



Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District

The Blue and White

School News & Notes

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Student of the Month

May 2023



7th GRADE

Madalyn Beardslee



8th GRADE

Victoria Suda



9th GRADE

Madisyn Peck



10th GRADE

Blake Tuttel



11th GRADE

Olivia Nichols



12th GRADE

Nolan Hawkins

A Message from the Superintendent

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, and school supplies, for all students for the entire school year! Also, again this year, the After School Enrichment Program for students in grades PreK-6 is also free!

The summer was tremendously busy here at school. Many staff members were busy learning new programs and writing curriculum. The district's LINKS team met for two days to lay out the district's professional development for the year. We held a new staff orientation on August 29th and 30th for all new staff members and our Board of Education held a retreat and training session on August 23rd to focus on goal setting, the mission for the district, and preparing for the coming year.

Agriculture in the classroom continues this year for our elementary students. Our high school Ag teacher/FFA advisor, Emily Anderson, will be bringing Ag themed activities and experiences to our Guilford and Greenlawn classrooms this year.

Please "like" us on Facebook and keep up on the latest school information, closings and photos. We also do a "remember when" section on Facebook to reminisce about the good old days and remember our students and staff from the years past. This is another avenue for the school, parents and community members to better communicate. Also this year I will use Twitter as a way to share many of the great things happening at B-G. The district's web page will still be used and is current as well.

Calling all Veterans . . . Our annual Veterans Day breakfast will be Wednesday, November 8th at 8:30 a.m. in the Greenlawn Elementary school cafeteria. Our students will be serving our veterans a hearty breakfast and there will be a short program immediately following. New this year we will be welcoming Veterans from the Oxford Veterans' Home to join us. Please invite all veterans and have them RSVP with Kelly Grigoli in the district office at the school at (607) 967-6321.

And finally, I would like to thank each and every one of you for another amazing year here at B-G. It is great to be part of such an outstanding school staff and school community. I am continuing my "coffee with the community" this year to connect with our school families and community members. Please see the school website, Facebook and school calendar for these dates.

My door is always open. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email me at tryan@bgcsd.org or call the school at (607) 967-6321. Have an outstanding school year!

Timothy R. Ryan, Superintendent of Schools



School Boards Lead So Students Can ACHIEVE!

The New York State School Boards Association recognizes October 16-20 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), Shelly Bartow (Vice President), Tom Akshar, Gordan Daniels, John Gliha, Marek Rajner, and Rebecca Sullivan.

School board members give citizens a voice in education decision making. B-G Board members received recognition of their service at the October 19, 2023 BOE meeting.

Thank You...

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

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

To begin the 2023-2024 school year, we first welcome new staff. Ms. Hilary Goldblatt is our only new teacher and will be teaching Strings and Orchestra at the Jr.-Sr. High School and Greenlawn Elementary. Ms. Hannah Taggart will be working as our yearlong substitute; Ms. Kali Conover will be a Licensed Teacher Assistant after she finishes substituting as our Central Registrar and Secretary; Ms. Savannah Hard will be working as a Teacher's Aide; and our new nurse will be Ms. Nicole Seymour. We also want to note, Ms. Jessica Smith joined us after the start of last year teaching Special Education as did School Counselor, Ms. Laura Morris. Another staff member who started later last is Ms. Charity Beardslee, a Teacher's Aide.

Students and staff are back to school and we as a school community are off to a great start. Though the COVID protocols have been eliminated, we recognize COVID still exists. Students who test positive for COVID will need to stay out of school for five days and are strongly encouraged to wear a mask for the five days following their return to school. With Chromebooks, students are still prepared for any possible change to remote learning and teachers are continuing to use Google Classroom.

At the start of school, we always note the importance of parents/guardians following up with excuse notes for every day a student misses school due to an excused absence. These notes are important as excused absences increase our state aid funding. Absences become excused with a signed note from a parent/guardian for any absence that falls under the classification of an excusable absence.

New this year is the use of Final Forms for completion of school paperwork and sports forms to be completed. These forms are completed electronically and need to be done by both parents/guardians and students/athletes. For each sport season they will need to be redone and updated. Please be sure to note what sport you will be competing in when doing the Final Forms for sports.

We are excited to begin another school year and to have our students back. As always, we look forward to educating our students academically, physically and emotionally. We welcome our new team members and proudly profess 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

A Message from Guilford Principal

It has been a very exciting start to the school year at Guilford Elementary! We have been quite busy here at Guilford. Our kindergarten and First Grade students took a field trip to the Chapman Orchards in Oxford and brought back lots of apples. The students, with the help of their teachers, turned those apples into applesauce which many parents and friends enjoyed at our Open House. The field trip was part of our Ag. In the Classroom program which is underway this school year again. Jr.-Sr. High School teachers, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Hardy, have many interesting learning activities planned for our Guilford students. They are already working on the pumpkin activities planned for October. Students will be trying to guess the number of seeds in a pumpkin. Stay tuned for who will be the closest guesser!

Guilford students enjoyed meeting the Bainbridge and Guilford Fire Chiefs and firefighters during our Fire Safety assembly in the Guilford gymnasium during Fire Safety week. Students then walked to the Guilford Fire House where they got to see the trucks and ambulance up close and were able to talk with the firefighters and ask lots of questions.

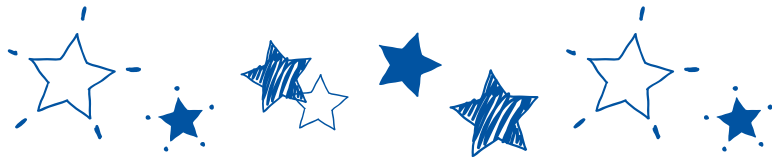
We had our first PAWS assembly to honor our "Pawsitively Amazing Wonderful Students." Students earn PAW awards from teachers and aides for reaching personal goals, complet-

ing learning tasks, and being kind. Children get so excited to hear their names on our announcements when they receive a PAW. We recognize all recipients at the end of every month during our monthly assemblies, so watch for those PAWS to come home.

At our October BOE meeting Sandra Rufo from the NYS School Boards Association presented Guilford staff and students with a banner for being "Champions of Change". This honor is in recognition of our Guilford Pollinator Garden in the front of the school. Over a year ago, Mrs. Hager, a retired teacher, arranged for a grant through the Audubon Society for us to start this wonderful project. Since its inception, teachers, aides, and students have worked hard to plant, weed, and decorate our pollinator garden. Students will continue to learn about plants and the insects and bugs they attract for years to come at Guilford.

I anticipate the year ahead to be full of excitement and enthusiasm as we embark on a spectacular year of learning and growing! Please feel free to contact me anytime at (607) 895-6706 with suggestions or concerns. Guilford truly is a magical place to learn and play and I am proud to be a part of your child's educational experience.

Linda Maynard, Principal



Fundraisers

2023-24

Date	Group	Event
Oct. 11 - 31	Yearbook	Scripts / Gift Cards
Oct. 18 - 31	Jr Honor Society	Poppin' Popcorn
Oct. 31 - 11	Grade 7	TBA
Nov. 1-10	Grade 10	TBA
Nov. 7 - 18	Grade 8	Cinnamon Rolls & Pretzels
Nov. 17	Sr. High Student Council	Brooks BBQ
Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Grade 10	Gertrude Hawk Candy bars
Nov.22	Jr Honor Society	Hat Day
Dec. 22	Sr. Honor Society	Hat Day
Jan. 8-19	Grade 12	Sweets Fundraiser
Jan. 13-27	Drama Club	TBA
Jan. 20	Grade 11	TBA (tentatively)
Feb. 1 - 13	Grade 9	Gertrude Hawk Candy
Feb. 1-Mar. 10	FFA	Strawberries (delivery in March)
Feb. 1-14	FFA	Candygrams and Carnations
Feb. 26 - Mar. 8	Grade 12	Krispy Kreme
Feb. 16	Sr. Honor Society	Hat Day
March 6 - 13	Grade 7	Cookie dough
March 6	Grade 11	Chicken & Biscuit Dinner
March 14 - 28	Sr. High Honor Society	Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars
March 21	Sr. High Student Council	Brooks BBQ
April 8 - 19	Grade 10	Krispy Kreme
May 4 - 12	Spanish Club	TBA
June 7	Sr. High Student Council	MUD Dance

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), 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.

Announcements

Automated Phone Calls and Texts

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

Local Media Broadcasting Emergency Closing Information

RADIO <u>Sidney</u>	WCDO FM 101 WCDO AM 1490
<u>Norwich & Oneonta</u> 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 Binghamton	WBNG—CBS WICZ—FOX <i>See your provider for channel specifications</i>
INTERNET	www.wicz.com <i>Under “Closings and Delays”</i> www.wbng.com <i>Under “Closings and Delays”</i> www.evesun.com <i>Under “Closings and Delays”</i>
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
for announcements!**

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!

Important Dates!

Jr-Sr HS End 10 Week Marking Period	11/7/2023
Jr-Sr HS Report Cards	11/17/2023
Elementary Trimester Ends	12/8/2023
Elementary Report Cards	12/15/2023
Jr-Sr HS End 20 Week Marking Period	1/26/2024
Jr-Sr Report Cards	2/2/2024
Elementary Trimester Ends	3/21/2024
Elementary Report Cards	3/28/2024
Jr-Sr HS End 30 Week Marking Period	4/12/2024
Jr-Sr Report Cards	4/19/2024
Elementary Trimester Ends/Report Cards	6/26/2024
Last Day of School for Elementary Students - Full Day	6/26/2024
Last Day of School for Jr-Sr High School	6/13/2024
Jr-Sr HS Report Cards	7/2/2024

Red Cross Blood Drive November 8!

Senior Honor Society will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at B-G High School in the MPR from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Students, faculty/staff, and members of the public are invited to donate blood. We would really appreciate your participation at this event! For more information, please call the high school Main Office at (607) 967-6323.

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, BGCSO, 18 Juliand Street, Bainbridge, NY 13733.

Remember When

The District Office was recently given these two photos from a past faculty member. We believe the photos were from the 1930's.



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.

For more information about classes or GRASP, call June White, Director at (607) 639-2811.



Congrats!

Recently, High School Social Studies teacher, Jason Northrup won the Marshman-Hall Commitment to Education Award.

Dan Marshman and Bob Hall served their communities and BOCES in an exemplary fashion. Both men were so focused on quality, continuous improvement, community collaboration, and, most importantly, students. They believed deeply in the power of education. They were convinced that the work at BOCES prepares youth and adults to make this area a better place. They gave unselfishly of their time, their ideas, their support, and of themselves. The DCMO BOCES Board of Education commemorates their service through The Marshman-Hall Commitment to Education Award to both memorialize their contributions to our area and to serve as a vehicle for BOCES to annually recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to education in our BOCES region.

Congratulations Mr. Northrup. You've made B-G proud!

Welcome New Staff

Jessica Smith—Special Education Teacher



Hello, my name is Jess Smith and I am the new High School special education teacher. I grew up in Greene and went to college at SUNY Cortland. I taught at Norwich Middle School for eight years. I enjoy coaching basketball and staying active! I'm excited to be a part of the Bainbridge-Guilford community..

Laura Morris—School Counselor



Hello, my name is Laura Morris, and I am the new high school counselor for the Bobcat family! In my free time, I enjoy gardening, reading, and my three sons, Lincoln, Leo, and Macklin (and our black cat, Frankenstein) I am looking forward to working with you all this year!

Thomas Palmatier—Physical Education Teacher



Hello, my name is Tom Palmatier and I am the new PE teacher at Greenlawn Elementary. I am a 2019 Bainbridge-Guilford graduate. After high school I attended SUNY Cortland where I obtained my Bachelors of Science in Physical Education. I am also the golf coach at B-G and plan to become part of the B-G boys basketball program. Outside of school I enjoy playing golf, watching sports, and spending time with friends and family. I am excited to be back and am looking forward to a great year at B-G!

Hilary Goldblatt—Orchestra Teacher



Hi, my name is Hilary Goldblatt. I'm excited to be joining the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District as the new Orchestra teacher for grades 4-12! I taught Orchestra in Montpelier, Vermont for 16 years prior to relocating to NY with my family this summer. In my free time, I love reading, playing music in the community, running, skiing, exploring new trails, and spending time at the beach. I live in Oneonta with my husband and two sons. We are delighted by the delicious pizza options available to us since moving to NYS!

Brittany Wilson—RTI Teacher



Hello, my name is Brittany Wilson and I am a new RTI teacher at Guilford Elementary School. I began working for the district last school year as a substitute teacher in the Guilford and Greenlawn buildings. I have a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Lancaster Bible College in Pennsylvania. I taught 4th and 5th grades in Pennsylvania, but took some time off to be a stay-at-home mom for my four daughters, all of whom attend B-G. I am very excited to be back in the classroom! In my spare time I enjoy reading and crocheting

Wendy Jennings—RTI Teacher



Hi! My name is Wendy Jennings. I'm lucky enough to be returning to B-G as one of the new RTI teachers at Guilford Elementary for the 2023-2024 school year. After taking a year and "just subbing" again, with the opportunity to rejoin Guilford for another year, I quickly said YES!

After teaching in Baltimore City Public Schools (12.5 years in various grades 1 – 8) and Baltimore County Public Schools (18 years teaching graders 5th and 2nd), I retired from teaching in Baltimore County in June of 2017. I enjoyed a year of retirement before I decided to rejoin the teaching workforce. I have subbed for B-G and love the small school system especially after teaching in such large schools in large systems where students sometimes are not much more than a number.

I really am looking forward to a great school year.

Charity Beardslee—Aide



Hi. I'm Charity Beardslee and I'm an aide in the high school. I enjoy coaching my kiddos youth sports with my husband. I like to read, play volleyball, and watch MLB and college basketball. My husband, Rick, and our four kids: Ethan, Madalynn, Zoey, and Avery and our two puppies: Penny and Ember keep me on my toes. I look forward to being a B-G Bobcat!

Welcome!

Nicole Romeo—Aide



Hello! My name is Nicole Romeo and I am a new Teachers Aide at Greenlawn! I started out as a substitute in the district two years ago, had such a great experience, and decided to apply for a full-time position. When I'm not at school, I really enjoy hiking with my dog, reading mystery books, and spending time with my family. I am very excited to be a part of the great team at Greenlawn!

Kali Conover—LTA



Hello! My name is Kali Conover and I am a new LTA at the Bainbridge-Guilford high school. I began working for the district in May of this year as a 1-1 teacher's aide, and began substituting for Ms. Rodriguez in July. For the 2023-2024 school year I will be assisting in global 2 and algebra 1 (subject to change with need). As a 2011 graduate of B-G, I am thankful to be back! After graduation, I attended Guilford College and received a bachelor's degree in psychology. I reside in Bainbridge with my two dogs. I look forward to the year!

April McFee—Aide

Hi, my name is April McFee, and I will be a kindergarten shared aide this school year. I began my career at B-G last fall as a Pre-K shared aide, and I am so happy to be moving with my students to kindergarten. I am a 2005 graduate of B-G and reside in Bainbridge with my husband AJ and our two children Colden and Macy as well as our dog Rip. In my spare time I enjoy reading, baking, hiking, and camping with my family. I look forward to another great school year!



Tina Edwards—Aide Guilford



Hello, my name is Tina Edwards, I'm retired from a 40+ year career in Accounting/Finance and started working as a substitute aide at Guilford elementary in March. This school year I started as a FT temp. one on one aide.

I like to read, walk, and go on long back road trips, but most of all I love to spend time with my grandchildren.



**Clay Uplinger—
Custodial Worker**



**Stanley Brewer—
Bus Driver**



**Terry Pineau—
Bus Attendant**



**Carmen DeCocker—
Bus Attendant**



**Rebecca Fiedler—
Custodial Worker**



**Bonnie Goss-Beisler—
Bus Driver**



**Valerie Rowe—
Aide**



**Taylor Gonzalez—
Aide Guilford**



**Philip Gilbert—
Bus Driver**



**Diana Banta—
Bus Driver**

Bainbridge-Guilford Jr.-Sr. High School Time Schedule

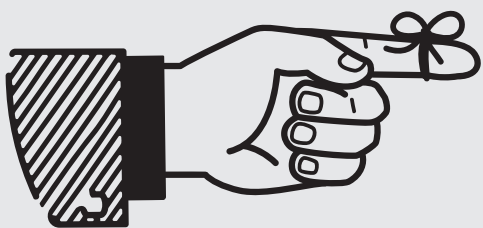
The teacher's at B-G Jr.-Sr. High School were canvassed regarding the best times to be contacted by parents. Listed here is a B-G time schedule and a listing of teacher availability. Please feel free to call to discuss problems, to get information or just chat.

Assistant Principal's Office: 607-967-6300

Main Office: 607-967-6323

Period	Time
1	7:55 - 8:35
2	8:38 - 9:15
3	9:18 - 9:56
4	9:59 - 10:36
5	10:39 - 11:17
6	11:20 - 11:50
7	11:53 - 12:30
8	12:33 - 1:11
9	1:41 - 1:51
10	1:54 - 2:32
11	2:35 - 3:05

PARENT CONFERENCE CALL TIME PREFERENCE				
Teacher	Period Preference	7:30 – 7:55	3:05 – 3:15	At Home
Anderson	1, 4, 5, 11			
Autera	9		X	845-494-9084
Bianchi	5, 9, 10	X	X	
Cirigliano	3			
Degan			X	
Downey				
Epps	3 & 8	X		
Filor	4 & 5			607-437-3609
Goldblatt	2 & 11		X	802-223-7606
Grigoli	1, 2, 3, 11			
Hall	2, 6, 7	X		
Hardy	1, 5, 6, 11	X		
Hosier	2 & 3	X	X	
Jenkins	2 & 11		X	607-435-5946
Kutz	3, 6, 7			Email
LaFever	3			
Lorimer	2 & 3			
Messenger	5	X		
Nezlek	3	X		
Northrup	4 & 5		X	
Palmer	4 & 5	X	X	
Pratt	3, 7, 11	X	X	
Rowley	3			
Seiler	4			
Slack	1, 9, 10, 11	X	X	
Smith	4, 5 (odd days), 9 (even days)	X	X	
Spinella	2 & 3			607-265-0265
Stafford	2 & 3	X	X	
Wasiura	1 & 11	X	X	
Waymire	1 & 4			
Wehrli	3 & 4		X	
Weidman	9 & 10		X	
Ziegler				



Transportation Reminder

If you have a child or children that utilize district transportation, please remember our pick-up and drop off procedures for students when traveling to and from school. We are having an increase in the number of last-minute phone-calls each day asking to change a child's drop-off location after school.

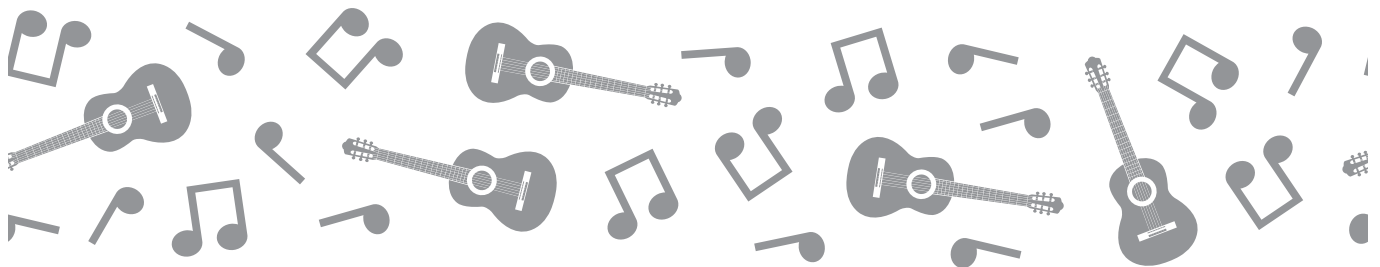
At Bainbridge-Guilford Central School our top priority is the safety of your child. **Students are allowed to have two drop off locations.** One primary and one alternate drop off location. If your address changes, please alert the bus garage at (607) 967-6324.

Classical Guitar Society



On Sunday June 4, The Classical Guitar Society of Upstate New York and the Jericho Arts Council co-hosted the first George Lesh Memorial Scholarship Concert at the Bainbridge Townhall Theater. The concert featured a mixed fretted string ensemble portion and a solo performance portion. Middle and Highschool students from Bainbridge-Guilford CSD performed three-four part ensemble music on instruments like guitar, banjo, mandolin, and bass guitar. After their selections, the students were joined by members of CGSUNY to perform trio ensemble music. After a brief intermission, members from CGSUNY performed a wide variety of solo music for the classical guitar. The featured

soloists included Paul Sweeny, Dennis Turechek, Dr. Ken Meyer, Giancarlo Sidoli, and Matthew Downey. One of Ken Meyers' private students, Michele Jaramillo, helped perform with the ensemble selections. The concert was a great success and we raised \$700 for the George Lesh Memorial Scholarship. We look forward to continuing our partnership with The Jericho Arts Council and hosting more concerts in the future that feature students and professionals working together to provide a concert on fretted string instruments. If you would like any information pertaining to the George Lesh Memorial Scholarship, feel free to contact me via email or use the website to find more information.



A message from the Greenlawn principal!

The school year is off to a great start and we are so happy to have all of our students filling the hallways and classrooms! We started this year with our theme We Shine Brighter Together. On the first day of school students were welcomed with bright colors, fun music, an inflatable character out front, glow sticks, and a photo booth. It was amazing to see all of the smiles as they entered the building. We are happy to introduce our new faculty and staff: Mr. Palmatier—Greenlawn PE Teacher, Ms. Walker—Greenlawn Special Education Teacher, Mrs. Goldblatt—Greenlawn Strings/Orchestra Teacher, Mrs. Romeo—Greenlawn Aide and Office Mike Shackelton—School Resource Officer. Welcome to our new faculty and staff and thank you for becoming part of our Greenlawn family.

We would also like to remind parents of our new dismissal procedure for parent pick-ups. We are asking that if you are picking your student up prior to dismissal, that the pick-up time be no later than 2:30 p.m. If you arrive after

2:30 p.m., we may ask that you wait out by the front parking lot until dismissal at approximately 3:05 p.m. We are asking for this change for safety reasons and to limit the amount of adults in and around the lobby during dismissal.

There will no longer be parent pick up at the front lot for dismissal. This lot will be for visitors only. We will now be asking all parent pick ups to come through the main traffic circle at the front of the building after the busses have left the circle. We will have someone directing the flow of traffic to one of two pick up locations. Grades 2-4 will be picked up at the 2nd door on the left of the front of the building curbside and Grades 5-6 will be picked up at the Main Entrance curbside. When you arrive to your location, we will be checking to make sure your student is being picked up by an authorized person. You may be asked for identification, so please be prepared with photo identification.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a great 2023-2024 School Year.



The After School Enrichment Program is underway at Guilford. We are looking forward to another year of learning enrichment and fun activities. We are planning some exciting activities for the students to enjoy on the half days. If you would like to sign your child up for the ASEP please contact your child's teacher and a registration form will be sent home.

Guilford Greetings!



Guilford Bobkitten Counseling Corner



The Guilford counseling team loved welcoming our new and returning students!

Camp Counselor was a great way to "set up camp", introduce who we are and what our job is at Guilford Elementary. ☺
Hi! My name is Lisa Bookhout! I am excited to be Mrs. Seiler's Intern through December! I attend Liberty University online and my goal is to become a School Counselor!!
Always be sure to ask your child what we do! We value the WHOLE emotional health as important as physical health! ☺

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WELCOME TO BOBKITTEN!
CAMP COUNSELOR!

Guilford Counselors make up the core of Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and offer many resources to both staff and families. Contact us with questions, concerns, or check out the B-G website for any resources you may need!

We welcome School Counselor Intern, Lisa Bookhout, joining us through December!

Dan Hardy, School Social Worker will be with us 2 days a 6 day cycle!

Keren Seiler, School Counselor, is at Guilford everyday! Check us out on the website!

We will start our year with a "Counselor Camp Out" so students learn what a counselor is and is NOT!

Ag in the Classroom



We are excited to bring back Ag in the Classroom this year. Due to grant funding from Chobani and the Community Foundation for South Central New York, we will be offering Ag in the Classroom programming to all students in preK through grade 3.

September's focus was on all things apples. Students at Greenlawn experienced tasting different apple varieties and made fresh cider with Emily Anderson, our ag science teacher in the high school, and her husband, Clay. Students enjoyed working hard, grinding and pressing the apples to enjoy a sweet reward. At Guilford, students traveled to Chapman's Orchard where they picked out their own apples to taste and learned about George Washington's favorite apple varieties.

This year we have a lot in store for students to connect them with local agriculture.



CHAMPIONS CHANGE *of*

Pollinators

At the Board of Education meeting on October 5, Bainbridge-Guilford was honored to receive the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Champions of Change award for the Guilford Elementary Pollinators. The students also briefly spoke before the presentation to explain how they maintain the garden.



Pictured:

Sandy Ruffo, NYSSBA 1st Vice President, Area 4 Director, Sharon Hager, originator of the Pollinator Garden, Heather Pain, Kindergarten Teacher and keeper of the garden, Linda Maynard, Guilford Elementary Principal, Timothy Ryan, Superintendent, Keith Hanvey, Board of Education President, Student pollinators.

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.

BMI Survey 2023-2024 School Year

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed, and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index or 'BMI'. The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low. Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. A sample of school districts will be selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. If our school is selected to be part of the survey, we will be reporting to New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report.

The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier.

If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year, please print and sign your name below and return this form to:

Lori Pike, RN Guilford
Rachel Decker, RN Greenlawn
Nicole Seymour, RN Jr.-Sr. High School

Please do not include my child's weight status information in the 2023-2024 School Survey.	
_____	_____
Print Child's Name	Date
_____	_____
Print Parent's Name	Parent's Signature

Alumni Spotlight



Hi, my name is Zamira Caldwell. I graduated from Bainbridge-Guilford Central School in 2019, in the last class pre-Covid. I thought I had it all figured out back then, but things turned out better than I imagined.

At B-G, I tried EVERYTHING. I held a position in the Student Council, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Yes! Leads, and as a class officer, to name a few. I participated in orchestra and chorus. You may recognize my name from the two NYS title banners in the MPR. Our volleyball team was the first to win a NYS Championship at B-G, and we did it twice in 2017 and 2018! I led the team as a middle blocker at 5'7" with a mighty vertical and received recognition on the Class D all-tournament teams and MAC League all-star lists. Not many people can say they trained with an Olympian - I am fortunate to have had this opportunity through participation in the Iroquois-Empire Volleyball Association, where I attended travel camps and competed in the 2017 USAV National High Performance Championships in Fort Lauderdale. In addition to playing volleyball year-

round, I played basketball during the season, and through AAU and Summer League, and was on the varsity track team. In basketball, I preferred to play defense and tire out the other teams by running away from the ball as opposed to actually shooting; and my favorite track events were the 200m, 4x100m, 100m, and that one time I threw shot put. Although I had many extracurriculars, school came first.

At 17, I graduated with my first Associate's degree from Tompkins Cortland Community College (TC3) with highest honors, completed the DCMO BOCES New Visions Allied Health Program, where I was recognized as an Outstanding Student, and was the B-G Scholar at the DCMO BOCES Scholar Recognition Program. About a month later, I graduated third in my class from B-G with a regents diploma with advanced designation and mastery in mathematics.

In middle school, I decided to be a pharmacist and entered college in the pre-pharmacy track. After one semester, I decided to pursue biology research instead. In 2021, I received my second Associate's degree from TC3 and was named Graduate of Note for my program. I recently graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo (UB) with my Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences, Cum Laude. I was selected as a Student Speaker for the College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Ceremony (Morning) and ALANA Celebration of Achievement.

My love of being involved did not stop at B-G. In college, some of my roles included First-Gen and McNair scholar, guest instructor, student leader, speaker, and advocate.

Between finishing my Bachelor's and starting graduate school, I am a Social Media Developer for Know Your Resources, an Instagram page I created to help students transition from high school to college, career, or whatever they do next. I am a member of the B-G Booster Club and am looking to be a substitute teacher and tutor while in town.

I want to become a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) professor and mentor. I aspire to continue helping students navigate college while combatting science, education, and healthcare inequities.

Attending B-G gave me an edge in college and life. Taking online and dual enrollment courses put me a year ahead of my program, and being active in high school gave me the confidence to continue trying different things in college. I am a proud B-G alum and thankful for the B-G staff and community that has always supported me!

Request for Pesticide Application Notice Ref. Board Policy #5005

October 2022

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



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B-G Artists at Colorscape

B-G students were celebrated as part of Colorscape’s annual student art show on September 9 and 10. This show, sponsored by the Chenango Arts Council, featured students from area schools. The turnout was so big that the show was displayed in the Arts Council’s gallery in Norwich. Our students displayed a variety of work including drawings, watercolors, and mixed media pieces. Works were judged by age range (elementary, middle, and high school) as well as their media type.

Congratulations to elementary students *Sophia Beach*, *Zoey Beardslee* (1st place), *Hadley Buttice*, *Abigail Gregory*, *Madisyn Larsen*, *Shaelynn Walling* (2nd place); and to junior- and senior-high students *Christian Campbell*, *Lindsey Chambers*, *Ethne Degan* (honorable mention), *Cohn Foster*, *Jaidyn Evans*, *Madyson Smith* (2nd place), and *Ruth Wilson* (honorable mention). We are so proud of your accomplishments!

