarkable accomplishments and to unveil a State Championship Banner and a Podium to display their State Championship Plaque. The banner now hangs in our main gymnasium and the plaque will be displayed inside the main entrance to the school. We are extremely proud of our State Championship Team, Players and Coaches!

District-wide, we proudly announce the grand opening of the *Bobcat Boutique*. Each of our buildings officially opened their branch of the boutique on January 2.

The *Bobcat Boutique* is a room at each building where all students can *shop* for clothes as well as hygiene items at the High School and Greenlawn. All items in the boutique are free! At the High School and Greenlawn, the boutique will have established hours for students to shop, along with the availability throughout the day to get items when an emergency arises. At Guilford, staff members will refer students to get items from the boutique.

All items for the boutique have been donated and are new or gently used. Also, we will be cleaning and placing Lost and Found items in the boutique. The Lost and Found collections will be cleared out the last day before breaks—March 23 and the last school day in June.

Finally, any time a student picks up an item from the boutique, they will be given a receipt to make parents aware that the items they are bringing home came from the boutique. We are excited to have these *shops* in each building and we are very passionate about providing this opportunity for our students.

—William Zakrajsek

Adult Walker Program

Residents wishing to escape the inclement winter weather are welcome to walk the hallways of the Guilford Elementary School or the High School Building on weekdays when school is in session (Monday through Friday) from 6:15-7:00 a.m. Interested walkers should be at the Walnut Street side door at the Jr.-Sr. High School or at the parking lot door in Guilford between 6:15-6:20 a.m. for admittance into the building. All walkers are required to sign up in the building Main Office with days that they are expecting to walk.

The building will not be open on weekends, holidays, during Christmas vacation or on days when school is closed due to inclement weather.

This program is open to all adult district residents who wish to participate and fill out an Adult Walker Agreement Form. Please return all completed forms to the High School Main Office.

Adult Walker Agreement

I, _____, plan to participate in the Adult Walker Program at Bainbridge-Guilford Central School in the _____ Building. I understand that the established hours for this program are 6:15-7:00 a.m. when school is in session. I understand that I am to wear rubber-soled shoes. I hereby agree that I will take responsibility for my own actions and will not, in any manner, hold the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District responsible for any accident or injury incurred while on the School District property.

Signature _____

Date _____

Booster Club News

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

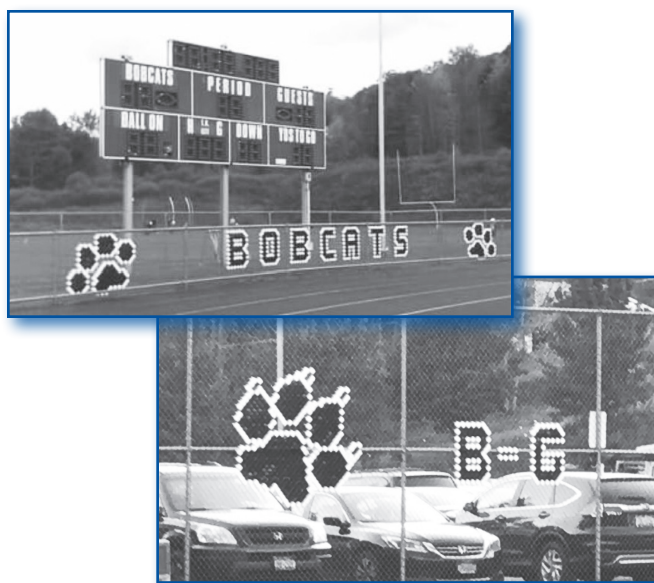
The B-G Booster Club meets the 3rd Monday of every month. New members are always welcome and encouraged to attend any meeting. Without new members of children coming up through our school, the B-G Booster Club will not be able to continue to provide the support that we do. As children graduate, our members 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.

Without the support of our community, the Booster Club could not do all that it does. We thank you for donating 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 and coaches of Bainbridge-Guilford.

In addition to our bottle bins, we raise money through the sale of our B-G Merchandise and through your donations and support of our Annual Youth Basketball Tournament. Without your support, we would not be able to help fund equipment purchases, help fund participation at athletic camps and clinics, help fund insurance for all youth sports programs, fund two scholarships for graduating seniors, etc. Last year, the Booster Club donated a majority of the funds to purchase a new mascot costume now known as Felix and most recently, the Booster Club purchased all weather chain link fence cups to decorate our fences at both the football and the soccer fields. Again, we sincerely appreciate your continued support!

Also, please visit www.bgcd.com to purchase your B-G merchandise. Once on the site, click on the *Athletics* tab then *Booster Club*—you will see the order forms on the right. The order forms include stock B-G Bobcats apparel and other miscellaneous items along with an order form for custom B-G sports jackets. The proceeds from the sale of our merchandise along with the proceeds from our bottle bins in Bainbridge and Guilford is used to help support our teams and athletes in various ways such as helping to fund equipment purchases and to help fund participation at athletic camps and clinics.

The BG Booster Club and the student athletes appreciate your support!



Attention 8th Grade Students and 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 7, 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 in March. The purpose of the field trip is for student 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 student during their junior and senior years of high school.

In mid-March a letter with specific dates and times that guidance counselors will be available to meet with you and your child to develop a four-year plan for high school will be sent home. 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 if you have any questions.

Attention Parents!

There will be a Kindergarten Parent Information Night for parents of students entering kindergarten in September of 2018. This meeting will be at the Guilford Elementary School on Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Guilford cafeteria.

The purpose of this meeting is to begin the registration process and to inform parents about our Kindergarten program and the Kindergarten screening process. You will be able to sign your child up for a screening time slot at that time. If we do not have a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunizations, or proof of residency on file, please bring those items for us to copy at that time.

Please call 895-6700 if you have any questions.

The After School Care Program

After School Care Program is up and running! More students are welcome—come join us! Please contact Josh Smith at 967-6323 or at jsmith@bgcsd.org for more information.

B-G Accepting Pre-K Applications

The Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District is accepting applications for its Pre-kindergarten program. Only parents who are District residents with an age-eligible child may apply. To be eligible a child must be 4-years-old prior to December 1, 2018 and cannot be 5-years-old before that date. Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 20 to be considered for selection. Selection of applicants for the available slots will be determined soon after this date.

Per New York State Regulations, selection for Pre-kindergarten slots for the 2018-19 school year will be done randomly after all applications have been received by the deadline if more than 36 applications are received. Assuming that State funding will be held at the same level for next year as last year, we will be able to accept a total of 36 students.

Similar to last year, our program will include two full day classes. Both classes are housed in the Guilford Elementary School. Each classroom has a Pre-K teacher and a classroom aide. Our program runs Monday-Friday from 8:05 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Children may not ride school transportation until they become four years old. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from school until their child becomes 4-years-old.

The deadline for all Pre-K applications is 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 20. Applications must be received at the Main Office of the Guilford Elementary School on or before this date. Applications may be picked up at Guilford Elementary or mailed to you upon request. For further information contact the Guilford Elementary School secretary, Kathi Ives at 895-6700.

Jr.-Sr. High School Students of the Month

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

NOVEMBER

Jr. High

9th—**Josephine Porter**

8th—**Abigail Wombacker**

7th—**Anthony Ladd**

Sr. High

12th—**Molly O'Hara**

11th—**Zamira Caldwell**

10th—**Shelby Haynes**



DECEMBER

Jr. High

7th—**Tara Fitzgerald**

8th—**Reese Elwood**

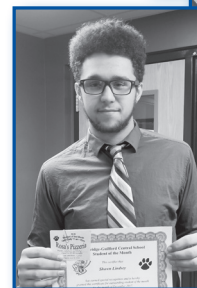
9th—**Emmalynne Sherman**

Sr. High

10th—**Alli Miller**

11th—**Aubrey Fox**

12th—**Shawn Lindsey**



Students of the Month will receive a \$5 gift card from Rosa'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!

GREAT JOB!

Akshar's All Star Award!



Cordel VanDermark, a senior at Bainbridge-Guilford Central School and Conservation Program student at DCMO BOCES, received the All-Star award from the 52nd Senate District Office of Honorable Fred Akshar. This monthly award



is an initiative to recognize a handful of students based on their demonstration of great leadership, compassion, school spirit or improvement among their peers.

Each *Akshar All-Star* is recognized with a t-shirt, framed certificate, and a challenge coin. "This is a great opportunity for us to work with school districts throughout the 52nd Senate District to recognize outstanding young people who are doing wonderful things in our community," Akshar said in a statement.

Cordel is a student in the Conservation and Heavy Equipment Technology Program at DCMO BOCES. He received Student of the Year in 2016. Cordel is the BOCES FFA President. He has completed training for operating a skid steer, excavator, back hoe, bulldozer and wheel loader, as well as safety and operation of chainsaw, wood splitter and greenhouse. In November of 2017 Cordel was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.

At his homeschool, in addition to maintaining good grades, Cordel is a member of the soccer and track and field teams. He has received the Scholar-Athlete Award in both sports. He has also participated in YES! Leads, chorus and orchestra. He is a "leader by example" both in the classroom and on the athletic field. He is patient and willing to help others without hesitation.

Outside of school Cordel is a volunteer firefighter in Bainbridge and received the Rookie of the Year Award. He is a Boy Scout, Rank Life. He has worked for McKown Lawn Care and Landscaping since 2013. In his spare time, he enjoys building and racing remote control trucks. He has applied to Cobleskill for the Diesel Mechanics Program.

Cordel's Conservation instructor, Zach Whittaker shares: Cordel has shown outstanding toughness and character while in the Conservation Program. He has had to balance school, work, firefighting and most importantly, family this past year. Cordel is always positive and upbeat regardless of what he is encountering each day. Cordel's natural talent, knowledge, attitude, and character will ensure his success in whatever he chooses in his future after graduation.

Class D All-State Honorable Mention Selection



ADAM IVES, SENIOR OT/DT

Congratulations to Adam Ives for being selected to the Class D All-State Football Team as an Honorable Mention selection. Adam's hard work and dedication to the game of football was rewarded this year with an outstanding senior season.

B-G Music Department News

The B-G Music Department and color guard would like to extend a huge thank you to Bainbridge resident Carole Beach. Last year Carole donated some of the materials and her time to sew an updated front banner for the Marching Band and Color Guard. The banner is a beautiful addition to the group and compliments the new uniforms nicely.

We are grateful to Carole for her donation and proud to have it leading the B-G Blues Marching Band and Color Guard!



Fuller Rolls First High School 300 Score!

On Monday December 18, **Ed Fuller** rolled his second career 300 game (his first in a high school match). He continues to lead not only the Bobcats, but the entire MAC League in average for the second year in a row, with the hopes of having the highest average in all of Section IV.

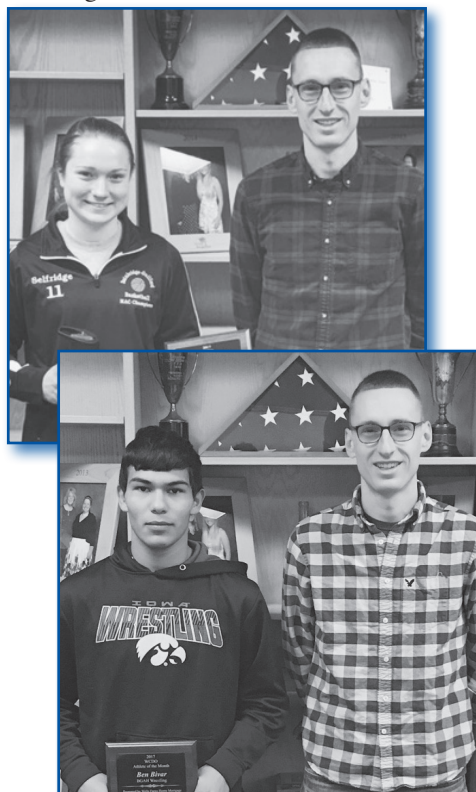
Great job, keep up the good work!



WCDO Athlete of the Month

The Athlete of the Month award sponsored by WCDO Radio, represented by Nate Lull, was presented to **Abigail Selfridge** and **Ben Bivar**.

Congratulations!



Alumni Spotlight Miranda Materazzo—BG Class of 2012



Miranda Materazzo is a native daughter to Bainbridge, where she was raised her entire childhood. Her father also went to B-G, and she noted that they even shared some of the same teachers. Throughout her time here, Miranda was actively involved in numerous clubs and activities like the Drama Club and the Yearbook Club. These experiences were the catalyst for her desire to become a journalist: “I think [those activities] helped give me an idea that I might want to pursue journalism, or at least photography. I knew I wanted to study journalism . . . because it was the kind of job where I would get to write every day.” This passion for language showed throughout her high school career, as she excelled in her English classes every year.

I asked Miranda to tell me a bit about her experiences after high school, what opportunities she seized and how she fared socially, transitioning from a smaller school to a larger one. She stated, “I studied Journalism at Ithaca College and even got to do a semester abroad. I can honestly say that it was the coolest four months of my life; I lived in London and visited Paris, Athens, Amsterdam, Edinburgh and Stonehenge!” Miranda added that she made some wonderful friends in college, but that doing so what not without difficulty in the beginning. “It can be a pretty stark contrast from a small high school like B-G, where you may have had the same 50 or 60 classmates since kindergarten” and that clubs and activities were great places for her to “find [her] tribe.”

Knowing that journalism is a difficult and competitive field in which to excel, we both knew that her dream job wouldn’t fall into her lap. However, Miranda’s work ethic, discipline and realistic outlook on achieving success served her well in these years after college. When asked about her post-secondary job experience, she discussed working in food service, which wasn’t her field of choice, but it was necessary at the time. One significant learning experience that came of this was that it gave her a new level of respect and appreciation for those who work in service and maintenance fields, knowing that these are demanding jobs in their own right. After graduation, Miranda returned to the comforts of home, as so many college graduates do today, and found herself at ACCO in Sidney, another path that wasn’t part of the plan but was necessary. “I also did freelance work for the *Tri-Town News* during that time. I only made \$25 per article, but it gave me the experience I needed to get the job I currently have. I now work at the *Watertown Daily Times*, up in the Thousand Islands.” Miranda has a keen understanding of the concept that one must start somewhere and through hard work and dedication, earn a place in the higher ranks. In the long term, Miranda hopes to “work at a magazine, where you’re usually given time to write really in-depth investigative stories.”

To close the interview, I asked Miranda what advice she would give to current B-G high school students. She said this: “enjoy being a student while you can! It sounds cliché, but there really is no other time like it.”

—Lindsay McCandless

Ag in the Classroom

On November 1, visitors from Broome County Cornell Cooperative Extension came to create “slime” in the classroom. The visitors instructed students as they used special ingredients to create the project. Students from all classes were invited to participate. Fun was had by all! Both teachers and students are looking forward to their next visit!



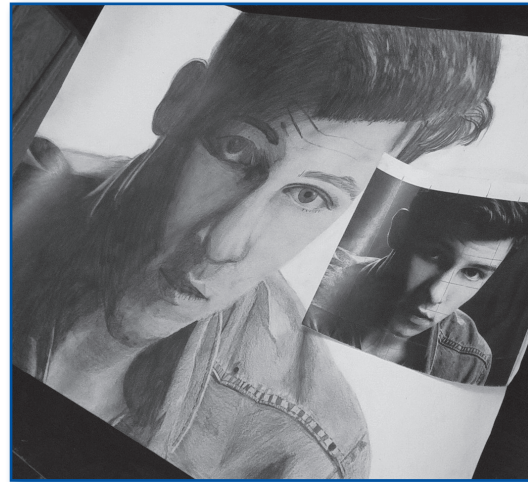
B-G Students Display Artwork at Hartwick College

Bainbridge-Guilford High School was well represented in the Hartwick College High School Art Exhibition during the month of January. Students displayed artwork in the Foreman Gallery (Anderson Center) on Hartwick College’s campus with students from other area schools. A variety of B-G artists submitted a total of 18 works of art, all fitting this year’s theme of *Portraits*. Their achievements were celebrated at a closing reception in the gallery.

The following students exhibited work:

Nikola Spychalski (painting [2], photography); **Samara Greene** (painting [2], drawing); **Kenndra Ceresna, Jillian Davis, Gavin Farrell** ([3] photography); **Alexis Brown, Autumn Giles, Haley Morse, Cheyenne Northrup** [2], **Emmalynne Sherman, Hannah Sprow** (drawing).

Special thanks go out to Rich Barlow of Hartwick College for organizing this year’s show.



*Drawing
by Alexis
Brown*



*Painting
by Nikola
Spychalski*

Greenlawn Principal Message


With the bitter cold temperatures in January, it is hard to imagine, but spring is coming soon and with spring comes the New York State ELA and Math tests.

At Greenlawn the 3-6 NYS ELA exam is scheduled for administration April 11 and 12 and the 3-6 NYS Math exam is scheduled for administration May 1 and 2. Greenlawn students have been working diligently with their teachers on curriculum to prepare them for success on the exams as well as their individual goals. The New York State Board of Regents has reduced the number of days of 3-8 testing from three days to two days beginning with the Spring Exams in 2018. This change will allow for students to spend less time testing and more time getting back to their instructional time. The faculty, staff and students encourage each other to work hard on these tests and use them to guide instructional practice and individual goal setting. Students use these results, benchmark data, and academic grades to formulate goals on their individual goal sheets. Using a growth mindset, Greenlawn focuses on student's belief that they can achieve anything and understand that effort makes them stronger.


Please join us Thursday February 22, 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Greenlawn Elementary Library for a discussion regarding the NYS assessments, what to expect and how you can help prepare your child(ren). We will also be discussing how the building is set up during the testing dates and the afternoon brain breaks. Hope to see you there.

—Jennifer Henderson
Greenlawn Principal

GREENLAWN TEST PREP & INFORMATION NIGHT



Thursday, February 22, 5:30-6:45 PM
Greenlawn Elementary library



Please join us in a discussion regarding the upcoming NYS assessments: What to expect and how you can prepare your child(ren). We will also be discussing how the building is set up during testing and the afternoon brain breaks.

Childcare and refreshments will be available! We hope to see you there.



Greenlawn Supplemental After-School Learning!

Greenlawn Elementary is in the position to offer 3rd-6th grade students 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

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 4:15 p.m.—unless students will be staying for the ASCP

The designated timeframe for goal growth and skill building is Tuesdays and Thursdays, November 28-April 26. ELA and Math skills will be the focus for the length of the entire program. Students will report to the cafeteria for snack at 3:05 p.m. followed by instruction 3:15-4:15 p.m. Students must be picked up at 4:15 p.m. from the Greenlawn lobby. (Unless students will be staying for the ASCP)

TARGETED AREAS

During this program, students and adults will be working together to develop activities to promote growth toward goals, following the targeted areas below:

- Guided and independent practice of passages with multiple choice, short response, and extended/constructed response questions
- Vocabulary review
- Strategy review
- Drill and practice
- 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.

| My child and I will adhere to the above expectations |
| from November 27-April 26 to focus on individual |
| goals and skill growth. |
| |
| Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ |
| Student Signature: _____ |
| Grade: _____ |
| Date: _____ |

Guilford Elementary December Highlights

Kindergartners were busy creating gingerbread men that immediately ran away and hid! It was hilarious to watch the children build traps, look for clues and create *wanted* signs and puppets, until they finally caught their gingerbread people and ate them *all* up!



Guilford celebrates the December holiday season in many ways, including focusing on generosity and gifts of kindness to others, and preparing songs for our culminating assembly!



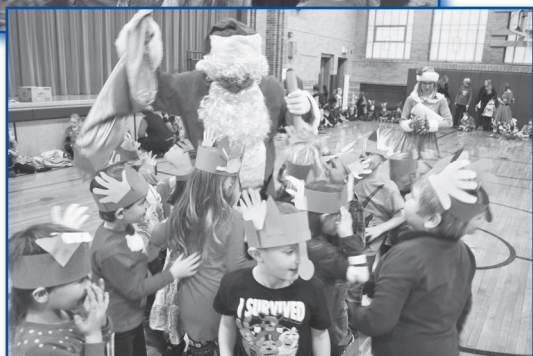
It culminates in a visit from the Kindness Elf's friends, SANTA and his chief elf!



Santa's nice list has everyone's name on it from Guilford Elementary!



Hmmmm, so what do you have in that bag?

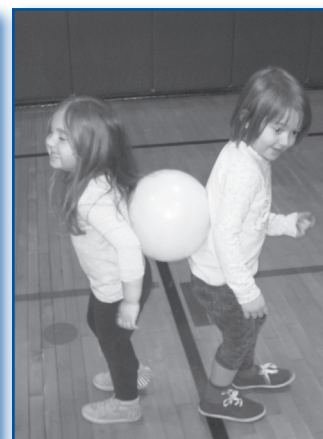


Even reindeer need a little hug from Santa!

Kinder Assembly at Guilford!

For the 2nd year, Guilford is offering a fun learning experience for the Kindergarten students through our Kinder Assembly. Through the collaboration and support of our Kinder Team, Jen Cannistra, Keren Seiler, Lori Basso and Aides we are providing students with opportunities to learn about teamwork, cooperation, kindness, and friendship. Our *kinders* are enjoying games and activities that reinforce character education and building a positive and healthy foundation for success.

We offer a learning experience that builds on the classroom guidance lessons provided by Mrs. Keren Seiler and encourage our kinders to follow the I-Care Cat Rules and Guilford Pledge. We look forward to continuing this fun learning experience and watching our kinders develop the skills to be successful.





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WINNING THE NYS CLASS D VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!**