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Season's Greetings

We held a special Holiday Greeting Card Contest this year to find the cover art for our District Office card. The response was amazing. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Featured here are our first and second place winners. Congratulations to Ayden Weston, 4th grader at Reynolds, and Adeline Boudreau, 3rd grader at Elden. Great work by all.

As the holiday break approaches, I want to send warm wishes to all our Baldwinsville families. Stay safe and have a great school break!

Sincerely,

Joseph M. DeBarbieri
Acting Superintendent of Schools



COVID-19 NEWS & UPDATES

For up-to-date information, visit www.bville.org. You will find messages from Acting Superintendent Joseph M. DeBarbieri and a dashboard, which announces information on positive COVID-19 cases and quarantines.

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District News

District will provide free meals to all enrolled students for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year

Baldwinsville Central School District's Food Service Department is making sure all students have access to free, healthy meals while the COVID-19 pandemic continues to create challenges for many families.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended flexibilities it granted to school meal programs to provide free breakfast and lunch for all children 18 and younger – whether learning in-person or remote – through the end of the school year. Enrolled students in the Baldwinsville Central School District can now receive breakfast and lunch at no cost.



Meals are free for all B'ville students on the days they are receiving in-person instruction. Families can pick up meals for when their children are learning remotely. Families can pick up meals for their enrolled students on the last day of in-school instruction. Pickup will be located at Baker High School from 4 until 5:30 p.m. on those days. Meals are available for 100% remote learners on the last day of in-school instruction for each cohort. All enrolled students are eligible for a free breakfast and lunch meal every school day, regardless of family income.

Attention Parents: District conducting online kindergarten census

The District is requesting the parents of children who will be eligible for kindergarten in September 2021 to participate in the District's online, non-school age census by January 31, 2021. This is not the kindergarten registration, but a census to provide the District with the necessary information to establish a list to email kindergarten registration information to parents. In order to be eligible for kindergarten in September 2021, a child must be five years old by December 1, 2021.

Kindergarten open registration for the 2021–2022 school year will take place starting in February 2021. An informational email will be sent to pre-registered student parents at that time. This will provide details for parents regarding the requirements needed to complete the registration process. All students are screened before entering kindergarten. More information on this process will be sent out in the spring.

The census is located on the District's website at www.bville.org. Click the "Registration" icon on the homepage. You will find directions for filling out the census on this page under Non-School Aged Census Pre-registration. If you do not have access to a computer or the Internet, please contact District Registrar Kristin Gagnon at 315-638-6044 or kgagnon@bville.org.



Around the District

Meet our new School Resource Officers

We welcomed two new school resource officers to our District at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. Officer Quattrini is working at C.W. Baker High School and Sgt. Allen is assigned to Durgee Junior High School. Learn more about them below:



Officer Quattrini at Baker

This is my 7th year with Baldwinsville Police Department. Prior to taking the SRO position, I was assigned to road patrol. I started my career with the Little Falls PD after attending Cazenovia Police Academy. I graduated from St. John Fisher College. I attended Rome Free

Academy and was captain of the varsity soccer team. In my free time I enjoy going to the gym, traveling, hiking, and spending time with my family.



Sgt. Allen at Durgee

I graduated from Auburn High then attended St. Bonaventure University and graduated from SUNY Cortland. I worked for the Office of Children and Family Services prior to getting hired by the NYS Park Police in 2003. After graduating from the NYS Park Police Academy I was assigned to the Long Island region. I transferred to Baldwinsville Police Dept. in 2005 and was promoted to sergeant. In 2011. I

love to travel and spend time with my family.

C.W. Baker High School Announces the Class of 2021 Baker's Dozen

Each year C.W. Baker High School recognizes the academic accomplishments of all students, including the top 13 students (Baker's Dozen) of the senior class. This year the Class of 2021 is led in academic achievement by the following students, listed in order by weighted GPA. Congratulations to these students and the Class of 2021.

The Baker's Dozen for the Class of 2021:

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| 1. Calista Winders | 8. Lindsey Demer |
| 2. Geoffrey Tse | 9. Colin DeLaney |
| 3. Andrew Panos | 10. Kyle Rogers |
| 4. Bianca Gascon | 11. Tristan Miranda |
| 5. Aidan Micho | 12. Tiffany Natoli |
| 6. Nathaniel Hahn | 13. Jenna Boutilier |
| 7. Jack McManus | |



Around the District



A beautiful tribute

Mark Piraino's donation of two butterfly bush perennials to Palmer Elementary School in loving remembrance of Maryella & Elizabeth Annal.



Hats off to Durgée



The Durgée Junior High School Student Council sponsored a hat drive and collected more than 120 new winter hats for the Baldwinsville Christmas Bureau!



A time of thanks, a time of giving

Madelyn Donhauser and Ashley McGraw - student council members - organized a very successful food drive at Reynolds Elementary School! Great work! Thank you to all who donated!

Baldwinsville athletes commit to colleges during National Signing Day

The District held a National Letter of Intent Signing Day for its senior athletes in November. Students signed their letters in the company of parents and coaches at the Pelcher-Arcaro Stadium.

- Emma Johnson (softball) LeMoyne College
- Alyssa Dybacz (softball) LeMoyne College
- Tiffany Natoli (women's lacrosse) University of Louisville
- Olivia Muscolino (women's lacrosse) Binghamton University
- Taylor Metcalf (women's lacrosse) Colgate University
- Emma Gebhardt (women's lacrosse) Georgetown University
- Mia Kuzdzal (women's lacrosse) Youngstown State University
- Jaedyn Frink (women's lacrosse) University at Albany
- Luke Arvantides (baseball) Niagara University
- Colin Socker (men's lacrosse) Seton Hill University
- Kenny Svitak (baseball) D'Youville College
- Christopher AuClair (baseball) D'Youville College
- Margaret Dec (women's golf) Le Moyne College
- Leah Burrer (women's soccer) College of St. Rose



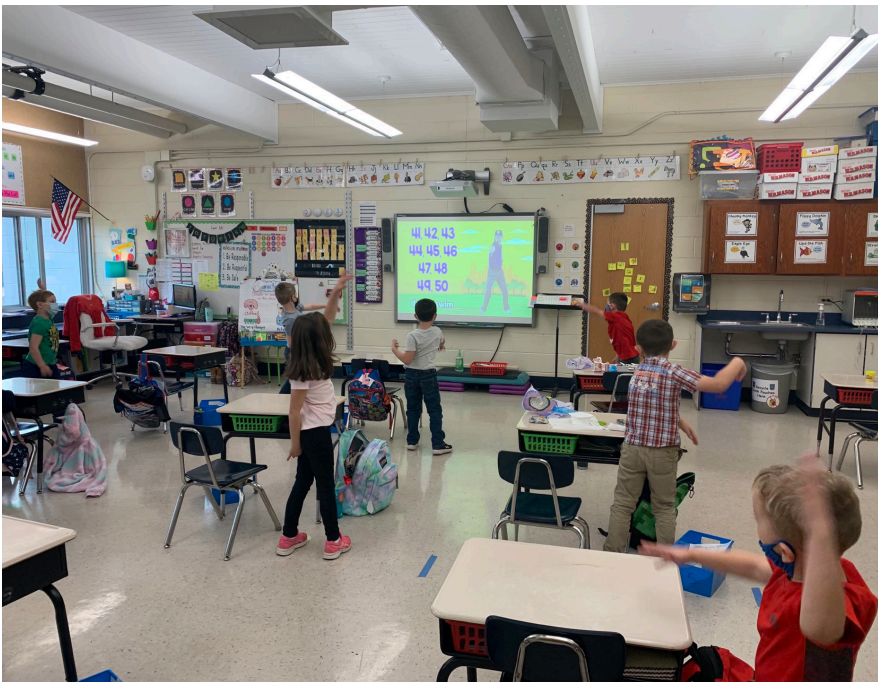
Photos from Around the District



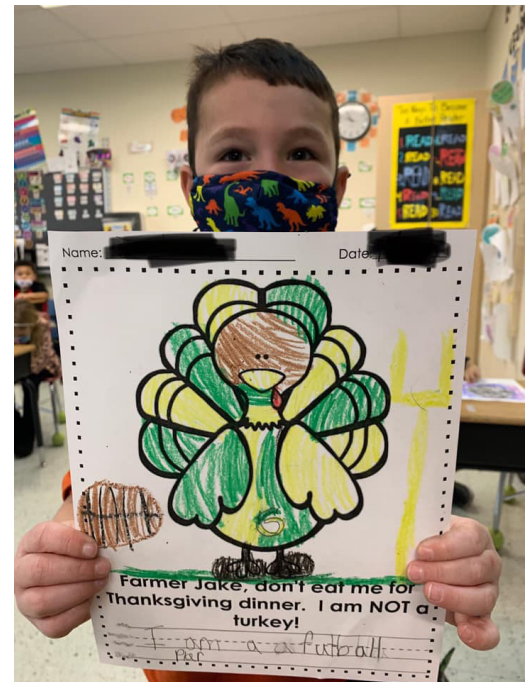
Fourth grade students across the District learned about the history of the Haudenosaunee in New York. Students in Ms. Hunt's class at Elden Elementary School made longhouse dioramas and presented them during class.



Ray Middle School students launched rockets in Mr. Abbott's technology class.



Van Buren kindergarten students in Ms. Harrison's class celebrated the 50th day of school with a song and dance.



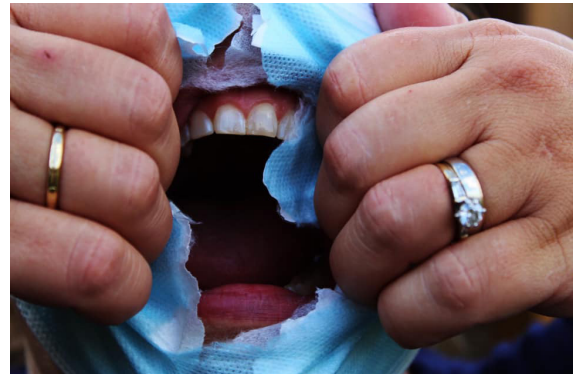
McNamara Elementary first graders have fun with turkey for Thanksgiving.

Achievements

Baker student wins first place in photo contest



C.W. Baker High School 10th grader Lenah Penafeather received First Place in the 2020 Bousquet Holstein Photography contest! Her winning photo is below. The theme of the contest was "Life During the Time of Pandemic." A video of her receiving the award during the virtual award ceremony is on our Facebook page! Lenah will receive \$500, as well as, the photography/art program at Baker will receive \$500! Great work, Lenah! Thank you, Miss Herrmann, our amazing photography teacher, for sharing this great news!



3 seniors selected for NYSSMA All-State music ensembles



Three C.W. Baker High School seniors were selected for New York State School Music Association All-State Winter Conference.

Congratulations:

Sofia D'Andreano -- All State Treble Chorus
Christopher Felong -- All State Mixed Chorus
Kyle Rogers -- All State Symphonic Band

Unfortunately, NYSSMA will be unable to assemble these students to rehearse and perform, as the December Winter Conference in Rochester has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All-state groups will be done in a virtual format this year.



Baldwinsville Marching Bees held an amazing home show on November 7, 2020 at Pelcher-Arcaro Stadium



Spotlight on Senior Athletes



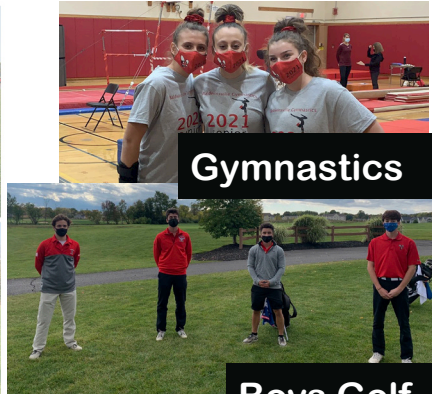
Field Hockey



Boys X Country



Girls X Country



Gymnastics



Girls Tennis



Boys Golf



Boys Soccer



Girls Soccer

Board of Education Spotlights

Jamie Rodems, Assistant Superintendent for Management Services

Superintendent McDonald and the Board of Education honored James Rodems.

Jamie, assistant superintendent for management services, retired in October after 11 years of service to the District. Jamie started with the District on July 1, 2009. Prior to his time here, Jamie worked in the Tully and Clyde Savannah school districts.

Jamie has been instrumental with securing voter approval for multiple capital projects. We are grateful for Jamie's dedication to the BCSD and his commitment to his fiduciary responsibilities. He has received a 100% approval rating for all of his budgets by wide margins.



Nathaniel Hahn, Class of '21

Nathaniel Hahn was honored at an October Board of Education meeting. Hahn was named a Commended Student in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2021 competition by taking the 2019 PreUminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Lindsay Cesari, Library Media Specialist, Durgee

Lindsay Cesari, Library Media Specialist, was honored with the Board Spotlight for using her expertise to help students, families and teachers cope with the changing learning environment.

When in-person classes were canceled in the spring, Mrs. Cesari helped teachers navigate virtual teaching. She even shared a "tip of the day" to help staff members navigate the technology. She was instrumental in helping to create and coordinate parent technology tutorials, which have benefited so many. Mrs. Cesari is also the advisor for eSports, which was the only team allowed to continue competition in the spring and continues to benefit so many students.



Jessica Volz, Physical Education Teacher, McNamara

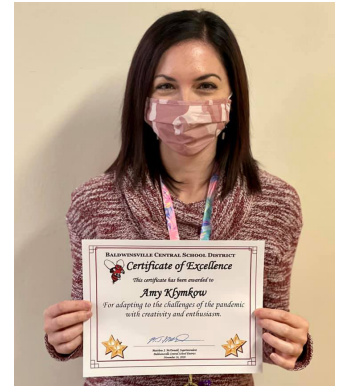
Jessica Volz, Physical Education Teacher at McNamara, was honored with the Board Spotlight for adapting to the challenges of the pandemic with creativity and enthusiasm since March 2020. Ms. Volz jumped into action in March and took her physical education

class virtual on her Twitter and Instagram pages. From teaching students how to juggle to obstacle courses and workout routines, Ms. Volz never missed a beat to keep her students engaged.

Board of Education Spotlights

Amy Klymkow, Kindergarten Teacher, Palmer

The Board of Education and Acting Superintendent Joseph M. DeBarbieri honored Amy Klymkow, Kindergarten Teacher at Palmer Elementary School, with the Board of Education Spotlight on Monday, November 16. Ms. Klymkow was honored for adapting to the pandemic with creativity and enthusiasm. Ms. Klymkow is no stranger to Twitter and virtually connecting with her kindergarten families. Take a look at her Twitter page and you will see an inside look into her classroom and teaching style. When the pandemic hit, Ms. Klymkow didn't pause. She adjusted her plans and kept things exciting!



David Wentworth, Head Custodian, C.W. Baker High School

David Wentworth, Head Custodian at C.W. Baker High School, was honored with the Board Spotlight on November 16 for his leadership and dedication to keeping our staff and students safe. Dave has been instrumental in making sure that the District is implementing comprehensive cleaning and sanitizing protocols that will keep our staff and students healthy during this pandemic.



Thank you to the Board of Education

The Board of Education was recognized on October 19, 2020 for their leadership and commitment to the Baldwinsville Central School District in observance of School Board Recognition Week. School Board Recognition Week was held October 19-23, 2020 and was sponsored by the New York State School Boards Association. In a special video, students across the District said "thank you" to the board members for their dedication to the District and the education of all students. School board members give Baldwinsville community members a voice in education decision-making. Even though we made a special effort during this week to show our appreciation, the board's work deserves a year-round celebration. Thank you!



Unsung Heroes

All of our staff members have been amazing since the start of the pandemic in March, but we want to take a moment to shine a light on some of our unsung heroes! Thank you to our school nurses, transportation staff members, food service workers and our facilities crew!

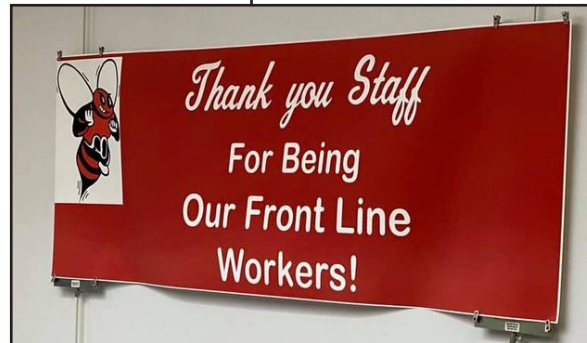


A message from School Nurse Supervisor, Dr. Jule Carpenter DNP, FNP:

School nursing was challenging even before COVID-19 hit! Our nurse team has consistently risen to the challenges and emulates a “we are in this together” approach as they adapt to the ever changing guidance designed to keep our schools safe. These days you may find your school nurse helping another school’s health office, providing on-site COVID testing, practicing in their treatment room, triaging questions on the phone or supervising the isolation area. Our school nurse team is the frontline medical presence within our schools! Take a moment and give a well deserved thanks for the outstanding work of our school nurse team.

A message from Debra Miller, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Management:

The Transportation department has done an incredible job being the first line of daily interaction with our students during this pandemic. Whether it is drivers and attendants making sure each student has a mask on and using social distancing on the school bus, our mechanics keeping the buses safe and clean or our dispatchers and clerical staff quickly responding to contact tracing needs and identifying students that may have been in contact with others who have tested positive, they have gone above and beyond in keeping our students safe. Each staff member has been essential and important in keeping in-person instruction occurring for our students, we appreciate their commitment and dedication.



A message from our Director of Food Service, Brian Wright:

Our Food Service staff has been diligently working behind the scenes since March to feed our students in many new ways. I am proud of each one of our Food Service employees and their dedication to produce and distribute meals during the pandemic! Staff has adapted, often on short notice, to serving

meals in classrooms, gymnasiums, hallways and even outdoors! We are fortunate to have such an outstanding group of employees that can successfully meet any challenge!



A message from Rick Foederer, Chief Operations Officer:

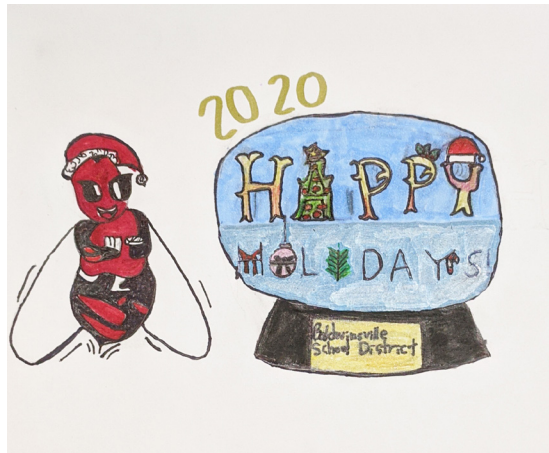
I want to extend my sincerest thanks to all the members of the Facilities Department for their continued dedication to the District throughout the pandemic. They have maintained a constant presence since day one, ensuring that our buildings and grounds are prepared for whatever is thrown their way next. Their behind the scenes actions are essential to daily operations and are truly appreciated.



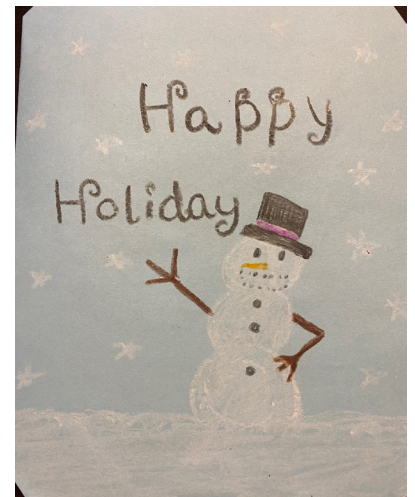
Holiday Card Contest Finalists



Emmy Buchanan, 5th Grade,
Van Buren



Abigail Jung, 2nd Grade, Elden



Addison Rupert, 5th Grade,
Palmer



Allison Simpson, 2nd Grade, Reynolds



Addison Haberek, 2nd Grade, Palmer



Maya Neville, 5th Grade,
McNamara



Leah Martoccia, 5th Grade, McNamara



Matthew Tatem, 3rd Grade,
Van Buren



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CALENDAR

All events are subject to change and cancellation. Please check with your school for the most current information.

December 21	Board of Education Meeting
December 24	Holiday Break - No School/Offices Closed
December 25	Holiday Break - No School/Offices Closed
December 28	Holiday Break - No School
December 29	Holiday Break - No School
December 30	Holiday Break - No School
December 31	Holiday Break - No School
January 1	Holiday Break - No School/Offices Closed
January 7	Coffee & Conversation
January 11	Board of Education Meeting
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - No School/ Offices Closed
January 25	Board of Education Meeting
January 29	Marking Period Ends
February 5	Report Cards in Parent Portal
February 8	Board of Education Meeting
February 15	Presidents' Day Holiday - No School/ Offices Closed

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