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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



*Mickey Edwards
Superintendent
of Schools*

Happy New Year to All! The holidays are over and winter has set in. This is an annual ritual which we have grown accustomed to. The bitter cold has been a challenge, but we will get through it as we have in the past.

On Thursday, January 10, 2019, the Board of Education adopted new Mission, Values, and Vision Statements for the District.

A committee of faculty, staff, parents and community members looked at everything we do as a District and answered three questions; Why do we exist? What do

we do? How do we do behave? These are deceptively complex questions with no "right" answer, but our committee really came together to capture the essence of our District.

We will be rolling these out over the next few months, but I wanted to take this opportunity to share them.

*Byron-Bergen Central School District's **MISSION** (What we do) is to inspire, prepare, and support using the **VALUES** (How we behave) of compassion, humility, kindness, and persistence with the **VISION** (Why we exist) to change the world.*

I am excited about these new statements because they embody our work at Byron-Bergen Central School District. Each of our faculty and staff members are here to inspire, prepare and support our students. We teach through example by behaving with compassion, humanity, kindness, and persistence. By creating a learning environment focused on the very best in each of us, I really do believe that we will change the world for the better, one student at a time.

Stay warm and best wishes,
Mickey Edwards



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News from the Board

Greetings!

The Board of Education is working on the 2019-2020 school budget. We are currently gathering input from our building administrators and department leaders so they can continue to educate our students and keep our building in great shape. The information that we receive is vital to build a budget that is good for our students and the families in our District.

Please consider attending one of our public budget presentations in April and May. If you are unable to attend, we invite you to reach out directly to Superintendent Edwards or any Board member with questions.

In February, the Board will meet with our local senator and assembly members to discuss our District's needs. We welcome this opportunity to present our goals and priorities to those who will then return to Albany and Washington, D.C. and lobby on our behalf.

Speaking of goals and priorities, we are moving forward with the next phase of the Capital Project. We are hopeful that the contractor bids are in line with the projected budget. We will keep the community informed of any developments.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to congratulate all of our students whose hard work has earned them Honor Roll and Scholar Athlete status, as well as this year's National Geographic Bee winners. I am also looking forward to the 100 Days of School celebration at the Elementary School and our annual celebrations of music – the Buzzin' Bistro and school musical, "Annie." All of these events will be extremely entertaining and are sure to make you smile. Thank you for your continued support of our faculty, staff, and students.

Debra List

Debra List, President
Byron-Bergen Board of Education

Byron-Bergen varsity athletes achieve 100% Scholar-Athlete Team awards

The Byron-Bergen Senior High School proudly announces that every fall varsity Byron-Bergen sport team achieved the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Scholar-Athlete Team award. The fall sports teams are cheerleading, boys cross-country, girls cross-country, football, gymnastics, boys soccer, girls soccer, and girls volleyball.

“Here at Byron-Bergen we are always proud of our student athletes and their accomplishments,” said Byron-Bergen Athletic Director Rich Hannan. “This fall we are especially proud that all of our fall teams made the NYS Scholar Athlete Team award. As Athletic Director, I am extremely blessed to work with such great student athletes and coaches. This particular recognition is a great testament to the student athletes and what it takes to perform at a high level. In and out of the classroom, our kids are getting it done!”

The Scholar-Athlete program recognizes athletes for their academic success. NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team awards go to teams whose average GPA of 75% of the athletic team equals 90 or above.

Cheerleading

Sarah Sue Streeter

Football

Alexander Dean
Anthony DiQuattro
Andrew Parnapy

Soccer - Girls

Julianna Amesbury
Lydia Campbell
Zoey Chambry
Elizabeth Donnelly
Veronica Duell
Kelsey Fuller
Eden Goff
Hope Hersom
Melissa MacCowan
Jillian Menzie
Chloe Shuskey

Cross Country - Boys

Joshua Fleming
Zachary Hannan
Travis Lambert
Colby Leggo
John Mercovich
Caleb Sharpe
Corden Zimmerman

Gymnastics

Victoria Rogoyski
Emily Salmonds

Soccer - Boys

Nicholas Baubie
Ryan Cooper
Adam Drake
Kyle Foeller

Cross Country - Girls

Rachel Best
Camryn Brookhart
Dayanara Caballero
Siomara Caballero
Emma Goodman
Sara Goodman
Margaret Graney
Annaliese Hersom
Cambria Kinkelaar
Alaura Rehwaldt
Grace Shepard
Emma Smith

Sabastian Pawlukewicz
Wade Thompson
Nathan Zwerka

Volleyball - Girls

Justine Bloom
Hannah Catalino
Madison Farnsworth
Sara Fraser
Amaya Gunther
Janae Meister
Alexandra Vurraro
Annabella Vurraro





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 and 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 scholars for the first marking period:

GOLD SCHOLAR CARD

Corin Abdella
Cassidy Ball
Justine Bloom
Benjamin Bowman
Dayanara Caballero
Siomara Caballero
Caleb Calhoun
Cameron Carlson
Caris Carlson
Emily Chaback
Tyler Chapman
Jonah Clare
Alexander Dean
Richard Denson
Jacey Donahue
Makenzie Eccleston
Grayson Erion
Sara Fraser
Eden Goff
Emma Goodman
Sara Goodman
Gabrielle Graff
Mackenzie Hagen

Annaliese Hersom
Frank Hersom
Hope Hersom
Grace Huhn
Brooke Jarkiewicz
William Johnson
Kaidance Kimble
Cambria Kinkelaar
Colby Leggo
Hanna Loewke
Lincoln McGrath
Jillian Menzie
Ryan Muscarella
Stephanie Onderdonk
Valerie Pastore
Kendall Phillips
Madelynn Pimm
Bryanne Puma
Victoria Rogoyski
MacKenzie Rosse
Brianna Salmonds
Elli Schelemanow
Auburn Schwartzmeyer
MacKenzie Senf

Caleb Sharpe
Skylar Sharpe
Grace Shepard
Zoey Shepard
Chloe Shuskey
Deacon Smith
Sarah Sue Streeter
Matthew Tanner
Ella Van Valkenburg
Morgan Vincent
Alexandra Vurraro
Annabella Vurraro
Ava Wagoner
Lillian Walker
Leyna Wheeler
Hannah Wies
Kaya Wildschutz
Emma Will
Kaitlyn Windhauser
Natalie Zastrocky
Corden Zimmerman
Megan Zwerka
Nathan Zwerka
Nicholas Zwerka

SILVER SCHOLAR CARD

Emma Balduf
Jared Barnum
Sarah Bleiler
Hallie Calhoun
Caleb Carlson
Sadie Cook
Daniels Dawson
Joshua Fleming
Evan Harter
Meghan Kendall
Erin Parnapy
Novalee Pocock
Brenda Ramos Francisco
Anastasija Rebisz
Alexandria Schuck
Travis Shallenberger
Mason Singer
Isabelle Stevens
Miriam Tardy
Connor Windhauser

BRONZE SCHOLAR CARD

Jack Benstead
Nathan Parsons
Brendan Pimm
Logan Pocock
Aleigha Shallenberger
Emma Starowitz
Jorie Strzelecki
Justice Towne

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Brandon Stefanski
Cameron Sweet



Running for the 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 members who will always be focused on the good of school and children, 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 Stevens, in the District Office starting March 4, 2019, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. They must be returned by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2019.



“Annie”

Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School is proud to present the timeless musical “Annie” on March 7, 8, and 9, all performances beginning at 7:00 PM in the Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium.

This delightful show tells the “rags to riches” story of Little Orphan Annie as she spreads her optimism to a nation suffering from the Great Depression. This show features the talents of 50 of Byron-Bergen’s most talented singers, dancers and actors, including Sarah Bleiler as Annie, Deacon Smith as Warbucks, Isabelle Stevens as Grace, Stephanie Buell as Miss Hannigan, Jason Hoehn as Rooster, Justine Bloom as Lily, and

Joshua Fleming as Franklin Delano Roosevelt! The show is directed by B-B vocal music teacher Laurence Tallman, with costumes and directing assistance by B-B faculty member Faline Tyler. The show is presented with permission from Music Theatre International (MTI) (www.MTIShows.com) and Tribune Media Services, Inc.



Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for Senior Citizens and students. They will be sold at the door or in advance in the Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School main office starting Monday, February 25th.





Jr./Sr. High School Happenings

By: Patrick McGee, Jr./Sr. High School Principal



*Patrick McGee
Principal*

It is an exciting time of year as seniors look ahead to graduation and what lies beyond. It is also exciting for our other students who are looking ahead to another school year. In the coming months, our counselors will help students focus on strengths and interests

to choose their courses for the 2019-2020 school year.

We strive to offer our students varied choices of instructional opportunities. For example, the Agriculture program is in its second year and continues to grow and

spark student excitement. These students have the opportunity to participate in the Environmental Leadership and Developmental program at Camp Oswegatchie and other New York State FFA activities. We are also excited to announce that we recently we received \$25,000 worth of state-of-the-art lab equipment from a grant garnered at the beginning of the school year to support the Agriculture program, as well as the other High School science programs.

We know that our students' families are eager to play an active role in their education. We urge you to take advantage of SchoolTool to check in on your child's progress throughout the year. The parent portal is a great way to stay connected to the work your kids are doing in the classroom. If you are unfamiliar

with SchoolTool or would like further guidance, please call our Counseling Office for assistance at (585) 494-1220 ext. 2004. It is such a pleasure to work in such a supportive environment. I thank everyone for your help in making our school the best it can be.



College and Career Center Update

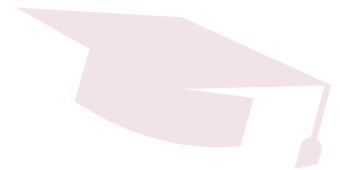
By: Rob Kaercher, Counselor

Students in the Jr./Sr. High School explored their personal and academic interests and learned more about future college and career pathways during this fall's classroom presentations. Before break, all sophomores visited Genesee Community College for a Career Day hosted by Genesee Valley Educational Partnership and the Business Education Alliance. The sophomores also attended three unique career presentations that aligned with their possible career interests. These events helped many students better identify their career interests and informed their decisions when selecting courses and GVEP offerings.

Building on the work of the fall semester, we will be hosting a Junior Parent Night on Wednesday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. This night gives parents and students a better understanding of the complete college admissions process. Although junior parents and guardians are encouraged to attend, everyone is welcome.

Looking ahead, on Sunday, March 17 and Monday, March 18, hundreds of colleges and universities will be visiting the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. Each year we bring junior and senior students to this event to see the post-secondary opportunities that

exist locally and outside of western New York. Students are amazed at the variety of institutions that come to visit from all over the United States. Each student receives a bar code for colleges to scan to better connect with them through e-mail and mail. Students are able to network with schools that have their desired career interests, size, location, and extracurricular activities. We are looking forward to attending once again. Anyone wishing to attend the NACAC National College Fair on Sunday may register at: GOTOMYNCF.COM.





Female students take top honors at National Geographic Geography Bee

On January 8, 2019, Byron-Bergen fifth grade student Allison Rimmerman became the Elementary School's first female National Geographic Geography Bee School Champion. Both Allison and Junior High Bee Champion Elizabeth "Libby" Piper will be taking the New York State Bee Qualifying Test. The 100 top School Champions will head to Albany for the competition in March.

"Every year the Byron-Bergen Elementary School Champion and Runner-Up have been boys," said Bee Coordinator and Fifth Grade Teacher Ken Rogoyski. "The last time a girl won the National Championship was 26 year ago, in 1993. New York State has never had a female State Championship since the Bee started in 1989. Perhaps that will change this year. I'm very excited for Allison and Libby."

Sixth grader Jackson Lundfelt and eighth grader Jack Benstead finished in the 2nd Place Runner-Up positions. Both students performed exceptionally well during the competition.

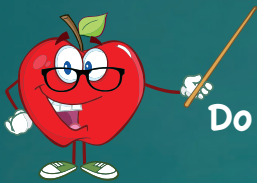
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Congratulations to all the participating students for their hard work.



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| <p>4th Grade:
 Brandon Schuck
 Gavin Kinkelaar
 Ellie Tanner
 Xander Rodriguez
 Theodore Schelemanow</p> <p>5th Grade:
 Allison Rimmerman
 Liam Boyle
 Colin Rea
 Tobias Zastrocky
 GJ Donofrio
 Evan Williams
 Cole DiQuattro*</p> | <p>6th Grade:
 Ryan Benstead
 Craig DiQuattro*
 Alexander Raccuia
 Martin MacConnell
 Owen Cuba
 Eli Kupfer
 Jackson Lundfelt
 Landon Kent</p> <p>7th grade:
 Braedyn Chambry
 Grayson Erion
 Hanna Loewke
 Naomi Mathias
 Stephanie Onderdonk
 Brendan Pimm
 Carter Prinzi
 Lukas Volkmar
 Lydia Zaffran
 Megan Zwerka</p> | <p>8th grade:
 Jack Benstead
 Dayanara Caballero
 Cameron Carlson
 Caris Carlson
 Evan Cuba
 Kendan Dressler
 Gianni Ferrara
 Frank Hersom
 Libby Piper
 Abigail Raccuia
 Andrew Rimmerman
 Alexandria Schuck
 Matthew Tanner
 Nicholas Zwerka</p> <p><i>*Student was absent on the day of the competition</i></p> |
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SUBSTITUTES WANTED



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

If so, please visit the employment section of our website at www.bbschools.org and complete the non-instructional application and a Genesee County Civil Service 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.



B-B Buildings and Grounds

What does it take to keep 100 acres of grounds and 265,000 square feet of buildings fully functional? Ask Roger Caldwell.

Caldwell has been the Director of Facilities for two years but he has an 18-year history with the District's Buildings and Grounds Department. His team of 20 staff work hand-in-hand with all of the District's departments, from the Superintendent on down, to make everyday activities possible.

They ensure a clean and safe school environment as well as facilitate school and community events.

"We are definitely team oriented," says Caldwell. "I can't do this by myself. I need every single person."

The Buildings and Grounds responsibilities encompass a wide range of tasks including plumbing, HVAC, electrical, plowing, landscaping, custodial work, and maintaining the pool and athletic facilities. In addition to the day-to-day, the Buildings and Grounds staff support major initiatives like the Capital Project.

"It's an ongoing conversation with construction management and the architect. Before the contractors can do their job, we have to do ours. My team moves all the furniture and equipment to safe locations for storage. Then, the rooms have to be prepared before returning everything. For major projects like that, it's all hands on deck."

"We are lucky to have such a dedicated staff," says Superintendent Mickey Edwards. "I am always proud to invite guests to our facilities. Thank you, to Roger and his staff, for all of their hard work."





Byron-Bergen 2018-19 first quarter Honor Roll

The following Byron-Bergen Central School students have been named to the Honor Roll for the first 10-week marking period of the 2018-19 school year:

GRADE 7:

High Honor Roll – Emma Balduf, Carlee Barons, Brody Baubie, Kylee Baxter, Trevor Beale, Braedyn Chambry, Tyler Chapman, Hallie Coleman, Daniels Dawson, Grayson Erion, Gabrielle Graft, Mackenzie Hagen, Hendrik Haymon, Makala Hoopengardner, Kaidance Kimble, Callista Kinkelaar, Hanna Loewke, Colin Martin, Lincoln McGrath, Stephanie Onderdonk, Nathan Parsons, Brendan Pimm, Novalee Pockock, Carter Prinzi, Victoria Rogoyski, Travis Shallenberger, Riley Sharpe, Emma Starowitz, Lydia Zaffrann, Natalie Zastrocky

Honor Roll – Coral Allbright, Chloe Gilbert, Aurora Hiscutt, Kaitlyn House, Naomi Mathias, Dru Nowatchik, Erica Pape, Quintin Rich, Dylan Shanley, Dominic Shortino, Malachi Smith, Lukas Volkmar, Connor Windhauser, Megan Zwerka

Effort Roll – Brody Baubie, Trevor Beale, Braedyn Chambry, Tyler Chapman, Grayson Erion, Gabrielle Graft, Mackenzie Hagen, Hendrik Haymon, Kaidance Kimble, Callista Kinkelaar, Hanna Loewke, Colin Martin, Naomi Mathias, Lincoln McGrath, Stephanie Onderdonk, Carter Prinzi, Quintin Rich, Victoria Rogoyski, Travis Shallenberger, Dylan Shanley, Riley Sharpe, Emma Starowitz, Connor Windhauser, Megan Zwerka

GRADE 8:

High Honor Roll – Alyssa Ball, Cassidy Ball, Jason Bleiler, David Brumsted, Fiona Burke, Dayanara Caballero, Cameron Carlson, Caris Carlson, Evan Cuba, Kendan Dressler, Frank Hersom, Ryan Muscarella, Victoria-Pearl Parnell, Valerie Pastore, Kendall Phillips, Elizabeth Piper, Abigail Raccuia, Austin Salmonds, Brianna Salmonds, Emily Salmonds, Alexandria Schuck, MacKenzie Senf, Zoey Shepard, Matthew Tanner, Ava Wagoner, Lillian Walker, Leyna Wheeler, Hannah Wies, Kaya Wildschutz, Nicholas Zwerka

Honor Roll – Molly Belknap, Jack Benstead, Hailey Canfield, Robert Gaylord, Alec Kulikowski, Autumn Mathisen, Matthew Olander, Haydin Perez, Andrew Rimmerman, McKenna Shuskey, Joshua Tardy, Sydney Zastrocky

Effort Roll – Cassidy Ball, Jack Benstead, Jason Bleiler, David Brumsted, Fiona Burke, Dayanara Caballero, Cameron Carlson, Caris Carlson, Evan Cuba, Kendan Dressler, Frank Hersom, Ryan Muscarella, Matthew Olander, Victoria-Pearl Parnell, Valerie Pastore, Kendall Phillips, Elizabeth Piper, Abigail Raccuia, Austin Salmonds, Brianna Salmonds, Emily Salmonds, Alexandria Schuck, MacKenzie Senf, Zoey Shepard, Matthew Tanner, Joshua Tardy, Ava Wagoner, Lillian Walker, Leyna Wheeler, Hannah Wies, Kaya Wildschutz, Emily Yun, Nicholas Zwerka

GRADE 9:

High Honor Roll – Corin Abdella, Jared Barnum, Rachel Best, Camryn Brookhart, Madison Burke, Caleb Calhoun, Caleb Carlson, Aidan Clark, Sadie Cook, Leanna Curts, Makenzie Eccleston, Sarah Hanel, Grace Huhn, Brooke Jarkiewicz, Meghan Kendall, Johnathon Klafehn, Danyel Nowatchik, Madelynn Pimm, Brenda Ramos Francisco, Elli Schelemanow, Grace Shepard, Alayna Streeter, Ella VanValkenburg, Alexandra Vurraro, Ashley Weit, Emma Will, Claire Williams, Kaitlyn Windhauser, Emily Zastrow, Corden Zimmerman

Honor Roll – Alexander Donnelly, Connor Gale, Chiara Grippo, Christian Haller, Angelique Heick, Nikolai Hutchings, Logan Pockock, Aleigha Shallenberger, Jorie Strzelecki, Hallie Wade, Kolbie Walker, Madison Zastrocky, Joshua Zittel

Effort Roll – Corin Abdella, Jared Barnum, Rachel Best, Camryn Brookhart, Madison Burke, Caleb Calhoun, Caleb Carlson, Aidan Clark, Sadie Cook, Leanna Curts, Makenzie Eccleston, Christian Haller, Sarah Hanel, Grace Huhn, Brooke Jarkiewicz, Meghan Kendall, Danyel Nowatchik, Madelynn Pimm, Logan Pockock, Brenda Ramos Francisco, Elli Schelemanow, Aleigha Shallenberger, Grace Shepard, Alayna Streeter, Jorie Strzelecki, Ella VanValkenburg, Alexandra Vurraro, Ashley Weit, Emma Will, Claire Williams, Kaitlyn Windhauser, Madison Zastrocky, Emily Zastrow, Corden Zimmerman

GRADE 10:

High Honor Roll – Mya-Lyn Albanese, Jacolby Aratari, Nicholas Baubie, Bianca Brumsted, Emily Chaback, Jonah Clare, Richard Denson, Veronica Duell, Joshua Fleming, Eden Goff, Sara Goodman, Devon Heick, Hope Hersom, Kelly Ireland, Carli Kirkwood, Aiden Kulikowski, Colby Leggo, John Mercovich, Andrew Parnapy, Bryanne Puma, Alaura Rehwaltd, Skylar Sharpe, Mason Singer, Deacon Smith, Sarah Sue Streeter, Morgan Vincent

Honor Roll – Hallie Calhoun, Zoey Chambry, Julietta Doyle, Matthew Gonyea, Trebor Johnston, Zechariah Merrell, Joshua Swapceinski, Xavier Thomas, Devon Zinter

Effort Roll – Mya-Lyn Albanese, Jacolby Aratari, Nicholas Baubie, Bianca Brumsted, Hallie Calhoun, Emily Chaback, Zoey Chambry, Jonah Clare, Richard Denson, Veronica Duell, Joshua Fleming, Eden Goff, Matthew Gonyea, Sara Goodman, Devon Heick, Hope Hersom, Kelly Ireland, Carli Kirkwood, Colby Leggo, Logan Lewis, John Mercovich, Zechariah Merrell, Andrew Parnapy, Bryanne Puma, Alaura Rehwaltd, Skylar Sharpe, Mason Singer, Deacon Smith, Sarah Sue Streeter, Xavier Thomas, Morgan Vincent, Angela Young

GRADE 11:

High Honor Roll – Caitlin Ashton, Justine Bloom, Alexander Brumsted, Siomara Caballero, Hannah Catalino, Alexander Dean, Jacey Donahue, Elizabeth Donnelly, Madison Farnsworth, Kyle Foeller, Sara Fraser, Chad Green, Amaya Gunther, Zachary Hannan, Rick Hubbard, Rose Hubbard, Cambria Kinkelaar, Chad Kupfer, Jillian Menzie, Enson Nieves, Anastasija Rebisz, Auburn Schwartzmeyer, Caleb Sharpe, Chloe Shuskey, Brandon Stefanski, Isabelle Stevens, Garrett Swinter, Annabella Vurraro, Bryce Walker, Grant Williams, Luke Williams, Nathan Zwerka

Honor Roll – Julianna Amesbury, Kelsey Fuller, Emily Gonyea, Mikaela Hubler, Travis Lambert, Melissa MacCowan, Cynthia Morse, Samuel Pringle, Clayton Sadler, Wyatt Sando, Hannah Seppe, Peter Smith, Miriam Tardy, Justice Towne, Hannah VanSkiver, Isabella Wilder, Braeden Zimmerman

Effort Roll – Julianna Amesbury, Caitlin Ashton, Justine Bloom, Alexander Brumsted, Siomara Caballero, Hannah Catalino, Alexander Dean, Jacey Donahue, Elizabeth Donnelly, Madison Farnsworth, Sara Fraser, Kelsey Fuller, Chad Green, Amaya Gunther, Zachary Hannan, Coltin Henry, Rick Hubbard, Rose Hubbard, Cambria Kinkelaar, Chad Kupfer, Travis Lambert, Melissa MacCowan, Jillian Menzie, Enson Nieves, Samuel Pringle, Anastasija Rebisz, Wyatt Sando, Auburn Schwartzmeyer, Caleb Sharpe, Chloe Shuskey, Peter Smith, Brandon Stefanski, Isabelle Stevens, Cameron Sweet, Garrett Swinter, Miriam Tardy, Annabella Vurraro, Bryce Walker, Grant Williams, Luke Williams, Braeden Zimmerman, Nathan Zwerka

GRADE 12:

High Honor Roll – Sarah Bleiler, Benjamin Bowman, Nicholas Brown, Lydia Campbell, Ryan Cooper, Anthony DiQuattro, Adam Drake, Jared Fregoe, Tabitha Fuller, Leah Gale, Emma Goodman, Annaliese Hersom, Jason Hoehn, William Johnson, Hunter Leach, Danielle Mason, Janae' Meister, Erin Parnapy, Sabastian Pawlukewicz, James Roggow, MacKenzie Rosse, Brianna Shade, Emma Smith, Wade Thompson, Kyong-ae Yun

Honor Roll – Cory Bater, Cole Carlson, Rebecca Johnson, Kyle O'Grady, Kevin Paasch, Dekota Schmidt, Jose Tirado Cardona, Rebecca Velasco, Jonathan Zittel

Effort Roll – Sarah Bleiler, Benjamin Bowman, Nicholas Brown, Lydia Campbell, Cole Carlson, Ryan Cooper, Anthony DiQuattro, Adam Drake, Jared Fregoe, Tabitha Fuller, Leah Gale, Emma Goodman, Annaliese Hersom, Jason Hoehn, William Johnson, Hunter Leach, Danielle Mason, Janae' Meister, Erin Parnapy, Sabastian Pawlukewicz, James Roggow, MacKenzie Rosse, Brianna Shade, Wade Thompson, Jose Tirado Cardona



Byron-Bergen Art Students Think Outside the Paint Box

Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High Art Teacher Sandy Auer approached Principal Pat McGee with a request. She wanted to shake up the visual arts curriculum. The result of that conversation is the new Eclectic Arts program, now in its first year.

This full-year course gives students an opportunity to explore a variety of arts experiences, media, and concepts not typically available in traditional art classes. Students experiment with papermaking, bookbinding, textile arts, upcycling, mixed media art, and multi-cultural and anthropological art exploration.

“Drawing, painting, and sculpture are fundamental to the visual arts, but there are so many techniques and combinations to explore,” said Auer. “The skills my students are learning will not only provide them with new ways to express themselves creatively, but also new ways of interpreting the visual world.”

Among the projects Auer’s students have undertaken this year are weaving on non-traditional looms, mixed media textile painting, acrylic pour painting, and creative collaborations with Elementary School students.

“Mrs. Hill’s UPK class drew pictures of monsters and talked to our class about them. Acting as commissioned artists, the Eclectic Art students created finished compositions to bring the younger students’ visions to life. It was a very fun project for both classes and it gave the older students an idea of what it is like to work with a client.”



Auer also has a large-scale collaboration lined up for the spring. “We are working with local mural artist David Burke to paint the hallway entrance to the science wing. Our class submitted design ideas to Principal McGee and, together, we chose the design most suited to the space and project purpose.”

The Eclectic Art class took their study of art and techniques out of the classroom to the Memorial Art Gallery and the George Eastman House this November. Both collections include a mix of historic and contemporary works.

“A solid field trip reinforces and supplements classroom concepts as it introduces students to places and ideas that might not normally cross their paths,” said Marlene Hamann-Whitmore, the McPherson Director of Academic Programs at the Memorial Art Gallery. “Everyone learns differently, and a field trip offers opportunities for individualized discovery within an engaging social setting.”

“It’s wonderful for the students to see the evolution of the media,” added Auer. “My students were asked to pay particular attention to pieces utilizing mixed media, especially textiles. They were very impressed with the work of artist Esther Nisenthal whose autobiographical embroidery pieces tell the story of her holocaust survival. It was wonderful that they were able to experience such powerful visual expression using techniques we have been learning in class.”

In and out of the classroom, these students are growing as artists. “I really enjoy this class. I love expressing my creativity and trying so many new techniques and materials. It’s a lot of fun!” said 11th grade Eclectic Art student Rose Hubbard.

Auer started teaching in Byron-Bergen in 1997. Over the years, she has taught 5th-12th grades. She also teaches Pottery and Adapted Arts for student with special needs.

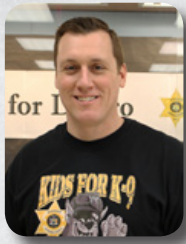
Students wishing to enroll in Eclectic Arts will have to first complete a studio art elective or gain teacher permission. The class rotates annually with Sculpture.





Elementary School News

By Brian Meister, Principal



Brian Meister,
Principal

The weather outside is getting colder but we are staying warm at the Elementary School with all of the fun and exciting learning activities. In addition to working hard to teach our students to be great readers, thinkers, and problem solvers, we always strive to teach them to be good citizens and contributors to our community and beyond. Over the past couple of months our Character Education and Safety Committees have worked together to bring knowledge and awareness to roles and responsibilities of law enforcement. We celebrated

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.) by welcoming the Genesee County Sheriff along with several officers to show how they work together to keep us safe. The highlight of the celebration for our students was meeting the new K9 officer Frankie. As Frankie begins his training, our school is seeking to raise a \$100 donation per grade level to support Frankie's care. On the 100th day of school, Frankie will join us to celebrate the conclusion of our fundraising event, as well as the achievements of our students.





Universal Prekindergarten

The Byron-Bergen School District hopes to once again offer a half day Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) program for the 2019-2020 school year. The class will be held at the Byron-Bergen Elementary School which is located at 6971 West Bergen Road, Bergen, NY 14416.

Students eligible for the program must turn four years of age by December 1, 2019. If you have a child eligible 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 date of birth to: Brian Meister, Elementary School Principal, 6971 West Bergen Rd., Bergen, NY 14416, by **Friday, April 5, 2019**. Parents that have already contacted the Elementary School by phone will still need to send in a letter to be eligible for UPK. Please note that if we receive more than our allowed capacity, we will select students using a lottery system.

What are the Program Goals of the 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 the student's strengths and accommodates their needs

Philosophy of UPK

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



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION REMINDER

Children who will be five years of age, on or before December 1, 2019, are eligible for entrance to Kindergarten in September of 2019. New families in the school district should notify the school if they have a child that will enter Kindergarten in September of 2019. Parents may contact the Byron-Bergen Elementary School Office by calling 494-1220, ext. 1301. Information may also be sent 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 2019-2020 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 5 doses of diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus vaccine (DPT) and 4 doses of polio (IPV) vaccine, 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), 3 doses of Hepatitis B, and 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox). Those children born on or after 1/1/2008 must have 4 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



Byron-Bergen students use engineering principles to break rubber band car world record

Many people dream of joining the ranks of record-holders in the Guinness Book of World Records. Though most of these dreams go unrealized, Craig Schroth's students are using engineering skills to earn Guinness recognition.

Schroth, a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) lab teacher at Byron- Bergen Elementary School, challenged his sixth grade students to use simple machines –a wheel and axle– to build vehicles powered only by a wound up rubber band. Students used three class periods to methodically make changes and improve their designs.

“We moved the rubber band further forward,” explained sixth grade student Adam Piper. “Then we added more rubber bands because the more we could wind it up, the further (the car) would go.”

In addition to the number of rubber bands, the design team added bigger wheels wrapped in rubber bands for increased road friction and elongated the distance between axles.



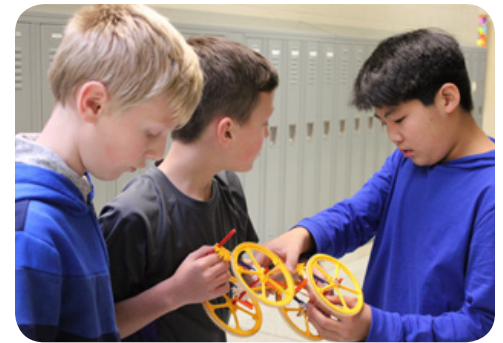
On November 9, the team of Noah Clare, Logan Fregoe, Ian Pulcini, and Adam Piper broke the standing World Record with a run of 1,071 cm. According to the Guinness website, the current record for distance traveled by a rubber band car is 895 cm and was set on July 13, 2015.

“This STEAM design challenge not only involved real-world problem solving within the physical sciences, but it also included improving their design by collecting data through trial and error,” explained Schroth. “Most groups

were able to improve on their personal best of distance traveled by utilizing the engineering design process. All of the participating classes did a great job.”

Inspired by the sixth grade success, the fifth grade team of Carter Kuipers and Kendall Pape surpassed the previous winning distance by an additional 228 cm on November 15, 2018 making 1,299 cm the longest distance achieved.

Schroth has contacted the Guinness organization to have the distances submitted for official approval. All of the participating students eagerly await a response.



Success Stories shared with students at the Western New York Tech Academy

By: Tom Schulte, Principal

One of the central goals of the WNY Tech Academy is to provide students with learning experiences that seek to connect where they are today in their lives to their “tomorrow.” In an effort to achieve this goal, Mrs. Lindsay Warner, our Work-based Learning Coordinator has launched a new series call #MotivationalMonday. This series invites members of our broader community to share their stories of success, to demonstrate to our students that we all face challenges in life, and each of us, have the opportunity to turn those challenges into our paths to success, or allow them to be the roadblocks to achieving our goals. To date, we’ve welcomed Byron-Bergen resident, Mrs. Gina Lathan, Byron-Bergen graduate; Naval Petty Officer 1st Class Adam Thorman; The *Batavian* founder, Mr. Howard Owens; and Bonduelle’s Maintenance Supervisor, Kevin Cius to share their stories with our students. We are grateful for their willingness to engage with our team, and we look

forward to future #MotivationalMonday stories as we continue to grow.

We believe that #MotivationalMondays are just one of the many unique ways we work with our students to provide not only the academic skills they need for long-term success, but the broader social-emotional skills that are so important in today’s world.

As we move into 2019, we are actively seeking our next class of students. Tours are available for any family wishing to learn more about us, simply by contacting our office at (585) 494-1220 x3737. We’re seeking students who are looking for a different path through high school. A path that looks beyond high school, and beyond college, and challenges students to consider who they really want to be in the world. Applications are due to the Tech Academy office no later than February 28, 2019. Don’t wait – come learn what we have to offer!!



Naval Petty Officer 1st Class Adam Thorman



Byron-Bergen Graduate and resident Gina Lathan



STUDENT SHOWCASE



“Hot Color Hippo”

Mixed Media on Paper

By: MacKenzie Boland, Kindergarten
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



“Forest Bear”

Oil Crayon on Paper

By: Samuel Hersom, grade 6
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



“Coil Pot”

Clay & Glaze

By: Gavin Lewis, grade 10
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



“Lobo”

Plaster & Paper Mache Mask

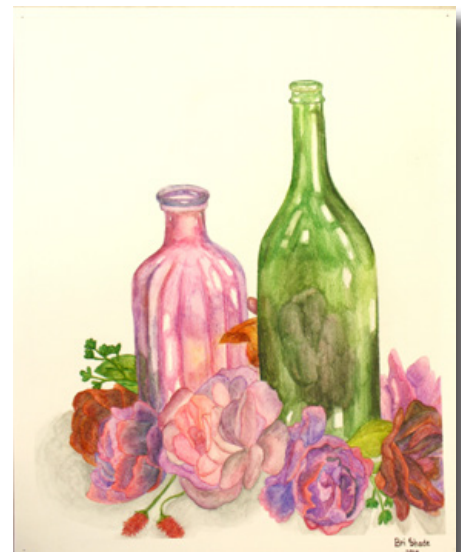
By: Chloe Gilbert, grade 7
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



“Betta Fish”

Colored Pencil on Paper

By: Mason Singer, grade 10
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



“Still Life with Bottles”

Watercolor Crayon on Paper

By: Brianna Shade, grade 12
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



SAVE THE DATE!

The 2019 Buzzin' Bistro Jazz Night & Art Show

Friday, April 26

6:30 p.m.

in the Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria



**Food
available
for
purchase**

The event will feature our Byron-Bergen Art Show along with performances by music ensembles in grades 5 – 12, faculty members, and community musicians along with a SPECIAL GUEST music act!!

We're looking for a few extra set of hands

A job in the school cafeteria allows you to be at home when your family needs you there. Call today for more information 494-1220 ext. 1015 or submit a non-instructional and Genesee County Civil Service Application to Mary Della Penna.



Pesticide 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.

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.

Byron-Bergen ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

Byron-Bergen Central School District is once again sponsoring an Alumni Hall of Fame, an initiative that started 14 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 School District 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 2019-20 school year. *Note: The 2018-19 Alumni Hall of Fame recipients will be recognized at the Byron-Bergen National Senior Honor Society Induction on March 27, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High Auditorium. This year's inductees are Kenneth Hay (Class of 1966) and Dennis DeVelder (Class of 2001.)*

The nomination form (on page 15) needs to 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 fifteen (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 three members of the Board of Education to 3-year terms to begin on July 1, 2019 and expire on June 30, 2022 to succeed Yvonne Ace-Wagoner, Kimberly Carlson and Jennifer VanValkenburg whose terms expire on June 30, 2019. Board of Education petitions will be available for pickup with the District Clerk in the District Office starting March 4, 2019, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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 resident voters and return the petition to Rachel Stevens, District Clerk, by 3:00 p.m. on **Monday, April 15, 2019**. Petitions are available in the District Office and questions on this process can be directed to Mrs. Stevens by calling 494-1220, ext. 2529.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ROOM

7 p.m. - Draft Budget reviewed with Public Input Opportunity

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ROOM

7 p.m. - Budget presented to The Board of Education for adoption.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019

**BOARD CANDIDATE PETITIONS DUE TO
THE DISTRICT CLERK BY 3:00 P.M.**

Absentee Ballots

Applications for Absentee Ballots will be available from the District Clerk starting on Monday, April 29, 2019. If an application needs to be mailed to the voter, the Clerk must receive the completed request form no later than 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

Call (585) 494-1220, ext. 2529, with questions.

APRIL-MAY 2019

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS TO PUBLIC GROUPS

MAY 7, 2019 (TUESDAY)

**PUBLIC BUDGET PRESENTATION & MEET
THE BOARD CANDIDATES**

7 p.m. - Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019

BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD CANDIDATE ELECTION

12 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Jr./Sr. High School Wrestling/Fitness Room