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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Mickey Edwards
Superintendent of
Schools

Dear Byron-Bergen Learning Community,

It's hard to believe that a new calendar year has just begun. We greet the New Year with reflections of the past, anticipation of the future, and resolutions to be better people and to make a difference.

The most important thing for us to collectively get right is preparing our children for the future. Every one of us has an integral role to play, whether parent, superintendent, administrator, teacher, board member, community activist, faith-based leader, elected official, business leader, or student. This has to be one of those "from all walks of life" missions. Of course, one of the challenges is to orchestrate the collaboration, work in harmony, and ensure that no one is left behind. There is a great deal to be done. Much of which is hard work and never ending.

Byron-Bergen Central School District is committed to this work. Even though it is the middle of the school's academic year, educators are busy modifying and adjusting to meet the needs of our students. With the leadership of the Board of Education, we continue to improve our educational program by various means, including but not limited to, teacher reflection through video coaching, the analysis of data, internal and external audits, and focused professional development. The constant goal continues to be the academic, social, and emotional development of our students. This means the best lessons, taught by the best teachers, and led by the best administration for the best students.

Providing a safe and orderly environment for everyone who studies, works, or enters our facilities is also a top priority. To help address this, the Board of Education and

our Facilities Committee worked with the architectural firm Clark Patterson Lee to complete a Five-Year Building Condition Survey, which is required by the NYS Education Department. It provides an independent and thorough analysis of safety, infrastructure, technology, and strengths and weaknesses of our facilities. It also provides the Board and administrative team with a clear analysis of where the facilities are aging and options on how to address needs in a timely and fiscally responsible manner. Recommendations from the survey include:

- An Energy Performance Contract (EPC) that would enable savings from efficiencies.
- Capital outlay projects that enable small projects to be completed using maximum NYS building aid.
- A Capital Improvement Project that would focus mainly on the Elementary School and the areas in need of renovation in order to meet NYS Education Department's codes and regulations.

Each of these aspirations has a viable component that can only be achieved with strong parental and community support. Parents, you must be active participants in the education of your child. We at the school are committed to creating a strong partnership with the parents of each of our students. We also continue to be very appreciative of the strong support from our community members. Your attendance at our students' activities, your financial support, phone calls, emails, and personal notes make

a positive difference to all of us who work at the school. We are ever mindful that we are molding the future of our society.

As budget season fast approaches, we continue to seek your input. If you have not had an opportunity to provide your thoughts on the budget process, please take a moment to reach out to us. I would also encourage you to take a look at the budget information on our website. It can be located by visiting www.bbschools.org and then clicking on "Budget Information." This page will provide you with valuable up-to-date information about the upcoming budget as well as information on past budgets.

Finally, let us all make the resolution to look for the common good first, and then to individual interests. If we put other's needs before our own, we will make things better for everyone, which in turn, improves our own lot.

We believe that 2017 has the potential to be the best year ever. It only requires that we all believe and act on that belief together. Every time I see a student, I am more hopeful that the future is indeed bright. The conversations I've had with parents and community members remind me that Byron-Bergen, New York is "The Village" that is raising the child.

Promoting Excellence,
Mickey Edwards
Superintendent of Schools

VOTE

Capital Project Referendum Building for the Future

Date: Friday, March 31, 2017

Time: 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Location: Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High
School Wrestling Room

Find detailed information about the proposed Capital Project and the benefits it will bring for our students at www.bbschools.org. Get updates through the district's Facebook (www.facebook.com/BBCSDBuzz) and Twitter (@BBCSDBuzz) accounts. Watch your mailbox for additional information.



Board President's Corner

How quickly time flies! In our last *Focal Point* we were looking toward the holidays; now they have all come and gone and we're just looking at resolutions and taking those extra pounds off.

The Board is currently working on next year's budget. As always, we are looking to what is best for our students, while being fiscally responsible to our community. We are happy to report that some electives and courses have been added back into the curriculum, which is good for the students after many years of cuts to programming.

Recently a group of alumni came back to school to speak with our students on life after Byron-Bergen. It is beneficial to have our students hear information on what lies ahead of them from their peers. The district also gets valuable feedback about how well our students are prepared for life, school, and work.

At this year's holiday concert, the Board of Education was proud to present Dick Sands with the Friends of Byron-Bergen Award. His time, efforts, and dedication to the needy families in this community, especially at the holidays, are tremendous. We are proud to be able to recognize these efforts. Thank you again, Dick for all you do for our community.

The district is looking at a new Capital Project with the majority of the work happening at the Elementary School. This building has not had any major renovations since it was built almost 50 years ago. It's time to give it the upgrades it needs to go on for another 50 years.

Some of our faculty and staff will be retiring at the end of this year. One of, however, will be leaving in April. Becky Kelly has been a long-time dedicated

secretary at the Elementary School, and if you've ever had a child in that building, you know Becky and she knows you. Her positive attitude, caring heart, and warm smile will be missed by all. Becky, we wish you well on this next journey.

The musical for this year, "10 (Again)," is not to be missed. Not just because of our gifted and talented students, but also because of our gifted and talented teacher Laurence Tallman who wrote this year's play. Our students say it is marvelous, so mark your calendars and enjoy a night at B-B.

This fall we wrapped up our first year of football with Cal-Mum and by all accounts, it was a great season. We are currently in discussions with Cal-Mum to see if there are any other areas of education, sports, and clubs that we may be able to SOAR. (Sharing Opportunities and Resources) with together.

Concerns from our community are important to us, but recently, the district and I have received several anonymous letters. Unfortunately, a conversation is often necessary in order to address concerns properly. Anonymous letters leave us with no way to help or follow up. The best avenue for communication is to speak with an administrator who deals with the area of your concerns. If you are not satisfied with that outcome, then go to the superintendent or lastly, meet with the Board. You can find a breakdown of who to contact as a Quick Link on our homepage at www.bbschools.org.

Debra List

Debra List, President
Byron-Bergen Board of Education

Running for school board

The Byron-Bergen Board of Education's seven members are elected by district residents and serve unpaid, three-year terms. The board is responsible for setting policy within state and federal laws and serves as the community's communication link with the educational staff. If you are committed to education and want to make an impact on our district, consider running for school board. We are looking for folks who will always be focused on the good of schoolchildren, who are:

- Effective communicators
- Consensus builders
- Community participants
- Leaders and decision-makers
- Information processors
- Team players

Board candidate petitions can be obtained from the District Clerk Rachel White in the District Office. They must be returned by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.



2016 Byron-Bergen School Safety Audit completed

By School Resource Officer Deputy Matt Butler

The Byron-Bergen School Safety Audit that I was tasked with at the beginning of the school year is complete. The results of the audit were presented to the Board of Education on Feb. 2, 2017. The audit was a successful educational experience focused on discovering the strengths and weaknesses within the school district.

There were eight categories to the audit: building exterior and grounds, access control, interior building security, monitoring and surveillance, communication and information security, emergency response plans, school climate and culture, and the enforcement of policies and procedures. The audit was a two-day process during which we conducted oral interviews with the staff, students, and administration. We also conducted surveys with all of the staff and with our seventh- through 12th-graders. The audit consisted of a 466-point checklist that we used to conduct our walk-through inspection of the district.

The analysis of the collected data found that a high level of safety currently exists in our schools. It includes practical recommendations for expanding security that we will be implementing in the coming years. It also shows a steady growth in attendance and decrease in infractions and disciplinary problems over the past three years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who assisted in the audit process, including Byron-Bergen faculty, parents, local EMS personnel, a Byron-Bergen Board of Education member, and a representative from the mayor's office at the Village of Bergen. This was a great opportunity to get the community involved in our school district. In recognition of the district's appreciation, special certificates of thanks were awarded to: Scott Bradley, Michelle Caballero, Kim Carlson, Amanda Cook, Andrew Doll, John Durand, Mickey Edwards, Bob Fedele, Paula Hohn, Mike List, Jeff Parnapy, Vicky Shallenberger, Faline Tyler, and Jay Wolcott.

My next task will be to create a School Resource Officer webpage that can be accessed through the school's home page. This webpage will provide parents with up-to-date information on drug trends, community programs such as STAR, SPOA, or Youth Court, and other programs to assist families. This will also provide an opportunity to show positive things that happen during the school day. It will give me the chance to reach out to parents and keep them informed about safety issues and everything that is happening in our school. Once again, this will be another tool that will help enhance the safety and education of our students.



(back, l-r) Superintendent Mickey Edwards, BOE President Debbie List, Michelle Caballero, Deputy Matt Butler, John Durand, Mike List. (front, l-r) Kim Carlson and Bob Fedele.



Fall 2016 Scholar-Athletes

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) honors those teams that excel in the classroom at the end of each sport season. To receive this honor, a minimum number of team members must achieve a scholastic average of 90 or above during their sport season. Congratulations to the following Byron-Bergen athletes:

Boys Soccer
90.295% team average

- Brandon Burke
- Kyler Chambry
- Chase Felton
- Brendon Kendall
- Joshua Phelps
- Ryan Richardson
- Adam Swapecinski
- Wade Thompson

Girls Volleyball
93.097% team average

- Kerri Bates
- Catherine Brumsted
- Lauren Burke
- Quinn Chapell
- Madison Farnsworth
- Kitana Maher
- Hannah Van Skiver
- Annabella Vurraro

Girls Cross Country
94.596% team average

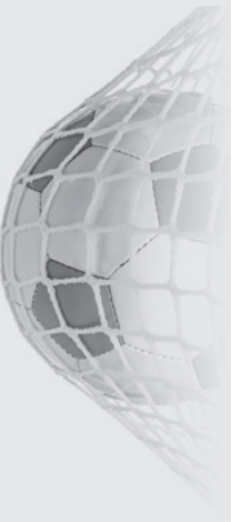
- Siomara Caballero
- Reanne Dressler
- Jessica Fleming
- Margaret Graney
- Annaliese Hersom
- Cambria Kinkelaar
- Alexandria Loewke
- Alaura Rehwaldt

Individual varsity athletes carrying over a 90 Grade Point Average (GPA):

- Jonah Clare
- Justin Hannan
- Cameron Brumsted
- Paul McDermott
- Adam Walter
- Victoria Welka

Girls Soccer
92.10% team average

- Olivia Audsley
- Grace Campbell
- Jeanne Densen
- Kelsey Fuller
- Morgan Fuller
- Hailey Hubbard
- Melanie Kulikowski
- Melanie MacCowan
- Melissa MacCowan
- Kelsey Maurer
- Julia Menzie
- Karson Richenberg
- Miriam Tardy
- Leah Thompson
- Dana Van Valkenburg
- Samantha Wade





World premiere onstage at Byron-Bergen — “10 (Again)”



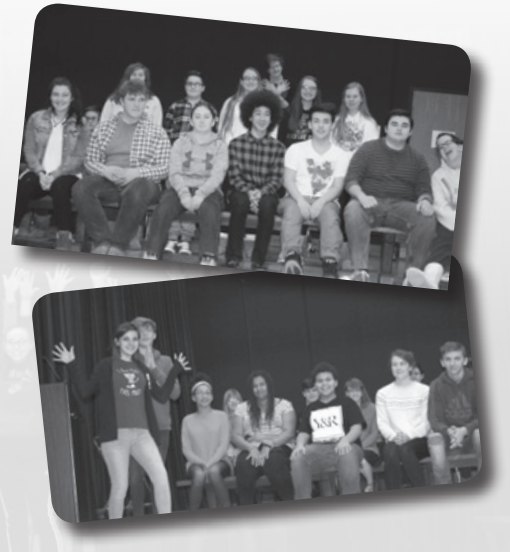
It's not every day that you get to see a truly original musical, but on March 2, 3, and 4, our community will have an opportunity to be the first audience to see “10 (Again).” The new comedy was written and composed by our own multi-talented Laurence A. Tallman, who teaches music and drama at the Jr./Sr. High School. Tallman based the story on his own experiences as a 10-year old boy coming of age in the summer of 1976. It stars Anthony Calarco, Mason Fuller, Stephanie Buell, Brian Ireland, Sarah Bleiler, Shannon Little, Jerome Spinks, Jonah Bower, Rose Bower, Nate Knickerbocker, Hayley Hoehn, Esther Wilkins, Jason Hoehn, Lindsey Bowman, and 40 more chorus and crew.

The show features exuberant musical numbers and bittersweet comedy as the boy navigates the murky world of adults and small town politics. It addresses subjects like family dynamics, racism, economics, and social etiquette. It reminds us that people are people, no matter who they are or how different they seem. Everyone has a story, and they are all worth telling!

Tallman, who studied music education at SUNY Potsdam and composition at the Birmingham Conservatory of Music in England, has composed more than one hundred works. He is a past recipient of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra's Outstanding Music Educator Award. He will be directing the show, with costumes by Faline Tyler, lighting and sound by Todd Sloat, and set design by Larry R. Tallman.

Performances are on Thursday, March 2; Friday, March 3; and Saturday, March 4 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Jr./Sr. High School office during regular school hours. They are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens.



Scholar Program

The Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School's academic incentive program recognizes students for their good effort, attendance, and academics. This reward program is named the “Scholar Program” and the cards achieved are Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Special Recognition. At the end of the year, monetary awards are presented at Academic & Athletic Recognition Night to seniors who have maintained a solid record of attaining cards throughout their high school career.

The Scholar Program Committee is pleased to announce the results for the first marking period:

GOLD SCHOLAR	Emily Chaback Jonah Clare Sadie Cook Leanna Curts Alexander Dean Adam Drake Marlaina Fee Kyle Foeller Mackenzie Fox Sara Fraser Leah Gale Eden Goff Emma Goodman Sara Goodman Margaret Graney Ethan Green Angelique Heick	Tyler Henry Annaliese Hersom Hope Hersom Hailey Hubbard Grace Huhn Brooke Jarkiewicz Daniel Jensen William Johnson Cambria Kinkelaar Hunter Leach Alexandria Loewke Kitana Maher Jillian Menzie Celia Mercovich Andrew Parnapy Madelynn Pimm Brittany Rada	Elli Schelemanow Grace Shepard Chloe Shuskey Alayna Streeter Sarah Streeter Jorie Strzelecki Miriam Tardy Dana VanValkenburg Ella VanValkenburg Alexandra Vurraro Annabella Vurraro Claire Williams Corden Zimmerman Michael Zwerka Nathan Zwerka	SILVER SCHOLAR	Garrett Swinter Kaitlyn Windhauser Kaitlyn Zastrocky
Caitlin Ashton Larissa Ashton Jared Barnum Rachel Best Lindsey Bowman Dillon Brew Brandon Burke Lauren Burke Madison Burke Elizabeth Burlingame Siomara Caballero Grace Campbell Lydia Campbell Caleb Carlson Benjamin Chaback			Cory Bater Bianca Brumsted Carleigh Buell Caleb Calhoun Hannah Catalino Jacey Donahue Elizabeth Donnelly Connor Gale Colby Leggo Melissa MacCowan Julia Menzie Jaden Pocock Kameron Robinson Garrett Sando Emmy Stein	BRONZE SCHOLAR	Camryn Brookhart Chad Green Logan Lewis Emma Will
				SPECIAL RECOGNITION	Aleigha Shallenberger Robert Yohon



Jr./Sr. High School Happenings

By Patrick McGee
Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Our school was recently recognized for the 7th Annual AP® District Honor Roll. This is the first time we have received this distinction, which is based on the increased participation in our Advanced Placement (AP) offerings and our improved scores on AP exams. The credit for this honor goes to our staff and students. Our focus is on promoting academic rigor and high expectations. It is our goal over the next few years to continue to evaluate our AP course offerings to see if there are additional courses that meet the needs of our students. While evaluating our AP course offerings is important, the most important takeaway from this recognition is that our students are performing well on their AP exams.

One of our main building goals is to increase all our course offerings and offer as many opportunities to students as possible. For the 2017-18 school year, we will be adding an Agricultural Explorations course. This course will cover agriculture careers and job opportunities, agricultural foods, the production of agricultural food and products, animals, and plants, as well as conservation and wildlife management. We will also be creating an Advisory FFA (Future Farmers of America) Board, as we look into starting this program at our school. I am also proud to announce that we will have several new classes in health, technology, and business. We now offer over 20 courses for college credit and have programs and opportunities for students that make our school competitive with any school in New York State.

We are proud to partner with Jim Thompson, our Genesee Valley Educational Partnership (GVEP) Director of Instructional Coaching, to offer our teachers video coaching as part of their evaluation. Our district is ahead of the curve when it comes to coaching

and evaluating teachers. Video coaching allows teachers to see themselves on video and reflect on their lesson with our Instructional Coach Diana Walther. This process is innovative and speaks to the mindset of our teachers who want to improve in their craft.

Student feedback is vital to the success of our school. We meet with student groups for lunch on a monthly basis to gather feedback and keep them informed on important initiatives and district updates. This year we have discussed and gathered feedback on technology, library and computer lab space, college and career readiness, academic programming, career exploration, networking, and involvement in the community. We will continue to gather feedback from our students in regards to other important topics for the remainder of the year, including social media in school, Code of Conduct, extra-curricular eligibility, and 21st century learning.

I would like to recognize School Resource Officer Matt Butler on the excellent work he has done within our building over the last year and half. Deputy Butler has been evaluating our district and completing a School Safety Audit. The most important part of his job is to make sure that students are safe. With substance abuse and mental health being a major issue in our county, Deputy Butler's presence is a vital resource to our school.

We are invested in our students and committed to ensuring that they graduate prepared for the real world. Recently, I met with our seniors for a new tradition. At the halfway point of the year, they made a special commitment to graduation. I presented them with a graduation gown to sign if they were committed to graduate. Every single member of our senior class



signed this. Later this month, the senior class will vote for the educator who has had the most influence on them. The educator selected will hang the gown in their classroom. In the future, I will have a similar memento for each class. I am fully invested in making sure our students graduate as good people, ready to meet the future.

I would encourage all families with students in grades 7-12 to attend our first annual College Readiness Night. In the past, college planning was limited to 11th-graders, but we feel strongly that it is never too early to start. Please join us on March 8, at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium.

I am so proud of how our building looks. One would be hard-pressed to find a school that celebrates its students more. Our halls are decorated with student artwork and signs of student accomplishments, academic and athletic celebrations, program opportunities, and community relationships. I would encourage anyone to stop in after 2:24 p.m. to see our building.

Lastly, I am so happy to work in such a wonderful learning community. I encourage people to provide me with any feedback to continue to improve our efficiency. Please let me know if you need anything. Call me at 494-1220 ext. 2401, email me pmcgee@bbschools.org, or stop in. Thank you. We are Byron-Bergen!



Get the buzz on social media and see what's happening inside our schools

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook! Every day classrooms at Byron-Bergen are filled with exciting events, cool experiments, creative arts, innovative lessons, and thrilling sports. You're invited to see all the fun and hard work for yourself, and tell us what you think — join the B-B buzz.

On Twitter: Get an overview of everything happening in our schools at the official district account, www.twitter.com/@BBCSDBuzz. Subscribe to our curated list (B-B Twitter Accounts) for an easy way to follow all the tweets from our building principals and assistant principals, along with the many teachers and counselors who participate.

On Facebook: We're sharing good news, pictures and video from inside and outside the classroom at www.facebook.com/BBCSDBuzz. (You can bookmark our Facebook Twitter tab and enjoy all the happenings on @BBCSDBuzz, even if you don't use Twitter yourself.)



Websites every student should visit for college and career planning

Just starting the process of planning for life after high school is sometimes the hardest part for students and their families. Listed below are the websites most trusted and utilized for post-secondary planning. Families of students in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend the College and Career Readiness Night on Wednesday, March 8, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium for an in-depth discussion about planning and the resources available. All are welcome to attend. It is highly encouraged that parents of sophomores and juniors be in attendance. It is never too early or too late to begin planning.

College Board

www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
This is a great resource for students and families to use when searching for colleges, majors, and careers. Students will use the website to view PSAT and Advanced Placement exam results. In addition, the College Board website is used to register for the SATs. Some colleges may also require the SAT subject test. See each individual college website to view admission requirements.

Common Application

www.commonapp.org
When applying to four-year schools, including four-year SUNY schools, it is strongly recommended to apply through the Common Application. Students can apply to more than one school using the Common Application. Not all schools are members and may require separate application.

Naviance Family Connection

<https://connection.naviance.com/bbjshs>
Family Connection requires a username and password. Students must see Mr. Kaercher if their password needs to be reset. Students will utilize Family Connection in school during every

grade level. Career assessments are given during class. Students may also organize their activities, learn about careers, and search for colleges. During senior year, transcripts and recommendation letters are submitted to colleges electronically through Family Connection.

Department of Defense

www.defense.gov
The United States Department of Defense website links students to each military branch.

Khan Academy

www.khanacademy.org
Free online preparation for PSAT/SATs and core subject areas. If students create a College Board account they are able to connect it with Khan Academy.

ACT

www.act.org
The ACT college readiness assessment is a standardized test for high school students. Most students will choose to take the SAT, but may decide to take the ACT as well. Options can be discussed in a planning meeting.

FAFSA

www.fafsa.ed.gov
This offers a free application to be eligible for student financial aid that includes grants, loans, and work-study. FAFSA also offers free assistance to students and parents throughout the entire financial aid process. All students attending college must fill out the FAFSA every year as early as Oct. 1.

NCAA

www.eligibilitycenter.org
This is where you will find the NCAA eligibility certification process for college-bound student athletes.

United States Marine Corps Educator Workshop

By Andrea Feeney, School Counselor

I recently traveled to Parris Island, South Carolina, where I experienced firsthand what it is like to be a Marine recruit. The experience was part of the Marine Corps Educator Workshop program. The program enables selected educators to gain knowledge of Marine Corps recruit training, job skills and opportunities, and the educational benefits available. It impresses upon educators the advantages the Corps offers to highly qualified, motivated young men and women with an unwavering dedication to the defense of our nation.

I experienced an epic, once-in-a-lifetime adventure with the USMC. I participated in morning physical training, marksmanship training, combat water survival, gas chamber, crucible, basic warrior training, confidence courses motivational runs, indoor simulations, M16 rifle class, and of course, the famous yellow footprints.

I discovered that just as educators make every effort to help the youth of our nation succeed, the Marine Corps strives to help every Marine reach his or her potential. I found that the Corps are fostering a culture of continuing education and instilling character and leadership traits in every one of the young men and women in training.

Recruits are tested in extraordinary ways, emerging as completely transformed individuals. Earning the title of Marine is intentionally difficult because each recruit must train relentlessly to be superior in mind, body, and spirit. Marines must be excellent thinkers, skilled warriors, and strong leaders. I left with more respect for both the Marine Corps and myself. You can see all of my adventures on Twitter at @feeneycounselor.



Counselor Andrea Feeney prepares to see if she has what it takes to join the few and the proud.

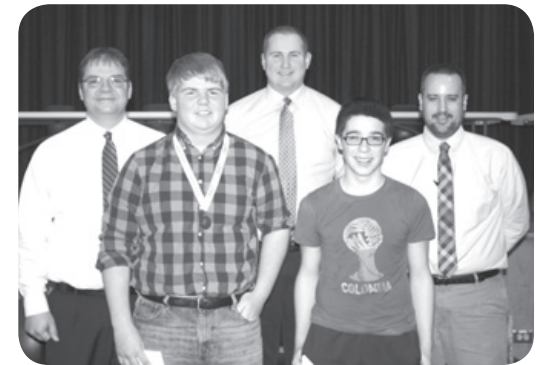
Bees go global! National Geographic Society Geographic Bee competitions

Our local levels of the National Geographic Society's Geographic Bee were held on Jan. 5, 2017.

At the Jr./Sr. High School, 25 Byron-Bergen seventh-and-eighth-grade students were invited to participate, based on the results of a written test taken in December. They all took part in the preliminary rounds, with the winners Sadie Cook, Richard Denson, Josh Flemming, Colby Leggo, Andrew Parnapy, Josh Swapceinski, Corden Zimmerman, and Matthew Zwerka — competing in the finals.

The top two contestants, eighth-graders Andrew Parnapy and last year's winner Richard Denson, went on to match wits in the Championship Round. After answering three challenging questions correctly, Parnapy was declared the 2017 Geographic Bee champion. He received a medal and a \$35 Amazon.com gift card. Runner-up Denson also received a \$20 gift card.

At the Elementary School, students from grades 4-6 qualified for the Bee by achieving the highest scores on a written test also taken in December. Participants were: Jack Benstead, Dayanara Caballero, Cameron Carlson, Caris Carlson, Braedyn Chambry, Noah Clare, Evan Cuba, Kendan Dressler, Gianni Ferrara, Emily Henry, Frank Hersom, Eli Kupfer, Jackson Lundfelt, Stephanie Onderdonk, Elizabeth Piper, Brilyn Rebisz, Quintin Rich, Zoey Shepard, Andrew Zimmerman, and Nicholas Zwerka.



At the Jr./Sr. High School (front, l-r) National Geographic Bee winner Andrew Parnapy and runner-up Richard Denson, with (back, l-r) social studies teachers Aaron Clark, Nick Muhlenkamp, and Ken Gropp.



The Elementary School Champion is Nicholas Zwerka (l), with runner-up Cameron Carlson (r). Congratulations to both.



Byron-Bergen 2016-17 first quarter Honor Roll

The following Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School students have been named to the Honor Roll for the first 10-week marking period of the 2016-17 school year:

GRADE 12

High Honor Roll — Olivia Audsley, Kerri Bates, Elizabeth Bickham, Isabelle Bliss, Rose Bower, Lindsey Bowman, Dillon Brew, Brandon Burke, Grace Campbell, Reanne Dressler, Marlaina Fee, Chase Felton, Aaries Fitzsimmons, Mackenzie Fox, Jenica Hickey, Hailey Hubbard, Alexandria Loewke, Kitana Maher, Kelsey Maurer, Celia Mercovich, Colin Noeth, Grace Pulcini, Brittany Rada, Ryan Richardson, Karson Richenberg, Brandon Shade, Tyler Stefanski, Brittney Vincent, Adam Walter, Victoria Welka, Destanee Zastrow, Michael Zwerka.

Honor Roll — Michaela Bohn, Derek Cooper, Russell Cunningham, Russell Flaherty, Ryan Gonyea, Shannon Little, Melanie MacCowan, Kameron Robinson, Timothy Saxman, Mary Sweeney, Samantha Wade, Lauren Williams, Robert Yohon.

Effort Roll — Olivia Audsley, Isabelle Bliss, Lindsey Bowman, Dillon Brew, Brandon Burke, Grace Campbell, Russell Cunningham, Reanne Dressler, Marlaina Fee, Chase Felton, Mackenzie Fox, Hailey Hubbard, Alexandria Loewke, Kitana Maher, Kelsey Maurer, Celia Mercovich, Shawn Merry, Colin Noeth, Grace Pulcini, Brittany Rada, Ryan Richardson, Karson Richenberg, Mary Sweeney, Brittney Vincent, Adam Walter, Lauren Williams, Robert Yohon, Michael Zwerka.

GRADE 11

High Honor Roll — Larissa Ashton, Lauren Burke, Benjamin Chaback, Quinn Chapell, Brionna DeMichel, Jean Denson, Morgan Fuller, Margaret Graney, Ethan Green, Noah Gunther, Justin Hannan, Tyler Henry, Brian Ireland, Daniel Jensen, Brendon Kendall, Melanie Kulikowski, Jonathan Lathan, Shaun LoVerdi, Peyton Mackey, Lily Mercovich, Garrett Sando, Tapanga Schramm, Austin Sharpe, Leah Thompson, Dana VanValkenburg.

Honor Roll — Cameron Brumsted, Catherine Brumsted, Jacob Burlingame, Kylar Chambry, Shayla Dearing, Jessica Fleming, Edgardo Guzman, Alyssa Hing, Hayley Hoehn, Michael Khomitch, Nathan Knickerbocker, Paul McDermott, Julia Menzie, Dillon Montgomery, Mackenzie Muoio, Ryan Niemi, Joshua Phelps, Riley Sadler, Cameron Shenk, Jerome Spinks, Robert Stevens, Adam Swapceinski, Chaderic Toal, Catherine Weaver, Nicole Welka, Riley White, Esther Wilkins.

Effort Roll — Jerra Amesbury, Larissa Ashton, Jennifer Brew, Lauren Burke, Benjamin Chaback, Quinn Chapell, Brionna DeMichel, Jean Denson, Jessica Fleming, Morgan Fuller, Margaret Graney, Ethan Green, Noah Gunther,

Justin Hannan, Tyler Henry, Alyssa Hing, Brian Ireland, Daniel Jensen, Brendon Kendall, Nathan Knickerbocker, Melanie Kulikowski, Jonathan Lathan, Shaun LoVerdi, Peyton Mackey, Julia Menzie, Lily Mercovich, Mackenzie Muoio, Joshua Phelps, Garrett Sando, Tapanga Schramm, Austin Sharpe, Cameron Shenk, Leah Thompson, Dana VanValkenburg, Esther Wilkins.

GRADE 10

High Honor Roll— Sarah Bleiler, Lydia Campbell, Anthony DiQuattro, Adam Drake, Mariah Fee, Jared Fregoe, Leah Gale, Emma Goodman, Annaliese Hersom, William Johnson, Isaac Ladley, Hunter Leach, Sabastian Pawlukewicz, MacKenzie Rosse, Brianna Shade, Wade Thompson, Kyong-ae Yun.

Honor Roll — Cory Bater, Benjamin Bowman, Ryan Cooper, Tabitha Fuller, Demetrius Herring, Jason Hoehn, Rebecca Johnson, Erin Parnapy, Emma Smith.

Effort Roll — Sarah Bleiler, Lydia Campbell, Anthony DiQuattro, Adam Drake, Mariah Fee, Jared Fregoe, Leah Gale, Emma Goodman, Annaliese Hersom, William Johnson, Hunter Leach, Erin Parnapy, Sabastian Pawlukewicz, MacKenzie Rosse, Brianna Shade, Emma Smith, Wade Thompson.

GRADE 9

High Honor Roll — Caitlin Ashton, Alexander Brumsted, Elizabeth Burlingame, Siomara Caballero, Alexis Calarco, Michael Campbell, Alexander Dean, Jacey Donahue, Elizabeth Donnelly, Madison Farnsworth, Sara Fraser, Kelsey Fuller, Rick Hubbard, Rose Hubbard, Mikaela Hubler, Cambria Kinkelaar, Jillian Menzie, Hannah Seppe, Caleb Sharpe, Chloe Shuskey, Brandon Stefanski, Garrett Swinter, Miriam Tardy, Hannah Van Skiver, Annabella Vurraro, Grant Williams, Nathan Zwerka.

Honor Roll — Julianna Amesbury, Ariana Bobzien, Lucila Bobzien, Megan Bogue, Dominick Butz, Hannah Catalino, Kyle Foeller, Emily Gonyea, Chad Green, Amaya Gunther, Zachary Hannan, Coltin Henry, Chad Kupfer, Travis Lambert, Melissa MacCowan, Enson Nieves, Samuel Pringle, Auburn Schwartzmeyer, Kevin Smith, Justice Towne, Bryce Yockel.

Effort Roll — Julianna Amesbury, Caitlin Ashton, Alexander Brumsted, Elizabeth Burlingame, Siomara Caballero, Hannah Catalino, Alexander Dean, Jacey Donahue, Elizabeth Donnelly, Madison Farnsworth, Kyle Foeller, Sara Fraser, Kelsey Fuller, Amaya Gunther, Zachary Hannan, Rick Hubbard, Rose Hubbard, Mikaela Hubler, Cambria Kinkelaar, Chad Kupfer, Melissa MacCowan, Jillian Menzie, Auburn Schwartzmeyer, Caleb Sharpe, Chloe Shuskey, Garrett Swinter, Miriam Tardy, Hannah Van Skiver, Annabella Vurraro, Grant Williams, Nathan Zwerka.

GRADE 8

High Honor Roll — Nicholas Baubie, Bianca Brumsted, Carleigh Buell, Emily Chaback, Jonah Clare, Richard Denson, Julietta Doyle, Joshua Fleming, Eden Goff, Sara Goodman, Hope Hersom, Kelly Ireland, Carli Kirkwood, Aiden Kulikowski, Colby Leggo, Gavin Lewis, John Mercovich, Andrew Parnapy, Jaden Pocock, Bryanne Puma, Matthew Rada, Alaura Rehwaldt, Skylar Sharpe, Sarah Streeter, Joshua Swapceinski, Xavier Thomas, Devon Zinter, Matthew Zwerka.

Honor Roll — Mya-Lyn Albanese, Jacolby Aratari, Hallie Calhoun, Zoey Chambry, Tylor Coats, Alissa Davis, Matthew Gonyea, Mitchell Gonyea, Jonathan Hahn, Alaina House, Trebor Johnston, Logan Lewis, Julia Pangrazio, Hunter Parnell, Emmy Stein, Morgan Vincent, Jessica Wolfe.

Effort Roll — Bianca Brumsted, Hallie Calhoun, Emily Chaback, Jonah Clare, Alissa Davis, Richard Denson, Julietta Doyle, Joshua Fleming, Eden Goff, Sara Goodman, Hope Hersom, Alaina House, Kelly Ireland, Carli Kirkwood, Colby Leggo, Logan Lewis, John Mercovich, Julia Pangrazio, Andrew Parnapy, Bryanne Puma, Matthew Rada, Alaura Rehwaldt, Sarah Streeter, Devon Zinter, Matthew Zwerka.

GRADE 7

High Honor Roll— Corin Abdella, Jared Barnum, Rachel Best, Madison Burke, Emily Burlingame, Caleb Calhoun, Caleb Carlson, Sadie Cook, Leanna Curts, Alexander Donnelly, Mackenzie Eccleston, Sarah Hanel, Angelique Heick, Grace Huhn, Brooke Jarkiewicz, Meghan Kendall, Johnathon Klafehn, Madelynn Pimm, Logan Pocock, Elli Schelemanow, Grace Shepard, Alayna Streeter, Jorie Strzelecki, Ella VanValkenburg, Alexandra Vurraro, Claire Williams, Kaitlyn Windhauser, Kaitlyn Zastrocky, Emily Zastrow, Corden Zimmerman.

Honor Roll— Isaiah Baity, Camryn Brookhart, Payton Buzzell, Cody Chandler, Connor Gale, Ashton Gavenda, Chiara Grippo, Christian Haller, Amalia Morris, Mikaylah Pocock, Francisco Ramos, Kaden Sheard, Carlie Singer, Hallie Wade, Ashley Weit, Allie Wilcox, Emma Will.

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Byron-Bergen 2016-17 second quarter Honor Roll

The following Byron-Bergen Central School students have been named to the Honor Roll for the second 10-week marking period of the 2016-17 school year:

GRADE 12

High Honor Roll — Jenna Amesbury, Olivia Audsley, Elizabeth Bickham, Isabelle Bliss, Lindsey Bowman, Dillon Brew, Brandon Burke, Grace Campbell, Reanne Dressler, Marlaina Fee, Chase Felton, Aaries Fitzsimmons, Mackenzie Fox, Jenica Hickey, Hailey Hubbard, Alexandria Loewke, Kitana Maher, Kelsey Maurer, Celia Mercovich, Colin Noeth, Grace Pulcini, Brittany Rada, Ryan Richardson, Karson Richenberg, Kameron Robinson, Brandon Shade, Mary Sweeney, Adam Walter, Destanee Zastrow, Michael Zwerka.

Honor Roll — Dominick Andres, Derek Cooper, Russell Flaherty, Jordan Gardner, Ryan Gonyea, Sean Henry, Shannon Little, Shawn Merry, Tyler Stefanski, Chase Toal, Brittney Vincent, Victoria Welka, Lauren Williams, Robert Yohon, Jesse Zittel.

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GRADE 11

High Honor Roll — Larissa Ashton, Cameron Brumsted, Lauren Burke, Benjamin Chaback, Quinn Chapell, Brionna DeMichel, Jean Denson, Morgan Fuller, Margaret Graney, Ethan Green, Justin Hannan, Tyler Henry, Brian Ireland, Daniel Jensen, Brendon Kendall, Jonathan Lathan, Shaun LoVerdi, Peyton Mackey, Lily Mercovich, Dillon Montgomery, Mackenzie Muoio, Garrett Sando, Leah Thompson, Dana VanValkenburg.

Honor Roll — Kylar Chambry, Jessica Fleming, Edgardo Guzman, Alyssa Hing, Hayley Hoehn, Michael Khomitch, Nathan Knickerbocker, Melanie Kulikowski, Brandon Lewis, Julia Menzie, Joshua Phelps, Riley Sadler, Tapanga Schramm, Cameron Shenk, Chaderic Toal, Nicole Welka, Esther Wilkins, Emma Wride.

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GRADE 10

High Honor Roll — Nicholas Brown, Lydia Campbell, Adam Drake, Jared Fregoe, Emma Goodman, Annaliese Hersom, William Johnson, Hunter Leach, Sabastian Pawlukewicz, MacKenzie Rosse, Kyong-ae Yun.

Honor Roll — Cory Bater, Sarah Bleiler, Benjamin Bowman, Cole Carlson, Ryan Cooper, Anthony DiQuattro, Mariah Fee, Leah Gale, Isaac Ladley, Erin Parnapy, Brianna Shade, Wade Thompson.

Effort Roll — Sarah Bleiler, Lydia Campbell, Cole Carlson, Anthony DiQuattro, Adam Drake, Mariah Fee, Jared Fregoe, Leah Gale, Emma Goodman, Annaliese Hersom, William Johnson, Hunter Leach, Erin Parnapy, Sabastian Pawlukewicz, MacKenzie Rosse, Brianna Shade, Wade Thompson.

GRADE 9

High Honor Roll — Caitlin Ashton, Megan Bogue, Alexander Brumsted, Elizabeth Burlingame, Siomara Caballero, Alexis Calarco, Alexander Dean, Jacey Donahue, Elizabeth Donnelly, Kyle Foeller, Sara Fraser, Kelsey Fuller, Mikaela Hubler, Cambria Kinkelaar, Jillian Menzie, Hannah Seppe, Caleb Sharpe, Chloe Shuskey, Kevin Smith, Brandon Stefanski, Garrett Swinter, Miriam Tardy, Annabella Vurraro, Grant Williams, Nathan Zwerka.

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Elementary School News

By Brian Meister, Principal

The new year is in full swing and the Elementary School is already filled with exciting learning experiences, as we continue to Challenge, Engage, and Nurture our students.

The 2017 Geographic Bee took place on Jan. 5. Students in grades 4-6 had the opportunity to qualify for the annual Bee by achieving the highest scores on a written test (provided by *National Geographic*) in December. The most exciting piece of this popular event is seeing the tremendous effort students put in to preparing for the Bee. This year's runner-up was sixth-grader Cameron Carlson, and our Champion was Nicholas Zwerka. Congratulations to all who participated.

We cannot say enough positive things about our Byron-Bergen Music Department. This year's Holiday Concert was a huge success. Students in grades 5-6 worked extremely hard to prepare for and perform a beautiful selection of

holiday music. Students in our fourth-grade choral and instrumental ensembles are busy preparing for their first show in the spring. Students who are interested in one of our ensembles in grades 4-6 should see Mrs. Tischer or Mr. Lancia, and they will help them get involved.

Now in our second year of recognition as a New York State District of Character, the Elementary School continues to seek out ways to teach our children to show integrity and good character. This year we have begun holding schoolwide assemblies where we introduce and teach a positive behavior trait. The most exciting part is that each assembly is planned and presented by a grade level within our school. Thus far, our first-, fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-grade teams have put on four amazing performances that captivated the crowd of students, staff, and parents.

Looking forward to the spring, our students in grades 3-6 will soon be taking the New York State Assessments



Principal Meister introduces the first-graders at the Character Ed assembly in February.

in ELA and math. These assessments help us measure the success of our current curriculum and instruction and provide valuable information about a student's strengths and needs. As always, we encourage families to read with their children daily.

I would like to thank our community, parents, and friends for their continued support of our school. If you have any questions, please contact me at 494-1220 or by email at bmeister@bbschools.org.

Keeping students drug-free at our schools

By Bridget Halloper, Prevention Educator/SSRS Caseworker

Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School is collaborating with the Genesee/Orleans Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (GCASA) to provide Student Screening and Referral Services (SSRS). The goal is to keep students drug-free through a combination of education, screening, and support.

Our students face constant pressure to experiment with illegal substances. Studies show, however, that teens with a viable reason to not participate in drug use are actually less subject to peer pressure, and therefore less likely to use drugs. Our goal with SSRS is preventative; we provide students with appropriate knowledge and tools to promote positive decision-making.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse, one of the world's leading research institutes on the health aspects, neuroscience, and brain development as it pertains to drug addiction, provided the following information.

What are Risk and Protective Factors?

Risk Factors can increase a person's chances for drug abuse, while Protective Factors can reduce the risk. They can affect children at different stages of their lives.

Early childhood risks, such as aggressive behavior, can be changed or prevented with family, school, and community interventions that focus on helping children develop appropriate, positive behaviors. If not addressed, negative behaviors can lead to more risks, such as academic failure and social difficulties, which put children at further risk for later drug abuse.

Prevention, like the SSRS initiative, aims to reduce Risk Factors and increase Protective Factors. Through evidence-based programming, individual support services, awareness events, and classroom presentations, we are making great strides in promoting healthy decision making that truly influences our youth. For more information, contact GCASA at 585-343-1124 or visit www.gcasa.net.

Risk Factors	Domain	Protective Factors
Early Aggressive Behavior	Individual	Self-Control
Lack of Parental Supervision	Family	Parental Monitoring
Substance Abuse	Peer	Academic Competence
Drug Availability	School	Anti-drug Use Policies
Poverty	Community	Strong Neighborhood Attachment

2017-18 Universal Prekindergarten

The Byron-Bergen School District plans to once again offer a half-day Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program for the 2017-18 school year. The classes will be held at the Byron-Bergen Elementary School, located at 6971 West Bergen Road, Bergen, New York 14416.

Students eligible for the program must turn 4 years of age by Dec. 1, 2017. If you have an eligible child and are interested in having him/her attend our UPK program, please send a letter of interest with your child's name, parents' names, address, phone number, and birth date to: Elementary School Principal Brian Meister, 6971 West Bergen Rd., Bergen, New York 14416, by Friday, April 7, 2017. Parents who have already contacted the Elementary School by phone still need to send a letter to be eligible for UPK. Please note that if we receive more applications than our allowed capacity, we will select students using a lottery system.

What are the Program Goals of UPK at Byron-Bergen?

- To meet the NYS learning standards by using a curriculum that is thematically-based, and supported using literature, songs, and exploration.
- To foster an environment that promotes happy, confident children who are willing to take risks, make independent choices, and ask questions.
- To create an inclusive community that builds upon a student's strengths and accommodates his/her needs.

Philosophy of UPK

The UPK program at Byron-Bergen is focused on socialization, and learning through play and self-exploration. Children learn in a hands-on learning environment that includes activities, learning centers, concrete materials, and manipulatives. The learning environment is also nurturing, enriching, challenging, and developmentally appropriate.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION REMINDER

Children who will be 5 years of age, on or before Dec. 1, 2017, are eligible for entrance to kindergarten in September of 2017. New families in the school district should notify the school as soon as possible if they have a child who is qualified to enter kindergarten this fall.

Please contact the Byron-Bergen Elementary School Office by calling 494-1220, ext. 1301. Parents can send the required registration information (see list below) to the Byron-Bergen Elementary School, 6971 West Bergen Road, Bergen, New York 14416.

All children registering for kindergarten will be scheduled for a screening appointment this summer. The results of this screening will be used to plan for the 2017-18 kindergarten program.

The following items are necessary to complete the registration process:

- 1. Your child's Birth Certificate.**
- 2. Certificate of Immunization—** New York State law requires that every child entering school must have received a minimum of five doses of diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus vaccine (DPT) and four doses of polio (IPV) vaccine, two doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), three doses of Hepatitis B, and two doses of varicella (chickenpox). Those children born on or after Jan. 1, 2008, must have four doses of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV). Their immunizations must be completed prior to entering school.
- 3. Proof of Residency—** If this is the first time you have a child entering Byron-Bergen Central School District, please bring proof of residency to your screening appointment. This can be a copy of your mortgage statement, rental/lease agreement or a copy of your tax bill.

For more information or to register your child, please contact:
Elementary School Office
(585) 494-1220 ext. 1301

Information may also be sent to:
Byron-Bergen Elementary School
6971 West Bergen Road
Bergen, New York 14416



Western New York Tech Academy

By Thomas Schulte, Principal



Late fall and early winter have proven to be busy times at the WNY Tech Academy. To date, our teams have had opportunities to visit Liberty Pumps, LiDestri Foods, and the Batavia Waste Water Treatment Facility. Students explored how work done at these companies ties directly into the learning they are engaged in on a daily basis. Additionally, we have had the wonderful opportunity to host guest presenters from Solar World, the Army Corps of Engineers, and Clark Patterson Lee. Currently, among other projects, our teams are tackling problems associated with the physics of archery as an interdisciplinary project between physical education and applied mathematics. We are also exploring techniques to support positive mental health in our college health class.

Most notably, however, members of our 11th-grade team had the incredible opportunity to compete in a video challenge hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. "Leading the Way: A Workforce Development Video Campaign" challenged teams from the WNY Tech Academy, Rochester P-TECH, and Wayne-Finger Lakes P-TECH to create 30-second video clips highlighting career pathways and the required skill sets needed to be successful in those careers. Three teams from the WNY Tech Academy had their videos move on to the final round of judging, held at the Rochester Institute of Technology in early January. This event was emceed by WROC TV's John Kucko, and included a keynote address by Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren, and comments from the Director of Community and Economic Development for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York Tony Davis. WNY Tech Academy teams finished second, third, and fifth

in the competition. Through generous donations from the Farash Foundation, each member of the second- and third-place teams received a prize package, including a brand new laptop. They also received invitations to a future event held with industry representatives, where the students will be able to explore career advice from experts in their fields. Additionally, these teams were invited to work with the Producer/Director for Rochester Community TV to reproduce their videos using professional tools and techniques. Each member of our fifth-place team was awarded a cash prize of \$150, courtesy of the Rochester Area Community Foundation.

With all the wonderful things happening in the WNY Tech Academy, it's hard to believe that we're approaching our application deadline for the 2017-18 school year. All eighth-grade students recently toured our program, and we look forward to building our 2017-18 cohort. Students interested in applying for the WNY Tech Academy must submit an application no later than Feb. 28, 2017.



Members of the second-place team with emcee John Kucko. (l-r) Jonny Lathan (B-B), Clifton Williams (LeRoy), emcee Kucko (WROC TV 8), and Adam Swapceinski (B-B).

The Byron-Bergen Music Department, Art Department, and Music Boosters

proudly announce the 4th annual

Buzzin Bistro Jazz Night & Art Show

featuring

Byron-Bergen student artwork & music ensembles, music performances by the faculty & community, & The Nazareth College Jazz Ensemble

Friday, April 28
6:30 p.m.

in the Byron-Bergen Junior/Senior High School Cafeteria

FREE ADMISSION



Pesticide Application Notice

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation enacted a program that requires all schools to provide you with information about pesticide product applications made throughout the school year. Under State law, the school is required to maintain a list of parents, guardians, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour advance written notice prior to a pesticide application. At this time, we are informing you there have been no applications made since the last notice was published in the 2016 fall edition of *Focal Point*, the Byron-Bergen District Newsletter.

To register your name with the school to be on a 48-hour notification list, send a request to Byron-Bergen Central School District Office, 6917 W. Bergen Rd., Bergen, NY 14416. A written request must be submitted annually.



College Board's 7th Annual AP District Honor Roll

The Byron-Bergen Central School District is one of 433 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 7th Annual AP[®] District Honor Roll. To be included on the Honor Roll, Byron-Bergen had to demonstrate an increase in the number of students participating in the Advanced Placement (AP) program since 2014, as well as increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these goals shows that the district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP.

"We are exceptionally proud of our students for taking advantage of the Advanced Placement courses available at our high school," said Superintendent Mickey Edwards. "They recognize the importance of preparing for life after graduation, and are working hard towards their goals every day. I'd also like to thank our entire educational community for their commitment to AP and student success."

National data from 2016 show that among black/African American, Hispanic, and Native American students with a high degree of readiness for AP, only about half are participating. The first step to getting more of these students to participate is to give them access. Courses must be made available, gatekeeping must stop, and doors must be equitably opened. Byron-Bergen CSD is committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds.

"Congratulations to all the teachers and administrators in this district who have worked so tirelessly to both expand access to AP and to help students succeed on the AP exams," said Trevor Packer, the College Board's head of AP and Instruction. "These teachers and administrators are delivering real opportunity in their schools and classrooms, and students are rising to the challenge."

Helping more students learn at a higher level and earn higher AP scores is an objective of all members of the AP community, from AP teachers to district and school administrators to college professors. Many districts are experimenting with initiatives

and strategies to see how they can expand access and improve student performance at the same time.

In 2016, more than 4,000 colleges and universities around the world received AP scores for college credit, advanced placement, or both, and/or consideration in the admission process.

Inclusion on the 7th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on a review of three years of AP data, from 2014 to 2016, looking across 37 AP exams, including world language and culture. The following criteria were used.

Districts must:

- Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4 percent in large districts, at least 6 percent in medium districts, and at least 11 percent in small districts.
- Increase or maintain the percentage of African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native students taking exams; and increase or maintain the percentage of those students scoring 3+ on at least one AP exam.
- Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2016 percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher to the 2014 percentage, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70 percent of its AP students earn a 3 or higher.
- Achieve these outcomes among an AP student population in which 30 percent or more are underrepresented minority students (black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native) and/or 30 percent or more are low-income students (students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch).

When a district has achieved all of these requirements, a symbol may be affixed to the district name to highlight this work. The complete 7th Annual AP District Honor Roll can be found here: http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/score_reports_data/awards/232608.html

7th Annual AP[®] District Honor Roll Recipient



SUBSTITUTES WANTED

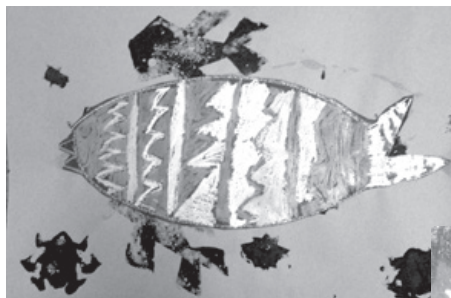


Do you have an interest in helping Byron-Bergen CSD in the capacity of substitute teacher, substitute teacher aide, substitute office aide, or food service worker?

If so, please visit the employment section of our website at www.bbschools.org and complete the non-instructional application (teacher aide, office aide, food service worker), and instructional application (substitute teacher). Please submit the application (via mail or in person) to: P. Gunio – District Office, Byron-Bergen CSD, 6917 West Bergen Road, Bergen, NY 14416.



STUDENT SHOWCASE



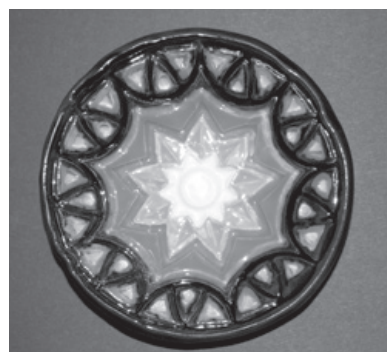
“Art Nouveau Fish”
Mixed Media
By: Rylee Walker, grade 2
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



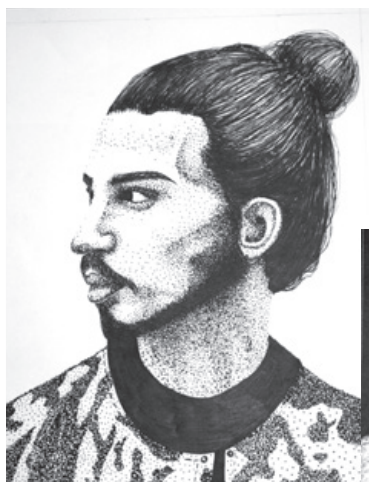
“Owl”
Oil Crayon on Paper
By: Caris Carlson, grade 6
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



“Portrait”
Watercolor
By: Leanna Curts, grade 7
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



“Textured Slab Bowl”
Clay
By: Alissa Countryman, grade 10
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



“Portrait”
Sharpie®
By: Riley Sadler, grade 11
Art Teacher: Ms. Dawson



“Seal”
Sharpie®
Colored Pencil
By: Morgan Fuller,
grade 11
Art Teacher:
Ms. Dawson

Byron-Bergen ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Byron-Bergen Central School District is once again sponsoring an Alumni Hall of Fame, an initiative that started 13 years ago to provide our students with positive role models and to challenge their imaginations. The Hall of Fame recognizes the accomplishments of graduates of the Byron-Bergen CSD or its component schools before consolidation.

The Hall of Fame is housed in the Jr./Sr. High School adjacent to the auditorium and consists of plaques honoring the inductees and their accomplishments. An induction ceremony and reception for new inductees will be held in the 2017-18 school year.

Note: The 2016-17 Alumni Hall of Fame recipients will be recognized at the B-B National Senior Honor Society Induction on April 26, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High Auditorium.

The nomination form (on page 15) must be returned to Patty Gunio, Secretary to the Superintendent, by the first Monday in April. Nominations will remain active for three years after submittal and nominees must have graduated at least 15 years ago. Up to four Hall of Fame inductees will be selected this year.

Consider nominating a worthy graduate of our system. By doing so, you honor the accomplishments of Byron-Bergen alumni and provide our students with positive role models through the personification of the outcomes provided by solid educational preparation.



Byron-Bergen Central School District ALUMNI HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE INFORMATION: Please provide the below information about the person you wish to recommend for the Byron-Bergen Alumni Hall of Fame.

NAME: _____ **YEAR OF GRADUATION:** _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip Code

HOME PHONE #: (____) _____ **WORK OR CELL PHONE #:** (____) _____

IS NOMINEE: living deceased

Briefly describe those achievements, accomplishments or contributions that cause you to nominate the individual named above for Alumni Hall of Fame recognition. You may add additional pages, newspaper clippings, or other supporting evidence if you so desire. Please include accomplishments in the following areas:

- School Contributions/Activities while at Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School
- Subsequent Contributions to Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School
- Educational Achievements
- Job Related Achievements
- Professional Honors and Awards
- Professional Affiliations
- Community/Civic Involvement
- Other

If possible, please list other people to serve as resources for Byron-Bergen staff to research additional Nominee information:

NAME: _____ **DAYTIME PHONE #:** (____) _____

NAME: _____ **DAYTIME PHONE #:** (____) _____

Person Submitting Nomination:

NAME: _____ **DAYTIME PHONE #:** (____) _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Please return this completed form by the annual nomination deadline (first Monday in April) to:

Byron-Bergen Central School District
District Office - Attn.: P. Gunio
6917 West Bergen Road
Bergen, NY 14416



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Byron-Bergen School Budget Voter Information

Board of Education Petitions Available

“Notice is hereby given to elect two members of the Board of Education to 3-year terms to begin on July 1, 2017 and expire on June 30, 2020, to succeed Tammy Menzie and Amy Philips, whose terms expire on June 30, 2017.

To run for the Board of Education, you must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the District for 30 days preceding the vote, and at least 18 years of age. In order to be placed on the ballot, potential candidates must return a petition with a minimum of 25 signatures of District voters and return the petition to Rachel White, District Clerk, by 3 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 18, 2017**. Petitions are available in the District Office and questions on this process can be directed to Ms. White by calling 494-1220, ext. 2529.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017

Draft Budget reviewed with public input opportunity
6 p.m. — Professional Development Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017

Board Candidate Petitions due to the
District Clerk by 3 p.m.

Absentee Ballots

Applications for Absentee Ballots will be available from the District Clerk on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. If an application needs to be mailed to the voter, the Clerk must receive the completed request form no later than 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Call (585) 494-1220, ext. 2529, with questions.

MEET THE BOARD CANDIDATES

Date and location to be announced.

APRIL, 2017

Final Draft Budget presented to the Board of
Education for adoption
Date and location to be announced.

APRIL-MAY 2017

Budget presentations to public groups.

MAY 9, 2017 (TUESDAY)

Public Budget Presentation and Meet
the Board Candidates
7 p.m. — Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017

BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD CANDIDATE ELECTION

6 a.m. to 9 p.m. — High School Wrestling/Fitness Room