

Bath CSD News

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Board members head back to school for a day

Many thanks to our hard-working Board of Education members who took the day off from work to see our schools in action on December 20. The busy day started when members boarded buses to ride along with our drivers on the morning routes. Board members then visited classrooms to talk with students and staff before

holding a special daytime meeting, at which they recognized numerous students for their accomplishments.

Bath Central School District Board of Education members are President Michael Mishook, Vice President Amey Rusak, Olivia Krezenski, Bradley Lavery, Dr. Susan Narby, Scott Ward and Jennifer Yartym.



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Superintendent's message

Dear Bath CSD Community,

Happy New Year! Through the holiday season we often take a moment or two to reflect on the importance of gratitude, compassion and kindness. This time of year provides us with an opportunity to come together as a community, celebrate our diversity and express our gratitude for the positive impact we make on each other's lives. Bath CSD is very grateful for the on-going support provided by our community. It is only through this strong partnership that we can continue to succeed. Thank you!

The past few months have been busy at Bath CSD and there are no signs of things slowing down anytime soon. As we begin a new calendar year, it is with great pleasure and pride that I reflect on the remarkable accomplishments and positive momentum we have experienced together as a school community so far this school year. The dedication and resilience of our students, staff, parents and community partners have truly made the start of this school year exceptional.

Our students continue to shine academically, consistently demonstrating a commitment to learning and achieving excellence in all areas of academics. Our team members have worked tirelessly to create engaging and meaningful learning experiences and foster a love of learning that will undoubtedly serve our students well in their future endeavors. As we celebrate the achievements of our students, we also acknowledge the unwavering support and collaboration of parents, families and all caregivers who play a vital role in their children's educational journey.

This year, we have continued and introduced several innovative programs aimed at enriching the educational experience of our students. From STEAM initiatives to arts and cultural programs, our goal is to provide a well-rounded education that prepares our students for the challenges and opportunities they will encounter in the rapidly evolving world.

Regardless of how anyone feels about the changes that have occurred in public education during the past few years, a lot of good has resulted from these changes. We are having deeper

conversations about students' performance and instructional practice than we have had in the past. The level of academic expectation has been raised for all students – which is always a good thing – especially in light of the demands of today's world.

Nonetheless, if your child is headed into college or a career, the skill set necessary for students to succeed in either environment are very different from those that were required previously. We must continue to embrace these higher standards and expectations for our students and not get caught up in the political rhetoric that surrounds these topics. I truly believe that our students, with the proper support and guidance, can not only reach these higher expectations, but they can surpass them. Our team members at Bath CSD work diligently to make shifts in instructional practice that foster a learning environment and learning tasks that promote greater independence resulting in lifelong learners.

I ask each of you to continually be involved in the educational journey and process, continue to partner and assist us by providing your support, sharing ideas and thoughts as we strive to build a program that not only meets and exceeds a great educational system, that in Bath, we define it!

At the time of this article being written, we do not know what may or may not transpire at the state level involving public education funding and policy, yet, we are in full budget development at Bath CSD. Creating a school budget that meets the mandates set forth by the New York State Education Department, incorporates the best educational experiences for all students and is fiscally responsible to our taxpayers continues to be a challenge. This challenge becomes increasingly difficult when compounded by rising costs and a two percent tax cap requirement, which does not always or even usually compute to two percent. We are working diligently, and will continue to do so, to make all of these items come to fruition as we continue to prepare the proposed 2024-25 school budget. As I stated in my previous newsletter article, we are constantly

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Thank you, St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church recently made a \$500 donation to Schylar's Closet, which was started several years ago by high school teachers Jackie Havens and Cari Scott.

"We were astonished by the number of students that were going without basic needs," said Mrs. Havens. "We spent our own money the first few years and assembled bags in the back of Cari's classroom. As the number of students grew, we knew we had to ask for help. Several colleagues and community members started chipping in. Eventually, we started an Amazon Wish List so that people could see and donate needed items. We saw the need to make a difference with high school students, specifically at Christmas time, as a lot of attention seemed to go into making sure younger kids had things for Christmas."

Mrs. Havens continued, "Thanks to the monetary donation from St. Thomas' this year, we could give more than half of the students a \$10 gift card to a local restaurant! This was something above and beyond the hygiene and snack items that we usually are able to give them. It also provides them with a sense of empowerment as they are able to walk into these places and buy something for themselves that might otherwise be a rarity."

"We are honored to support the work of Schylar's Closet," said John Clinton Bradley, chair



John Brundage and the Rev. Melanie Duguid-May of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church hand delivered a check to Jackie Havens and Cari Scott, who run Schylar's Closet.

of the Mission Committee at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. "John Brundage, who is a school bus driver and one of our parishioners, told us about this incredible ministry."

Mr. Bradley continued, "Our parish sets aside a significant portion of our annual budget for small grants to non-profit organizations that help people locally, nationally and internationally. During 2023, we distributed \$8,000 in grants. We invite other local non-profit organizations to apply for grants at <https://www.stthomasbath.org/what-we-do/grants>."

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Board of Education recognizes students

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized by the Board of Education at the December 20 meeting:

Members of the State Championship Varsity Girls Soccer Team:

Makayla Smith, Zoey Winfield, Triesta Sprague, Braydyn Gerrity, Jenna Thorp, Ainsley Beaty, Ella Yartym, Riley Beaty, Katelynn Dubois, Emmalyn Lafler, Emma Luckenbach, Abigail Rodbourn, Skylar Lyke, Lydia Dickson, Madison Thorp, Leah Krelie, BreeAnn Walruth, Keegan Smith, Lola Coots, Maliyah Buckle, Sierra Haight, Contessa Vanskiver, Emma Schneider, Aleah Binkowski and Gracelyn Wheeler.

Senior High Area All-State Musicians:

Ronald Clark IV, Alexandra Haskins, Makayla Smith, Isabelle Anderson, Carter Brown, Dylan Henshaw, Sarah Reese, Donovan Ryan, McLane Stermole, Natalie Williams, Ian Zawrotny, Douglas Bryson, Ryleigh Laverty, Jadyn Pragle, Seth Brown, Madison Coots, Ashlyn Gerrity, Korbin Herrington, Gracie Lindmark and Abigail Prichard.

Varsity Girls Cross Country State Championship Qualifier:

Alexa Wolfe

GST BOCES Wildwood Campus Students of the Month:

Cassandra Dean, Digital Media Arts; Elizabeth Rader, Culinary Arts; Maddyson Crowley, Cosmetology; Morgan Knowles, Criminal Justice and Faith Conklin, Culinary Arts.

Excellence in Photography:

Teyanna Bradley

Clay Target Club Members:

Ben Prichard, Adam Mault, Alex Knowles, Korbin Herrington, Hunter Haight and Hannah Havens.

Weight Lifting Club Members:

Lucas Baroody, Xavier Baroody and Elijah Tietje.

Dana L. Lyon Middle School students recognized for academic excellence, good citizenship and demonstrating Ram Pride.

Fourth Grade:

Averie Scott, Ryan Henshaw, Mia Chidsey, Peyton McGowan, Amellia McCarthy, Karlee Wydra, Brooklyn Gallagher, Cason Decker, Jaecyk Conrad, Ryan Card, Brycen Eagley and Jaxon Proctor.

Fifth Grade:

Clayton VanSkiver, Gabriella Beams, Trenton Stevens, Ava Tunison, Paige Murray, Saage Howell, Payson Longwell, Elliana Ross, Phoenix Longwell, Zoey Lisefski, Maggie Smith and Jase Little.

Sixth Grade:

Roman Coe, Reagan Adams, Reagan Sweet and Gunner Hodge.

Seventh Grade:

Giovanna "Gigi" Contreras-Wilcox and Maddy Allen.

Eighth Grade:

Emma Best, Judah Coe, Ainsley Krezenski and Matthew Sullivan.

Junior High All-County Musicians:

Russel Bryson, Griffin Enders, Elijah Brown, Natalie Chapman, Jack Herrick, Ainsley Krezenski, Claire McKinley, Cade Pragle, Seth Rounds and Leah Zawrotny.

VEW Community Service project participants:

Vernon E. Wightman Primary School second-graders have participated in a community service project to bring holiday cheer to the residents of Spring Meadow Apartments for more than 25 years.

Each year, the students prepare decorations in order to deck the halls of the senior citizen living facility.

Students also practice singing holiday carols all month long and perform the songs for residents when they visit. This year, students also learned to sign to words to *Silent Night*.

Second-grade classrooms include Mrs. Kisiah, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Rounds, Mrs. Piraino, Mrs. Barros, Mrs. Covert, Mrs. Doane and Ms. Williams.

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Dana Lyon students honor veterans

On November 9, students and staff at Dana Lyon Middle School honored and celebrated local veterans representing more than 433 years of service to our military with breakfast and ceremony.

The event began with a buffet-style breakfast for students and their veteran relatives prior to a school-wide assembly. The ceremony was kicked off with a rendition of the *National Anthem* performed by eighth-grade saxophonists Eli Brown and Wendy Love. Following the anthem, the sixth-grade chorus performed *Those Who Served*, accompanied by Mrs. Brown on piano and Mrs. DiDomineck's high school Sign Language class signing the lyrics to the song.

Guest speakers Carl Peters and Trina Moreno spoke about their experiences in the Army. Mr. Peters also spoke about the significance of the POW/MIA table as a symbol of gratitude and honor for those who are still mission or imprisoned.

Ms. Moreno discussed the importance of setting goals and being flexible, as her experiences in the Army wouldn't have been possible without her willingness to pivot and focus on new opportunities as they were presented.

Following the speakers, each branch of the military, as well as each individual serviceman and woman in attendance were recognized. Perhaps the highlight of the ceremony was the question and answer session, in which several students in fourth through eighth grade asked the veterans prepared questions. Students came up with some really insightful questions!

As is the case with every school event, they are not possible without a combined effort. A huge thank you to the cafeteria staff for a delicious



breakfast; the technology department for helping with the technology needs and live streaming the event; the custodial staff for making sure the cafeteria and auditorium were in top shape; Mr. Thorp for emceeding the ceremony; the guest speakers for sharing their experiences with students and staff and last but not least, the veterans for sharing part of their day at school.

The event gave us all an opportunity to pause and convey gratitude to all veterans for their selfless act of protecting our freedoms.

A recording of the ceremony is available on the Bath Central School District YouTube channel.

Fourth-graders study native New Yorkers

Dana Lyon Middle School fourth-graders studied the native people of New York this fall.

Students learned about aspects of daily life, including food, clothing, long houses, jobs, games and festivals. They also created maps, symbols, wampum belts and clan signs. All of this learning was used to create visuals on poster boards or in books that students presented to each other and members of the administration. Mrs. Hill's and Mrs. Rakita's classes collaborated on the project to demonstrate their learning of the Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) people.

Here's what students had to say about the project:

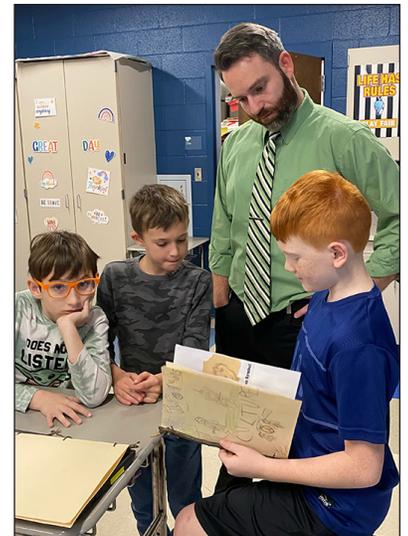
"I liked that we made wampum belts to show a Native American story," said Paryker Harris.

"It was so fun working as a group to learn facts, and then getting to pick our own favorite facts about Iroquois life," said Annie Wheeler.

"I learned how the three sisters helped each other grow because the squash, beans and corn were all planted together," said Colton Bridge.

"When we shared the project with other classes, I liked how we did the same things, but a little differently," said Averie Scott.

"I liked cutting out our facts and pictures and gluing them into the project we made," said Xavier Wilcox.



Superintendent's message, continued

researching and investigating how to create the most efficient working environment while continuing to meet the demands of the 21st Century. Our students certainly deserve learning opportunities that reflect the challenges they will be faced with following their high school commencement. Please look for more budget information to be forthcoming.

Our winter sports season is in full swing and it won't be long before we will be welcoming the spring season. However, until warmer weather returns, it can be difficult to keep the momentum and excitement alive and not fall victim

to cabin fever. I have noticed this in student's attendance. It is very important that your child attends school each and every day as long as he or she is healthy. One day can make such a difference in academic achievement. Great attendance is a significant contributor to your child's school success. Thank you for assisting in this matter.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to the success of our school. Wishing you all a happy and healthy new year.

Kelly Horck

Hursh volunteers at Dormann Library

Ethan Hursh is completing his senior year with Haverling at Corning Community College in the Accelerated Senior Year program. In his free time, you will find him volunteering at the Dormann Library in a variety of ways. Ethan is willing to help with any task, including inventoring the many books the library holds.

In October, he began offering free tutoring to students in grades 4-12 on Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 am-1:00 p.m. Ethan is a friendly, brilliant young man who would love to help students with any subject. Please encourage your child to stop by the library to get assistance from Ethan.

While at the library, be sure to check out all the other activities and opportunities the library offers. In addition to the human tutor, there are Tail Waggin' Tutors available on two Saturdays a month. Come and read a book to a dog – they are great listeners!

The library is truly a happening place for the entire community. Enjoy a smoothie or a cup of soup in their Chapters Café or shop in the indoor Book Nook. Attend monthly arts and crafts programs and game nights for children and adults. Join the Garden Club, a book club or a story time for adults.



Of course there are lots of books to borrow, but there are also a lot of “things” that can be borrowed too, such as fishing poles, board games, music, memory kits and much more.

Need a space to be creative or hold a meeting? The library has a Makerspace and three different sized rooms to reserve for meetings.

Please spread the word and take advantage of the free tutoring that Ethan has to offer and stay up to date on library happenings on the Dormann Library Facebook page or website (dormannlibrary.org).

Indoor track now open for AM walkers

The Indoor Track at the Haverling Athletic Complex is now open for residents who wish to walk indoors before school starts. Track hours are 6:00-7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday on days school is in session through March 28, 2024. The track will be closed on snow days, as well as during school recesses and weekends.

Walkers are asked to park in the upper parking lot behind the District Office and enter through the upper doors of the Indoor Track.

Please contact Mike Binkowski, facilities manager, with any questions at (607) 776-3301, ext. 3122 or mbinkowski@bathcsd.org.

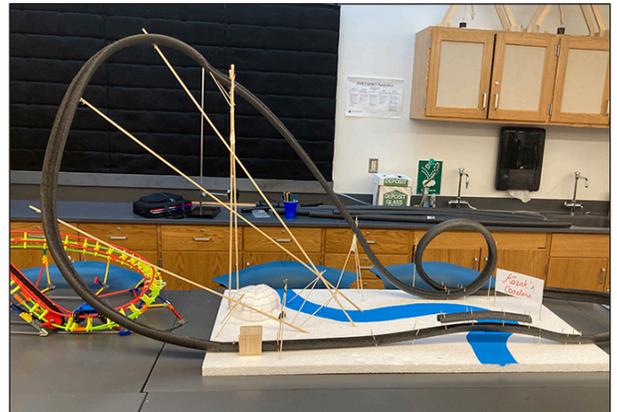
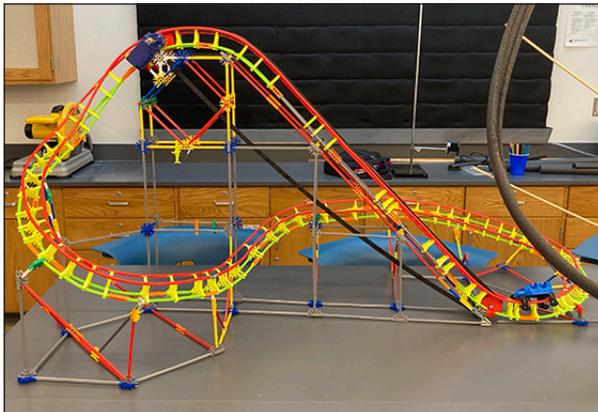


STEAM students build roller coasters

A new amusement park – Kozak’s Coasters – is looking for rides and the STEAM class is working hard to build prototypes.

Students must design their own roller coaster, evaluate the maximum g-forces on the riders and pitch their design to the amusement park board of directors. They must sell their coaster based on its thrill, theme and safety. Above 10 Gs and the park will likely have some lawsuits on their hands, but the board also doesn’t want to install a boring ride.

Can the students find the balance between excitement and safety, thereby winning the board’s approval? Stop by Mr. Kozak’s STEAM class to find out!



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Historic season for girls' cross country team

The 2023 girls Varsity cross country team recently wrapped up their season, finishing with a record of 15-5. That was good for a third place finish in the league – and one of the best overall records in the history of the program.

The team was led by sophomore Alexa Wolfe and included seniors Braydyn Gerrity and Madison Duby; juniors Jadyn Pragle, Allison Elmore and Zelda Musso and eighth-grader Wendy Love and coached by Head Coach Todd Ludden and Assistant Coach Lazarus Gleason.

Each runner had high hopes entering the season, which started in June for many of them, as they embraced the heat and trained throughout the summer to maximize their success.

League Championship meet

October 28: The team competed in the League Championship meet at Oakfield-Alabama HS, finishing fourth. Alexa Wolfe was the first Ram to cross the line that day, finishing ninth overall. She was followed by Jadyn Pragle, who had her best performance of the season, finishing 23rd overall. Braydyn Gerrity finished 26th; Allison Elmore finished 33rd; Zelda Musso finished 52nd and Madison Duby placed 61st. The entire team raced hard that day, but strong performances from Alexa Wolfe and Jadyn Pragle earned both of them GRAA-LCAA All-Star honors.

Section V Championship meet

November 4: The Rams finished second as a team in the Section V Class C Championship meet. This is the best finish in school history. The team raced on the same course in September and everyone who raced in the championship meet improved upon the time she set earlier in the season. Alexa Wolfe finished second overall. Braydyn Gerrity finished 12th; Jadyn Pragle finished 14th; Allison Elmore finished 17th; Wendy Love finished 29th; Madison Duby finished 39th and Zelda Musso finished 48th.

New York State Championship

November 11: Alexa Wolfe's second place Sectional finish qualified her for the NYS meet, where she ran her best race of the year. She finished 37th, beating her ranking of 55.



Varsity girls soccer team wins

The Varsity girls soccer team proved once again this season that success is earned, not given. Coming off the 2022 season with a third straight sectional title win, a first-ever regional title and a trip to the state finals, the Rams set the bar high for the 2023 team. With the loss of three integral starting seniors – Kelsey Thorp, Natalie Krelie and Meredith Czajkowski – the team had large shoes to fill. With the incoming seniors of Abigail Rodbourn, Ainsley Beaty, Braydyn Gerrity, Skylar Lyke, Lydia Dickson, Emma Luckenbach, Keegan Smith and Ella Yartym, there was a combined 23 years of service to the Varsity program among them. While the hopes were high, the grit was going to have to be higher if the girls were going to accomplish what they set out to.

This group of girls helped create history during the last four years for the soccer program. The team consisted of eighth-graders Riley Beaty and Zoey Winfield; sophomore Emmalyn Lafler; juniors Lola Coots, Katelynn Dubois, Leah Krelie, Triesta Sprague, Jenna Thorp, Madison Thorp, and BreeAnn Walruth and the eight previously mentioned seniors. JV players brought up for the post-season included Aleah Binkowski, Gracelyn Wheeler, Sierra Haight, Makayla Smith, Emma Schneider, Contessa Vanskiver and Maliyah Buckle.

In the last four years, the girls Varsity soccer program has achieved things that dreams are made of. With an overall record of 76-6, they were able to secure the Livingston County league title and the Section V Class B2/B title four years in a row. They also were two-time regional champions in 2022 and 2023, state finalists in 2022 and state champions in 2023. With a record of 21-1-0 this season, the team truly exceeded all expectations.

This group of girls truly showed what determination looks like game after game. While everyone loves to recognize the offensive accomplishments of a soccer team, it would be a disservice to not shine a light on the Ram's defense. Lola Coots was the team's fearless goal keeper who led from the back and only allowed a total of eight goals all season. The back defense was made up of Triesta Sprague, Leah Krelie, Zoey Winfield, BreeAnn Walruth and Emma

Luckenbach. This defensive unit was the toughest in all of Class B and they showed it game after game. Offense may sell tickets, but defense wins games.

The Rams offensive unit also was solid as a rock with Lydia Dickson and Keegan Smith owning the center of the field with support from their outside midfielders. With Ella Yartym being the lone striker up top, she made light work of a daunting job. They outscored their opponents 79-8 this season. That is a goal differential that is insurmountable for other teams to equalize.

With team success, comes a lot of well-deserved individual awards. Livingston County All-Stars included Ella Yartym, Leah Krelie, Triesta Sprague, Lola Coots and Lydia Dickson, with the Livingston County Player of the Year going to Keegan Smith. The Class B Section V All-Tournament team honors were awarded to Keegan Smith, Ella Yartym, Leah Krelie and Triesta Sprague. At the state tournament, Emma Luckenbach was recognized with the Sportsmanship Award and Keegan Smith was given the Most Valuable Player Award. Ella Yartym broke the school record for total goals scored and surpassed the 100 goal mark. Keegan Smith broke the record for most career assists. After the season ended, All-Greater Rochester honors were released and Keegan Smith and Ella Yartym were named to the First Team. All-State honors also were awarded to several Rams. Leah Krelie was named to the Fourth Team, Triesta Sprague to the Third Team, and Ella Yartym and Keegan Smith to the First Team. Keegan Smith also was awarded the Class B New York State Player of the Year!

With all of the fantastic individual awards, there was one athlete who took it one step further, which was the only honor left to earn. Keegan Smith was named to the All-Region Team and one day later, she became the first-ever female athlete in school history to be named to the All-America Team. This is a distinction that identifies her as one of the best female soccer players in the entire nation this fall.

The Varsity girls soccer team went all the way this year and left their mark on Haverling record books for all of time. This is something that can never be taken away. Congratulations, ladies!

– Coach Braedyn Northrup

2023 New York State Championship!



UPK students make Friendship Trail Mix

This fall, UPK students listened to *Stone Soup*, and discussed how adding many different items together can make something incredible. Students found it funny that you can make soup with a stone, but it's when you add everything else, it makes a wonderful mixture. Pre-K classes took it a step further and made their own version of Stone Soup – or, as they called it – Friendship Trail Mix.

To make Friendship Trail Mix, students were each given ingredients to add to a big bowl. As students took turns adding their ingredients, their friends took turns telling them something that made them thankful for him or her. Students then mixed all of the ingredients together and discussed how even though they are all different, together they make their classroom great.

It was wonderful to see and hear each of the things that make us thankful for each other. It's amazing how easily our youngest students can come up with kind things to say about each other!



Pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Dana Lyon Middle School started its annual pull-tab contest this fall. The Middle School collects the tabs for the aluminum. The aluminum collected becomes dollars donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. Students

bring in pull tabs from soda and other assorted beverage cans.

There are three contests during the academic school year. At the end of the year, we will total all the contests to find our top collectors.

The top three winners won gift baskets in November. The baskets were themed to encourage families to time spend time together during the holidays. The baskets contained items such as board games, Uno cards, playing cards, puzzles, coloring books, assorted markers and crayons and a few treats. The winners of the first contest were all fifth-graders, including Cash Gerych (first), Ryan Cleary (second) and Payson Longwell (third). The three students collected 67 pounds of pull tabs. This is approximately 86,156 tabs between the three students.

The total school collection was about 85 pounds. Great job, Rams!

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Bath Area Family Resource Center offerings

All families from Steuben County and beyond are welcome at the Bath Area Family Resource Center (BAFRC). We are located at VEW Primary School. The center offers parents, grandparents and caregivers a free, safe place to drop-in and play with their children, while focusing on school readiness and social connections.

Open drop-in times offer a developmentally-rich atmosphere with manipulatives, large motor activities, art experiences, pretend play, sensory play, an infant area, a variety of books and much more.

Special events such as Storytime with Ms. Sarah from the Dormann Library, Grooving with Granny, "Krafts" with Ms. Karen, Science with Jess and Baby Doll Circle Time focus on fostering family engagement are scheduled regularly.

BAFRC hosts a variety of parenting education classes which include, Positive Solutions for Families, FLIP IT, What You Do Matters, Building

Your Bounce, Your Journey Together and Starting Life Together. All classes include free childcare for families.

In addition, BAFRC offers activities for families which include a monthly crafting night for adults, a support group for parents, grandparents and caregivers that focuses on supports for all children. Free diapers are available weekly and many community resources also are available during open hours.

BAFRC is excited to host its first Parent Leadership class, Path to Impact, starting Tuesday, January 9 and running through January 30 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at ProAction.

For more information, please contact BAFRC Coordinator Kerry Stermole by calling 607-622-1068, 607-382-8873, or emailing stermolek@proactioninc.org. Be sure to like the BAFRC Facebook page for updates, reminders and upcoming events.



Sixth-graders mummify their principal!

Dana Lyon sixth-graders have been studying ancient cultures in History. Students learned about the first set of written laws that started in Mesopotamia, as well as why geography played such an important part in these early settlements. Students “wrapped up” their unit on Ancient Egypt with a mummification project. Special thanks to Ms. D’Abbracci, Mr. Delles, Mr. Clark and Mrs. Cole for agreeing to be mummified.

During the next unit on Ancient Greece, students will read *The Lightning Thief*.

It has been an exciting journey into the past so far this year in sixth grade.



PE teachers incorporate holiday fun

VEW students in UPK through third grade enjoyed holiday-themed PE lessons, including the annual Halloween stations. The activities are definitely a favorite among students and staff, as they encompass many different skills/activities, including the climbing wall, basketball shooting,

balancing on planks, bowling, jump roping and scooters in the Bat Cave.

Stay tuned for pictures and the results of the VEW jump rope contest that will be held in March. The record is 600 consecutive jumps by Ryan Henshaw in 2023!



STEAM unit focuses on fun with shadows

This fall, fifth-graders at Dana Lyon Middle School completed the Earth and Sun STEAM unit involving investigations to study the sun and learn about the earth's rotation. Students in Mrs. Stock's class participated in activities focused on the position of the sun and how it effects shadows. They learned that their shadows change depending on the position of the sun and realized that shadows were longer in the morning and

then got shorter as the sun moved higher in the sky. Pictured are students learning about their shadows in the morning and completing different shadow challenges including:

- Can you jump away from your shadow?
- Can you block out someone else's shadow?

"They enjoyed making a chain with their shadows by holding hands," said STEAM Mentor Kristin Hunt-Noteware.



Griffin Enders earns state music honor

Congratulations to Griffin Enders, who was chosen as one of the winners of The New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA®) Student Songwriter's Showcase. Griffin submitted an original composition he wrote during the summer for a state committee to review. His submission included a video of him performing his song and his lyric sheet. Griffin was one of just 11 selected from the state to be recognized at the annual NYSSMA® Winter Conference, where he performed his original song, *Why*, as part of a concert series in December.

A quote from his song critique stated, "Griffin, your song 'Why,' is simply extraordinary. To be honest, I may run out of superlatives in my evaluation of your work." Also, "Your lyrics are poignant, and you support your lyrical ideas by using a great rhyme scheme and a terrific sense of meter."

Griffin has been a member of choir, band and jazz band at Haverling, and also studies piano. He'd like to thank his teachers: Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Bryson, Mrs. Cole and Mr. Cole.

A special thank you to his piano teacher, Mrs. Boutwell.

While Griffin has had wonderful experiences with music at school, he also comes from a musical family. His mom, Aubri Enders, teaches music at VEW, and Griffin has enjoyed many performances with his brothers (Grayson and Zach), sister (Mia), father (Jeff) and grandfather (Brad Ordway).

Way to go, Griffin! Congratulations on your performance at the New York State School Music Association 2023 Winter Conference.



Special thanks to...

... Volunteers from KanPak, a business located in Penn Yan, who donated their time and resources during Bath CSD's annual backpack give-a-way this August. KanPak donated 400

backpacks filled with various school supplies. We are grateful to KanPak and its employees for their yearly contribution and dedication to our school community!



... the Haverling High School chorus members Abigail Prichard, Carter Brown, Douglas Bryson and Madison Coots, who sang the *National Anthem* and *God Bless America* at a Veterans Day ceremony at the American Legion Post 173 on November 11.

Students assist in school cafeterias



Students in Ms. Wood's Life Skills class have been learning how to help stock shelves and recycle cardboard in our school cafeteria as a community service project. Being involved in our school community is an important part of learning how to communicate with other students and staff throughout the school.



Students learn about community helpers



Dana Lyon Middle School students in the Life Skills Health Education class enjoyed a visit to Crooked Line Orchard in Hammondsport this fall. Students explored the pumpkin patch and chose a pumpkin for themselves, as well as a "great big pumpkin" to take back to school for their principal, Ms. D'Abbracci.

Following the field trip, students baked pumpkin muffins and participated in activities to express feelings using pumpkin emojis.

The class also discussed who are community helpers and were sure to thank orchard owner, Mr. Zaun, and field trip bus driver, Mrs. Celino, for helping to make it a great day.

Transportation staff learn about electric buses

The Bath CSD Transportation Department had the opportunity to learn more about electric buses and test one out this fall as the district continues to prepare to meet the New York State mandate. Several other transportation staff from neighboring districts also participated in the trainings.

Beginning in 2027, New York State law requires that school districts only purchase electric buses and by 2035, electric buses will be the only buses allowed to be operated by New York State school districts.

As a district, we are not only researching different fleet options and the charging requirements associated with each, we are actively researching all funding options available to us to offset the



cost of the buses, charging units and even the infrastructure upgrade and additions needed to meet this mandate.

Chemistry students conduct flame test lab



High School students taking Regents Chemistry recently explored the subject of electron excitation while conducting a flame test lab. They learned that when electrons absorb energy, they become excited and briefly jump to a higher energy level within the atom. When the electrons return to their ground state, they emit the same amount of energy that they absorbed, but in the form of light. To do this, the students held wooden splints soaked in a metallic salt solution, and held them over a Bunsen burner. The energy from the burner excited the electrons causing the blue flames from the burner to change colors. The lab group of Braydyn Gerrity, Kellsie Johnson and Katelynn DuBois (pictured at left) found that the copper II chloride solution electrons emitted a green light when held over the flame.

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News from the High School Guidance Office

College Fair Success

The 26th Annual College Fair, sponsored by the Bath Knights of Columbus, featured representatives from more than 50 colleges, the armed forces and community organizations. Some 200 students from Steuben County attended. Congratulations to Ashlyn Gerrity and O'Liveyah Morath, who won the \$300 scholarship raffle!

Career Day

In October, sophomores from Haverling, along with many other local schools, attended the annual Sophomore Career Day at Alfred State College. This event was organized by the GST BOCES Career Development Council, Alfred State College, Steuben County Youth Bureau and area guidance counselors. During the event, sophomores had a chance to experience a college campus, as well as attend four sessions in which professionals from a variety of careers shared information about their jobs, the education and skills required to perform their jobs, job outlook, salary and much more.

Career and Technical Education Presentation

In November, sophomores attended a presentation by GST BOCES staff about the Wildwood campus. Students learned about Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs available to juniors and seniors. Following this presentation,



*Seth Brown and Ethan Hursh
named Commended Students in
2024 National Merit Scholarship Program*

Haverling High School Seniors Seth Brown and Ethan Hursh received Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Commended students are those who placed among the top 50,000 students who took the 2022 Preliminary SAT (PSAT) exam.

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

more than 30 students toured the campus. Students also had the opportunity to attend three 30-minute sessions in various CTE classes.

FAFSA/TAP Completion Night

On January 11 at 6:00 p.m., students and their families are encouraged to attend FAFSA/TAP Completion Night at Haverling High School. Families of seniors will be able to complete all documents (federal and state) in a workshop format led by the Director of Financial Aid at Corning Community College. These forms that will be completed are required in order to receive financial aid for college.

Space is limited for the FAFSA/TAP workshop, so please RSVP by calling Jill Gaudino in the Guidance Office. Contact Mrs. Gaudino with questions about the event.

Bath Rotary Club scholarships available

The Bath Rotary Club has announced scholarship opportunities for seniors at Haverling and other local schools. Applications for the five scholarships will be available in the Guidance Office, as well as posted on the club's website (www.bathnyrotary.org) during the first week of January 2024.

The criteria for each of these scholarships is listed on the applications:

- Frank E. Nicklaus Memorial Scholarship (three at \$1,500 each)
- Ted Markham Memorial Scholarship (two at \$1,000 each)
- Vern Woolston Memorial Scholarship (one at \$1,000)

- Bath Rotary Club Scholarship (three at \$500 each)
- Interact Scholarship (two at \$500 each)

According to Elaine Tears, Bath Rotary Student Fund chair, there is \$10,000 available in scholarships this academic year. The 2024 scholarship applications must be submitted digitally by March 15, 2024. Instructions for submission are on the applications.

For more information or questions regarding the scholarships, please contact Ms. Tears at ektears@gmail.com.

Members of the Bath Rotary Club urge seniors to apply for one or more of the scholarships offered.

Please note: Date change for graduation

New date:

2024 Commencement Ceremony
Friday, June 21 · 7:00 p.m.



Early dismissal on April 8 due to eclipse

On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse is scheduled to cover this area of New York State. The partial eclipse will occur at approximately 2:06 p.m., while the total eclipse will begin at approximately 3:20 p.m. The totality will last for three minutes and 38 seconds, while the entire eclipse experience will end at approximately 4:30 p.m.

This eclipse will stretch from Texas to Maine. Because this eclipse's path passes over the Southern Tier of New York State, emergency services at the county and state levels have met with superintendents across the region to discuss this event's impacts.

While this is an exciting and rare natural event, it will present challenges. Emergency services coordinators anticipate this being a multi-day event, with estimates of as many as 350,000 and 500,000 visitors descending on the Finger Lakes region. The county visitor's bureau has reported an increase in hotel reservations and there are numerous events planned. Emergency coordinators anticipate the potential for increased vehicular and foot traffic along roadways on the day of the event. In

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addition, cell phone networks could become overloaded in prime viewing areas. The timing of the eclipse also is a concern, as it will occur during regular dismissal times.

Given the information we have at this time, many school districts have decided to dismiss early on April 8, while others will close for the full day.

Bath Central Schools will dismiss early on Monday, April 8, 2024. Students will follow their normal half-day schedule.

We hope that all can enjoy this rare and exciting event!