



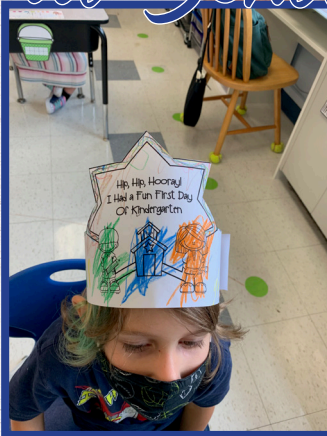
Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District

The Blue and White

School News & Notes

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First Day at School!



Bus Aides & Drivers Rock!



Superintendent Message!

Welcome fall! It seems the warm, albeit wet, summer days have given way to chilly evenings and foggy mornings. The school year is off and running! What a tremendous opening we had this year. It is great to have the staff and students back in the buildings. When you visit our campus, please notice the newly painted halls, shiny floors and refinished gymnasium floors. The maintenance staff did a phenomenal job readying our buildings for the new school year. Our sports teams are enjoying much success and the district is offering FREE breakfast, lunch, school supplies and After School Program for all students for the entire school year! BG is excited to welcome over 20 new staff to campus this year!

We are having a very busy fall here at BG. It was nice to welcome the Bainbridge-Guilford class of 1971 back to campus for building tours and a time to reminisce about the golden days of yesteryear. If any upcoming class reunions would like building tours, please contact the district office to arrange this.

The district is continuing to navigate thru the changes schools face in dealing with COVID. We appreciate your patience as we continue to work with the restrictions and ever-changing information. New in September, school districts in NYS must test ALL unvaccinated staff weekly. As you can imagine, this has been a huge undertaking to say the least.

We will be hosting our Veterans Day breakfast on November 10 at Greenlawn Elementary. Please spread the word to veterans far and wide. More information will be coming as we continue to plan for this popular yearly event.

The district is excited to show off our newly renovated high school gymnasium/multi-purpose room. The past few months have seen a new gym floor, newly painted walls, new athletic mats on the walls and brand new bleachers with hand-rails will be installed in December. This has been a long time coming and we are very excited for the community to see this.

Our afterschool program is up and running. The ASP operates each day from 3:00-5:30 p.m. that school is in session. The students are able to work on school work, while also having time on the playground and structured play time. A snack is also provided to each student. We currently have over 60 students participating! The program is open to students in grades preK-6. If interested in enrolling your child, please contact Stephanie Brown at Greenlawn Elementary.

My virtual coffees with the community have been going very well. I continue to learn a lot from our families and community members and get to meet many great people. I have been presented with lots of questions, concerns and suggestions. If you haven't attended, and are able to attend one in the future, I would love the chance to meet and discuss with you your thoughts on our district.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your patience and flexibility last year, during a very difficult school year for everyone. But...we made it! This would haven't been possible without an incredible staff, incredible students, and amazing families. Please reach out with any thoughts, questions or suggestions you might have.

Sincerely,
Timothy R. Ryan
Superintendent of Schools

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

To begin the 2021-2022 school year, we first welcome new staff. Ms. Emily Anderson teaching Agriculture, Ms. Kassi Hastings teaching Math, Mr. Matt Downey who is a Music teacher transferring from Greenlawn, Ms. Emily Hall who will be our RtI specialist, Ms. Rachel Seiler teaching Physical Education, Ms. Kelly Smith teaching Special Education, Mr. Cameron Race who will be substituting for us in a full time capacity, Ms. Amy Uplinger who is a Teacher's Aide and Ms. Taylor Palmatier who will be our typist in the Guidance Office. We also have a new Athletic Coordinator as Mr. Nick Mayo has taken on that role.

We have started the school year with all students back on campus every day. We have continued with the COVID protocols of social distancing and mask wearing inside and on buses. Additionally, we temperature screen all students as they enter the building to start their school day. With Chromebooks, students are prepared for any possible change to remote learning and teachers are continuing to use Google Classroom.

Sports are back and we are excited to have spectators at games. At this point all events outside will go on without mandated mask wearing. However, all visitors coming into the school and spectators joining us for inside events, need to wear a mask. Also, at the Jr.-Sr. High School, visitors will need to buzz in from the outside door to be let into the lobby area.

Though our September has been a bit crazy because the MPR is being renovated, we are excited to have a new gym floor, newly painted walls, new wall pads and near the end of December we will have new bleachers. When we are able to host home games in the winter, everyone will get to see and enjoy our new MPR which will have our true school colors of navy blue and white featured on the courts, walls and bleachers along with the new bobcat logo.

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.

—*William Zakrajsek*
Jr-Sr High School Principal

Bainbridge-Guilford Central School Opening Plan September 2021

SUPPLEMENT TO OPENING PLAN 2020

The following is a summary of the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School's plan for safely opening schools this fall and is based on directives from the Centers for Disease Control, the New York State Education Department, the State Department of Health, and the Chenango County Department of Public Health. This plan is subject to change as we monitor local transmission rates, positivity rates, and new or additional guidance that may be released. The plan is premised on two overriding goals; first, we are committed to a return to full-time in-person instruction and second, we must do it as safely as possible. This plan will help us do both.

Mode of Instruction: Instruction for the 2021-2022 will be full-time and in person. If directed by state or county authorities to close to in-person instruction, we are ready to move to a remote instruction model on short notice.

Remote Learning: Will NOT be an option for students this year. All instruction will occur on campus. Exceptions to return to a full-capacity classroom will be made if medically necessary, on a case-by-case basis.

Face Coverings: At this time, based on NYS mandates, CDC and NYSED guidance, all persons, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to wear an approved face covering at all times when in a school building, except when on authorized mask breaks or when eating or drinking. Masks will NOT be required when outdoors.

Social Distancing: Based on recommendations from the CDC, DOH and NYS, three feet of distance shall be maintained between students and staff whenever practical, except in Band, or Chorus, where six feet of distance shall be maintained.

Local Monitoring of COVID-19: The District will continue to collaborate with the Chenango County Department of Public Health on a regular basis as outlined in the District Plan for Reopening Schools. We will also continue to monitor the local transmission and positivity rates in accordance with the CDC and NYSED recommendations.

Transportation: Based on the latest guidance from the CDC and NYS Education Department, we will follow the CDC recommendations for public mass transit. Students riding on school transportation will no longer require social distancing between students, but masks will continue to be required of ALL persons on buses, including students, staff, and drivers.

Health and Safety: All classrooms and common areas in school buildings will be disinfected daily. High touch surfaces will be cleaned several times per day. Hand washing, social distancing, and proper respiratory hygiene will be practiced and encouraged for all stakeholders. Classrooms will contain hand sanitizer.

Screening: Daily health screening for all students, staff, and visitors to the school building will no longer be required, as per the NYSED memo. Parents no longer need to complete a daily screening form for their child online prior to coming to school. Students will still have a temperature check prior to entering the building each day.

Symptomatic Protocol: Any student, teacher or staff member with new or worsening symptoms of COVID-19, must be excluded from school, regardless of vaccination status, and either (a) provide a negative COVID test result, or (b) remain excluded from school for a minimum of 10 calendar days from symptom onset, prior to returning to school.

Any student or staff member experiencing COVID-like symptoms should remain at home until cleared by the school, County

Department of Public Health, or a licensed health care provider. Students and staff who become ill with COVID-19 like symptoms during the school day will go to the school nurse for evaluation. Siblings of a symptomatic child will NOT be sent home this year unless symptomatic.

Contact Tracing, Quarantine, and Isolation: We will continue to cooperate and collaborate with the Chenango County DOH in contact tracing. With all staff and students wearing masks in the classroom, a "close contact" will not include students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time (unless otherwise directed by the DOH). This exception does not apply for staff. Students and staff who are fully vaccinated and exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual will NOT need to quarantine as long as they remain asymptomatic. However, it is recommended to receive a COVID test within 3-5 days after exposure. Unvaccinated individuals MUST quarantine as outline in the updated School Reopening Plan and may NOT return to school or work until cleared by the NYS Department of Health or Chenango County DOH.

All individuals who become ill with COVID-like symptoms while in a school building will be held in an isolation room until they can safely leave the building.

A person who tests positive for COVID-19 may return to school and end isolation if the following are met: (1) 10 days out from the start of symptoms; (2) fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication; AND (3) symptoms have improved.

Child Nutrition: Free breakfast and lunch will be provided for ALL students. All efforts will be made to maintain six feet of social distance during meal times. Cafeterias and other common areas will be used for meals in order to maintain appropriate distance. The district will not be delivering meals or doing curb-side pick-up this year.

Schedules: Children will attend their appropriate building full-time in-person on days when school is in session, unless circumstances necessitate a shift to fully remote or hybrid instruction.

All content areas, including PE, Music, Band, and Chorus will be included in the schedule for in-person instruction. For Band and Chorus, every effort will be made to maintain six feet of social distancing.

Interscholastic Athletics: At this time athletics have started at BG. Students participating in outdoor athletics do not need to wear a mask. There is no limit on spectators attending outdoor athletic competitions. Indoor athletics (volleyball) students must wear masks and spectators attending these competitions must wear a mask also. Interscholastic sports and other extracurricular activities will occur as permitted by NYS, Chenango County and following protocols recommended by the CDC, NYSED, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) and Chenango County DOH.

Visitors: Schools serve an important function as centers for their communities, and we will do our best to accommodate requests for both school groups and outside organizations to be allowed use of school facilities in a safe manner. Visitors to the BG school buildings will be required to comply with COVID-19 protocols in place at the time of their visit.

Please contact the district office with any questions at 607-967-6321.

Open House Dates!

Jr-Sr High School: October 6 at 6:30 PM

Greenlawn Elementary: October 27 at 6:00 PM

Please confirm Open House dates on the District Website and on the District Facebook page.

Important Dates!

Jr.-Sr. HS End 10 Week Marking Period	11/9/2021
Jr.-Sr. HS Report Cards.....	11/22/2021
Elementary Trimester Ends.....	12/3/2021
Elementary Report Cards.....	12/10/2021
Jr.-Sr. HS End 20 Week Marking Period	1/28/2022
Jr.-Sr. Report Cards.....	2/4/2022
Elementary Trimester Ends.....	3/11/2022
Elementary Report Cards.....	3/17/2022
Jr.-Sr. HS End 30 Week Marking Period	4/6/2022
Jr.-Sr. Report Cards.....	4/20/2022
Elementary Trimester Ends/Report Cards	6/24/2022
Last Day of School For Elementary Students	
Full Day	6/24/2022
Last Day of School For Jr.-Sr.High School.....	6/14/2022
Jr.-Sr. HS Report Cards.....	6/30/2022

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 ensure 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.

School Boards Lead So Students Can ACHIEVE!

The New York State School Boards Association recognizes October 18-22 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), Gordon Daniels (Vice President), Shelly Bartow, John Gliha, 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 4, 2021 BOE meeting.

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

Automated Phone Calls and Texts

Calls for important announcements and closings will be generated by the phone numbers provided for your students. To receive text messages, text "YES" to 67587. Please keep your contact information current!

Emergency Early Dismissal Drill October 15, 2021

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

Substitute Personnel Needed

The Bainbridge-Guilford CSD is seeking applicants for Substitutes in the following areas:

- Bus Drivers
- Custodial Workers (first and second shift)
- Teachers
- Teacher Aides
- Food Service

Applications are available on the Employment page on the website bgcsd.org or by contacting the District Business Office at 607-967-6335. Submit completed applications to the District Business Office, BGCS, 18 Juliand Street, Bainbridge, NY 13733.

BG Alumni Association

Many of you may not be aware that there is an Alumni Association for graduates and attendees of Bainbridge, Guilford and BG. The present Association was formed in 1988. The Association sends out an annual newsletter, administer and handout Incentive Awards to Seniors, sponsor Jr. High Math Awards, and organizes an All-Classes Reunion every three years. Our next reunion is being planned for next summer July 23, 2022. All of these are done through donations and dues paid by Alumni. You can find a form for donations on our website: www.bgalumni.org

The BG Alumni Association along with the help of the BG administration just completed a project where all the existing yearbooks have been scanned and placed online for anyone to view. Included are Bainbridge, Guilford and BG yearbooks! The link: <https://www.bgcsd.org/Alumni.aspx>

As with many organizations, the BG Alumni Association is in need of volunteers to help with the running of the Association. The present board and officers are all retired or planning to retire shortly and need new members to help take over. With Covid restrictions, we found that most of our business can be done through email. In person meetings are held as needed (usually 3-4 per year) with the meetings lasting no longer than one hour.

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

- Email—bgbobcatalumni@gmail.com,
- PM Facebook page—Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District-Alumni
- Call—Judy Butler Volkert, President 607-967-8457
- Contact—Marion Turnick Ireland, Sue Lewis Pixley, Phyllis Hubbard Winn, Louise Goodwin Butcher, Kathi Flyzik Black or Amy Garland LaFever

The board invites any interested alumni to our fall meetings on October 20 and November 17 6:00 p.m. at the High school Library

Without new board members and help, the Alumni Association may not be able to continue . . .

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!

Red Cross Blood Drive November 8!

Senior Honor Society will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, November 8 at B-G High School in the MPR from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Students and faculty/staff are invited to donate blood. Community members are encouraged to come and donate blood as well. Wearing of masks is required inside and we ask that you only donate if you feel healthy.

We would appreciate your participation at this event. For more information, please call the high school Main Office at (607) 967-6323.

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

TV

See your provider for
channel specifications
Binghamton

WBNG—CBS
WICZ—FOX

INTERNET

www.wicz.com

Under "Closings and Delays"

www.wbng.com

Under "Closings and Delays"

www.evesun.com

Under "Closings and Delays"

FACEBOOK

Bainbridge-Guilford Central School

SCHOOL

Automated phone and email system

MESSANGER

Closings, Delays and Announcements

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



FOLLOW MR. RYAN ON TWITTER @BGSUPERINT

**CHECK THE WEBSITE BGCS.D.ORG FOR
ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

Visitors in Our Schools

The Board of Education encourages parents and other district citizens to visit the district's schools and classrooms to observe the work of students, teachers and other staff. Since schools are a place of work and learning, however, certain limits must be set for such visits. The building principal or his or her designee is responsible for all persons in the building and on the grounds. For these reasons, the following rules apply to visitors to the schools:

- Anyone who is NOT a regular staff member or student of the school will be considered a visitor.
- All visitors to the school must report to the Main Office upon arrival at the school. There they will be required to register, and must present a valid drivers' license or official ID. They will then be issued a visitor's identification badge, which must be worn at all times while in the school or on school grounds. All visitors must exit via the main entrance of the school when their visit is complete.
- Visitors attending school functions that are open to the public, such as parent-teacher organization meetings or public gatherings, are not required to register.
- Any unauthorized person on school property will be reported to the principal or his or her designee. Unauthorized persons will be asked to leave. The police may be called if the situation warrants.
- All visitors are expected to abide by the rules for public conduct on school property contained in this code of conduct.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE RAPTOR IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

- *Will I need to scan my ID every time I enter a school building?*
- NO—once you have scanned your ID, your information will be saved in the system. You will need to state your name before a visitor badge will be issued.
- *Do I need to scan at each school building?*
- YES—unfortunately due to the distance between our buildings, the system for each site is independent so you will need to scan in at least one time in each building.
- *Will I still need ID to pick-up students?*
- YES—ID will be required when picking up students.

Visitors—COVID Protocol Reminder!

With the COVID pandemic still with 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. This includes but is not limited to any requirement to wear facemasks and maintaining social distance.

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

Thank-you for your patience and understanding as the District follows the department of health and state guidance.

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.

Individuals who have passed regents examination 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 (TASC) subtests: reading, writing, math, science and social studies.

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

June White, Director
Adult Continuing Education Program
Afton Central School
PO Box 5
29 Academy Street
Afton, NY 13730
607-639-2811 or 1-800-792-2145

Request for Pesticide Application Notice Ref. Board Policy #5005

October 2021

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

Fundraisers 2021-22

Date	Group	Event
Sept. 20-30	Grade 11	Krispy Kreme
Oct. 6	Grade 8	Spaghetti Dinner
Oct. 4-15	Grade 12	Cheesecake
Oct. 12-29	Yearbook	Scripts/Gift Cards
Nov. 1-12	Sr. Student Council/7th Grade	Fresh Fruit
Nov. 4	Grade 10	Spaghetti Dinner
Nov. 8-19	Grade 8	Save Around Coupon Book
Nov. 22-Dec. 10	Grade 10	Gertrude Hawk Candy bars
Dec. 4	Yearbook	Pancake Breakfast
Jan. 10-21	Grade 12	Cookie dough
Jan. 11	Grade 11	TBA
Feb. 1-11	Grade 9	Gertrude Hawk Candy
Feb. 7-17	Grade 12	Krispy Kreme
Mar. 7-11	Grade 7	Cookie dough
Mar. 9	Grade 11	Chicken Biscuit Dinner
Mar. 22-Apr. 1	Sr. Honor Society	TBA
Apr. 8-28	Grade 10	Krispy Kreme
May 5-13	Jr. Honor Society	Gertrude Hawk Candy bars
June 11	Yearbook	Pancake Breakfast

What's Happening?

There are many ways to get information about what's happening at B-G throughout the school year.

CALENDAR & NEWSLETTER

In addition to the District Calendar that is published in August, the *Blue & White* newsletter is published five times a year: October, December, February, April, and June. This publication is mailed out to all residents in the Bainbridge and Guilford area and includes basic information, budget details, messages from the Administration as well as highlights of classroom celebrations and successes.

WEBSITE

Our official website is www.bgcsd.org and it includes a variety of information on athletics, forms and publications, Board of Education minutes and agendas, parent and student information, and information pertaining to the District and Departments within B-G. Check out the home page for emergency closings and delays which are published on the homepage banner as they happen, LATEST NEWS, important ANNOUNCEMENTS and the FIND IT FAST buttons that link directly to Food Service, Transportation, Athletics, PowerSchool, Counseling services, and the Newsletter.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Our official school district Facebook page can be found at [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/BAINBRIDGE-GUILFORD-CENTRAL-SCHOOL), search for BAINBRIDGE-GUILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL. It includes important announcements, student celebrations and successes as well as school closing and delay announcements.

TWITTER FEED

Follow Mr. Ryan, Superintendent of Schools, on TWITTER at [@BGsuperint](https://twitter.com/BGsuperint). TWITTER Feed is linked to the website which you can read on the homepage.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

Messages are sent out as needed regarding upcoming events, athletics and emergency messages. Messages will be sent by phone and/or email. If you would like to receive messages via text on your phone, type the word "YES" to 67587. The phone that receives these messages must be registered in the PowerSchool database.



New Employees at Bainbridge-Guilford

GUILFORD ELEMENTARY!

Brandi Donnelly, Teacher Aide



Hi, my name is Brandi Donnelly and I am a new teachers' aide for Guilford Elementary.

I graduated from Greene CSD in 2005. I currently live in Guilford on a small farm, with my husband and two daughters. I enjoy reading, kayaking, and crafting. I am most excited to be a part of the BG family.

Wendy Eastman Peck, Teacher Aide



Hello, my name is Wendy Peck. I am a Pre-K aide at Guilford Elementary. I am originally from Long Island. I currently reside in Sidney with my family. My husband and I just recently got married. I volunteer my time with Boy Scout Troop

1 in Unadilla, where my son is currently a Life Scout. I also volunteer at the Elks Lodge in Sidney. I like sports, being outdoors, and spending time with my family and friends. I am excited to be working at Guilford Elementary as an aide and look forward to many years with the BG district.

Wendy Jennings, LTA RtI



Hello, my name is Wendy Jennings. I am thrilled to be working at Guilford this year! I started school in BG, but left NY when we moved to MA when I was in elementary school. I obtained my

undergraduate degree in elementary education from Stonehill College in MA. After moving to Baltimore, I obtained my Masters in elementary education from Towson University. I taught in Baltimore City and Baltimore County for a total of 30.5 years before retiring in 2017. Upon retiring, I moved back to Bainbridge where I now live with my brother and his family. It's a busy household with three boys, two dogs, and my cat, Max. I enjoy family time with my nephews, reading, crocheting, painting, and traveling. I have substituted for BG for several years now and am very happy to be back in the classroom again.

Heather Kelly, Kindergarten Teacher



Hello, my name is Heather Kelly and I am originally from the Binghamton area, but have also lived in Norwich and Syracuse. I have a Masters of Arts in Teaching (Early Childhood Education) and a Bachelor of Arts in Human Development with a concentration in Psychology. I currently reside in Norwich, but have taught and lived in North Carolina for

the last eight years. I taught second grade for seven years and last year I looped up to third grade with my class. I am so happy to be back in Upstate NY! I am extremely passionate about teaching and look forward to an amazing school year teaching Kindergarten at Guilford Elementary!

Constance Lane, RtI Teacher



Hi, My name is Constance Lane. My husband and I have been married for eight years. We both grew up around this area and are excited to raise our children here as well. In my spare time I love to read, sew and do crafts. I believe that

learning should take place sitting down, moving around and through laughter. I am very excited to work with the students and teachers in the Guilford building. I currently hold my New York State Certification for Grades 1-6 and am working on my Masters in Special Education through Niagara University. I have been subbing for the Bainbridge Guilford Central School District for the last few years. I enjoyed eleven weeks as a pre-k teacher last year and taught 3rd grade summer school. It is my aim to be a support to teachers, staff and most importantly the students this year and for years to come. I look forward to getting to know the students and their families.

Toni Matthews, Guilford Teacher Aide



Hello, my name is Toni Matthews and I am the new teacher's aide for Guilford. I graduated from Sidney High School. My hobbies are crocheting, baking, and going for walks. I look forward to be working at the Guilford School.

Cloey Oranjian, First Grade Teacher



Hello, my name is Cloey Oranjian and I am the new First-Grade Teacher at Guilford. I moved to Greene, New York from Florida during the summer of 2018. I have two huskies named Thunder and Fable. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Florida Atlantic University and a Master's Degree in Literacy from Binghamton University. I enjoy being outdoors; hiking, painting, fishing, and reading. I love traveling and my greatest adventure is becoming a member of this beautiful community. I am so excited to teach in your school district and to help encourage life-long learners. I look forward to an amazing school year. Let's go Bobcats!

Linda Patton, Guilford Teacher Aide



Hello, my name is Linda Patton, and I am a new teacher's aide at the Guilford school. I am a mother of 11 with many other children I have raised and cared for. I have been a resident of the Bainbridge Guilford area for most of my adult life. I currently live in Guilford. I have been a stay-at-home mom with a Family Home Daycare business for over 30 years. I volunteer at my church teaching Sunday School to Pre-K and Kindergarten children. I am also a Mary Kay Consultant.

I love spending time in my garden and doing crafts. I have a passion for cooking and baking. We raise dwarf goats, and chickens and have many other animals. I am looking forward to being a active part of the BG School System.

GREENLAWN ELEMENTARY!

Matthew Carlin, Physical Education Teacher



Hello, my name is Matt Carlin and I am the new physical education teacher at Greenlawn Elementary School. I am a graduate of SUNY Cortland where I was fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to teach PE abroad in Australia.

Also, I completed my student teaching at Greenlawn in the fall of 2019. My other teaching experiences include working at Greene Central School District, Rome City School District, and Walton Central School District. Moreover, I have experience coaching basketball, field hockey, rugby, and odyssey of the mind. I am so excited to be back teaching at Greenlawn. Go Bobcats!

Skylar Clark, Rti Teacher



Hello! My name is Skylar Clark and I am the new Elementary RTI teacher! This is my first year at BG, but my second year teaching. I previously taught fourth grade in another district. I graduated from BG in 2017 and am very excited to be back!

I obtained my Childhood Education degree from SUNY Oneonta in December 2020 and am currently pursuing a master's degree in Educational Technology, also through SUNY Oneonta. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family and my three-year old chocolate lab, Bailey. I also enjoy spending time outdoors, reading, and going to the beach! I am looking forward to the upcoming school year at BG!"

Miles Keene, 5th Grade Mathematics Teacher



Hello B-G. My name is Miles Keene I am the new 5th grade math teacher at Greenlawn elementary. I went to Tioga Central High School. I graduated with a bachelor's degree from SUNY Oswego in childhood education. I am currently

taking masters courses at SUNY Oneonta. I am coaching modified football this year at B-G. In my spare time, I like to travel, hike, and go camping. I am looking forward to this upcoming school year at B-G.

Ryan Kuehhas, Music Teacher (Greenlawn and Guilford)



Hello Bainbridge-Guilford. My name is Ryan Kuehhas and I am the Music Teacher at Greenlawn and Guilford Elementary. I am teaching general music classes along with ensemble performance groups such as choir. I grew up on Long

Island and enjoyed my time learning and performing music there. I attended the Boston Conservatory to pursue my studies in Music Performance and received my Bachelor's Degrees at Ithaca College in Music Performance and Music Education. I additionally graduated with my Master's Degree in Music at Ithaca College. I enjoy performing on Trombone, Piano, and I very much like to sing. I also enjoy playing Pickleball, Volleyball, Tennis, Soccer, and practicing Yoga. During the warm months I like growing a garden and playing beach volleyball. I very much look forward to enhancing and enriching the lives of students at Bainbridge through music performance and education this year!

Samantha Wygant, Teacher Aide



Hello, my name is Samantha. I am a new teacher's aide at Greenlawn. I live in Bainbridge with my husband, three kids and two dogs. In my free time I enjoy doing crafts with my kids, Baking, and going on walks with my dogs. I'm excited

to see what this school year brings!

JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL!

Emily Jane Anderson, Ag/Science Teacher



Hello Bainbridge Guilford. My name is Emily Jane Anderson and I am excited to start the new school year as your agriculture teacher. I have a strong passion for agriculture and have been teaching for over 10 years in various capacities. I

have taught traditional and nontraditional science in a general classroom as well in career and technical education and at Cooperative Extension. I even had the opportunity to teach in Japan! My family lives in Guilford with our poultry and large vegetable garden which we hope to expand in the years to come. We love soccer, basketball and softball along with kayaking and swimming. I cannot wait to share my passion for agriculture, FFA and leadership development with BG.

Emily Hall, RtI Teacher



Hello B-G! My name is Emily Hall, and I am the new RtI teacher at the Jr.-Sr. High School. I am a lifelong resident of Bainbridge and previously served on the district's Board of Education. After graduating from B-G in 2004, I continued my education at Binghamton University and SUNY Oneonta where I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Adolescent Education (Social Studies). Thereafter, I obtained a master's degree in Literacy Education from SUNY Cortland. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, traveling, and doing various activities with my husband, Jim, and our six children. I look forward to the upcoming school year and the opportunity to work with the wonderful students at B-G!

Kassi Hastings, Mathematics Teacher



Hello, my name is Kassi Hastings and I am the new mathematics teacher at the high school as well as the new modified volleyball coach. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in both Mathematics and Adolescent Education from Elmira College this past June, so this will be my first year teaching. While at Elmira College, I played on the women's volleyball team for 4 years, was a math tutor for 3 years, and had the opportunity to coach a club volleyball team. I am looking forward to meeting more new faces and to kick off a great school year!

Cameron Race, Long-Term Substitute Teacher



Hello, my name is Cameron Race and I am originally from Greene. I then went to SUNY Cortland where I received my Bachelor degree in Exercise Science. After that I moved to Buffalo and attended Canisius college for my Master's degree in Physical Education. While in Buffalo I worked as a teacher's aide at St. Mary's School for the deaf. I enjoy all sports and love talking about them. I look forward to getting to know everyone!

Kelly Smith, Special Education Teacher



Hello BG Community! This school year, I will be joining the teaching staff at Bainbridge-Guilford Jr-Sr High School as a Special Education Teacher. I graduated from Purdue University last spring with a Master's Degree in Education, specializing in Teaching Students with Disabilities. I have 7 years teaching experience in various subjects and grade levels. I returned to school to get my Master's Degree in Special Education after realizing how much I enjoy and appreciate the students I have worked with in the special education

program at several different schools. I believe all students deserve as much support as a teacher can give them, so they can reach their own fullest potential and live a meaningful and fulfilling life during and after their years at BG. I plan to give my students here at BG that support and I look forward to working with each of them this school year. When I am not working with students, I teach yoga classes, raise Holland Lops (rabbits) and spend time with my son, Cole, who just started 7th grade.

Rachel Seiler, Physical Education Teacher



Hello, my name is Rachel Seiler and I am the new Jr.-Sr. Physical Education teacher. I graduated from SUNY Cortland with a degree in Physical Education. This is my first teaching job. I was a student teacher here in the fall of 2019.

The students, district employees and the community were wonderful! I am excited to be a BG Bobcat! I graduated from Oxford in 2016 and am excited to be back teaching in the area. I enjoy playing and coaching sports in my free time. I look forward to starting my teaching career here at BG!

Amy Uplinger, Teacher Aide



Hi! I'm Amy Uplinger, a new Teacher Aide working with BG Jr-Sr High School Special Education students. I'm very happy to be here! I come with 18 years of experience working with Special Education students, Autistics/Asperger, as a Teaching Assistant. Tutor and Aide. I am a graduate of Oswego State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts with concentration in Figure Drawing, Ceramics and Art History. My home is in Windsor NY where I grew up, am an Alumni, married and raised my family. I love to garden and have dabbled in hybridizing daylilies, love to bake, make homemade soaps with our own honey and beeswax, and am a dog Mom to twin labs. I also have a marketing business with a worldwide known company. My favorite thing for keeping calm is to walk up our mountain with my puppy, and to knit and draw. I look forward to connecting with students to empower them to be themselves and enjoy the year ahead!

TRANSPORTATION

Tullio Morbidini, Transportation Supervisor



Hello, my name is Tullio Morbidini. I'm the new transportation supervisor here in Bainbridge-Guilford CSD. This is my first year here at BG but I held this same position in another school district. I'm married and have six children and nine grandchildren. In my free time I enjoy cooking and I'm a Buffalo bills fan. I reside in Norwich. I'm excited to be here at BG and can't wait for this coming school year.



BREATHE.

As I zoom my attention to my breathing, I will take extra long out-breaths.

Squeeze a stress ball or use another teacher-approved fidget.



Roll my neck and shoulders.



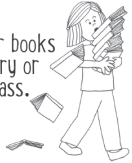
Think of at least 3 things I am grateful for.



Tell my teacher I would like to help or take on a classroom responsibility.



Ask to deliver books to the library or another class.



Imagine a peaceful and calming place.



Ask my teacher for help if I feel upset or overwhelmed.



Count to 10 and back in coordination with my breath.



Squeeze my fists together as hard as I can...hold...then relax my hands.

Invent a secret hand signal with my teacher that communicates I need help.



Push against the wall as hard as I can and then relax my body.



Doodle, draw, or color.

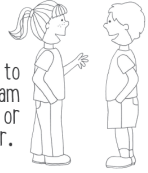


Ask to work with a buddy.



Stretch.

Use 'I-statements' to express how I am feeling, what I need, or what I hope for.



Place my hands over my ears and breathe slowly & deeply, listening to the sound that my breath makes.



Move away from the distraction or person who is bothering me.



Write down my thoughts or questions if my teacher can't address them right away.



Volunteer to help clean or organize the classroom.



Drink water.

Ask permission to take a short walk down the hallway or up & down the stairs. And then return.



When I feel upset, sad, or unfocused at school I can:

Tell my teacher I need help with the assignment or lesson.

Devise a secret code word or signal with my teacher that means time to get back on track.



Give myself an arm and hand massage.



Go outside during recess and notice the sky, trees & sounds from nature.



Rest my head on the desk for a moment or two.



Tell myself a positive affirmation or mantra.



Think of or write a list of 3 positive things my life.



Talk with my school counselor.



Help a classmate or my teacher.



Listen to calming music with headphones.



Remind myself it's ok to make a mistake.



Visualize a person who supports me and cheers me on.



Zoom in on my senses: noticing 5 things I see, 4 things I feel, 3 things I hear, 2 things I smell & 1 thing I taste.



Ask permission to quietly jog in place for a minute or do 20 jumping jacks.



Give myself or a stuffed animal a great big hug.



Read in a quiet spot.



Take a 3-5 minute break in the designated classroom peace corner.



Slowly trace my hand with my finger, breathing in, as I trace my fingers going up...breathing out, as I trace my fingers going down.



Do an act of kindness.



Eat a healthy snack or tell my teacher I am hungry.



Push my palms together.



Ask my teacher to break down the assignment into smaller chunks so it's not so overwhelming.



Use a 'break card' to let my teacher know I need a break and then use a timer to remind me when to return.



Rub or tap my temples.



Smile or laugh, even if I have to fake it.



Dave Keller, Greenlawn Elementary Teacher, Retires!

Dave Keller started his Pirate Adventure upon the seas of a private school many years ago teaching PE. His voyages have taken him to many football, basketball and baseball coaching adventures. He washed ashore for a few years on the deserted island of corporate employment. He found the buried treasure of remedial reading on the beach of Greenlawn Elementary. His ship anchored in the gym where he finished his pirate days.

Now that shipped has sailed and he can sail off into the sunset with his beautiful wife as they enjoy many new adventures with his grandchildren. Mr. Keller, may your decks always be swabbed, may scurvy pirates avoid you and may you never walk the plank! We will miss you but wish you the very best!

*Good Luck
Matey!*



Greenlawn News!

The school year is off to a great start and we are excited to have students back in the building for full in-person instruction. Faculty and staff have worked very hard over the summer and the building and grounds look amazing. It was a great way to start the school year, having the students back into a clean, inspiring, and nurturing space.

The Greenlawn schedule has a couple new and exciting additions. First, we are happy to announce that we are providing a typing program to all Greenlawn students. Secondly, Mrs. Dunham-Fleming is providing Social Emotional Learning as part of our student's specials rotation. These additions are enhancing the learning experience for these students and we are happy to see the students able to participate in these enrichment activities.

We are happy to introduce our new faculty and staff: Mr. Kuehhas, Greenlawn and Guilford Music teacher; Ms. Clark, Greenlawn RTI teacher; Mr. Carlin, Greenlawn PE; Mrs. Wygant, Greenlawn aide; and Mrs. Brown, now an LTA at Greenlawn. Welcome to our new faculty and thank you for becoming part of our Greenlawn family.

The Greenlawn family is excited to explore new ways 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. We look forward to seeing everyone for our Open House October 27 from 6:00-7:00.

If you have any questions please call the Main Office, 967-6301.

—Jenn Henderson, Greenlawn Principal

Greenlawn Counselor News!

Welcome back, students! It has been so exciting to see all of your smiling eyes in the hallways and in my new classroom! I am so excited to be able to offer a new class for all students in the Greenlawn building this year. In the new SEL class, I will be teaching students about Social-Emotional Learning which will encompass friendship, interpersonal skills, coping strategies and practices every 6-day cycle. In the next few months we will be covering basic school expectations, conflict resolution and problem solving skills, anti-bullying/assertiveness skills, and begin to discuss and practice coping strategies.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions. I will still be meeting with students in small groups and individually to work on specific needs. Have a great school year!

—Phylcia Dunham-Fleming, Counselor

Guilford Greetings

Welcome Everyone! It is such a pleasure to have our little ones back to school. Guilford Elementary has once again come alive with smiles and cheery friends. It is wonderful to watch and listen to our students making new friends and socializing again.

Our faculty and staff have been working diligently to engage students in new routines and daily learning activities which encourage our students academically, socially, and emotionally. Our Guilford Team has great expertise, and we enjoy working with our amazing students every day. We are looking forward to a great 2021-22 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 895-6706 or by email at lmaynard@bgcsd.org

—Linda Maynard, Guilford Elementary Principal



*Handwashing
demonstration*



PE Rocks!

Guilford News!

SNACKTIME!



Miss O'Rourke's kindergarteners would like to acknowledge and thank Nutri-grain for their snacks this year! Nutri-Grain donated 250 bars for students who forget or don't have a snack! Yum!

WILDFLOWER GARDEN



Last year, one of our beloved teachers, Miss Sharon, wanted to give back to her Guilford community. Miss Sharon submitted a grant application in order to obtain materials such as peat moss, plants, mulch, and other necessary items to beautify the Guilford Elementary School entrance. The ultimate goal was to bring beauty while attracting wildlife with minimal need for ongoing maintenance. Her dedication and commitment to this project is to be commended as she, along with a few helpers, spent many long and hot summer hours moving wheelbarrows of weeds, mulch, and dirt!

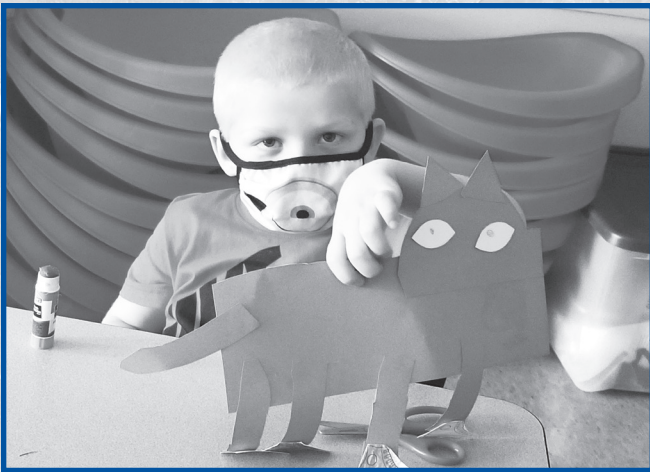
She has since moved to a different building, but has left a lasting gift for the enjoyment and good of all! Thank you, Miss Sharon!

FIRST GRADE FUN



First graders are excited to show how to make their names out of play-doh!

PETE THE CAT COMES BACK!



First graders learned from Pete the Cat to not give up and keep trying no matter what comes your way!

SUPERHERO A!

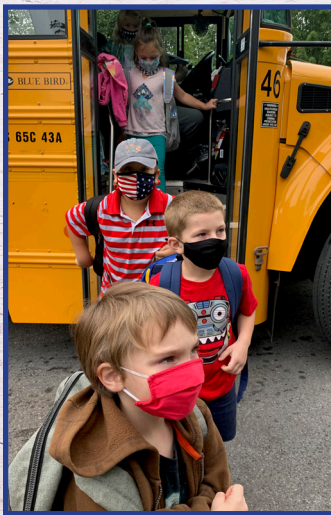


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The annual Veterans Day breakfast will be Wednesday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. at Greenlawn Elementary school. Please RSVP with Sue Weibel in the District Office at the school at 967-6321 by November 1, 2021.

Remember When?

