Fire Prevention Week

On Thursday, October 11, the Byron Fire Department, the South Byron Fire Department, and the Bergen Fire Department visited the elementary school to teach about fire safety. Students learned all about fire fighting vehicles and personal equipment and what to do in a fire or emergency.

Opinion Corners

Elementary Students Stand Up for Their Opinions, Literally

The students of Miss Varley, Mrs. Hardenbrook, and Mrs. Haupt are learning to actively participate in discussions.

Students choose a corner of the room based on their opinion or response to a topic. At that corner, they discuss reasons with like-minded peers as to why they chose that corner then share the reasons with the class.

This activity promotes listening, verbal communication, critical thinking, decision-making, and 100% participation. It is part of a district-wide initiative spearheaded by Byron-Bergen Instructional Coaches Debbie Slocum and Diana Walther.
National Manufacturing Week

Students taking Design & Draw for Production, Principles of Engineering, and Manufacturing Systems journeyed out onto the production floors at three local manufacturers. The trips coordinated with National Manufacturing Week which was founded in 2012 to encourage the next generation of manufacturers.

The trips were led by technology teacher Jay Wolcott to show students real life applications for the skills they are studying in class.

The elementary school enjoyed a theatrical adaptation of the book The Bad Seed by Jory John written and directed by Alyson Tardy and featuring the talents of staff and students. It was the first Character Education Assembly of the year and featured the District’s new four core values: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Accountable, and Be Your Best Self.


The play ended with an original Byron-Bergon Bees singalong chant to the tune of the 1991 MC Hammer hit song "Addam's Family Groove".
Student-led Science

One of Mrs. Tardy’s fourth-graders brought Monarch butterfly caterpillars to class at the beginning of the school year. Her initiative led to a mini science unit as the caterpillars underwent their metamorphosis and were released as butterflies. The students waved them on their way as they began their migration to Mexico.

Paint Monsters and Prose

Mrs. Auer’s Adapted Art students’ “paint monsters” became the inspiration for Miss Varley’s class. Each creature is now the central character in a short work of fiction. All of the collaborative pieces are on display at the Jr.Sr. High School across from the copy room.

Halloween Rules!

Students are invited to wear costumes to school Wednesday, October 31.*

For everyone’s safety, costumes may not include:

- full face masks
- swords/guns/weapons of any kind
- any elements which do not meet with the District’s Dress Code as outlined in the Code of Conduct

*Younger students may be asked to bring their costume to wear for only part of the day. Please check with your student’s teacher.