



# Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District

# The Blue and White

## School News & Notes

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### From the Superintendent

*We did it!* After six months of speculation, planning and hard work, the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District successfully opened its doors to students again on Thursday, September 10, 2020. This fall we welcomed 81% of our student body back to campus, and 19% of our students are learning remotely from home. BG is using a “hybrid” model this fall which means we have some students learning at home fully virtual, and the remaining students are split into group A and group B with each group on campus for two days of in-person instruction and home for 3 days of virtual instruction. Since virtual and in-person instruction occur daily, the district has the ability to switch to full virtual instruction at home if weather conditions or an increase in COVID cases warrants it. Currently, Wednesday is being used for “deep cleaning” all of the classrooms and areas of the buildings, as well as office hours for students, AIS support and advanced and college classes. BG has about 350 students on campus at one time. We are maintaining social distancing and all students and staff wear masks.

Our three year Capital Project is winding down with just a few finishing touches left. Please notice the return and restoration of the historic lights in front of Guilford elementary. These lights are nearly 100 years old and were originally gas. They have been converted to electric and will now light the way for another 100 years. They have been painstakingly restored in Cooperstown.

While we will continue to offer meals to students for the days that they are not on campus, meal delivery will not be available starting November 1, 2020. Please contact Billie Reigles at 967-6331 to enroll in curbside pick-up meals at either Greenlawn Elementary or Guilford Elementary on Wednesdays starting November 4, 2020.

You may have heard that school districts in New York State are facing possible aid reductions of 20% for the current school year. For BG, this equates to around \$2.4 million dollars. If this occurs, this will be a huge hit to our district. The board of education, district finance committee and administrators are currently meeting to determine the best course of action for our district. Please look for more information on our possible aid loss in the very near future.

Student screening prior to entering the school buildings remains a priority. Recently, we have launched the APP in Powerschool to complete the student screening process. More information on how to access this application, is available on the Technology page of the BG website. We appreciate your efforts to keep our students and staff safe.

Enjoy the upcoming autumn and cooler temps. While not a traditional school year at BG, it will still be a great one! Proud to be a Bobcat!

—Timothy R. Ryan, Superintendent

### “Coffee” with the Superintendent!

Please join Superintendent Tim Ryan for a virtual informal meeting on October 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to answer questions about the school district. ZOOM invite information can be found on the home page of the District website, [bgcsd.org](http://bgcsd.org).

If you can't attend, please do not hesitate to send your questions to Mr. Ryan at [tryan@bgcsd.org](mailto:tryan@bgcsd.org) or by USPS to Timothy Ryan, 18 Juliand Street, Bainbridge, NY 13733.



# School Boards Lead So Students Can ACHIEVE!

The New York State School Boards Association recognizes October 19-23 as School Board Recognition Week. This is a time to promote awareness and understanding of the important work performed by school board members. Bainbridge-Guilford CSD is joining all public school districts across the state to celebrate School Board Recognition Week to honor local board members for their commitment to Bainbridge and Guilford communities and their children.

Board members serving our district are: Keith Hanvey (President), Tina Ammon (Vice President), Shelly Bartow, Emily Hall, Jeanne Shields, Tim Suda and Rebecca Sullivan.

School board members give citizens a voice in education decision making. B-G Board members will receive recognition of their service at the November 5, 2020 BOE meeting.

*Thank you School Board Members for your time and dedication to the B-G District!*

## Midstate Athletic Conference

On Friday, September 11, 2020, the Midstate Athletic Conference (MAC) voted to postpone all inter-scholastic athletics until January 4, 2021. Upon the start of athletics next January, the MAC will follow the NYSPHSAA schedule for condensed seasons: winter sports, fall sports, then spring sports. With the later start date, we are hopeful that all athletic seasons will be able to be completed in their entirety. This may also include sectional and state-level play, as allowable, for the respective sports.

While this was a difficult decision, the health and safety of our student-athletes, coaches, and fans was paramount.

The member schools of the MAC understand the important role that athletics plays in the social, emotional, and physical well-being of our student-athletes. The MAC will continue its work to prepare for successful seasons upon the return to competition, including coordination with Section IV, NYSPHSAA, local health departments, and government authorities. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue working together to provide opportunities for our athletes in the safest possible manner.

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

At Bainbridge-Guilford Jr.-Sr. High, 2019-2020 ended in a crazy fashion with the Pandemic fully upon us. We persevered and did our best to finish out the year. Though our students lost many recognition activities and spring sports, we pulled through in the very end with a somewhat normal graduation ceremony on our front lawn. Our seniors actually had two graduation ceremonies as we completed a virtual one as a precautionary measure in the event we could not have our traditional front lawn ceremony. Our seniors deserve great accolades for ending strong in under such strange circumstances and by finishing with one of our highest graduation rates! Way to go Class of 2020!

To begin the 2020-2021 school year, as we continue to adapt to learning in a new way, we first welcome new staff; Ms. Melissa Epps in Special Education, Ms. Christine Gaias who is an LTA transferring from Greenlawn, Mr. Christopher Jones in Math who will be a long term substitute, Mr. Richard DeLousia in Music who will be a long term substitute, Ms. Melissa Baker who is a Teacher's Aide and Ms. Elizabeth Prezorski who is also a Teacher's Aide.

We have started the school year in a hybrid learning model where about a third of our students come on Monday and Tuesday, a third come on Thursday and Friday and a third are learning from home in a total remote format. Students wear masks all day, travel one way in the hallways and maintain social distancing everywhere possible. With our Chromebooks, students are learning via Google Classroom and through Zoom participation when they learn from home.

It has been about six months since our students were in the building and when they returned this September, they found our building nearing the end of Phase Two of the Capital Project. Our students have new hallway lockers, many doors have been replaced, our gyms and second floor rooms now have climate control to keep them cooler. The Fitness Center and Functional Fitness Room are completed and look amazing!

We are excited to begin another school year and to have our students back in our building. As always, we look forward to educating our students academically, physically and emotionally. We welcome our new team members and always boast that we have great staff and great students! With the many opportunities given to our students and continued support from our community we will again achieve great things throughout the school year. As we navigate through this stressful and unpredictable health emergency, more than ever we all need to work together to keep our students, staff and families healthy.

*—William Zakrajsek, Principal*



## Local Media Broadcasting Emergency Closing Information

### RADIO

#### Sidney

WCDO FM 101  
WCDO AM 1490

#### Norwich & Oneonta Central Radio Group

WKXZ FM 94  
WCHN AM 97  
WBKT FM 95.3  
WZOZ FM 103.1  
WSRK FM 103.9  
WDOS AM 730

#### Binghamton

#### WNBF Affiliates

WAAL FM 99  
WKOP AM 1360  
WHWK FM 98  
WNBF AM 1290

#### iHeart Media

KGB FM 92.5  
MIX FM 103.3  
FOX Sports AM 1430  
NEW COUNTRY B FM 107.5  
NOW FM 105.7  
US FM 96.7

### TV

*See your provider for  
channel specifications*  
Binghamton

WBNG—CBS  
WICZ—FOX  
WBGH—NBC  
YNN News—TW

### INTERNET

[www.wicz.com](http://www.wicz.com)  
*Under "Closings and Delays"*  
[www.wbng.com](http://www.wbng.com)  
*Under "Closings and Delays"*  
[www.evesun.com](http://www.evesun.com)  
*Under "Closings and Delays"*

### FACEBOOK

Bainbridge-Guilford Central School

### SCHOOL

### MESSENGER

Automated phone and email system  
Closings, Delays and Announcements

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK –  
BAINBRIDGE-GUILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL**



**FOLLOW MR. RYAN ON TWITTER @BGSUPERINT**

**CHECK THE WEBSITE [BGCSD.ORG](http://BGCSD.ORG) FOR  
ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

## AHERA Notification

The Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District has completed the inspection of its facilities to determine if asbestos is present and if any action is needed to avoid potential health hazards.

A management plan has been developed in compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Alert (AHERA) to insure that the school district continues to provide and maintain a safe environment for students, employees and visitors.

### THE PLAN INCLUDES

- Training of maintenance staff to prevent disturbance of asbestos;
- Provisions for periodic re-inspection and surveillance; provisions for abatement activities performed by trained personnel.
- Annually school districts are required to notify parent, teacher, and employee organizations of the availability of their management plans.

A copy of the management plan is available for inspection at the Main Office of the High School and Guilford as well as at the Director of Facilities Office at Greenlawn. Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to James Rideout, Director of Facilities II at 967-6322.

## Adult Basic Education/ High School Equivalency

Are you interested in earning a high school equivalency diploma, or improving your reading, writing and math skills? There are free, educational services available through Afton Central School's Adult and Continuing Education program.

Afton Adult Education sponsors two classes per week in many area schools and libraries. You may join a class at any time. Classes are free, and work is individualized.

For those unable to attend a class, there is a program offered through the mail called GRASP (Giving Ready Adults a Study Program). This program is designed for motivated people 21 years of age or older who work well on their own and possess good reading skills.

Additionally, individuals who have passed regents examinations in English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies can substitute those passing scores for a maximum of four of the five corresponding Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASCTM) subtests: reading, writing, math, science, and social studies.

For more information on high school equivalency classes and home study programs, contact:

June White, Director  
Afton Central School

Adult Continuing Education Program  
PO Box 5

29 Academy Street  
Afton, NY 13730

607-639-2811 or 1-800-792-2145  
Email: [Jwhite3963@gmail.com](mailto:Jwhite3963@gmail.com)

## New Staff at B-G

### TEACHERS!



**RICHARD DELOUSIA,  
MUSIC TEACHER**

Hello, my name is Richard DeLousia, and I will be filling in for Jen White, teaching Chorus and General Music for the 20-21 school year. I am a recent graduate of the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, where I studied Voice and Music Education. I finished out my degree with student teaching placements in the Edgemont and Newburgh City school districts where I taught K-6 General Music and 9-12 Chorus respectively. I'm looking forward to a great school year with all of the faculty, staff and students here at BG!



**MELISSA EPPS, SPECIAL  
EDUCATION TEACHER, JR-SR  
HIGH SCHOOL**

Hello, my name is Melissa Epps and I am the new 7/8th grade special education teacher. I have been teaching for 20 years, having had started my teaching career right here at B-G in 2000. I am happily returning "home". There is no place like B-G! I live with my family in Windsor and paint in my spare time.



**DANA FITCHLEE, SPECIAL  
EDUCATION TEACHER,  
GREENLAWN**

Hello B-G! My name is Dana Fitchlee and I am the new Special Education teacher at Greenlawn Elementary. I was born and raised in Buffalo, NY and attended Niagara University on a basketball scholarship where I majored in Elementary Inclusion Education. Although New York is my home, I have had the opportunity to live many other states including South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Arizona. I love being outdoors and I enjoy gardening, hiking, kayaking and spending time with our animals. I also love to express my creativity through painting and sewing. I am very excited to join the B-G family and to put down roots in such a wonderful community.



**CHRISTOPHER JONES, MATH  
TEACHER, JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL**

Hello, my name is Christopher Jones and I am the new math teacher subbing for Mrs. Ackerly over this school year. I worked in the Corning Painted Post School District last year as a substitute

teacher. Running, soccer, lifting weights, reading and hiking are some of my favorite hobbies. Most of those activities are limited now that I am pursuing a Masters in the Art of Teaching at Empire State College (which I hope to have completed at the end of this school year).



**DEVIN SCHMITZ, MATH  
TEACHER, GREENLAWN**

Hi, my name is Devin Schmitz and I am the new 4th grade math teacher! This will be my second year teaching overall and my first year at Bainbridge. I grew up in Deposit and upon graduation attended SUNY Oneonta where I earned my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood/Childhood education. I am currently working towards my Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction. My hobbies include hunting, fishing, and anything related to sports! I look forward to working in such a great community!



**RITA SELICK, SCIENCE  
TEACHER, JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL**

Hi, my name is Ms. Rita Sellick and I am the new Science teacher here at Bainbridge-Guilford. This year, I am teaching Regents Physics, Regents Chemistry, General Chemistry, and Science 8. I have an associate degree from SUNY Broome in Engineering Science and bachelor's and master's degrees from Binghamton University in Chemistry and Chemistry Education. I previously taught Chemistry at Windsor Central High School. I am excited to be here this year!



**RILEY SMITH, ELEMENTARY  
TEACHER, GREENLAWN**

Hello my name is Riley Smith and I am the new third grade teacher. I am a lifelong resident of Bainbridge and I graduated from B-G in 2016. I continued my education at SUNY Broome for a year to finish my Associate's degree. Following SUNY Broome, I attended SUNY Oneonta where I graduated with my Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood and childhood education. When I am not in working or in school, I enjoy working out and doing CrossFit. I also really enjoy paddling and I am training to do the 70-mile canoe race next May. I love going to the beach, listening to country music, and dogs. I am really excited to be back in the Bainbridge-Guilford School District and to work with the students in our community.



## **SUPPORT STAFF!**



**MISSY BAKER, TEACHER AIDE,  
JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL**

Hello, my name is Missy Baker and I am working as an Aide this year at the B-G High School. I previously worked for the district as the CSE secretary many years ago. I graduated from B-G, as did most of my family. When I attended B-G, my favorite activity was Summer Band and Colorguard (I carried rifle). I miss it terribly. I am married with 3 children and 7 grandchildren. When I'm not working, you can find me volunteering in the community or camping at East Sidney Lake.



**GAIL HOFFMAN, CLERK,  
BUSINESS OFFICE**

Hello! My name is Gail Hoffman and I am the new clerk in the Business Office. I attended B-G from the first day of Kindergarten through 12th grade graduation day. I have spent the years since that day working as a bank teller, Assistant Controller at Sidney Hospital, Director of Finance at Chenango County Chamber of Commerce, have had my own bookkeeping business at home, and most recently retired after serving as Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the Town of Guilford for 12 years. In my spare time, I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Finance and also served on a number of non-profit organization boards through the years. I have lived the majority of my life in Guilford in what was my grandparents and parents' home. In my free time, reading, gardening, baking, and crafts such as knitting, embroidery, and sewing keep me busy. I am excited to be back at Bainbridge-Guilford Central School, not as a student this time, but as an employee!



**BOBBI JO MASON, TEACHER  
AIDE, GREENLAWN**

Hello all, my name is Bobbi Jo Mason. I'm a new Teacher Aide at Greenlawn Elementary. After graduating B-G (a very long time ago) I ventured toward the Oneonta area. There I married and started a family, we have three children. I've recently made my way back to Bainbridge however, to continue raising our family. Besides my children we have two dogs and two cats. While raising and spending time with my family, I love to craft. So when I am not enjoying nature and playing with my kids I'm crafting. I mostly make jewelry which I love to share at craft shows. I was a 4-H leader for several years and a Daisy and Girl Scout leader for 2 years. I am super excited to continue my journey here at my Alma mater with all of you.



**JOANNA MATTHEWS, TEACHER  
AIDE, GUILFORD**

Hello, my name is JoAnna Matthews and I am a Kindergarten Aide. I am a former B-G grad (2009) and have two children starting their education at B-G in pre-k and kindergarten this year! I also attended Binghamton University and have my Bachelors degree in Human Development. I look forward to becoming a part of the community as an employee of the district and also as a parent of B-G students!



**GEOFFREY PECK, CUSTODIAL  
WORKER, JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL**

Hello, my name is Geoffrey Peck. I am a 2013 Graduate of Sidney Central School. In 2017 I graduated from SUNY Cobleskill with a Bachelor of Technology Degree in Agricultural Equipment Technology and I also am a Certified John Deere Tech. I live in Sidney with my fiancé, Wendy and my stepson, Brayden. I am happy to be working at the High School as a Custodial Worker and look forward to many years with the BG District.

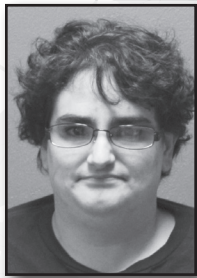


**ELIZABETH PREZORSKI,  
TEACHER AIDE, JR-SR HS**

Hello, my name is Elizabeth Prezorski, but you can call me Liz. I am a new teacher's aide in the high school. I've lived in Afton since 1999, and Pennsylvania before that, but I am originally from Long Island (no surprise if you heard my accent). I was an aide in Afton for 18 years before retiring in 2019. Last year I was a substitute in three different school districts and spent quite a bit of that time in Guilford Elementary. My husband, Christopher, and I have been married for 35 years and have three beautiful and intelligent daughters. We also have three happy and energetic preschool grandchildren. In our spare time, my husband and I love to golf, garden, and go on long walks together. I look forward to this school year, making new friends, taking on new challenges, and continuing to assist both teachers and students to the best of my ability.

## **CASSANDRA SAFFORD, BUS AIDE**

Hello! My name is Cassandra Safford. I am one of the new bus aides here at Bainbridge-Guilford. I graduated from BG in 2014 and I am so happy to be returning! I was a member of the softball, volleyball and bowling team. I recently worked in the Oxford Primary School for about four years as an aide. During my free time I love to spend time with my family! I live with my fiancé and our two dogs in the town of Nineveh. I am so excited to become a member of the BG family again!



**KATHY HATTON—  
CUSTODIAL WORKER**



**KAREN LACAST—  
TEACHER AIDE**

**LINDA ANDERS—BUS AIDE**

**ALLAN WHITE—MECHANIC**

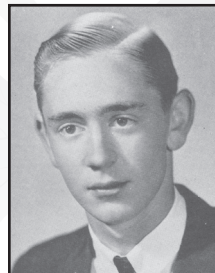
Welcome  
to the **Team!**

### **Veteran's Day Breakfast Postponed**

To keep our Veterans and staff safe this year, we will be postponing our annual Veteran's Day breakfast at Greenlawn Elementary until the fall of 2021.

We extend sincere gratitude and thanks to the men and women who have served our country. We appreciate all of you! See you next fall!

## **Alumni Spotlight Jon Thorpe Class of 1964**



### **B-G—RESTING PROUDLY IN SUSQUEHANNA'S VALE**

I have very fond memories of my childhood. Much of that time was spent at the Bainbridge Central School, enjoying the company of my friends and learning valuable life lessons from a caring and dedicated group of teachers. Then, all of a sudden, the carefree days were over! Junior/Senior High School demanded a more serious approach to my studies. You were beginning to make choices that would affect the rest of your life. For some there was a certainty as to what they were going to do after graduation, who their best friends would always be and what they were going to name their children. For others this was a time fraught with the confusions of maturity and challenges of indecision.

I thought living across the street from my kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Groff, was surely the first step to becoming valedictorian of my class. It wasn't until later I discovered the only secret to attaining that fine honor was just plain old hard work! Then along came Mr. John Homa who dashed my hopes of a football scholarship by informing me that successful pass receivers don't usually have the habit of "hearing footsteps"! Music and playing the trumpet, however, provided me with a clear path to happiness and success. The camaraderie, the pride of distinction and the experience of achievement offered me a lifetime of special memories. And no, Mr. Braccio, it was *NOT* I who threw the mouthpiece down the tuba!

Following graduation from High School, I received a BA in History and Political Science from Dickinson College, followed by a Master's Degree in Education. I taught High School in Carlisle, PA for ten years prior to owning and managing a Life Insurance Agency until my retirement. Writing creative non-fiction remains my hobby of choice.

I am now having the pleasure of watching my millennial son work his way through the Bainbridge-Guilford school system. It may be a much different experience than mine, but I am confident that the friendships and quality teachers will ever remain the same.

*Again B-G, thanks for the memories!*



## From the Greenlawn Principal

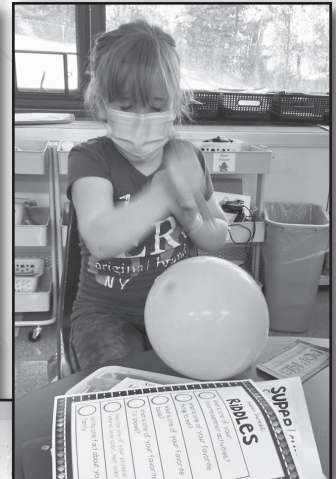
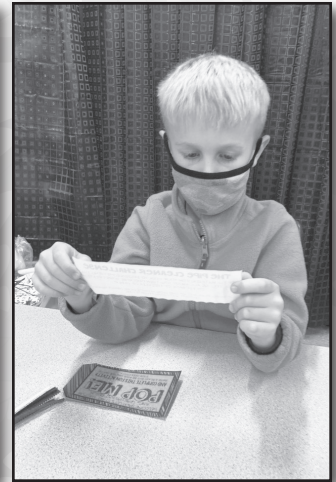
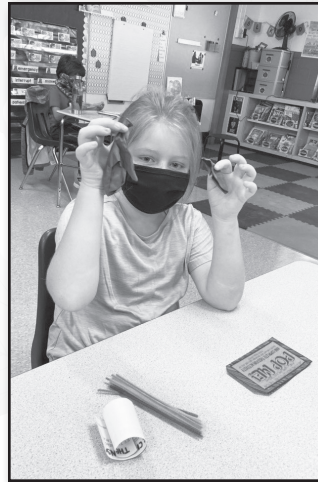
The school year is off to a great start and we are excited to have students back in the building!

With the start of this school year, came many changes and new procedures, but the faculty, staff, and students have adjusted well and the smiles and laughter are filling the hallways and playground. Our arrival procedures are running smoothly with temperature checks for all students and many parent drop offs. We thank you for your patience and flexibility with these changes in procedure. The instructional school day schedule has remained the same. Students are eating breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria while maintaining social distance. Additionally, students are able to use the playground for recess, while wearing their masks, and using hand sanitizer before and after. Although things may look a little different, the atmosphere has remained the same. Kids, faculty and staff are laughing, learning, and supporting each other. We are all becoming more familiar and comfortable with the many ways technology has been added to our instruction. We are all in this together and we thank you again for working with us.

Work on the Capital Project at Greenlawn is almost complete. We are excited to have new climate control in our cafeteria and stage side areas. The kiddos are so happy and comfortable, having their lunch and breakfast in a nice cool space. The buildings, grounds, and maintenance staff have been working so hard and our building looks beautiful.

The Greenlawn family is excited to explore this new way of learning and growing. It is a privilege to be a part of a community where everyone strives to enrich and promote student growth and success. If you have any questions please call the Main Office, 967-6301.

—Mrs. Henderson,  
Principal





## Request for Pesticide Application Notice ~Ref. Board Policy #5005

October 2020

Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff,

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

Whenever possible, the application of non-exempt pesticides will be conducted when the building will be unoccupied for a continuous 72-hour period following the application.

The Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

This prohibition of the use of pesticides does not apply to indoor use of pesticides or pesticide application to buildings and structures (e.g. school buildings, garages).

The following types of pesticides and alternatives are allowable on playing fields and playgrounds:

- Antimicrobial pesticides and products as defined in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act;
- Aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of eighteen (18) fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects, including venous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets;
- Non-volatile insect or rodent bait in tamper resistant containers;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- Pesticides classified as exempt material by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under 40 CFR part 152.25;
- Horticultural oils and soaps that do not contain synthetic pesticides or synergists.

The Bainbridge-Guilford Central School will not allow the use of any pesticides that require notification unless an emergency exists. In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to the school. For further information on these requirements the school pesticide representative is James Rideout who may be reached at 967-6322 or the District Office, 18 Juliand St., Bainbridge, NY 13733.

### Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District Request for Pesticide Application Notification

\_\_\_\_\_ School Building

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return to James Rideout, 18 Juliand St., Bainbridge, NY 13733*



## Important Dates!

Jr.-Sr. HS End 10 Week Marking Period .....	11/6/2020
Jr.-Sr. HS Report Cards .....	11/17/2020
Elementary Trimester Ends .....	12/4/2020
Elementary Report Cards .....	12/11/2020
Jr.-Sr. HS End 20 Week Marking Period .....	1/29/2021
Jr.-Sr. Report Cards .....	2/5/2021
Elementary Trimester Ends .....	3/12/2021
Elementary Report Cards .....	3/19/2021
Jr.-Sr. HS End 30 Week Marking Period .....	4/13/2021
Jr.-Sr. Report Cards .....	4/21/2021
Elementary Trimester Ends/Report Cards .....	6/25/2021
Last Day of School For Elementary Students— Full Day .....	6/25/2021
Last Day of School for Jr.-Sr. High School .....	6/15/2021
Jr.-Sr. HS Report Cards .....	6/30/2021

## Fundraisers 2020-21

Date	Group	Event
Sept. 25-Oct. 9	Grade 7	Cookie dough
Oct. 5-16	Grade 12	Cheesecake
TBA	PTO	B-G Apparel
Oct. 12-30	Yearbook	Scripts / Gift Cards
Nov. 1-7	Sr. Student Council	TBA
Nov. 5	Grade 10	Spaghetti Dinner
Nov. 9-20	Grade 8	Save Around Coupon Book
Nov. 30-Dec. 11	Grade 10	Gertrude Hawk Candy bars
Dec. 5	Yearbook	Pancake Breakfast
January 4-15	Grade 12	Cookie dough
TBA	PTO	Gertrude Hawk
Feb. 1-12	Grade 9	Gertrude Hawk Candy
Feb. 8-19	Grade 12	Krispy Kreme
March 8-12	Grade 7	TBA
March 10	Grade 11	Chicken Biscuit Dinner
March 15-26	Grade 10	Krispy Kreme
May 17-28	Jr Honor Society	Gertrude Hawk Candy bars

## Student Meal Delivery News

With the bad weather coming, it is going to be to dangerous to try to deliver meal to the homes. Starting Wednesday, October 28 will be our last meal delivery home. The first meal pick up will be on Wednesday, November 4, at either the Guilford or Greenlawn traffic circle between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If it is not possible to get to the pick-up during this designated time please call to arrange for a pick-up until 4:00 p.m. at Greenlawn only. Parents that would like to sign-up for meal pickup please call 967-6331 or email me at [briegles@bgcsd.org](mailto:briegles@bgcsd.org) by October 23. You must sign-up to pick up meals. No meals will be handed out unless you are on our list.

## Surveys on the Website!

### STUDENT SCREENING SURVEY

Please enter every day! This survey can be found at [bgcsd.org](http://bgcsd.org) under the Parents/Students drop down menu. If you cannot access the website, please note on a piece of paper the following information for each child:

- Student Name
- Any COVID-19 symptoms
- Has been around anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19
- Has tested positive for COVID-19
- Has been to a state that is restricted by NYS within the past 14 days

Please add your signature and give it to the student's building Main Office.

***Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe!***

## Powerschool Daily Screening

Our Daily Health Screening is now up-and-running through Powerschool. Please follow the directions on our Technology Page to set-up your Powerschool account. You will be able to link all of your students to your account. Account access codes have been sent home with your students. Every day, please go to "forms" on the left hand side of your account and fill-out the form for each student prior to attendance each day. If you are having any trouble with this form, please continue to fill-out the Daily Health Screening on our website. We will run both of these screenings at the same time for a limited amount of time until we can transition everyone to the Powerschool form.

Thank you all so much for your patience as we work to keep all of our students and staff safe. Please email [sgraham@bgcsd.org](mailto:sgraham@bgcsd.org) or call 967-6300 with any questions or concerns.

## B-G Re-Opening 2020—Frequently Asked Questions!

- **What if a parent has some of the symptoms of COVID?**  
Please keep your child home until the parent has been seen by a physician.
- **Can BOCES students self-transport all days?**  
They can self-transport after filling out a permission form.
- **IEP/Special Education Services-How is that all going to fit in two days of instruction?**  
Any services that require in person will be held on the two days your child is on campus. Those services that can be completed virtually will occur on the other three days of the week.
- **Can a parent revoke the in-school learning after it has begun if wearing a mask all day result in asthmatic complications?**  
Yes, you may switch your child to remote at any time. To come back to campus from remote, we as parents wait until the 10 week mark.
- **For clarification—My 6th grader will be doing the hybrid. On the two days of virtual, she will be in child care where her provider is not going to be overseeing her virtual work. If she is unable to log-on, will she be penalized for attendance even though it appears she will be able to see the virtual lessons outside of the time of the live, on-line presentation, for example, later that evening or on the weekend? I don't understand how children at child care sites are going to be able to fulfill real time log on.**  
A student in 6th grade is expected to log on for her core classes each day while virtual. The district will work with the family if the child is unable to access the core classes live from time to time. Lessons will also be recorded.
- **If a child who is participating in the hybrid option is sent home with suspected COVID, do they just move into the full virtual route while waiting for test results?**  
Yes they do
- **What changes after week 10?**  
We begin the second quarter of the school year, and a child could come to campus for the hybrid option if they have been home learning virtually.
- **What happens to the other students/teachers if a student or adult does in fact test positive?**  
We alert the county of residence and the Department of Health beings contact tracing. This could result in a child(ren) being interviewed by the county. Parents will of course be alerted. The county then advises the district.
- **For full virtual, would students attend synchronous for all days of instruction?**  
Students using the full virtual model will be expected to follow along during the core areas of instruction.
- **How do they determine the source if a child or staff has symptoms or tests positive for COVID?**  
We take the Department of Health's lead on this and they make those determinations.
- **Will the children be offered Chromebook to use at home?**  
Every student in grades 2-12 will be offered a Chromebook, while our students in grades preK-1 will be receiving iPads.
- **Will students be recorded when doing virtual lessons?**  
The teacher will be recorded teaching the lesson. It is possible some students voices will be in the recording.
- **How is the cafeteria being set up for social distancing?**  
Each building will be socially distancing the students while in the cafeteria. The Jr/Sr HS building will have desks instead of tables, all socially distanced and facing in the same direction. The elementary buildings will be marking off the tables.
- **What about students doing full virtual that play sports or instruments**  
They are welcome to participate in athletics and extra-curricular activities.
- **What if my child has a cough but no other symptoms, will they need to be COVID tested in order to attend school?**  
This is when your child's medical history will come into play. A conversation with the nurse, building principal, superintendent and parent will occur.
- **Will the buses be sanitized after each use?**  
Yes they will be.
- **Are they allowed to bring their own masks?**  
Yes as long as they are appropriate.
- **Will kids be with the same students all day?**  
As much as it's possible, yes.
- **What happens on the virtual days if the child has internet issues? Will they be allowed to watch a recorded lesson?**  
Yes they will.
- **When they are online, can the student interact with the class and ask questions?**  
Yes they can.
- **If there are social emotional concerns that have started since COVID should the parents tell the school in advance.**  
Yes, please make us aware of any concerns.
- **Do the "My School Bucks" accounts transfer from building to building with the student?**  
Yes – the accounts automatically follow the student.
- **Will tech support be readily available for difficulty with the chrome books?**  
Yes it will. Not only will we be sending home "tech tidbits" from time to time, we will be available for you to call with any tech questions.

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- **On the survey, what % of parents said they were keeping their children home for only virtual learning?**

At this time 81% of our students are returning to campus and 19% will be fully virtual.

- **What is your plan if a child and/or teacher is noncompliant with the mask policy?**

Students will be held to the “Code of Conduct” which addresses rules and regulations concerning wearing of a mask.

- **If you signed up for hybrid and situations have changed can you switch to full virtual now?**

Yes you can.

- **What if you leave for work before your child gets up (a high school student)? How do you do the temp check etc.**

We would ask the HS student to record his/her own.

- **How will you distinguish the difference between COVID symptoms and just an asthma attack where they wouldn't need to be sent home or put in isolation and just need their inhaler?**

We would have a discussion with you regarding your child's medical history and look at each case individually.

- **COVID tests take over a week to come back—will the child/adult be required to remain out of school until that time?**

Yes they will, and would learn virtually until the results come back.

**For the most current COVID Protocol on Student attendance, please check the B-G Website  
[www.bgcsd.org](http://www.bgcsd.org)!**

*Signs of the Times...*



**BAINBRIDGE-GUILFORD  
ONE-WAY**



# DON'T FEEL WELL? STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK

*Tell your mom, dad, or caregiver before  
you come to school. Tell your teacher or  
an adult if you become sick at school*



*cough*



*Shortness of breath  
or problem breathing*



*chills*



*sore throat*



*loss of taste  
or smell*



*muscle pain*

## OTHER SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:

*fever, runny nose, diarrhea, feeling nauseous  
or vomiting, feeling tired, headache,  
and poor appetite*



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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Students: Let's work together to stop the spread of COVID-19

# DID YOU WASH YOUR HANDS?

*stop*



*think*



*wash hands*



## ASK YOURSELF:

*Did I just go to the bathroom?*

*Am I about to eat?*

*Did I just eat?*

*Did I cough or sneeze?*

*Did I touch supplies or objects  
that other people have touched?*

*Did I touch garbage?*

*Did I touch my mask?*

*If you can't wash your hands,  
ask your teacher or another  
adult for hand sanitizer.*



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**Upon entry into any school building, visitors will be required to complete the following questionnaire.**

## **Bainbridge-Guilford Central Schools Visitor Entry Form – Health Screening**

Print your name \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Destination \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you had any COVID-19 symptoms that you can't attribute to another condition in the past 14 days, including a temperature over 100.0F? Temperatures must be taken prior to coming into the school building.

*Symptoms can include but are not limited to:*

- Fever or chills
- New loss of taste or smell
- Unexplained fatigue
- Nasal congestion
- Unexplained sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- New or unexplained cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

**Yes or No** \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you had a positive COVID-19 test in the last 14 days?

**Yes or No** \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you knowingly been in close contact with a person who has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

**Yes or No** \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you traveled internationally or from a state with a widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days? (Please see attached list)

**Yes or No** \_\_\_\_\_

If you answer “No” to ALL of the questions, initial here \_\_\_\_\_ and proceed.

If you answer “Yes” to any of the questions, please leave immediately and contact us via email or phone.

*Thank you for  
your cooperation!*

## **Visitors— COVID Protocol Reminder!**

With the COVID pandemic upon us, we at the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School district take the safety and well-being of our students and staff very seriously. All people who enter the BG campus, which also includes school vehicles, or attend school sponsored events, are directed and required to follow the District's reopening plan, the Code of Conduct and any other written safety protocols.

The plan and Code of Conduct can be found on the school website at [www.bgcsd.org](http://www.bgcsd.org). This includes but is not limited to any requirement to wear facemasks, wash hands, maintain social distancing, allow temperature checks, and answer screening questionnaires.

Failure to adhere to these safety guidelines will result in the individual being denied entrance to school buildings and events, and asked to leave campus.

## **Guilford Greetings**

Welcome Back Everyone! It is with great pleasure that we have returned to Guilford Elementary. It is wonderful to see our hybrid students in person at school and our virtual students on Zoom! In the future, when we all look back on “Back-to-School 2020” it will be remembered as the year that schools stepped-up and did the amazing. We are not only educating students, we are connecting with students in ways that were unimaginable in years gone by. I couldn't be more proud of our staff, students, and parents for persevering through all the glitches and making it all work so well! It truly has been a team effort where everyone's job has become critical, and the outcomes are overwhelmingly rewarding. Students, teachers, and staff have already settled into the new routines and learning is underway! We are looking forward to a great 2020-21 school year.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with your concerns, questions, and suggestions. As always, we are committed to creating a positive and rich learning environment for each and every one of our students here at Guilford Elementary! Thank you for your support. I can be reached at 895-6700 or by email at [lmaynard@bgcsd.org](mailto:lmaynard@bgcsd.org).

—Linda Maynard, Guilford Elementary Principal



# Guilford Elementary First Week of School!

Imagine the excitement of all our staff to see the shining EYES of our students returning!



*"Off Bus"*



*Smiling Eyes Return*



*They Are Here!*

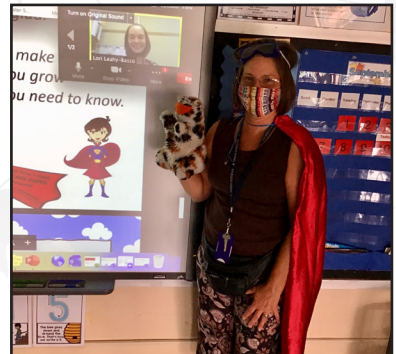
**A Peek Inside Classrooms: Classrooms organized to keep a safe six feet apart!  
Students and teachers are finding new ways to play and interact!**



*"K Classroom"*

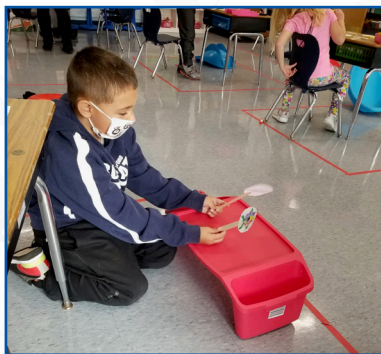


*"PE"*



*"Counselors Intro"*

**Students in first grade act out Billy Goats Gruff with puppets in their "safe zone".**



*Acting Billy Goats Gruff*



*Billy Goats Gruff*



*Billy Goats Gruff*

**Cafeteria is designed for safe eating and greetings! Playground: The students love to play and take mask breaks!**



*"Cafeterial social"*

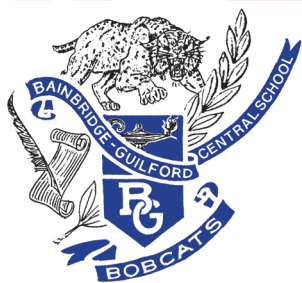


*"Heart Hug"*



*"Mask Break"*





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## Emergency Early Dismissal Drill October 16, 2020

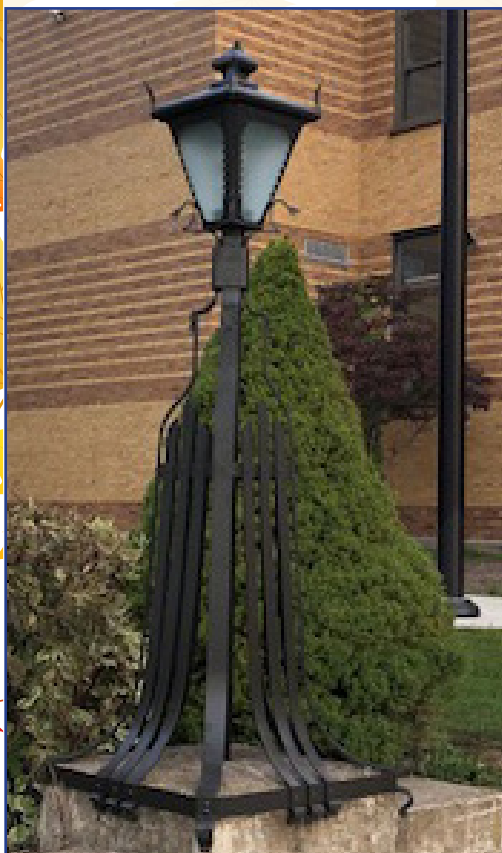
All schools will be practicing an evacuation drill.  
Students will be dismissed 15 minutes early that day!

## Automated Phone Calls & 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. Please keep your contact information current!

## NOTICE! Adjusted Student Calendar!

Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday weeks:  
Group A will attend school on 11/23 and 12/21 (Monday)  
Group B will attend school on 11/24 and 12/22 (Tuesday)



Ready for  
another  
100 years...

*Our historic lights, originally  
gas, now converted to electric  
and completely restored.*

