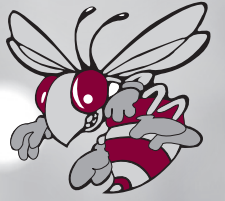


# The Focal Point



Fall/Winter 2021

## HOMECOMING AND SPIRIT WEEK



more photos inside



# Superintendent's Message

First and foremost, it is awesome to have all of our students (Pre-K-12) back in our buildings for full in-person instruction. The last year and a half have been difficult for our students and families, as well as our school staff. I am proud that everyone has settled in and school is off to a great start. My personal highlight has been seeing all of the excitement from our kids.

I want to thank all of our school community who came out to vote and help pass our upcoming Capital Project. This project covers areas across our whole District that are necessary for health and safety, maintaining and preserving our District assets, and enhancing programmatic opportunities for students and staff. As a reminder, there will be no additional tax increase to our taxpayers. The project will begin in the spring of 2023 and conclude in 2024. We will continue to update the community as plans unfold.

I wanted to reinforce the District's responsibility regarding COVID-19 cases. There is very little information that I am allowed to share regarding specific cases; however, I am required by NYS law to report daily positive cases of COVID-19 for staff and students to the Department of Health. The link below (also on our website) shows documented positive cases reported by the District and confirmed by the Department of Health in the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School. As a District, we are required to follow guidance from our state and local health departments. <https://schoolcovidreportcard.health.ny.gov/#/home>.

Thank you to all of our students and families for their unwavering support of the BB community to start the school year. The energy and enthusiasm across the district has been awesome. My main hope is that all of our students and families feel supported. I appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility, but need everyone to know during these uncertain times our team is here for you.

As part of my Superintendent Entry Plan as I get to know the District in a different position I am meeting with stakeholders across the District. If anyone would like to sit down and share their perspective on our school district please let me know. I would be happy to meet with you at your convenience.

Please call me at 494-1220 ext. 2829, email me at [pmcgee@bbschools.org](mailto:pmcgee@bbschools.org), or pop into the District Office if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback.

I will be in touch. Go Bees!



# News from the Board

On behalf of the Board of Education, we'd like to thank the community for passing the Capital Project. We appreciate your constant support for the school, learning environment, and especially the kids of our District.

We are pleased to have received the Utica National Excellence Award in School Safety. We have been the recipient of this award for many years and we are extremely proud of everyone's efforts to help achieve this award.

The Board is in the beginning phase of starting our next Strategic Plan for our District. This is a multi-year plan and will take some time to gather input. This takes some time to do, but we are excited as we continue to move the District forward.

The Board is so proud of our students here at Byron-Bergen, whether it is through clubs, sports, the arts, trades, and everyday participation in class. They do their very best in every aspect of school life and they represent our school so well.

Congratulations to all the fall sport athletes for a great season. We would like to also congratulate Lincoln McGrath for representing Byron-Bergen at the state level of competition for cross country; the last time that happened was in 2014. He finished in the Top 40! Also to our girl's soccer team, who did a fantastic job of taking their talents to the state level of play, we have never made it that far in competition! Well done.

If any community member who loves kids and holds the proper certification, or would like to become a bus driver for our District, please contact the school for more information.

Lastly, with the holidays upon us, we hope that you have much to be grateful for; get to celebrate with family and friends and have a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

*Debi List*

Debra List, President Board of Education

## Board of Education Recognition Week

October 18-22



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



# Meet our *Transportation Department*

By Jaime Vindigni, Transportation Coordinator

As the Transportation Coordinator, I am proud to write about my department. We have so many dedicated staff members that I want to shine a light on.

The Transportation Department consists of 18 bus drivers who do an amazing job of transporting students to the Jr./Sr. High School, Elementary School, GV BOCES, private, and parochial schools each and every day. In addition, there are a few remaining members of the Transportation Department who are sometimes forgotten. These are the School Monitors, Automotive Mechanics, and the Head Bus Driver. All of these positions are just as essential to keep our department running day to day.

Whether a bus driver, school monitor, mechanic, or head bus driver, everyone goes through the same yearly NYS required training, tests, and physicals. They also train our students three times a year on required NYS safety drills.

Currently there is a nationwide shortage of bus drivers and school monitors. Byron-Bergen Transportation Department is hiring for both positions. Come on down and apply to be part of our team. You will not find a more dedicated group to work with.



## *Seniors*

On October 14th, the Class of 2022 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 2022.





# New Employees



Melanie Balduf  
Food Service



Courtney Bapst  
Social Worker



Jeffrey Bater  
Food Service



Mary Bernadette  
Bochicchio  
Grade 2 Teacher



Karen Brown  
Elementary School  
Secretary



Grace Campbell  
Elementary School  
PE Teacher



Cayli Carmona  
Grade 5 Teacher



Michelle Clare  
Jr./Sr. High School  
Counseling  
Secretary



Janet Copani  
Teacher Aide



Elliott Flint  
Jr./Sr. High School  
Science Teacher



Codie Grazioplene  
Grade 4 Teacher



Ashley John Grillo  
Jr./Sr. High School  
Principal



Rebekah Ireland  
Jr./Sr. High School  
Athletic Secretary



Pamela Johnson  
ENL/ESL/ESOL  
Teacher



Diana Kindig-Grillo  
Liberty Scholars  
Program  
Representative



Leah Lyons  
UPK Teacher



Morgan Marcello  
Jr./Sr. High School  
Assistant Principal



Jessica McAlister  
Elementary School  
Secretary



April Northrop  
Food Service



Marc Palmer  
Technology  
Teacher



Meghan Reihls  
Grade 1 Teacher

## Byron-Bergen Announces New Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal



The Byron-Bergen Central School District Board of Education has approved Morgan Marcello as the new Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal. Prior to this appointment, she worked for the Kendall Central School District where she taught social studies and special education; coached volleyball, basketball, and softball; and served as student council advisor for the past eight years.

"The administrative team, as well as the teachers and staff I've met so far have been welcoming, kind, and show clear evidence of being dedicated, passionate educators; it would be impossible to not be excited to be joining them," said Marcello. "I can already sense that community and school pride run strong in Byron-Bergen, and I couldn't be more thrilled to be a part of that."

Marcello earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Secondary Social Studies and Special Education from Keuka College in 2011, a Master of Science Degree in Literacy (grades 5-12) from Keuka College in 2012, and a Post Master's Certification in Educational Leadership from Stony Brook University in 2021.

"Mrs. Marcello is an excellent addition to the administrative team at Byron-Bergen," said Jr./Sr. High School Principal Ashley Grillo. "I am looking forward to working closely with her as we strive to achieve our goals for the upcoming school year."



# Same faces, new places

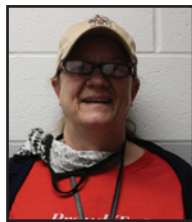
Some of our dedicated Byron-Bergen staff started new jobs this year. Luckily, they didn't go very far! Join us in congratulating these fabulous folks on their new positions at Byron-Bergen.



*Kristie Bird  
Teacher Aide*



*Betsy Brown  
Director of  
Instructional  
Services*



*Noma Evans  
Bus Driver*



*Kaitlin Kearcher  
Content Specialist  
(ELA & Social  
Studies)*



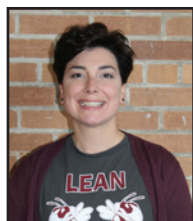
*Patrick McGee  
Superintendent*



*Sarah Saeli  
Reading Teacher*



*Diane Taylor  
Content Specialist  
(Math & Science)*



*Megan Wahl  
Social Emotional  
Learning  
Coordinator*

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## Long-Term Subs



*Kaitlin Blackburn  
Grade 3 Teacher*



*Miranda Colon  
Grade 5 Teacher*



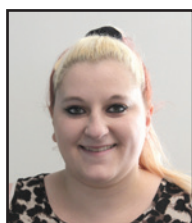
*Brittany Ramsay  
Grade 4 Teacher*



*Abigail St. Denis  
Grade 6 ELA  
Teacher*



*Savannah  
Vascukynas  
Grade 3 Teacher*



*Ashley Zuccardi  
Kindergarten Teacher*

## Happy Retirement



Jennifer Faro has taught at Byron-Bergen for over 30 years - first as a student teacher, then as a middle school science teacher for her entire career. She has taught seventh and eighth graders, as well as the occasional high school class, and has also coached girls' soccer for 19 years.

"The best thing about my years at Byron-Bergen have been my colleagues, seeing them daily will be what I miss the most. You get new kids each year, and that is ultimately why we are here, but your colleagues are there with you year after year through the good and bad," said Faro.

"I have had a lot of varied memories from being at BB," Faro recalled. "Science lessons, demos, and activities that did and did not work, kids that drove me crazy and kids that made teaching and coaching great, time spent at the soccer field, and being able to work and coach in the same District as my husband, Scott."

In retirement, Jennifer and her husband, Scott, plan to keep busy visiting different places around the area with their therapy dog, Pinot. They also plan to do some traveling.

Jennifer wants to thank BBFA - "a fabulous group to be a part of!" - and Pat McGee for continuing to foster positivity at Byron-Bergen.



# Jr./Sr. High School *Update*

By: Ashley John Grillo, Principal

I have had a wonderful time transitioning into my new role here at Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School. It has been great getting to know the students and establishing new



connections with families in this district. After 18 months of non-traditional schooling that led up to this school year, I feel that we are in a good place getting students re-acclimated into a normal educational setting. Fall athletics and other extracurricular activities were re-established and we've seen a high level of participation. As the school year progresses, we will continue to look to safely bring back activities and programs to engage students in a positive manner.

Communication between home and school is essential to student success. ParentSquare is a multi-purpose platform to facilitate communication, collaboration and increase family engagement in schools and will be used to share information with District families. Along with this app, information, highlights, calendar dates will be shared through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Please follow the District on Facebook and [@BBCSDBuzz](#) on Twitter and Instagram for all the latest updates. Parents can also utilize the SchoolTool Parent Portal to monitor their child's attendance, grades, and assignments. If you need any 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 2021-22 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. 2401 or via email at [ajgrillo@bbschools.org](mailto:ajgrillo@bbschools.org).

## *Nine Byron-Bergen Students* Published with Rochester Area Literacy Council

After two years, nine Byron-Bergen students were recently announced as winners and their stories published in the Rochester Area Literacy Council's publication, "So Runs the River." The book is a collection of works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and art.

**The following students were selected as Byron-Bergen's Rochester Area Literacy Council winners:**

Gianna Clark - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Taylor Lundfelt - 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Abbie Mattern - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Malachi McGrath - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Maryn Meier - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Bradley Pocock - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Colin Rea - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Katherine Rogoyski - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Simone Scharvogel - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Every year, teacher Heather Painting works with sixth grade students through the winter to participate in the Rochester Area Literacy Council's Publishing Project. The competition is open to students of Rochester and its surrounding areas.

Back in 2019, when these students were in sixth grade, they submitted their stories to the competition. Days later, COVID-19 shut everything down. The competition was placed on hold, and last year, new participants (current seventh grade students) competed with the prior year's participants - doubling the competition.

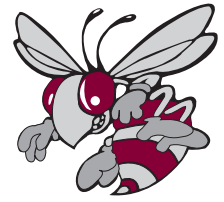
*"I am so proud of these students, their hard work, and their patience while we waited for the winners to be announced," said Painting.*

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will not be the traditional celebration at the Seneca Park Zoo to distribute and celebrate the authors and artists. However, each published student will receive a complimentary copy of the book.





# Our Bees Did AMAZING Things This Fall!

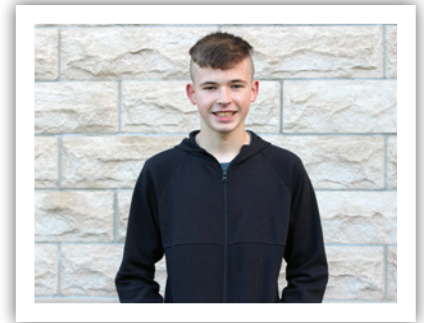


After our Girls Soccer team won the Class C2 title, they defeated Warsaw in the Class C crossover game.

The next round was the West Regional game, which was played against Section 6 Frewsburg. The girls won the tightly contested game 1-0, advancing the Bees to the NYS Final Four.

Carle Place High School advanced over the Bees by a score of 2-0.

It was a great season, and we are so proud of our girls and how they represented themselves and the Byron-Bergen community.



In Cross Country news, Lincoln McGrath was the first boy from Byron-Bergen to make it to the State meet in cross country since at least 2006. He ran a great race and came in 37<sup>th</sup> out of 120 runners in New York State! Lincoln has come a long way as a runner through hard work and determination. He is a great role model as a student athlete! We are all proud of him and his efforts.

*Congratulations  
to our Bees!*



## Students Head West for FFA

Five Byron-Bergen students recently journeyed to Indianapolis, IN for the 94<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention. Rachel Best, Maddie Pimm, Alex Schuck, Gracie Erin, and Brendan Pimm joined up with eight other western New York FFA chapters to head west.

The group stopped along the way for some sight-seeing. In Cleveland, OH, they toured the Cleveland Museum of Science and in Fair Oaks, IN they toured Fair Oaks Farms, which is known as the #1 agritourism destination in the midwest and contributes to the production of falrife milk.

At the 94<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention, students toured the FFA career expo and agricultural college career fair. Student and Byron-Bergen FFA president, Rachel Best, was also chosen to be a NYS FFA delegate to the national convention.



*(l-r) Rachel Best, Maddie Pimm, Alex Schuck, Gracie Erin and Brendan Pimm*



# Explorers Satisfies Students' Interest in *Emergency Services*

At a time when emergency service volunteers are in a 30-year decline, Byron-Bergen high school students are changing the statistics.

Izzy Best, GJ Donofrio, Lea Donofrio, Logan Fregoe, Rayden Robinson, Emma Starowitz, James (JC) Starowitz, and Rugar Starowitz are full-time high school students. In addition to participating in sports, advanced placement classes, student government and part-time jobs, they also volunteer with Bergen Fire Departments in its Explorers program.

"The purpose of the Explorers program is to start educating teenagers about the fire service and EMS, hoping to inspire the next generation of first responders," said Julie Donofrio, Explorer Program Coordinator and EMT with the Bergen Fire Department. "Our current group of kids is interested in both the fire side and the EMT side of things, which is awesome, because they're learning how firefighting and EMT work as a team."

"My parents are part of the fire department and have been for a while, so it's kind of in my family," said Lea Donofrio. "I'm interested in working in EMS and rescue. I want to go into the Coast Guard and police afterwards. I know people who did Explorers in the past and once they obtained their EMT at age 17, they received a lot more benefits with their jobs and colleges, so I think it'll set me apart."

Students can earn experience from a lot of places, so why pick the Explorers? "It's a career path for a lot of kids," said Julie. "These kids have, in one way or another, grown-up in the fire service, and it just seems natural. This is just what they know." Something that makes this group of students stand out is that all of them are second or third generation firefighters or EMS. Julie herself has the pleasure of being able to teach and train her two children, GJ and Lea.

"GJ actually wasn't sure at all if he wanted to join, but both of my kids had been going to the hall and participating since they were little, so they were our guinea pigs," said Julie with a laugh. "Now that they realize it's kind of fun, they enjoy learning about the service and life skills."

The skills that students learn translate not only to the medical world, but to the "real world." They learn how to perform CPR, administer first aid and use the AED machine, which are all life skills. They also volunteer in the



*(l-r) Logan Fregoe, GJ Donofrio, Rayden Robinson, James (JC) Starowitz, Rugar Starowitz, Emma Starowitz, Izzy Best, and Lea Donofrio are this year's class of Bergen Explorers.*

community by bringing cookies to Bergen Meadows during the holidays, socializing with residents, and checking their blood pressure rates. "Students are interacting with the community, practicing skills, and spreading the word about the program," said Julie.

Julie said one of the best parts is seeing how engaged and motivated students are. She said that the District is instrumental in providing support and rustling up interest in the program. She often receives texts from parents, wondering when the next meeting is.

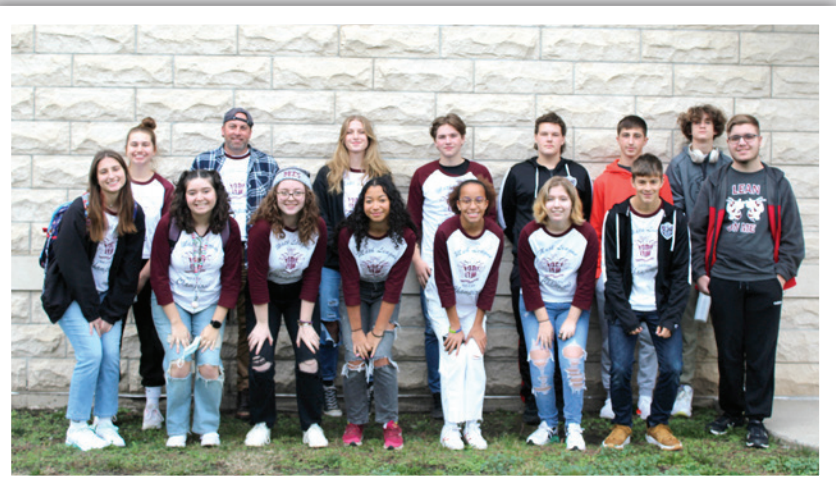
"The Explorers program is a great opportunity for our kids," said Julie. "The program has given kids first-hand experience in working with the Bergen Fire Department. These students really go above and beyond, and they are committed to giving back to our community. We are lucky to have this program in our school district."

If anyone – student or community member – is interested in joining the Explorers or volunteering with the department, Julie strongly encourages them to talk to one of the students that is currently involved, or head down to the Bergen Fire Department to find out more information.

## 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<sup>th</sup> at Genesee Community College.

*Good luck, team!*





# Raising Money by Raising the Dead

When Byron-Bergen senior Libby Piper and her mom, Byron-Bergen teacher Heather Painting, went on local ghost tours, she thought, "Bergen could do this."

This year, Piper and Painting began planning a local historical ghost tour. They started by speaking to the Bergen Historical Society, who provided information about the people buried at Mount Rest Cemetery.

Next, it was finding actors to portray the former residents – so Piper decided to get the community involved.

"I thought it would be a great idea to involve the school in the Bergen community," said Piper. "Some of the drama students agreed to portray the people that are buried in the cemetery."

Prior to the event, the Town of Bergen and Mayor Anna Marie Barclay worked with Piper and Painting to organize an event in Hickory Park to complement the ghost tour. There were food trucks and performances by The Charlie Mitchell Group, and tickets to the ghost tours sold out – even after adding additional tour slots. The front pavilion was decorated with Halloween ghosts and witches, Young Life sold pumpkins, student-made scarecrows were displayed, proposals for park plantings were presented, Greg'ry's served baked goods, and ice cream treats were sold by the Methodist Church. Attendees had dinner,



enjoyed music, and went on the ghost tour. There were approximately 250 people in attendance, with between 90 and 100 people taking the tour.

"As a retired teacher, I am always looking for opportunities to work with students, include them in community activities, and bring the community together," said Barclay. "This seemed an opportunity to do so."

The event also ended up being a way to honor former village historian Ray MacConnell, who recently passed.

The historical ghost tour featured students and faculty members dressed as deceased members of the Bergen community who are buried in Mount Rest Cemetery in the village. The "ghosts" told stories of events in their lives as the "tourists" made their way through the cemetery. The stories they told were from MacConnell's writings and research.

Byron-Bergen Drama Teacher Larry Tallman participated as a ghost on the ghost tour. He took on the role of Eaton Mann, an eclectic Batavian photographer and musician.

"It was incredibly exciting to have that opportunity, to have a student take that initiative, and to come up with such a creative way to raise money," said Tallman. "It was even more exciting for me to be a part of the whole thing as an actor and being directed by my student."

Piper and Barclay have heard nothing but positive feedback and are looking forward to expanding the event for next year with more ghosts, tour slots, and community involvement.

"Just yesterday, Mr. McGee stopped me in the hallway and told me he's heard nothing but great things about it, so that was really great for me to hear," said Piper. "I've received lots and lots of positive feedback about it."

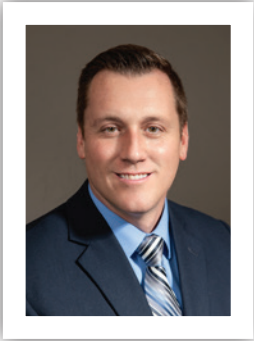
Due to the huge amount of input and effort, Piper decided that the proceeds from the ghost tours and festival would be donated to the Byron-Bergen drama department, the Cemetery Association, and the Bergen Historical Society. In its first year, the event raised \$900.





# Elementary School *News*

By: Brian Meister, Principal



The start of the 2021-2022 school year has been nothing short of amazing.

This fall has had an unofficial theme of welcome back to many of the things we missed last year. This year we were not only able to

welcome our students

back to school but also our special area classrooms for art, music, Inquiry Based Learning Lab, and our gymnasium. From programming our robots to designing toys using Computer Assisted Design (CAD) and printing them on our 3D printers, our Inquiry Based Learning Lab is going full STEAM ahead. Our art students are getting their hands “dirty” creating wonderful artwork with various mediums such as chalk, paint, ink, and clay. In general music, our students have had room to stretch out their legs for some dance or play to the beat with engaging instruments. In physical

education, the students are able to get up and get moving around our newly renovated gymnasium. The students and teachers are thrilled to be back in these fun and engaging learning spaces.

We also welcomed back a few less talked about, but very important, parts of our school. These would be our classroom carpets, small group learning tables, and various shared learning resources. With careful planning, we are once again able to provide guided reading and customized learning experiences that we were unable to do through much of last year. The result has been an abundance of smiles and laughter as our children reconnected with friends and teachers while working on targeted and student centered instruction.

We are also excited to welcome back some extra-curricular activities. Our fourth- and fifth-graders are getting excited about reading and participating in Page Turners. The students are busy completing this year’s reading list in preparation for their first competition in December. Students in grades four through six are once again enjoying our choral and

instrumental music programs. Fifth and sixth grade Band and Chorus are practicing in preparation for the upcoming Winter Concert. Our fourth grade chorus students are learning new songs and how to perform as an ensemble, while our fourth grade instrumentalists are learning how to play an array of new instruments. Our Safety Patrol is back on the job with fifth grade student leaders setting a great example for our younger students in the hallways and bus loop each day. We have also had the return of fifth grade buddies. A great group of fifth grade student leaders help our youngest students pack up their gear and walk them to their buses each day.

As I started with, this year has started off on a fantastic note. These were just a few highlights of the many great things that are happening here at the Elementary School. I know that none of this is possible without the support of our parents and community. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact me at 494-1220 , ext. 1005 or by email at [bmeister@bbschools.org](mailto:bmeister@bbschools.org).

## *In Loving Memory*



*Chris Spencer*



*Ray Waters*

It was with heavy hearts that we said goodbye to our friends and colleagues Ray Waters and Chris Spencer. The District thanks them for their many years of service to our community and sends our condolences to each family. They will forever remain Byron-Bergen Bees.





# The Annual Elementary School *Turkey Trot*

The Turkey Trot looked a little different this year, but on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, Bees in UPK through grade five enjoyed the cold but 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 personal records, smiles, cheering, and teamwork. Great job, Bees!









# Social Emotional Learning *News*

I have been so fortunate to take on a new role this year and work in partnership with SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Consultant Chris Merle from MK Consulting and Training. In September, we met with our District Level SEL Team to reflect on the past school year and look ahead to 2021-2022. Shortly after, we met with Building Level SEL Teams, which include teachers, staff, and other school personnel. Moving forward, both of these teams will work to analyze data, identify best practices, develop SEL-related lessons, examine school policies and curriculum, and plan activities for the whole Byron-Bergen learning community.

Our goals for this year have been focused on bringing awareness to Social Emotional Learning through professional development and surveying both staff and students.

Because collaboration is key in making SEL an integral part of our District, one of our next vital steps is to hear from families. We have prepared a family survey to gather your thoughts about SEL at Byron Bergen. Please take 5-10 minutes to scan the QR Code below and let your voice be heard.

**Please fill out one survey per child in your household.** This will help our teams when looking at specific building/grade level responses.

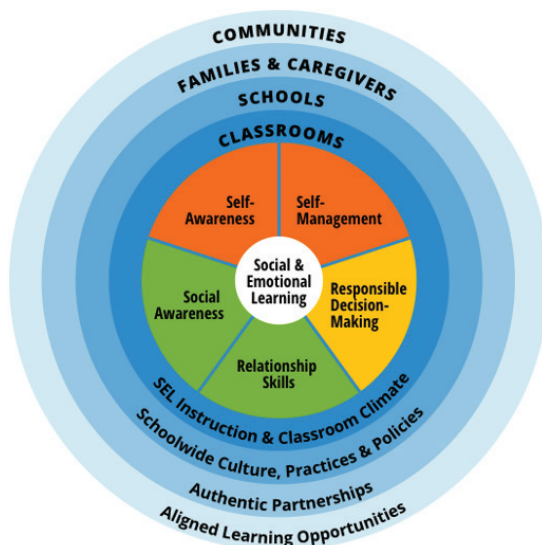
Information gathered from our surveys, as well as discussions with our SEL Teams, will help guide our District throughout the rest of this year and beyond.

I am looking forward to working with the SEL Teams and all of the amazing opportunities to come this year to support students, staff and families. If you have any questions, comments, or thoughts, please don't hesitate to reach out to me by phone or email.

Megan Wahl

[mwahl@bbschools.org](mailto:mwahl@bbschools.org)

585-494-1220 ext. 1404



## HELP WANTED

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

- Cleaner ( Full-time or Part-Time)
- Maintenance Worker
- 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 ([pgunio@bbschools.org](mailto: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, 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.



# Student Showcase



**"Sunflowers"**

Paint on paper  
Audrey Chudyk, Kindergarten  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



**"Mega Masterpiece"**

Mixed Media on paper  
Riley Boland, grade 5  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



**"Surreal City"**

Mixed media on paper  
Connor Riedmiller, grade 1  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



**"Portrait"**

Watercolor Portrait  
By: Estelle Dumuhosky, grade 8  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



**"Bee"**

Graphite on Pencil  
By: Tyler Chapman, grade 10  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



**"Sunflower"**

Graphite on Pencil  
By: Victoria Rogoyski, grade 10  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



**"The Red Eye Mask"**

Plaster & Paper Mache  
By: Rylee Walker, grade 7  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



**"Fish Print"**

Watercolors & Marker  
By: Ava Davids, grade 6  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer





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

**Nominee Information:** Please provide the below information about the person you wish to recommend for the Byron-Bergen Alumni Hall of Fame.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year of Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

**Home Phone #:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Work or Cell Phone #:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Is Nominee:**  living  deceased

*Briefly describe those achievements, accomplishments or contributions that cause you to nominate the individual named above for Alumni Hall of Fame recognition. You may add additional pages, newspaper clippings, or other supporting evidence if you so desire. Please include accomplishments in the following areas:*

- School Contributions/Activities while at Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School
- Subsequent Contributions to Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School
- Educational Achievements
- Job Related Achievements
- Professional Honors and Awards
- Professional Affiliations
- Community/Civic Involvement
- Other

*If possible, please list other people to serve as resources for Byron-Bergen staff to research additional Nominee information:*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Daytime Phone #:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Daytime Phone #:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Person Submitting Nomination:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Daytime Phone #:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

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

Byron-Bergen Central School District  
District Office - Attn.: P. Gunio  
6917 West Bergen Road • Bergen, NY 14416



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