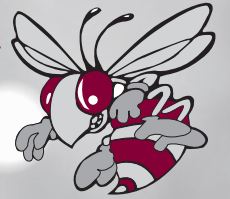


# The Focal Point

BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Fall/Winter 2023

## HOMECOMING AND SPIRIT WEEK





# Superintendent's Message

Pat McGee, Byron-Bergen Superintendent

Dear Byron-Bergen Families,

It is wonderful having our students back in the buildings for the 2023-2024 school year! We could not come together as a learning community without our teachers and support staff, bus drivers and cafeteria workers, clerical staff and cleaners, AND our students and families. Everyone has an important role in making this district great. With that in mind, I am pleased to announce our new initiative:

Many Bees, One Hive! One of the most important parts to my job as the leader of our district is making every effort to ensure YOUR voice is heard and that YOU feel part of our school community. Our team and I will continue to try our hardest to make sure YOU know how important YOU are to Byron-Bergen. We all have many different roles (Many Bees) but we are all on the same team (One Hive). This important #ManyBeesOneHive theme continues throughout the school year.

I am excited to begin the roll out of our 5-Year Strategic Plan. Work has already begun as we take the first steps to achieving our goals. Please don't hesitate to visit the Superintendent's page on the district website for more information about the Strategic Plan roll-out.

Phase 1 of our 2021 Capital Project continues to come along with several important parts of the project coming to a close. We have made significant enhancements at the Jr./Sr. High with the HVAC systems, roofing at the Jr. High, new windows, and our athletic facilities. We are still undergoing work at the pool which will not be completed until the spring. We are very excited to begin Phase 2 of the Capital Project later this spring with major upgrades to our High School gym and locker rooms. We look forward to doing some ribbon cutting at the Soccer Stadium, Pool, Track, and new high school gym in the spring and fall of 2024.

I am honored and grateful to lead the Byron-Bergen team. Looking forward to our collaboration and TEAMWORK this year.

#ManyBeesOneHive

I'll be in touch!



## News from the Board

This school year started in September with all school employees rested, rejuvenated, and excited to start a new year with our kids and families in the district.

We've enjoyed a successful fall sports season, started clubs, after school activities and events for families to attend. The Board would like to thank the community and families for all support and understanding while we continue to work on the school campus venues to improve and fix the problems that have needed our attention. We understand that this has been a disruption for athletes and families and apologize.

Recently several members of the school board and superintendent attended the New York State School Board Association Convention in Buffalo. We were able to attend sessions to learn about new topics, products, and programs related to all areas of education. We attended the keynote speaker on opening day and had the opportunity to network with districts across the state both similar and very different from our area discussing all areas of education.

The Board continues to work with our strategic plan, security, safety and most importantly working for the children and families of the district. As always, we appreciate your involvement and support for our schools.

Debi List



## Board of Education Recognition Week October



Thank you to the Byron-Bergen Board of Education. (l-r) Lisa Forsyth, Cindy Matthews, Kimberly Carlson (Vice President), Debi List (President), Heidi Ball, Lynn Smith, Jeffrey Cook.



# Join the Transportation Team!

*Jaime Vindigni, Transportation Supervisor*

Every year, we celebrate School Bus Driver Appreciation during School Bus Safety week. Our department has a wonderful group of NYS professionals who wear many hats every day. They are so much more than just a driver to our students! They also become bus parents, counselors, and a friend. They have to focus on driving a huge piece of heavy machinery while making sure the kids are safe and cared for. This is not an easy task, but one that they take much pride in.



While speaking of drivers, there is another important group who are often forgotten about. This great group is our bus aides. While they don't drive the bus, many times the bus ride is successful for our students because of these aides. We currently have four bus aides assisting our drivers and students. Some ride on our special-needs runs while others ride on routes that may need some assistance teaching safety rules. Whichever the case, their job is so important. They lend an ear to someone wanting to talk about their day or an upcoming event. They will get off and teach a student the correct and safe way to cross the street to the bus. Others play games, read books, wipe noses or maybe just give a little hug. They are the glue that keeps everything together on these runs.

We are always looking for substitute bus aides. If this sounds like something you'd love to do, come on down and join our team!

*Transportation*  
**SUBSTITUTES  
WANTED**

Support our district by becoming a substitute bus driver. It's not just taking students to and from school. Our students rely on our drivers for field trips, sporting events, academic competitions, and daily transportation to GV BOCES. You can make a difference in our community!

**Call Transportation Supervisor Jaime Vindigni at (585) 494-1220 x 5112.**

## BBFA raises over \$2k for Breast Cancer research

On Sunday, October 22nd, members of the Byron-Bergen Faculty Association along with their friends, family members, and four-legged companions joined an estimated 8,000 participants in the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. The two-mile loop began at Innovation Field, passed the Liberty Pole, and rounded Parcel 5 where a pep band kept spirits high despite the rainy weather.

"The BBFA really went above and beyond this year raising over \$2,000," said team captain and Byron-Bergen Art Teacher Sandy Auer. "We had an awesome turnout to support this cause. Thank you to everyone who walked with us or donated on our behalf."

In total, the event raised \$375,000 for the American Cancer Society.



# New Employees

## Heather Close

Heather Close has joined Byron-Bergen as an Elementary School Special Education Teacher. She received a Masters in Education at Roberts Wesleyan and a Bachelors in History and Education at Barton College in Wilson, NC. She previously worked as a 12:1:2 integrated preschool teacher at CP Rochester.



Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends and getting outside to do anything - hiking, kayaking, playing tennis - and reading.

## Becky Cummings

Becky Cummings has joined the Elementary School as a Teacher Aide. Her favorite part of her job is getting to know each of the kids and finding out what works best to help them learn. "Each student in the room is different and learns in a different way and I enjoy helping them find what works for them."



Prior to coming to B-B, Cummings worked for a company in Henrietta for over a decade before becoming a stay at home mom. She then was hired at the Gillam Grant as a Teacher Aide before joining the Elementary School building as a substitute.

Outside of school, Cummings is kept busy with her kids' sports! She is also a huge Buffalo Bills fan and enjoys reading in her spare time. She and her husband Paul are B-B graduates and they have three kids currently in the district. She lives in Bergen with her family, two cats, Mika and Ivy, and a hermit crab named Josh Allen.

## Byron-Bergen Appoints

### Director of Technology and Assessment

Byron-Bergen Central School District has appointed Jenn Back to the newly created Director of Technology and Assessment position. Key responsibilities of the Director of Technology and Assessment include providing professional development to staff on best practices of instructional technology in the classroom; analyzing and reporting data to the New York State Department of Education; and serving as the Data Privacy Officer, a state-required position ensuring security of student personal information.



In 2019, Back completed her Master's Degree in Education Technology from Nazareth College and is currently completing her Certificates of Advanced Study in School District Leadership and School Building Leadership at the University of Rochester. She has worked in the district for 8 years as both a Social Studies Teacher and Technology Coordinator. She also has served as Data Privacy Officer since 2021.

"I'm pleased to bring our technology support services in-house," said Byron-Bergen Superintendent Pat McGee. "This is a cost-saving move, but it is also providing full-time support for our students and staff. I'm excited for Miss Back to bring her expertise to this new role."

Back leads the district's technology support services department of IT Operations Analyst Daniel Lampley and Computer Repair Technician Debra Pangrazio.

"I feel so fortunate to work in this district with amazing students, an extremely dedicated staff, and a supportive school community," said Back. "I am excited to continue learning and growing in this new role, as well as continuing to provide technology support in both buildings."

Back's first day as Director of Technology and Assessment was July 3, 2023.

## Ryeder Dilcher

Please join us in welcoming our new maintenance team member, Ryeder Dilcher. Prior to coming to B-B, he retired from GCC after 25 years as a Senior Custodian. He has lived in the Byron-Bergen area his whole life. He married his high school sweetheart and they have been married for 39 years and have three grown children and six dogs.





# New Employees

## Daniel Lampley

Daniel Lampley has joined Byron-Bergen as IT Operations Analyst. He has a Bachelor's in Application Software Development and was previously a Desktop/Network Support at Global Payments. Outside of work, he enjoys gaming and biking.



## Ashley Orologio

Ashley Orologio has accepted the position of Secretary for the Buildings & Grounds Department and the District Office. Prior to coming to BB, she worked at Tompkins Insurance Agencies for 11 years. Outside of work she enjoys hiking, gardening, traveling, and spending time with her family including her fiancé Blake, two children Madison and Connor, corgi Lily and cat Jewels.



## Daisy Sweet Potato

Please join us in welcoming our newest therapy dog, Daisy Sweet Potato. She earned her therapy dog certification through ROC Dogs, a non-for-profit organization in Rochester, NY. Outside of work, Daisy Sweet Potato enjoys playing outside, napping, and spending time with her humans.



## Diana Meier

Join us in welcoming new UPK teacher Diana Meier. Meier holds a Bachelor's Degree in Special Education and Childhood Education and has 8 years of teaching experience including teaching PreK and working as a long-term sub in Special Education last year at Byron-Bergen Elementary School.



"I absolutely love working in early childhood education and getting the chance to learn and play alongside these kiddos to get them ready for kindergarten!"

Outside of work, Meier enjoys hiking, kayaking, camping, drawing, and reading. She lives in Byron with her husband and three Jr./Sr. HS-aged children.

## Bob Wilkins

Bob Wilkins is a familiar face in the District, but he has taken on the title of Head Bus Driver. In this new position, he enjoys building relationships with the students and taking part in discussions about their interests. Prior to his work at Byron-Bergen, Wilkins has worked in construction, driven delivery trucks, dump trucks, garbage trucks, and been a dispatcher and driver supervisor.



Outside of work, Wilkins plays bass trombone and is an old car enthusiast. His wife, Katrina, works for the Genesis Free Methodist Church Conference and his children Ben and Esther are pursuing their interests in Legos and theater.

## School Office Staff

We welcomed three new staff members to our school offices last year. If you stop by the schools you will likely be greeted by one of these smiles.



**Michelle MacKenzie**  
Elementary School Secretary



**Laura Brodie**  
Jr./Sr. High School Secretary



**Mary Hughes**  
High School AP and Athletics Secretary



# New Employees

## Emily Willard

Please join us in welcoming new District Clerk Emily Willard. Willard comes to BB from the Rochester City School District where she taught Elementary Special Education. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Childhood Inclusive Education from SUNY Brockport and a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from SUNY Empire State College.



Outside of work she enjoys cooking Italian food, cleaning, organizing, and watching true crime documentaries. She and her husband Logan recently bought their first house where they live with their 2 year-old son Ashdon and their three cats, Bean, Spudd, and Binx.

## Chris Wood

Please join us in welcoming Byron-Bergen High School's new Technology Teacher Chris Wood. Wood is excited to teach in a new environment and is looking forward to inspiring the students of Byron-Bergen to explore the world of technology. He holds a Masters in Technology Education and prior to this appointment, he taught technology at Wayne High School.



Outside of work, Wood enjoys woodworking, anything to do with cars, and camping with his family. This summer he and his wife welcomed their son Lincoln to their family. Welcome, Lincoln!

## Ashley Yerdon

Join us in welcoming new High School Teacher Aide Ashley Yerdon. Her favorite part of her job is getting to know the students and watching them become more confident in themselves and their skills. Prior to this position, she was a Data Specialist for 15 years. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling with her best friend, trying new restaurants, and crafting. She lives with her husband Chris, children Molly and Laura, 3 dogs, 3 cats, 17 chickens, 1 duck, 2 cows and a lot of fish. They love spending time outside riding four-wheelers, gardening and hiking.



## Jay Wolcott - Retirement

After over 20 years at Byron-Bergen, Technology Education Teacher Jay Wolcott is retiring. In addition to teaching, Mr. Wolcott has coached the softball and swim team, served as Advisor for the Technology Club and Steppin' Up Club, and served as co-advisor for the 8th grade class.

Wolcott grew up in Oakfield and always appreciated B-B's rural atmosphere and close-knit community. The thing he will miss most is seeing his friends every day and how B-B staff are willing to help each other both in and out of work. Wolcott would like to thank the district for supporting the Technology program over the past 21 years.

One of Wolcott's favorite memories was in his first semester as a teacher when he chaperoned an 8th grade trip to Toronto to see "Mama Mia". It was a great trip and, as a surprise, the students performed a choreographed routine of "Dancing Queen" for their parents at the end of the year complete with Wolcott in a top hat and cane as the dancing king.

In retirement Wolcott plans to spend time with his three grandchildren, teaching them hands-on skills in his new home workshop. He also plans to travel south during the colder months with his son, Ryan. Wolcott's wife, Jodi, is currently a school nurse through ON BOCES and his daughter, Kelsey, has many plans to keep her father busy. Community involvement will be a big part of Wolcott's retirement including his continued work for Habitat for Humanity and the Oakfield Historical Society.



**Congratulations  
on your retirement!**



# Jr./Sr. High School *Update*

Carol Stehm, Interim High School Principal

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe the first two months of school are already over! The students have been busy with their academic classes and participating in fun activities. We celebrated Red Ribbon Week with spirit days, wore pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, had a Senior Fall Festival, held two College Fairs and the PSAT exam. Leading up to the Veteran's Day holiday, we offered a Military Appreciation Panel for interested students and held a Bees Break Day on November 9 so students can participate in wellness activities.

November 9th also closed out the first marking period. Report cards were available November 17th, the same day as Parent Teacher Conferences. If you did not have a Parent Teacher Conference, I encourage everyone to schedule a conference with your child's teachers. If you can't attend in person, a phone call or virtual meeting is always an option. Staying involved and communicating with teachers will help your child have a successful school year.

I would like to thank the Byron-Bergen community for welcoming me back during this time of transition.

I always enjoy working with the students and staff in this exceptional district. Best wishes!



## Music *Notes*

### Sr. High Winter Band & Choir Concert

December 19 – 7 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

### Jr. High Winter Band & Choir Concert

December 14 – 7 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

### Grades 5-6 Winter Concert

December 12 – 7 p.m.

Jr./Sr. High Auditorium



## Science Olympiad

Fresh from their triumphant first year, the Junior High School Science Olympiad team is gearing up for their second season. The team consists of sixth through ninth grade students and is broken down into 18 event groups, each assigned a task to complete within the fields of physics, chemistry, and biology. This task might be mechanical, like building a catapult, or academic, like learning to identify bird species native to New York.

Returning to the team are 8<sup>th</sup> grade Eala Coniglio and 9<sup>th</sup>-graders Rena Wilson and Hannah Reidmiller. Last year Eala competed in forestry

identification and the "sounds of music" in which the team built an instrument and performed a song on it. Rena and Hannah teamed up on several tasks including the roller coaster build, solar system, meteorology, and "Fast Facts" which is a science terminology lightning round.

"It was great to expand our knowledge of various topics in science and gain an understanding of topics we might not learn about in class," said Rena. "It's also fun and it was cool to do well in competition."

"We saw a gap between the Elementary School STEAM Lab and the High School Tech Wars," said Junior High School Science Teacher and Science Olympiad Advisor Terry Vick. "We started the team from scratch last year and came in seventh place out of 23 teams and brought back 21 medals, which was amazing. This year we're hoping to be even better prepared."

The Byron-Bergen Science Olympiad team is sponsored locally by Liberty Pumps. Good luck to our Science Olympiad team at the competition in March!



Last year's Science Olympiad team earned 21 medals and placed 7th overall.



The 2023-24 Science Olympiad team with advisors Sharon Dressler, Ken Rogoyski, and Terry Vick



# Fall Athletics Round Up

Rich Hannan, Athletic Director

Fall 2023 has been a great season for the Bees!

Congratulations to our Boys and Girls Soccer programs for winning the Section V Class C Titles. The Byron-Bergen Girls Soccer team had a strong season (20-4) including several career goal benchmarks. The Boys Byron-Bergen/Elba Soccer team (18-2-1) backed up a league championship with a section V title and a trip to the New York State finals.

Both our Boys and Girls Cross Country teams had amazing runs this year and captured the Marathon Cross Country Invitational Spirit and Sportsmanship Award. The girls finished the season at 18-2 overall while the boys finished 17-3. Both teams excelled at the GRL Championship event and BB came away with five All-stars and two athletes competing at States.

Our Cal-Mum/B-B Football team had another solid season and finished the regular season at 4-3. They made the final 4 and qualified for Sectionals. The team lost a tough game in the first round, but they have a lot to celebrate.

Also celebrating for the Raiders was our sole representative on the Cal-Mum/B-B Cheer Squad. I really want to shout out to this athlete whose dedication to her sport was unwavering despite being the only B-B representative. She showed character and grit this season and I'm very proud. The Cal-Mum/B-B Cheer team had an amazing performance at Sectionals, missing out on 6th place finish by less than 2 points.

The B-B Volleyball team continues to be competitive every year! The volleyball program is always full of talent and although our season didn't end the way the team hoped, B-B is always proud of these athletes! They had very strong showings at high level tournaments with competition from much larger districts and they played solid throughout the year.

Genesee Gymnastics had a strong showing at Section V Championship on November 4 where they were awarded the Section V Sportsmanship Team Award. This meet capped off a high flying season full of personal bests.

Congratulations to all of our athletes.



## 2023 Fall Genesee Region All-Stars:

### Cross Country

Jackson Lundfelt  
Lincoln McGrath  
Stephanie Onderdonk  
Katherine Rogoyski  
Rose Wilson

### Boys Soccer

Brody Baubie  
Braedyn Chambry  
Jack Farner  
Joel Lamb  
Colin Martin  
Carter Prinzi

### Girls Soccer

Mia Gray  
Ava Gray  
Mackenzie Hagen  
Emma Starowitz  
Libby Starowitz

### Football

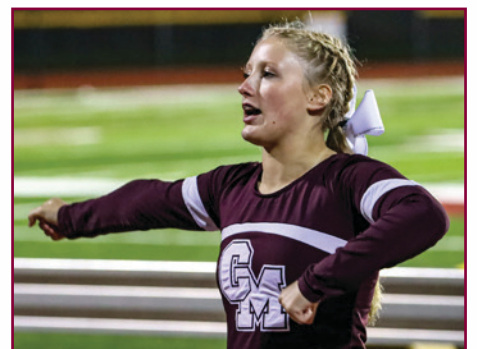
Malachi Smith  
JC Starowitz

### Volleyball

Emma Baldof  
Lily Stalica

### Coach of the Year

David Bateman,  
Girls Cross Country  
Wayne Hill, Girls Soccer  
Ken Rogoyski,  
Boys Soccer





# Self Regulation

Megan Wahl, Social Emotional Learning Coordinator

We are excited to announce that the Elementary School has updated a variety of spaces for all students to use both inside and outside of the classroom to work through difficult times. First, our Sensory Room has been refurnished to include a Calming Section with new comfy seating and a variety of materials to use that promote self-regulation. Classrooms have also created areas to help students work through different emotions and get themselves back to learning. It is our goal, through all of these safe spaces, to help students feel confident in identifying and managing their emotions in order to be the best that they can be here at Byron Bergen!



## What is Self-regulation?

Self-regulation is the ability to manage your emotions and behavior in accordance with the demands of the situation.

It includes being able...

- to resist highly emotional reactions to upsetting stimuli
- to calm yourself down when you get upset
- to adjust to a change in expectations
- to handle frustration without an outburst

(Childmind.org)

## Why Does Regulation Matter?

Your ability to regulate your emotional, physical, and energy states is critical for being able to work toward your goals.

Regulation is key to...

- having fun
- completing tasks
- working effectively on a team
- maintaining healthy and meaningful relationships
- achieving academically and in your career
- navigating the community
- having an overall sense of well-being

(Zoneofregulation.com)



# Elementary School *News*

Kristin Loftus, Elementary School Principal



The 2022-2023 school year started out wonderfully! I am thrilled with the way the students have come to school and learned the Core Values and expectations of our school. Part of the BB Strategic Plan is to set clear expectations for students and staff that are grounded in the Core Values (Be Respectful, Be Accountable, Be Responsible, and Be Your Best Self). Mrs. Kaercher (Coordinator of Student Services) and I went into each classroom to speak with students about the Core Values as well as the Code of Conduct. In addition, Mrs.

Kaercher held meetings with all students about Core Values in the Cafeteria. We were also fortunate to bring each bus together with their bus driver for a bus meeting to discuss how we all need to follow Core Values and look out for each other since the bus is a community in itself! After all, we all play a different role (Many Bees), but need to work together as a team (One Hive).

We have had two full school Social Emotional Learning Assemblies (SEL) this year in September and October. The first assembly focused on how to show Be Respectful and the second one focused on Bullying and being kind to each other (since it is bullying prevention month). To further educate students

on bullying and how to prevent it, the teachers have been teaching lessons in the classroom from a curriculum we purchased called Second Step. Students have been doing a nice job learning about how to be an upstander and say something when you see something that doesn't seem right.

At the Elementary School we have also had many special events so far! Open House was a success on October 5th where 85% of our families came to the school to meet staff. Fire Safety Week culminated with a special morning filled with visitors from the Bergen Fire Department, South Byron Fire Department, and EMTs. Students were excited to see the fire trucks and learn about what to do if there is a fire and how to stay safe when someone is cooking in the kitchen! The last full week of October was full of spirit to recognize Red Ribbon Week, teaching students how to stay drug free and healthy. Students ended that week with the annual Halloween Costume Parade!

I am looking forward to a busy November filled with Parent Teacher Conferences on November 17, 20 and 21 and the first report cards going home at the beginning of December. I'm so proud to work in such a supportive, small community. Working together with so many dedicated people, who serve in many different roles make Byron Bergen CSD such a special place to be. We are many bees, working to support one hive!

## Elementary School Student Council *Update*

The Elementary School Student Council is off to a busy start. This team of fourth- and fifth-grade students works to meet the needs and support the mission of the school. Fifth-grade Student Council President Madison Wilcox said that she will probably run for Student Council again next year. "I'm on the Student Council to help the students and community."

One problem they are working to solve arose last year at the annual Math Carnival. Freshly popped popcorn is a traditional treat at the carnival but last year some students did not get to have any because the popcorn machine broke halfway through the day. Math and Science Content Teacher Diane Taylor brought the problem to the Student Council.

"The reason the student council is purchasing a popcorn machine is so it will be easier to have popcorn parties and we'll have it for the Math Carnival and other events," said 4th grade student council representative Molly Yerdon.

"Last year we used the High School's popcorn machine and it broke down," said 4th grade student council representative Samuel Bird. "We're getting a machine just for the Elementary School to use."

The new popcorn machine should arrive in plenty of time for the Math Carnival and to provide tasty treats for the students throughout the year. Other projects the Student Council are working on this year include providing funds for every student in the school to receive a Byron-Bergen t-shirt and learning about reducing food waste in the district.





# 9th Annual Turkey Trot

On November 2nd, students in grades K through 5 took part in the annual Turkey Trot. Students completed the half-mile trail, a goal they have been working toward in PE class. This event kicks off the unofficial start of the holiday season as students were asked to bring in wrapping paper donations as part of the Annual Byron-Bergen Holiday Community Service Project.





# HALLOWEEN & TRUNK OR TREAT





# 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. 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.

## Fire Safety

Friday, October 13th was Fire Safety Day at Byron-Bergen Elementary School. Emergency responders from Bergen, Byron, and South Byron Fire Departments spent the morning showing rescue vehicles, equipment, and fire safety practices to students in Pre-K through grade 5. Students learned to stay low, feel closed doors with the back of their hands, and how to get a fire fighter's attention if they cannot get out of a building.

Also on the scene were several Byron-Bergen High School students who participate in the Bergen Fire Department Explorers program. Eleventh grade participant Lea Donofrio is part of the third generation of emergency volunteers. "I grew up wearing (Bergen Fire Department) shirts and riding the fire trucks in parades," said Lea.

"I don't think we have any explorers in the program who aren't second or third generation fire fighters," said Lea's mother, Julie Donofrio. "They all grew up doing this. So, this is normal. This is their family, too."

The Explorer program is part of a larger nation-wide effort to bolster emergency volunteer participation. Thank you to all the student and adult emergency responders who took the time to educate the community about fire safety and who work to protect the community every day.



# 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, or
- Substitute Teacher Aide?

If so, please visit the Employment section of our website at [www.bbschools.org](http://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 ([rstevens@bbschools.org](mailto:rstevens@bbschools.org)), fax (585) 494-2613, or mail/deliver in person to: R. Stevens – District Office, Byron-Bergen CSD, 6917 West Bergen Road, Bergen, NY 14416.



# Student Showcase



**"Cave Art"**

By: Dylan Obecanov, grade 2  
Mixed Media on Paper



**"Cubism Fish"**

By: Kate Aradine, grade 3  
Marker on Paper



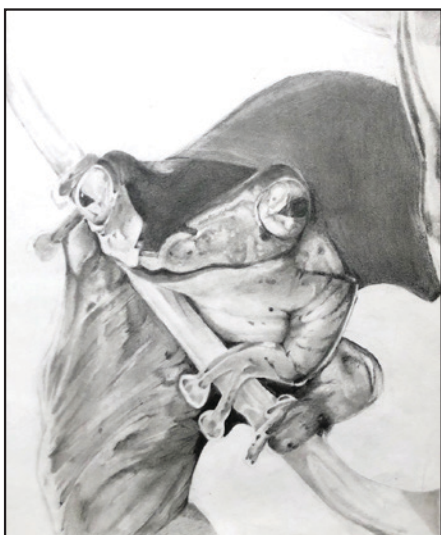
**"Graphite Bird"**

By: Cole DiQuattro, grade 10  
Graphite on Paper



**"Neurographic Art"**

By: Lila Graff, grade 8  
Sharpie and Colored Pencil



**"Gerald"**

By: Sara Bishop, grade 10  
Graphite on Paper



**"Ceramic Pumpkin"**

By: Kendall Chase, grade 11  
Clay and Glaze





# 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.: R. Stevens  
6917 West Bergen Road • Bergen, NY 14416



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# BEAUTY AND THE BEAST!

Byron-Bergen Junior/Senior High School is excited to announce this year's spring musical, *Beauty and the Beast*!

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out! If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

The cast of *Beauty & the Beast* features over 40 exceptionally talented Byron-Bergen students in grades 6 through 12 as well as an outstanding production crew of set and costume designers, musicians, teachers, and community members. The *Beauty and the Beast* directing team is led by sixth grade English teacher Alyson Mercedes Tardy with Jr./Sr. High School choirmaster Joe Paris as the vocal director, Jr./Sr. High School Band Director Kevin Bleiler as the ensemble conductor, and NYC-based professional dancer and teacher Solange Rodrigues as the choreographer.

Tickets for the productions are \$10 for adults and \$8 for Senior Citizens and students. Tickets will be sold at the door prior to each show or in advance on the Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School website starting the first week of February. We are excited to have you be our guest for *Beauty & the Beast*!

*\*Beauty & the Beast is presented with special permission from Music Theater International (MTI).*



March 7, 2024 - 7 pm

March 8, 2024 - 7 pm

March 9, 2024 - 2 pm & 7 pm

Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium