

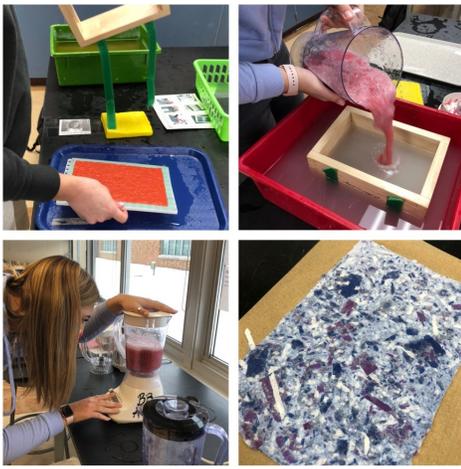


The BUZZ

Have you heard the buzz?

Welcome to Byron-Bergen Central School's eNewsletter! Stay in the loop of school news and updates.

Paper-making



Students in Mrs. Auer's Eclectic Arts class have just finished up a unit on papermaking. The student all enjoyed making recycled handmade sheets and binding them into books. They also experimented with paper collage and the ancient art of marbling. The students really enjoyed the process!



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Irish eyes were smiling on March 17th as elementary students and staff dressed up in green and showed off their leprechaun traps.



Elementary School science fair inspires senior to encourage 6th-graders during Day of STEAM



In 2013, a 5th-grade student entered the school science fair. There were over 150 entries that year. She won. The next year, she won again. Now a senior, Hope Hersom has her sights set on becoming a mechanical engineer and helping promote STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics) fields to other young women. Hersom and several of her classmates volunteered to assist at the 6th-grade Day of STEAM activities on March 10.

“Hope was very interested in helping with this event in the hopes that opportunities like this will get more girls interested in STEAM,” said STEAM Lab teacher Craig Schroth. “She mentioned that many of the younger girls shared with her how much fun they had with each challenge, including the rocket activity she was leading. I thought it



was awesome that a future mechanical engineer was leading our 6th-graders with their rocket designs.”

Hersom said, “I want to help rural women get into the STEAM fields – especially kids at this age – because only 13 percent of engineers are women.” She attributed her drive to take advanced technology courses in High School to her Elementary School science fair experiences.



When the STEAM Lab was launched in 2015, the current 6th-grade class was in first grade. Since its inception, it has been a way for all kids to build confidence and find interest through science-related topics. All of the Day of STEAM activities utilized trial and error and problem-solving techniques — from discovering the right combination of coding blocks and changing variables to working with limited resources. One of the most popular activities was 5-on-5 robot soccer. It required teamwork and collaboration, two ideas that



Schroth promotes in the STEAM Lab.

“I thought today was a fantastic reminder of not only how STEAM can bring people together through collaboration and problem solving, but of the importance of providing these activities to students during their formative years,” said Schroth. “Who knows, today may have inspired a few more young people to become mechanical engineers or, at least, maintain an open mind towards science.”



Congratulations, winter athletes!

Congratulations to *all* of our winter athletic teams for earning Scholar Athlete Team awards! Additionally, congratulations, to all of our senior athletes for finishing their final seasons strong - basketball, swimming, & wrestling —Once a Bee, always a Bee!



Students get a visit from the Dairy Godmother

First- and second-grade students celebrated Agricultural Literacy Week 2021 by learning about dairy farms and making their own ice cream. The program was presented by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee County in partnership with New York State Agriculture in the Classroom.

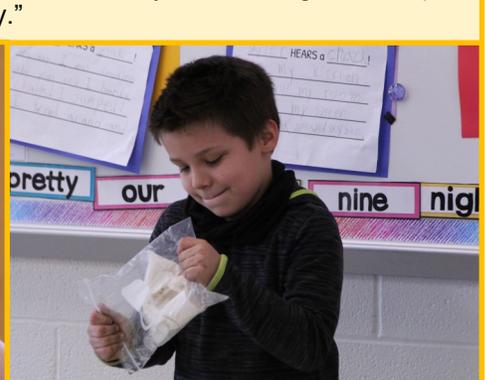


First, students read the book *The Dairy Godmother: Chuck's Ice Cream Wish* by Viola Butler, the Farm Bureau Foundation's 2021 Book of the Year. Then, following strict COVID-19 guidelines, the students made their own ice cream. After some hard work and a lot of patience, each student enjoyed a sweet treat.

"I really like this activity," said one second-grade student. "You have to shake and shake, but it's worth it for ice cream."

During Agriculture Literacy Week, students also learned about the official New York State snack, yogurt, which was championed by Byron-Bergen students in 2015.

"It is important for all students to understand where their food comes from," said Principal Meister. "I really want to thank the Genesee Cooperative Extension for offering this program to our students and the Deleo family for donating *The Dairy Godmother* to our school library."



Story-tellers

Eighteen fourth grade students memorize and shared stories during a fun, informal, and optional storytelling event on March 24th and 25th. They have practiced learning stories at school and at home since February.

Last year's annual GVEP BOCES storytelling competition and festival was interrupted due to COVID. This year, students were excited to have the opportunity to memorize a fable, fairy tale, or tall tale, add their own unique dramatic twist and interpretation, and share it with the fourth grade students and teachers.



Students were also treated to a surprise storytelling video from retired B-B fourth grade teacher and storytelling legend, Rick Merritt. In his video, he shared storytelling tips and three funny legend stories with the students. This is the first time in 45 years that Mr. Merritt has not been at B-B to help prepare students for the storytelling festival.

Participating students received feedback from Mr. Merritt and tips to help them continue to grow as life-long storytellers. All participating students also received medals and certificates recognizing their dedication and commitment sharing in this years Storytelling Slam.

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