

The Turkey Trot looked a little different this year, but on November 5th and 6th, Bees in UPK through grade 5 enjoyed the sunny weather to take part in this tradition. Instead of an all-school run, classes ran during their gym period to allow for social distancing and to complete the event during the regular

school day. The approximately three quarter mile course twists through the woods and ends with a sprint across the open grass to the finish line. This year's trot included many best times, smiles, cheering, and teamwork. Great job, Bees!



Eugerintendent's Message

Dear Students, Families, and Community members,

This fall, we embarked on a school year like no other. It took months of planning and many long days with my team of exceptional administrators and educators, but on September 14th, our doors reopened to welcome students back to school.

Since that day, we have listened to feedback from students, families, and staff to continually improve our educational experiences. I have to say, it's starting to feel like school again. Our students and staff have been champions in adopting the "new normal."



Our system isn't perfect, but we are basing decisions on current best practices to keep our community as safe as possible. I hope that the measures we have implemented will continue to protect the health of our community...but, we can't do it alone.

As winter brings with it cold and flu season. I would like to remind everyone that taking safety precautions outside of school is just as important as during the school day. Please continue to wear masks, practice social distancing, and wash your hands. Daily health checks are required for all students and staff as a key preventative measure to stop the spread of germs. Staying home when you feel ill will help protect your friends and neighbors and I encourage you to please take these guidelines to heart.

The District's ability to stay open is in your hands. So wash them.

Best wishes.

Superintendent

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Mickey Edwards Byron-Bergen Central School District



Byron-Bergen Central School District's MISSION is to inspire, prepare, and support using the **VALUES** of compassion, humility, kindness, and persistence with the **VISION** to change the world.

Board of Education Recognition Week October 19-23



Thank you to the Byron-Bergen Board of Education. Front (I-r) Yvonne Ace-Wagoner (Vice President), Debi List (President), Kimberly Carlson. Back (I-r) Amy Phillips, Bill Forsyth, Tammy Menzie, Jenn VanValkenburg. If you have an opportunity, please share your appreciation for all they do.

from the Board

On behalf of the Board of Education we would like to express our appreciation to our families. We understand that everything going on with life and school learning can be daunting and stressful. Our families continue to do a wonderful job of keeping kids engaged in learning.

We are extremely happy that Byron-Bergen has been able to bring students in grades pre-K through 5 back to school every day while following the CDC recommendations and guidelines. We would have liked to have been able to do this for ALL of our students, but due to the recommendations and quidelines we were not able to do so. The Board is encouraged that we've only had two COVID incidents within our District and look forward to being able to welcome everyone back to school as soon as it's possible. The Board was also happy that some of our sports teams have had the ability to compete. We are looking to the day when ALL of our students can follow their passions.

Thank you to our faculty and staff that have had to do their jobs much differently than in the past. We understand that life isn't the same, that we are doing our very best, and that we all just need to keep moving forward in these crazy times.

We wish our families the best and hope that you remain safe and healthy.

Deli List

Debra List, President Board of Education



Transportation (polate

By: Jaime Vindigni, Transportation Coordinator

Our top priority here in the Transportation Department is the safety and well-being of your children. The COVID-19 pandemic has not changed that for our drivers, aides, and mechanics. They have been working diligently to keep our safety standards as high as before.

- · After every run, they clean the high touch areas.
- · At the end of every shift, they clean and disinfect all seats, windows, and
- · Drivers and aides wear face coverings at all times. In addition, aides also wear gloves.
- Each child has been given an assigned seat to insure they are social distancing and to know who each child sits by for tracking purposes.
- Bus windows have been cracked open to help with air ventilation.
- Mechanics clean and disinfect any area of the bus they come into contact with when doing maintenance on them.
- The mechanics are changing the cabin heater filters more often.

reinforce some of these changes with your children.

· Please make sure your child has a mask when getting on the bus. They must wear them at all times.

You as parents can also help us with our safety standards. You can also

- · Students cannot share items.
- · Pick-up and drop-off locations of students must be at one location for all five days.

With all these changes this school year, a few things still remain the same. Students can still say "hi" and "bye" to their drivers. They can still talk with their seat neighbors on the bus.

Our drivers care, love what they do, and will get your children to and from school safely.





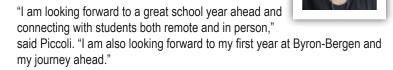
On October 28th, the Class of 2021 braved the wet weather to show their school spirit. After a class picture from the roof of the High School, the seniors enjoyed lunch, games, and a well-earned break from studying to spend time together as the Class of 2021.



New Employees

Welcome Miss Piccoli

Please join us in welcoming new Byron-Bergen 6th grade teacher Domenica Piccoli. She will lead the 6th grade students in science and social studies in fun and engaging ways.



Prior to coming to Byron-Bergen, Piccoli was a substitute teacher for Avon for two years and worked for BOCES summer school programs. She is currently working toward her Master's Degree in Reading and Literacy B-12. Outside of teaching, she has an older brother and older sister with whom she is very close.

New SRO Deputy Brabon

Please join us in welcoming Byron-Bergen's new School Resource Officer (SRO) Josh Brabon. In this position he will maintain the safety and security of the school campus and cultivate positive relationships with students and members of the community.



"I look forward to meeting the kids and faculty and being a part of this team about which I have heard so many great things," said Brabon.

Brabon earned his Bachelors of Science from SUNY Brockport where he majored in Criminal Justice and minored in Environmental Studies. He worked as a Police Officer for one and a half years and a Deputy Sheriff for two and a half years. Prior to coming to Byron-Bergen, he was the SRO for Perry Central Schools.

Welcome Miss Malick

Please join us in welcoming Natialie Malick as the new 12:1:1 Special Education teacher for grades 3 through 5. In this position, she will partner with families and support services to create the optimal learning environment and experience for each student. She will also assess students' skills to create and maintain individualized education plans for each student.



"I am excited to be part of the close knit community here at Byron-Bergen," said Malick. "I look forward to working with the staff here at the Elementary School."

Malick earned her Master's Degree from Saint Bonaventure University in 2017 in Literacy (B-6). Prior to coming to Byron-Bergen, she began her career at Westfall Academy as a 2nd grade teacher. She then taught K-2 in an 8:1:1 setting and K-1 in a 6:1:1 setting focused on social emotional needs and trauma informed practices at Broome-Tioga BOCES in Binghamton.

Welcome High School Food Service Worker Jane Utter

Join us in welcoming new High School Food Service Worker Jane Utter. She comes to Byron-Bergen Central School District after being a stay-at-home mom for 10 years. She is local to Byron-Bergen and her children attend school here. "I'm happy to be part of the Byron-Bergen team," said Utter. "I'm looking forward to meeting the students and getting to know my coworkers."



Same faces, new places

Some of our dedicated Byron-Bergen staff started new jobs this year. Luckily, they didn't go very far! Join us in congratulating these fabulous folks on their new positions at Byron-Bergen.

Barbara Hogan

Mrs. Hogan has moved from the Main High School Office to the Counseling Office. In addition to working with the counseling team, she is still the Athletics Secretary. She is enjoying the new challenges and her new workspace.



Leora Brown

Ms. Brown moved to the Main High School Office this year. Previously, she split her time between the Main Elementary School Office and the Western New York Tech Academy. She is enjoying working with Mr. McGee, Mrs. Brown, and the High School Counseling team.

Betsy Brown

Many of our families know Mrs. Brown from her years as the Elementary School Assistant Principal. She is still an Assistant Principal, but can now be found at the High School where she is enjoying getting to know a new group of staff and students.



New Vetirees

Barb Barons

Please join us in congratulating Barb Barons on her retirement. She retired after 23 years as a Bus Driver for Byron-Bergen.

Barons is a Byron-Bergen alumni, as are her daughters. Her granddaughter is also a B-B attendee. During her years of service, she also drove her niece and nephew. Her favorite thing about being a bus driver was watching the students grow from kindergarten to graduation.

In retirement, she plans to do anything she wants. "It's an amazing phase in my life. I have no schedule. I'm loving life!" She wishes her coworkers safe roads and good trips.



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Tom Moore

Please join us in congratulating IT Support Specialist II Tom Moore on his retirement. Moore has been with Byron-Bergen Central Schools for 13 years.

"I have enjoyed a fulfilling career here at Byron-Bergen," said Moore. "I also enjoyed the benefit of working in the same district where my children attended school. I am proud to have been able to both live and work in the BB community - Go Bees!"

Prior to Byron-Bergen, Moore worked in IT at a fortune 500 company for 23 years and was IT Manager at Oakfield-Alabama for three years. He filled the newly created position at Byron-Bergen and has since dedicated his career to resolving technology issues and adapting to new technology in education.



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Rozanne Klycek

Rozanne Klycek has retired from Byron-Bergen Central School District after 30 years. She began working in the food service department in 1990 as a three day per week employee and retired as the fulltime Cook Manager.

Klycek wanted to work in the school district to have her afternoons and summers free to spend with her children, all three of whom attended Byron-Bergen. In retirement, she hopes to spend more time with her grandchildren, travel, and enjoy life. "I also am looking forward to not getting up at 5 am anymore," said Klycek. "But, I'm not quite there yet."

"I miss my coworkers and the students. It's surprising how well you get to know them. I miss the District, but I know it is in good hands."



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"Our IT staff eventually grew to include talented BOCES shared staff and key BB staff for which I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with," said Moore. "These individuals will continue to be instrumental in keeping technology running smoothly."

Moore also enjoyed working in conjunction with the Maintenance Department, administrators, and faculty. As a team, the focus remained to provide the best educational environment for the students.

In retirement, Moore in looking forward to what the future may bring including spending quality time with his wife, kids, and family.

"I wish all BB staff and students continued success and a bright future."

Message from the Counseling Department

We've been able to do classroom lessons on:

- · What we offer in the counseling office
- Goal setting
- Time management
- Organizing and navigating Google classroom
- Future planning

Our counseling websites for both the Elementary School and Jr./Sr. High School have many valuable resources that are just a click away. Please continue to engage with us and know that we are always here to support you!

Elementary Counseling Website: http://www.bbschools.org/CounselingOffice.aspx

Jr./Sr. High School Counseling Website: http://www.bbschools.org/JrSrHSCounselingOffice.aspx



Elementary School News

By: Brian Meister, Principal

Let me begin by thanking all of our parents, staff, and community for their support and encouragement over these past several months. I am pleased to share that we have had a successful reopening of school and our students have settled in well with positive habits both new and old. Despite the restrictions, our students can be heard throughout the school spreading laughter and joy. I have the very special privilege of greeting them all each morning as they enter the building and am so proud of the wonderful character they display with happy greetings and waves.

As you may know, we have unfortunately had to reduce or eliminate non-essential visitors to our school. This has regrettably meant the loss of some of our special opportunities such as birthday lunches with parents and perhaps most notably our annual Open House Celebration. While the loss of some of these cherished events has been disappointing, we have made the most of our opportunities by engaging families in virtual meetings and conferences through Google Meet and most recently celebrated the fall with a very well attended drive through Trunk or Treat Parade. Many thanks to our parent teacher organization STEP Boosters for planning and putting on this amazing event.

Since we are unable to have visitors in our school, let me share with you little of what you might see if you visited our school. Each morning, as our students unload from the school buses they are greeted by adults up and down the bus loop and in the hallways. While many of us worried about how the students would handle wearing masks and maintaining physical distancing, I am pleased to share that they are doing wonderfully. Our teachers have built in routines throughout the day that allow for masks to be removed and are quick and kind to support a student who may not feel comfortable. In classrooms you will see students sitting physically distanced but still talking and socializing with one another. We truly know the importance of social interactions and continue to find new and creative ways for students to collaborate and socialize while maintaining safe personal space.

Beyond the topic of COVID and reopening plans. our school continues to provide unique and innovative ways to make learning interesting and fun. For example, our 5th grade team has found a safe way to once again hold the Annual Alien Museum. This very popular hands-on experience



allows students to learn about planets and the solar system while developing research, writing, and presentation skills. Each 5th grader presented his/her "alien" in the form of a written report and presented it to classes throughout the building using Google Meet.

As we prepare for the upcoming winter months, we will continue to stay focused on both the students' physical and emotional health while providing a meaningful and engaging learning experience.

I would like to thank our community, parents, and friends for their continued support of our school. If you have any guestions, please contact me at (585) 494-1220 or by email at bmeister@bbschools.org.

Meal Distribution

Please note the following change in the Byron-Bergen CSD meal distribution for students not receiving meals at school, such as, hybrid students, fully remote students, quarantined students, etc.

Starting the week of November 30th, meals will be available for pick up from 2:45 pm to 5:45 pm every Wednesday.

If there is no school on Wednesday, meals can be picked up on the preceding Tuesday from 2:45 pm to 5:45 pm.

The meal pickup will consist of three complete breakfasts and lunches for hybrid students and five complete breakfasts and lunches for fully remote students.

In accordance with USDA regulations and while federal funding lasts, these meals are free to all children newborn to 18 years old, no matter what the financial status of the family is. The program is paid for with federal funding received. We only receive funding if families participate. If you're available, please feel free to stop in by parking in the Jr./Sr. High School bus loop and going to the overhead door entrance (which is to the right of the High School main entrance).

To participate please pre-order by emailing meals@bbschool.org. Thank you for your continuing support of the Byron-Bergen Nutritional Department.





HALLOWEEN & TRUNK OR TREAT



Audent Chowcase



"Rose Window" Marker & Color Diffusing Paper By: Grace DiQuattro, grade 7 Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



"Me" Colored Pencil & Sharpie on Paper By: Callista Kinkelaar, grade 9 Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



"Embroidered Self Portrait" Embroidery By: Skylar Sharpe, grade 12 Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



"Cinnamon Buns" Watercolor on Paper By: Leanna Curts, grade 11 Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



"Buffalo Bob" Graphite on Paper By: Caris Carlson, grade 10 Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



"Halloween Night" Colored Pencil & Pen on Paper By: Danyel Nowatchik, grade 11 Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



"My Monster" Ceramic By: Ellirose Taylor, grade 4 Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



"Pete the Cat" Marker on Paper By: Mackenzie Wilcox, grade K Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio

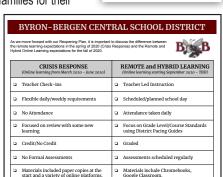
Jr./Sr. High School (polate By: Patrick McGee, Principal

I would like to thank all of our teachers, families, and students for as smooth a start to the school year as we could have asked for under these unprecedented circumstances. It is absolutely wonderful to just be back connecting with our kids. While not ideal or what we ideally want, I am thankful for everyone making the best of this situation. I especially want to thank our students, staff, and families for their

patience and flexibility as we continue to navigate through the

complexities of this school year.

On October 28th we were able to bring back the Class of 2021 for their class picture, lunch, and some fun filled activities. I am so proud of the resiliency and positive attitudes that these young adults have displayed. They are another amazing group of BB students who are going to make this world a better place when they graduate. Over the next few weeks we will continue to look for opportunities to bring our kids back in the building to promote school culture, social emotional learning, and academics.



I want to stress to everyone the difference in how school looked during the closure in March through the time school ended in June versus how we started school in September. Our priority with staff, families, and most importantly our students last year when the crisis hit was to do the best we can to get through the year without adding any extra stress or anxiety to our teachers, our students, and our families. I have attached a graphic (Crisis Response vs. Remote/Hybrid Online Learning) that outlines the difference between school closure from March to June and school beginning in September. While this is not an ideal system, the reality is that we have to bridge the gap and get all of our students back on track whether they are in school or learning remotely.

We continue to support strong communication between home and school - it is essential for students to reach their highest potential. This fall we have added an app called ParentSquare. ParentSquare is a multi-purpose platform to facilitate communication, collaboration and increase family engagement in schools. If you have not registered for the app or need more information, please call the main office. We also have a strong social media presence highlighting accomplishments of our learning community and important calendar dates through Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Please follow @BBCSDBuzz for all of the latest updates via Twitter and Instagram. Parents can also utilize our SchoolTool system to monitor their child's attendance, grades, and assignments. If anyone has any questions regarding using SchoolTool, please contact Leora Brown at (585)494-1220 ext. 3116.

We are committed to building relationships, connecting with our students, and promoting character and academic success while fostering a culture of respect, responsibility, and positive relationships. Please feel free to contact me anytime throughout the year via the phone at (585) 494-1220 ext. 2401 or via email at pmcgee@bbschools.org. I am confident that by partnering together we can ensure the success of each student. We are Byron-Bergen!

HELP WANTED

Do you have an interest in helping **Byron-Bergen Central School District** in the capacity of a

- · Substitute Bus Driver- we will train!
- Substitute Cleaner
- · Substitute Food Service Worker
- · Substitute Teacher
- · Substitute Teacher Aide

If so, please visit the Employment section of our website at www.bbschools.org (District tab → Employment):

For Substitute Teacher, visit our on-line web recruitment page at https://bbschools. recruitfront.com click the "Register" button at the bottom left, and register to become a new user and create your application for submission.

For Substitute Bus Driver, Substitute Cleaner, Substitute Food Service Worker, and Substitute Teacher Aide please download and complete the Genesee County Civil Service Application located on the Employment section of our webpage and submit the application with letter of interest (and resume, if available) via email (pgunio@bbschools.org), fax (585) 494-2613, or mail/deliver in person to: P. Gunio – District Office, Byron-Bergen CSD, 6917 West Bergen Road, Bergen, NY 14416.

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, quardians. and staff who wish to receive 48-hour advance written notice prior to a pesticide application.

The Following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- · A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- · Anti-microbial products;

- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- · Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-eat pastes, forms, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- · Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- · The application of EPA designated biopesticides:
- · The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR.25;

 The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals.

In the event that an emergency application is necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list. 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 High School

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*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Alumni Hall of Fame Induction ceremony originally scheduled for March 2020 was postponed to a later date in time to be determined.



Teresa Kowalczyk Class of 1970

While attending Byron-Bergen, Ms. Kowalczyk participated in National Honor Society, Student Council, Spanish Club, Art Club (winning a Scholastic Art Award), Model Congress, Music Groups, All County Music, Drama Club, was Co-Editor of the 1970 Yearbook, and won a DAR award. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from LeMoyne College, worked as a Family Court Clerk in Washington, D.C., and earned her Law Degree from St. John's University (1979). Ms. Kowalczyk was admitted to the Bar in New York State in 1980 and opened her own law practice in Warsaw, with a primary focus on representing children in Wyoming and Genesee Counties. She retired

in December 2019 after a 40-year career. Recognitions she has received include the NYS Fourth Department, 8th Judicial District 'Outstanding Women in Law' Award (2017), and the Fourth Department 'Law Guardian of the Year' Award (1996). She has been a lector at St. Michael's RC Church in Warsaw for 40 years and a religious educator there for 20 years. She was a Scout Leader for 10 years and coached T-Ball and Summer Soccer in Warsaw for many years. She is the mother of 4 and grandmother of 10. An advocate for youth, Ms. Kowalczyk serves as an excellent role model for the students of Byron-Bergen.



Tamatha (Luce) Menzie Class of 1984

During her time enrolled at Byron-Bergen, Ms. Menzie was a Student Council representative, a peer counselor, participated in Future Teachers of America Club, Campus Life Club, American Field Service Club (and was a 1983 summer exchange student to Mexico), Spanish Club, Mock Trial Club, and was on the Volleyball Team in grades 9-12. She was on High Honor Roll grades 9 through 12, a member of the Junior and Senior National Honor Societies, and was a 1984 Top Ten Student. Ms. Menzie earned her Bachelor's Degree in Spanish (1987) and graduated with her Master's Degree in Education (1993) from The College at Brockport. She started her full-time teaching career at Holley Central School (1988) and is currently the High School Spanish Teacher. She has been one of the Spanish Club Advisors for over 31 years and the club's Christmas Fiesta was featured in a segment of Channel 13's Bright Spot. Ms. Menzie has organized trips to New York City and trips abroad (Mexico, Spain, Costa Rica) for her High School students. She teaches Accelerated College Enrollment (ACE) classes for credit through GCC. For the past several years, Ms. Menzie has helped run the Mentor Teacher program at Holley for new teachers. Accolades for Ms. Menzie include Who's

Who Among American Teachers (2000), induction into the National Honor Roll's Outstanding American Teachers for Exceptional Performance in the Motivation and Empowerment of Today's Youth (2006), Honored Member of Cambridge's Who's Who of Professionals (2008), and Holley Teachers' Association Leadership Award (2010). Ms. Menzie is a member of New York State United Teachers and New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers. Ms. Menzie has been a BB Sting volunteer and team manager for several years, organized teams for Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk for many years, has been a Girl Scout Leader and parent volunteer in the Byron-Bergen area for 25 years; and because she herself joined Scouts in first grade, she recently became a Life Member of the program. Ms. Menzie has been a Byron-Bergen Board of Education Trustee since 2014, participating on many committees of the Board. Ms. Menzie and her husband Jerry (BB Class of 1981) have raised 6 children, and as of June 2020, all of them will have graduated from Byron-Bergen. Actively involved for many years, Ms. Menzie inspires her children and other youth to continue to give back to their community and be a positive role model for others.



Byron-Bergen Central School District Alumni Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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

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