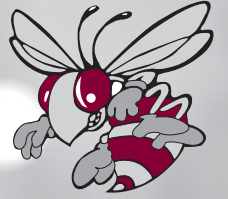


# The Focal Point



Fall/Winter 2022

## HOMECOMING AND SPIRIT WEEK



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# Superintendent's Message

The 2022-23 school year is off to a great start! I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the excitement from our kids in the classroom, through our clubs and extracurricular activities, and in the many great events we have in the district and community.

I am proud to announce that Kristin Loftus will be the next Byron-Bergen Elementary School Principal effective January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our team is so excited to welcome her to the district and we look forward to her collaborative approach along with her emphasis on putting our students and staff first. I appreciate the feedback and input we have received from stakeholders across the district on this important hire.



Since taking on the role of Superintendent, my top priority is and always will be school safety. We continue to work as an administrative team with our employees on making sure we are always ahead of the curve with anything safety related. We also have a great partnership with the Genesee County Sheriff's Office.

As part of our effort to keep the campus safe for students and staff, I would like to remind community members that being on school grounds (i.e.: hiking, walking dogs, etc.) while school is in session is not allowed. We appreciate your cooperation.

I encourage our community to continue to have open communication with the district when it comes to health and safety. I cannot repeat it enough, "If you see something, say something".

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to pop in to see me at the District Office, call me (585)494-1220, or email me at [pmcgee@bbschools.org](mailto:pmcgee@bbschools.org). It is a privilege to work at the Byron-Bergen Central School District.

Go Bees!

# News from the Board

The Board works on the community's behalf on many fronts. Currently, we have begun developing the District's Strategic Plan. This plan will guide the District for the next five years. We have not had a Strategic Plan in place since 2020 and I am excited for this opportunity to continue to push our district forward in a positive direction. All of our stakeholders will be able to provide input and feedback throughout this process. We look forward to working with the community during this important process.

Additionally, the Capital Building Project is moving on time, to date. This project, approved by the community in the fall of 2021, includes building maintenance (replacing roof, windows, HVAC mainly at the Jr./Sr. High School) and upgrades to sports facilities across the district. Over the last year, our construction management team and administrative team have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure a timeline for the upgrades to our facilities. I am pleased to announce that we will begin implementing this plan in the next few months.

Congratulations to all our fall student athletes on their successful seasons. You represent our district well!

Go Bees!

## Debi List



# Board of Education Recognition Week October



Thank you to the Byron-Bergen Board of Education. (l-r) Jeff Cook, Tammy Menzie (Vice President), Debi List (President), Kimberly Carlson, Heidi Ball, Amy Phillips, Bill Forsyth. If you have an opportunity, please share your appreciation for all they do.

# Join the Transportation Team!

I am proud to be the Transportation Coordinator here at Byron-Bergen. We have an extraordinary group of dedicated bus drivers and aids. The last couple years have been rocky, and they still deliver our students to school and back home safely every day. This has required them to be patient and flexible and I know I speak for everyone in the district when I offer them our sincere gratitude.

That said, we need more team members! If you would like to be part of this wonderful team, come on over and fill out an application. Even if you are unsure, join us for a cup of coffee and we are happy to answer any questions or concerns.

See you soon!

Jaime Vindigni  
Transportation Supervisor



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.

# Senior High Math League places first at first competition of the season

Congratulations to the Byron-Bergen Senior High Math League, which came in first place in their first competition of the season against seven other schools! The next competition will be on December 9 at Genesee Community College.

*Good luck, team!*



# Congratulations Retiree

After more than two decades with Byron-Bergen Central School, Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent Patty Gunio is retiring. She would like to thank the nine superintendents with whom she worked. After graduating from Gates-Chili in a class of close to 600 students, she enjoyed the hometown community feeling of Byron-Bergen.



"I want to especially thank Mr. McGee for his respect, kindness, and support. I would also like to thank my co-workers for always giving me something to smile about, sometimes a new perspective on things, and their support and patience. B-B really is like a second family!"

In retirement, Gunio looks forward to seeing her first granddaughter graduate from college, and spending time with her family, including her husband Steve, their three children and six grandchildren, and their dog Lily at their cabin in the Adirondacks. In the future, they hope to take a road trip out west.



# New Employees

**Grace Campbell** is no stranger to Byron-Bergen as she is both an alum and the previous half-time Physical Education Teacher. She is looking forward to stepping into her new role as Elementary School Physical Education and Health Teacher.



"I am so excited to be back this year teaching PE and very excited to implement the new health class for grades three through five."

Campbell always wanted to work with children and has always loved being active so becoming a PE/Health teacher fulfills those long-term goals. She holds a Bachelors in Physical Education and is currently working toward a Masters Degree in Health Education.

Outside of work, Campbell loves to travel and explore new places, play with her puppy, and spend time with her family and friends including her two younger sisters, Lydia and Bry, and her mother, Kari, who has always been her role model.

**Melissa Conaghan** has accepted the position of First Grade Teacher at Byron-Bergen Elementary School. Originally from Massachusetts, she has always wanted to be a teacher and holds a Masters of Education in Childhood and Special Education.

Prior to Byron-Bergen, Conaghan worked as a Behavior Therapist, ABA Tutor, and a Teaching Assistant. In her current position she is most looking forward to watching her students grow through the year as well as working with her team and coworkers to develop as a teacher.

Outside of work Conaghan enjoys reading, soccer, golf, drawing, eating out, watching TV and playing Nintendo Switch. Although her family still lives in Massachusetts, she is engaged to be married to a school band director.

**Kristina D'Agostino** is currently a long-term substitute for fourth grade at Byron-Bergen Elementary School. She has always wanted to be a teacher. "When I was little, I would play pretend school and teach all my stuffed animals. I am looking forward to having a fun and engaging school year with all the students."



Originally from Kendall, D'Agostino holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music with a Minor in Education and a Masters degree in Childhood and Special Education. She previously worked as a long-term substitute in a self-contained classroom at Holley Elementary and taught 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Hilton School District.

Outside of work, D'Agostino enjoys spending time with her family on her 40 acre farm where she lives with her boyfriend, her dog Luna, and her cat Kenny.



## Byron-Bergen High School Announces New Assistant Principal

Jr./Sr. High School announced **Katie Grattan** as the new Assistant Principal. In this position, she is responsible for leading and managing the academic and student affairs programming at the Jr./Sr. High School in collaboration with Principal Ashley John Grillo. Grattan has served in public education for 18 years.



"I'm pleased to welcome Mrs. Grattan as part of our Byron-Bergen team," said Grillo. "Her experience and enthusiasm helped identify her as the perfect candidate for this position."

Prior to this appointment, Grattan taught music at Letchworth Central Schools, Wheatland-Chili Central Schools, and Batavia City Schools. She holds a Bachelor of Music Education from SUNY Fredonia, a Master of Music Education from Ithaca College, and a Certificate of Advanced Study in School Building and School District Leadership from SUNY Brockport.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve the Byron-Bergen learning community and to build on the Bees tradition of excellence and student achievement," said Grattan. "I have always sought to find ways for students to shine, have a sense of efficacy and belonging, and encourage them to live in a world where all things are possible."

Outside of work, she enjoys art and music, snow skiing, boating, reading, and spending time with her family. She currently lives in Caledonia with her husband Bryan, ten-year-old daughter Avery, and golden retriever Daisy Sweet Potato.



# New Employees

Join us in welcoming new Jr./Sr. High School Social Worker **Alyssa Hancock**. In this position she will work with students in grades 6 through 12 to provide both individual and group counseling, connect students and families with additional resources, and offer both crisis intervention and peer mediation when necessary. She hopes to help students learn to better cope with daily stressors and assist them in enhancing their overall functioning.



Hancock knew from a young age that she wanted to help others. She earned a Bachelor's in Psychology from SUNY Fredonia, a Master's in Social Work from University at Buffalo, and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Prior to coming to B-B, Hancock worked for 8 years as a Clinic Therapist at Orleans County Mental Health including work at Holley Central Schools which led her to seek out a full-time School Social Worker appointment.

Outside of work, Hancock enjoys traveling to visit close friends living across the U.S. She also enjoys reading, cooking, and spending time with her two dogs. A Brockport native, she is a big Buffalo Bills fan and is hoping to see them in the Super Bowl this year.

"I am most excited to build relationships with students, parents, staff, and community members. My main goal is to provide a safe and supportive environment to any student in need. Whether a student is having difficulties in school, a problem at home, or just wants to come in say hi- I want all students to know I am here to support them!"

## BBCSD announces Coordinator of Student Services position

Byron-Bergen Central School District has created the new position of Coordinator of Student Services. The position is designed to provide administrative support at the Elementary School in the areas of student discipline and curriculum development. This position will also support special education and early intervention services by serving as a CSE and CPSE Chairperson.

"We identified an area to strengthen in our elementary school and are very pleased to have support from the Board of Education in the creation of this new position," said Director of Instructional Services Betsy Brown. "We are also fortunate that, among a strong candidate pool, we were able to identify an individual to bring experience and passion to the position."

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Education approved the nomination of **Kaitlin Kaercher** to the position. Kaercher has worked at Byron-Bergen since 2016 as an elementary teacher for grades 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6. During the 2021-22 school year, she served as a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) as the ELA Content Specialist and RTI Coordinator. She also coordinated the 2021 Summer Learning Program.

"I am thrilled that this is the next step in my career," said Kaercher. "I get to do what I love, which is to support our students and help them to be successful while they are here at Byron-Bergen. I am excited to continue serving the students and families in our elementary school and working closely with our incredibly committed and talented faculty and staff."



Kaercher holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Communications from SUNY Brockport and a Masters in Childhood Education from The College of Saint Rose in Albany. She is currently working toward a CAS in School Administration from SUNY Brockport. Prior to 2016, Kaercher worked as a teacher in Brooklyn, NY, and as a staff writer and researcher for the New York State Senate and Assembly. Outside of work she enjoys spending time with her family and is a life-long Buffalo Bills fan.

**Trey Nadolinski** has accepted the position of Jr. High Special Education Teacher. He received his Bachelors Degree in History from SUNY Brockport and certification in Social Studies and Students with Disabilities. He has always wanted to work in a profession that worked with people and is most looking forward to working with the students.



Originally from Oakfield, Nadolinski is no stranger to B-B. He completed his student teaching and three long-term substitute positions at Byron-Bergen prior to his current appointment. Outside of work, he loves the Buffalo Bills, New York Yankees, and Los Angeles Lakers.

**Joe Paris** is the new 7-12 Vocal Music Teacher. In this position he will direct the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir, the Senior Chorale, and the Singing Silhouettes. He will also teach music electives including Musical Theater and Music Theory, and conduct vocal lessons. Mr. Paris will also assume the roles of Vocal Director and Set Designer/Builder for the Musical.



"I'm looking forward to contributing to students' vocal growth and development here at Byron - Bergen and sharing my passion for singing and making music with students."

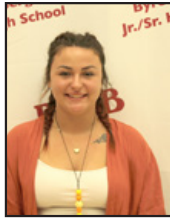
Originally from Chili, Paris always envisioned himself teaching vocal music in a smaller district. He earned his Bachelors of Music in Music Education, Vocal Concentration and his Bachelors of Fine Arts in Theatrical Production and Design, with a Technical Production Concentration from SUNY Fredonia.

Outside of work, Paris enjoys camping and hiking in the mountains. He is also an avid carpenter and welder.



# New Employees

**Emily Riexinger** is excited to create a fun and engaging classroom for her students and to take on this new 4<sup>th</sup> grade journey together.



Riexinger is originally from Brockport and announced at her Kindergarten graduation that she would be a teacher when she grew up. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Special Education, and English. Prior to coming to B-B, she student taught and subbed at Churchville Elementary School.

Outside of work, Riexinger enjoys traveling and exploring new places!

**Darlene Sommerfeldt** is currently a long-term substitute in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Byron-Bergen Elementary School. She decided to become a teacher while in kindergarten and is now most looking forward to seeing her students grow academically and socially throughout the year.



Sommerfeldt holds a Master's Degree in Literacy Education. She previously taught in a self-contained 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom and as a Special Education Teacher for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Outside of work she enjoys kayaking and is also kept busy by living on a farm. Her family includes her parents, two sisters, one brother, one brother-in-law and a newborn niece.

**Tammy Stewart** has accepted the position of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science and Social Studies Teacher. She is looking forward to getting to know the students, discovering what is important to them, and helping them enjoy learning.



"I love helping students grow to be confident and skilled in new or challenging areas. I'm also excited to collaborate with teachers and staff as I become more familiar with this amazing school community."

Stewart received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University at Buffalo and a Master's in Education (1-6, General and Special Education) from Roberts Wesleyan College. She worked as a substitute teacher for three years after an earlier career in project management.

Outside of work, Stewart enjoys spending time with her husband and two sons, taking day trips, visiting her hometown near Albany and the nearby Adirondacks, traveling, watching movies, working on home-improvement projects, and attending her sons' baseball games.

**Janet Williams** has accepted the position as the new 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts (ELA) Teacher. In this position, she will help students appreciate and enjoy ELA. She is most looking forward to getting to know the students, developing relationships, and laughing and learning together.



Williams grew up in Albion and always wanted to be a teacher. She completed a Master's in Education in May 2021. Prior to coming to B-B, she was a 1:1 Aide and has been a mom for 15 years.

Outside of work she enjoys camping with her family, cooking, reading, and playing with her dogs. She and her husband Ryan have two sons, Jack and Reed, and two labs, Max and Hank.

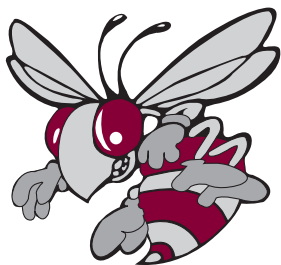
## Jr./Sr. High School Update

We are off to a fantastic start at Byron-Bergen Jr/Sr High School. Students are being engaged in their academic programs, extracurricular activities and athletics. Our participation numbers are impressive! As the school year progresses, we will continue to provide opportunities for students to be actively involved with the school and programs.



ParentSquare and other social media outlets will be the vehicle that will be used to share our district and building updates. Look out for the Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School Monthly Newsletter on ParentSquare. Also, make sure you follow the district on Facebook and @BBCSDBuzz on Twitter and Instagram. Parents can utilize SchoolTool Parent Portal to monitor their child's attendance, grades and assignments. If you need assistance getting signed up for ParentSquare or the SchoolTool Parent Portal, then please contact the main office.

I want to thank all of our teachers, families and students for a great start to the 2022-23 school year. We are dedicated to meeting the needs of our students through positive relationships while promoting character and academic growth. Please feel free to contact me anytime throughout the year via the phone at (585) 494-1220 ext 2201 or via email at [ajgrillo@bbschools.org](mailto:ajgrillo@bbschools.org).



# Byron-Bergen Students Awarded with Academic Honors from College Board National Recognition Programs

Three Byron-Bergen students have earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These National Recognition Programs connect underrepresented students who excelled in College Board assessments and schoolwork with universities across the country, helping them meaningfully connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process.

Ava Wagoner was awarded the National African American Recognition Award. "I'm really excited about the award because with AP (Advanced Placement classes) you have to work hard," said Wagoner, who plans to study engineering after graduation. "It feels good to get the recognition."

"I'm really proud," said Zoey Shepard who was awarded the National Rural and Small Town Award. She plans to study chemical engineering after graduation.

Dayanara Caballero was awarded the National Hispanic Recognition Award, National Rural and Small Town Award, and the National Indigenous Award. "Receiving these awards was really exciting for me," said Caballero. "I'm looking to apply to college to study mathematics or government."

To qualify for recognition, students have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town.

"Congratulations to these students," said Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School Principal Ashley John Grillo. "They are dedicated to their studies and push themselves to be the best they can be. They should be very proud of this recognition."



*Pictured: (L-R) Zoey Shepard, Dayanara Caballero, and Ava Wagoner*

# Music Notes

## Sr. High Winter Band & Choir Concert

December 20 – 7 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

## Jr. High Winter Band & Choir Concert

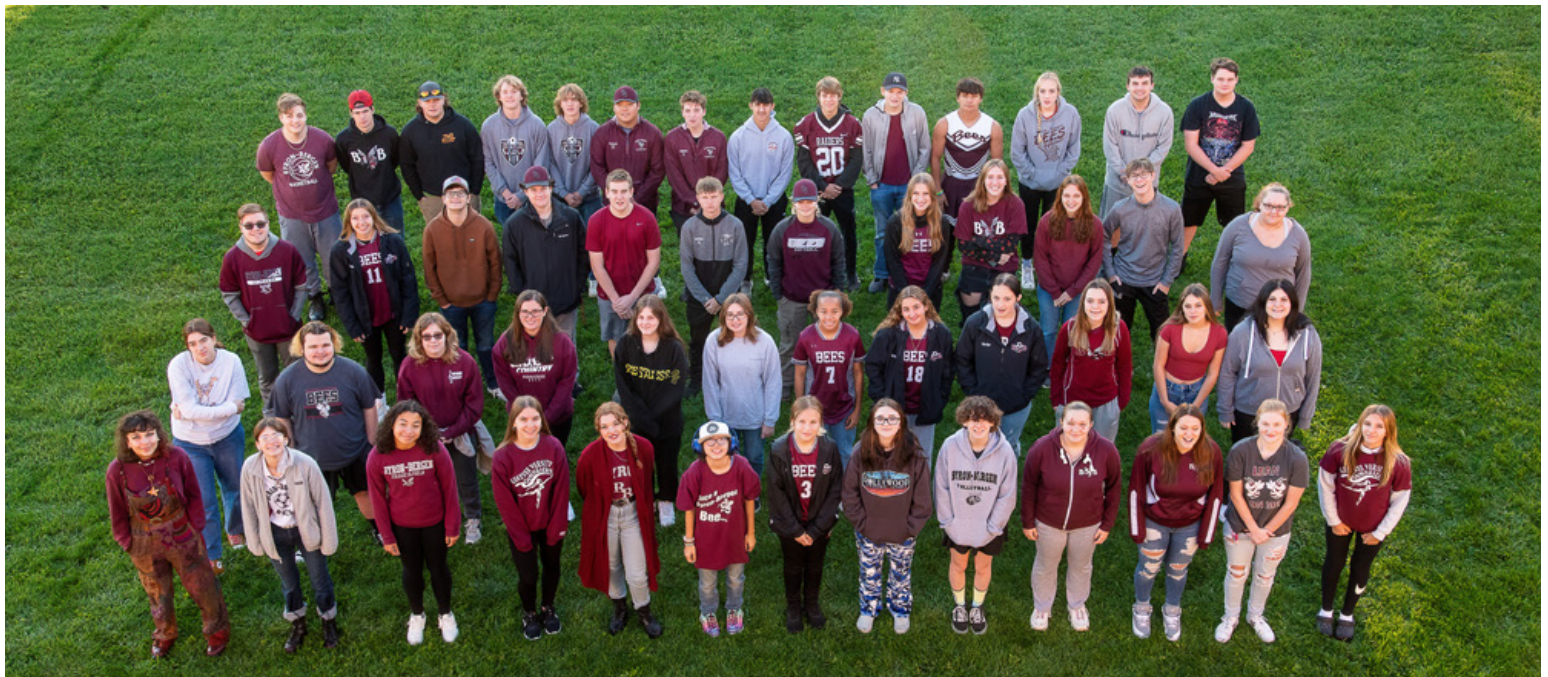
December 14 – 7 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

## Grades 5-6 Winter Concert

December 13 – 7 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. High Auditorium



# 2023 Seniors





# Fall Athletics Round Up

It was an amazing season for the B-B athletes!

Girls Varsity Soccer won Genesee Region League Champions, Section V Class C2 Champions, Western Region Champs, and competed in the NYS Final 4. Boys Varsity Cross Country won Genesee Region League Champions and Section V Class D Champions. Girls Varsity Cross Country won Genesee Region League Champions. Boys Varsity Soccer was runner up in the Genesee Region League and in the Final 4 in Class C for Section V. Girls Varsity Volleyball was runner up in the Genesee Region League. Genesee Varsity Gymnastics was awarded the Section V Sportsmanship Team Award. And the Cal-Mum B-B Football team finished the season at 3-5 and made the Section V bracket at the #6 seed.

Congratulations, Bees!

## 2022 Fall Genesee Region All-Stars:

### Boys soccer:

Colin Martin  
Gianni Ferrara  
Manny Aragon  
Braedyn Chambry  
Jack Farnier

### Girls soccer:

Ava Gray  
Ava Wagoner  
Mia Gray (Player of The Year)  
Mckenzie Hagan  
Emma Starowitz

### Coach Hill:

Coach of The Year

### Football:

David Brumsted

### Volleyball

Emma Balduf

### Cross Country:

Zoey Sheppard  
Dayi Caballero  
Hanna Loewke  
Katherine Rogoyski  
Stephanie Onderdonk  
Solomon Smith  
Roman Smith  
Josh Tardy  
Lincoln McGrath  
Travis Shallenberger  
Frank Hersom  
Gabe Vallese

### Coach Bateman:

Girls Coach of The Year





# Social & Emotional Learning Update

By Megan Wahl

This year Byron-Bergen Central School District made a goal to develop a toolkit that includes programs, strategies, and resources that will be implemented schoolwide and in classrooms.

Aligning their work closely with the CASEL Five Competencies, faculty began focusing on one of the CASEL's Signature Practices.

"The SEL 3 Signature Practices are one tool for fostering a supportive environment and promote SEL. They intentionally and explicitly help build a habit of practices through which students and adults enhance their SEL skills." ([www.casel.org](http://www.casel.org))

Teachers at the elementary level focused on incorporating/continuing to build upon their morning and afternoon meeting times in their daily practices.

Morning Meeting is an engaging way to start each day, build a strong sense of community, and set children up for success socially and academically. Each morning, students and teachers gather together in a circle and interact with one another during four purposeful components:

**Greeting:** Students and teachers greet one another by name.

**Sharing:** Students share information about important events in their lives. Listeners often offer empathetic comments or ask clarifying questions.

**Group Activity:** Everyone participates in a brief, lively activity that fosters group cohesion and helps students practice social and academic skills (for example, reciting a poem, dancing, singing, or playing a game).



**Morning Message:** Students read and interact with a short message written by their teacher. The message is crafted to help students focus on the work they'll do in school that day. ([www.responsiveclassroom.org](http://www.responsiveclassroom.org))

At the Jr./Sr. High, members from the SEL Team shared established strategies and routines that they have been using in their classrooms and see as beneficial to students. Teachers highlighted strategies that included ways to either begin or end class with a focus on checking in with students both emotionally and academically. Some ideas that were highlighted were 'Appreciate, Apologize, Aha', 'Rose, Bud, Thorn', as well as daily practices through the use of Google Slides and Forms.

"These Welcoming Activities are brief, interactive experiences that bring the voice of every participant into the room, making a connection to one another and/or to the work ahead." ([www.casel.org](http://www.casel.org))

## Therapy Dogs





# Elementary School *News*

By Carol Stehm, Interim Principal

The school year is off to an amazing start! I've enjoyed being at the elementary building and getting to know the students. They are full of energy and excitement to learn every day!

Building relationships and developing a safe and secure atmosphere where everyone feels welcomed is a priority. When students feel comfortable in school they are engaged and focused on learning. Each day classroom teachers begin the day by holding a morning meeting with their class. It provides time for teachers and students to get to know each other. They share things like how they are feeling, what they did over the weekend, and special things they are looking forward to doing. Morning meetings have been a huge success. Teachers and students enjoy the opportunity to communicate with each other.

Students have already had wonderful learning experiences to talk about during morning meetings this year. They have attended assemblies learning

about whole body listening, kindness and helping others. They participated in Fire Safety Day where they toured rescue vehicles, learned about the fire equipment and became familiar with the gear firefighters wear. In the classroom, students are learning how to identify and manage their feelings, visiting with guest speakers or therapy dogs, and participating in special activities. A few grade levels have even attended a field trip already.

I am proud of the great job our students are doing this year. They are pushing themselves to do their best. They are growing as readers, writers and mathematicians, persevering when something is difficult. They are demonstrating kindness and gratitude and always being respectful, accountable and responsible Byron-Bergen Bees!

Sincerely,

Carol Stehm

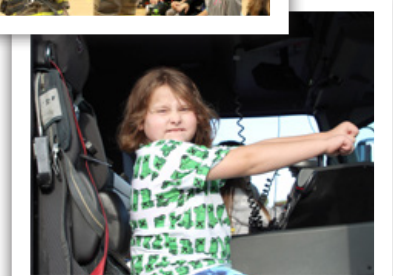
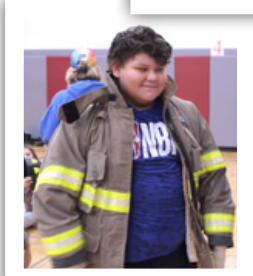
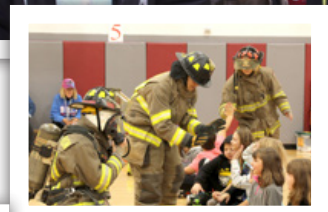
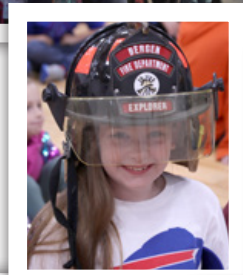
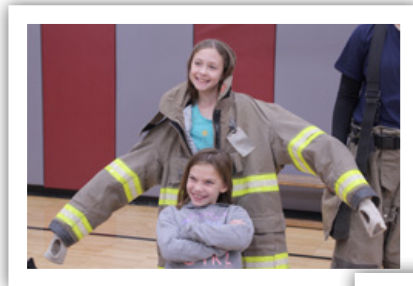
## *Fire Safety*

On Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, the Byron-Bergen Elementary School observed Fire Safety Day with a series of lessons and experiences designed to help students make safe choices for fire prevention and in case of an emergency.

Fire rescue crews from Bergen, Byron, and South Byron showed students their equipment and explained how each item is used. Students had the opportunity to try on safety gear and explore the rescue vehicles.

The rescuers were joined by seven High School students who participate in the Explorers program. The program allows for students to gain training and experience to work toward certifications while still in High School.

Thank you to all of our Fire Safety Day participants!





# Annual Byron-Bergen Run Promotes *Fitness and Community Service*

On Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Byron-Bergen Elementary students took part in the Turkey Trot. The annual run through the District's scenic nature trail is designed to promote physical health, life-long fitness habits, and community service. The run is just under one mile and takes place during Physical Education class time. It is the culmination of a unit in which students train on the track and on the trails to prepare for the event.

"I love this event," said Physical Education Teacher Danielle Carson. "I hope it helps the students realize that

if they work hard, they can do hard things. I also hope they understand that when we work together, we can help our community."

In addition to taking part in the run, students were invited to donate wrapping paper or ribbon to the Byron-Bergen School District Holiday Gift Drive. The annual community service project provides holiday gift items to local families in need. Students have the rest of November to bring in their donations, but Carson has already collected over 100 items.





# 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.

## hairspray

• THE BROADWAY MUSICAL •

Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High is excited to present the musical, *Hairspray* March 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>! All performances take place in the Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High Auditorium at 7pm with the exception of the Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> matinee performance beginning at 2 pm.

Picture it! Change is in the air! It's 1962 in Baltimore, and Tracy Turnblad, the lovable plus-size teen, has only one desire – to dance on the popular, *Corny Collins Show*! When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. She must use her newfound power to dethrone Amber the reigning Teen Queen, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin, and integrate a TV network... all without denting her 'do!

The cast of *Hairspray* features 46 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.

Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High welcomes the *Hairspray* directing team led by 6<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher Alyson Mercedes Tardy, Jr./Sr. High Choir and vocal teacher Joe Paris as the vocal director, Jr./Sr. High Band Director Kevin Bleiler as the ensemble conductor and Greece-based professional dancer and teacher Solange Rodrigues as the choreographer.

Tickets for the production are \$10 for adults and \$8 for Senior Citizens and students. Presale ticket information will be posted to the website and shared with the community in February, 2023. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door. We are excited to have you join us for *Hairspray* and know that our wonderful cast of students and this incredible story of love overcoming hate will leave you singing and smiling all the way home!

\**Hairspray* is presented with special permission from Music Theater International (MTI).

# 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](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.

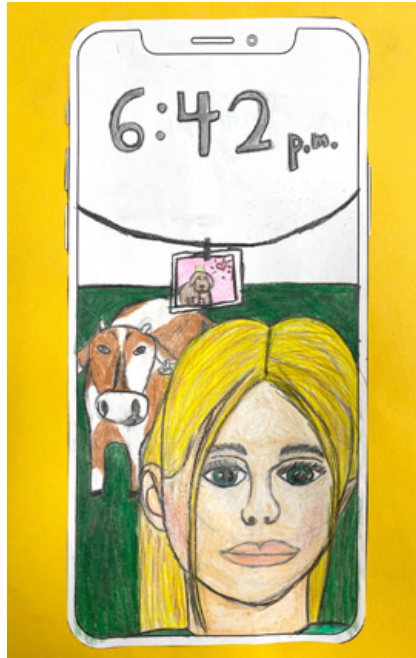




# Student Showcase



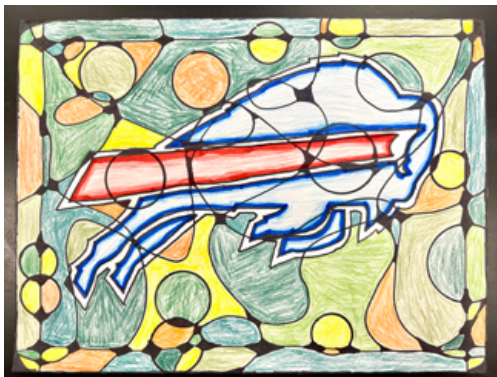
**"Pete the Cat with a Unicorn"**  
 Marker on Paper  
 Eleanor Almeter, Kindergarten  
 Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



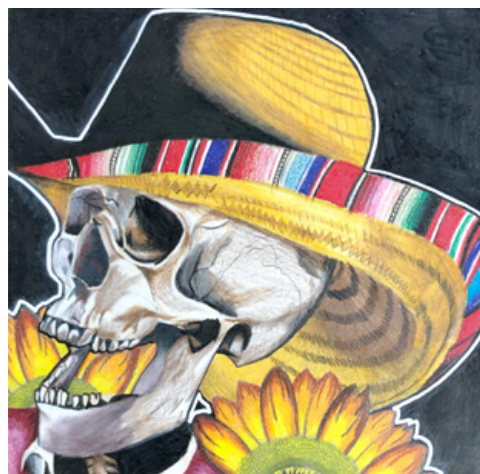
**"Selfie"**  
 Mixed Media on paper  
 Emma Tanner, grade 5  
 Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



**"Warm Sunflower Collaboration"**  
 Marker  
 By: Faith Apley, Imaad Bryant,  
 Tristen Davidson, Riley Boland, grade 6  
 Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



**"Buffalo Bills Neurographic Art"**  
 Marker & Colored Pencil  
 By: Bradley Tatar, grade 8  
 Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



**"Dia de los Muertos"**  
 Colored Pencil on Paper  
 By: Tyler Chapman, grade 11  
 Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



**"The Joys of Life"**  
 Colored pencil on paper  
 By: Katherine Rogoyski, grade 9  
 Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz





# 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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