Have you heard the buzz?
Welcome to Byron-Bergen Central School’s eNewsletter! Stay in the loop of school news and updates.

Trunk or Treat

32 Liberty Scholars participated in our yearly volunteer opportunity for the Elementary School S.T.E.P. Boosters Trunk or Treat on October 24th. Scholars helped by handing out candy, decorating, and acting in the haunted stage. Thank you to the S.T.E.P. Boosters for organizing this great event!

Character Ed Assembly

The October 25th Character Education assembly honored the Empire State Games athletes, the Students of the Month, and everyone’s personal space.

The school band played MGM anthem as the Empire State Games athletes came forward to receive their medals. The three athletes represented BBCSD good sportsmanship, athleticism, and #BBPride. Congratulations!

After the medal presentation, Mrs. Wahl and some of her sixth grade helpers read the book *Personal Space Camp* and demonstrated the importance of respecting other people’s personal space - even when sitting close together like in assemblies. They even had some help from other students who recorded videos on FlipGrid.

Finally, it was time for the Students of the Month to come forward and be recognized for their great work.

Congratulations to everyone!
Day of Service

Thank you to all of our students who took part in Community Action Day!

These Bees raked, weeded, and helped prepare community spaces for fall. Way to show your Byron-Bergen pride!

LGBT History Month

Alliance for Equality traveled to Elba CSD to participate in the WNYGSA LGBT History Month event. Students learned about Rochester’s history in the LGBT movement with Historian Evelyn Bailey, watched a documentary on the Stonewall uprising, and took part in breakout session discussions.

Dynamic characters

English 8- Students worked together to analyze how the protagonist of the book *Inside Out and Back Again* is a dynamic character. They are creating body biographies to present to the class.

New School Record

Congratulations to Bryce Yokel for breaking the CalMum/BB Raiders team record for career rushing yards which had stood for 25 years. He was also named Class C Offensive Player of the Week!
3-D Pumpkin Design

Craig Schroth’s fifth and sixth grade STEAM Lab classes are carving pumpkins. But, there are no pumpkins in the room. Students sit at their computers and each build and carve their own virtual pumpkin in a three-dimensional computer aided design (CAD) program. When completed, Schroth prints them on a 3-D printer.

“It takes a long time, but it’s cool,” said one student. “Cool” is the word most students use to describe the project. The pumpkins start to take shape. Students “group” repeated elliptical spheres to create scalloped edges, then add a cylindrical stem. On each screen, orange shapes come together to form what is, unmistakably, a pumpkin.

The students have been following instructions up to this point, but now they get creative. Students add jack-o-lantern faces using various shapes and designs. Eyes appear as stars and hearts. One pumpkin has sunglasses and a mustache.

“This project has been a great way for students to explore the use of computer-aided design programs in 3-D modeling and prototyping,” said Schroth. “Students are applying skills that they have learned in math class through angles, measurement, and geometry to design a model they can actually hold on to with 3-D printing.”

Sculpture students practice subtractive carving, Halloween-style

Mrs. Auer’s sculpture students explored subtractive carving and the work of world-renown pumpkin-carving artist Ray Villafane with some very creative and spooky results. Thank you to local farmer Wayne Keller for donating the pumpkins to our sculpture students.
Happy Halloween!
Volleyball teams get their hands dirty to help feed the community

One Saturday morning each September, the Varsity and JV Volleyball teams meet in the Bergen Evangelical Presbyterian Church parking lot at 9 a.m. There, they join other members of the community to wash, scrub, dry, sort, pack and load approximately 2000 pounds of potatoes.

While many teams engage in community service fundraising, or awareness-raising, the “potato scrub” requires the team to get their hands dirty - literally. The annual community service project began three years ago when Hannah Catalino, a then sophomore, approached her volleyball coach with an idea for an unusual community service project.

“There are a lot of ways athletic teams can be charitable and this one is not glamorous,” said Byron-Bergen Athletic Director Rich Hannan. “Every year these players tackle this project with good will, good humor, and no fanfare. I am extremely proud of them.”

“What we’re doing is helping people who can’t afford to buy food get the chance to eat,” said senior Varsity Volleyball player Cynthia Morse. “That makes me feel happy.”

The “scrub”, which the volleyball players take part in, is crucial to this process because as the soil is scrubbed from the potatoes, spoiled spuds are identified and sorted out. If bad potatoes are packed with good ones, they will contaminate the entire box making the food inedible.

“We all participate, both Varsity and JV players,” said Catalino. “It’s a team bonding activity. We work together and get to know each other better while helping the community.”

Eventually, Freeman will deliver the potatoes that the volleyball players helped prepare to local soup kitchens and food pantries including the Open Door Mission in Rochester, the Batavia Salvation Army, and local organizations that deliver food to veterans and community members in need.

Mark your calendar:

The 5th Annual Turkey Trot is Friday, November 8 at 3:30 p.m.
(Rain date November 14)

All Elementary School students and their families are invited to participate.