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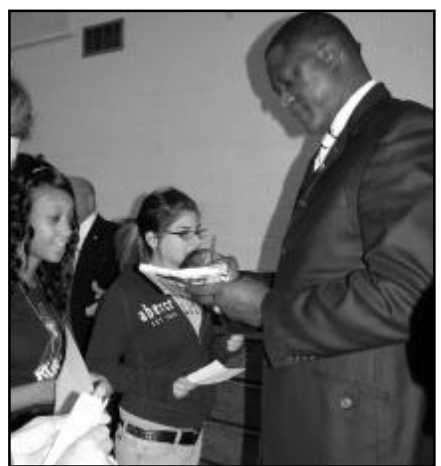
NBA Hall-of-Famer Delivers Healthy Message at Durgee

On December 8, NBA Hall-of-Famer Dominique Wilkins visited Durgee Junior High School to speak to ninth-graders about diabetes and healthy lifestyles. Wilkins, considered one of the greatest scorers in NBA history, was diagnosed with diabetes in 2000. Today he is an advocate for diabetes education, traveling around the country to help change the way people think about living with diabetes. He is a Diabetes Awareness Ambassador on behalf of Novo Nordisk.

Wilkins told students that the time to take care of themselves is when they are young so that they develop life-long healthy habits. He stressed the importance of being physically active every day, telling students they don't need to play a sport to be active, a walk or work out in the gym are just as effective for keeping in good physical condition. "Keep on the move," Wilkins said.

In 2006, the district adopted its wellness policy, which emphasizes creating and maintaining a learning environment that models and encourages healthy eating and physical activity habits to protect students' health, well being, and ability to learn. (The entire policy is on the district's website at www.bville.org, under District Information.) Wilkins' presentation served as an educational tool and a reminder to students of the healthy choices they can make in their daily lives.

Wilkins' presentation was sponsored in conjunction with Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, the YMCA of Greater Syracuse, and Novo Nordisk Inc.



Dominique Wilkins signs autographs for Durgee students.

Fourth-graders Display Projects

At the end of November, McNamara Elementary School fourth-graders displayed their knowledge of Native American history with an exhibition of projects they created as a culmination of a unit in social studies.



Each project had to reflect an aspect of Native American culture and include a written report. Student projects included handmade pottery, moccasins, lacrosse sticks, and replicas of longhouses. Alexis Huff, above, displays the Haudenosaunee longhouse she made for her project. Teddy Thompson (left) holds the lacrosse stick he crafted out of a tree branch and twine.



Phone-a-thon Set for March 7 & 14

If your phone rings between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on March 7 and 14, please be sure to answer it. It will probably be one of about one hundred Baker High School students who will be manning the phones for two consecutive Sundays during the Baldwinsville Community Scholarship Foundation's Annual Dollars for Scholars Phone-a-thon. The proceeds of this fundraiser will be used for college scholarships for district high school seniors. Scholarships will be awarded to students at Baker High School's annual Moving Up Day (MUD) ceremony, scheduled this year for Friday, May 28.

President's Message



Victor Jenkins

Dear District Residents:

I wish I could say the new year brought good news regarding the district's current budget, but as the state's financial problems continue, they are increasingly affecting our 2009-2010 budget. As I write this, the state has delayed payment of \$1.3 million in STAR money to the district, and it is still possible that more aid will be delayed as the school year progresses.

Regardless of delays in state aid payments, our goal remains tightening our belts without affecting instruction. Baldwinsville students deserve every opportunity for achievement, and we remain committed to preserving the district's academic excellence.

The Board of Education and district administrators have been anticipating and preparing for a mid-year reduction in state aid since the fall. To cut costs, all spending, especially that which is not necessary for instruction, or does not relate to student health or safety, is being carefully scrutinized. At the Board's December 7, 2009 meeting, the Board authorized issuing a revenue anticipation note of \$20 million, should it become necessary to borrow money to pay our bills this school year, due to lower state aid payments.

We face many challenges this year and next year, and we would like your input as we continue to develop the 2010-2011 budget. Please review the schedule of Board meeting dates to the right, at which budget components will be reviewed and discussed. At each meeting, community members are invited to comment on the budget components. As I said earlier this school year, we are all in this together. The Board of Education appreciates your input.

State Comptroller's Report

The state Comptroller's report regarding the audit of the district for the period of July 1, 2007 to February 28, 2009, did not find any fault with the district's accounts payable practices, the treasurer's handling of cash receipts, receivables and disbursements, purchasing, claims auditing, accounting, investments or payroll. This reflects the district's commitment to establishing and maintaining internal controls to safeguard taxpayers' monies.

The Comptroller did criticize the district's use of fund balance and the establishment of reserves, saying the district has not been "realistic" in its budget assumptions. I believe that the district has been conservative in its estimates for both expenses and revenues, protecting its instructional programs and taxpayers by anticipating increases in costs such as energy or decreases in revenue such as interest income, both of which have occurred. The state's financial problems are affecting the district, as I mentioned above, and without our reserves, our instructional programs for this year and next year would be in jeopardy. We are fortunate to have our reserves to protect our programs and to deter tax

increases at this time. That is the purpose of maintaining reserves.

The Comptroller also found fault with the district's agreement to defer salary payment to an interim superintendent who was hired in 2002. The district did not enter lightly into the compensation agreement, which was approved by the district's attorney. The Board of Education will be sure that any future compensation agreements with individuals adhere to state laws and regulations. I would like to note that this compensation agreement was previously identified as a problem and was settled before the Comptroller's report was issued.

You can read the Comptroller's report in its entirety, as well as the district's response to it, on the district's website, www.bville.org. Click on the link on the home page.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I wish everyone a safe and healthy winter.

Sincerely,

Victor Jenkins, President

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

Community members have an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns regarding the 2010-2011 budget at Board of Education meetings. At each meeting, after the Board discusses a budget component, the discussion is open for public comment. Below are the dates of Board meetings and the budget components to be discussed at each one.

February 22 - Special education, review of athletics

March 1 - Instructional, review of special education

March 15 - Review of instructional

March 29 - Administrative recommended budget

April 5 - Board adopts budget

Board of Education meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. The location may vary, but is frequently in the cafeteria of Durgee Junior High School. To confirm the location of a meeting and to view the meeting agenda and documents related to the meeting, visit the district website, www.bville.org. Under Board of Education, follow the link to BoardDocs.

District News

Community Members Invited to Long Range Plan Forums

In order to prepare students for life, learning, and leadership, schools must equip them with the capacity to acquire new skills and new knowledge throughout their lives. The district is beginning the process of updating the academic component of its Long Range Plan. On February 3, the district held the first of three forums to provide community members with an opportunity to comment on and offer insight into the educational needs of our students. A second forum will be held on February 10, and the third forum is scheduled for February 24. Both will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Baker High School's cafeteria. The insights of students and parents, as well as educational, business and professional communities, are valuable resources for the district as we educate a new generation of citizens. If you would like to attend one of the forums, please contact Kelly Cary, school information officer, at 638-6180 or kcary@bville.org. Please provide the date of the meeting you will be attending.

Kindergarten Registration March 24 & 25

Kindergarten open registration for the 2010–2011 school year will take place at the elementary schools on Wednesday, March 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 25, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Families currently on the district student database will receive an informational letter and registration packet in the mail by March 12. If you have a child who does not attend a local preschool, please call the district registrar at 635-4569 as soon as possible to be added to the district's database.

Registration will take place at the elementary school of the student's current attendance area for his or her home address. The informational letter will provide details for parents regarding which school to register their children at, as well as the requirements needed to complete the registration process.

In order to be eligible for kindergarten in September, a child must be five years old on or before December 1, 2010. The district is unable to honor requests to make exceptions for students who "just miss" the cutoff date. To register, a parent or guardian must bring the child's original birth certificate as proof of age, health appraisal with immunization record form signed by a physician, a dental health exam form signed by a dentist (both forms are provided in the registration packet), and proof of residency in the form of a driver's license with a district address, a school tax bill or a utility bill for your residence. In addition, we require copies of custody documents to be on file for students whose parents share legal custody or a parent who has sole legal custody.

Anyone who has an eligible child and does not receive a packet by March 12 should call the district registrar at 635-4569 or 638-6050 to request a packet be mailed, or you can pick up a packet as a "walk-in" at the school your child will attend in the fall during the registration hours listed above. You can find additional information regarding registration on the district website at www.bville.org.

Thank You to Flu Clinic Volunteers

On December 8, the Onondaga County Health Department held an H1N1 vaccination clinic at Ray Middle School for district students. The district would like to thank the Health Department for coordinating the clinic, which ran very smoothly. The district would also like to thank the following individuals for volunteering their time at the clinic to assist the Health Department:

- 4 Jeff Holbrook, paramedic, GBAC and the Baldwinsville Fire Department;
- 4 Anthony DiGregorio, paramedic, Baldwinsville Fire Department;
- 4 Ed Coakley, EMT, Baldwinsville Fire Department;
- 4 Carole Perse, EMT, Baldwinsville Fire Department;
- 4 Roxanne Perkins, EMT, Baldwinsville Fire Department (also a school district staff member); and
- 4 Amy Potrzeba, RN, Baker High School.

Several Baldwinsville students volunteered their time as well. Thank you to: Emily Cavedine, Andrew Giancini, Erin Ward, Chris Meaker, Taylor Ventre, Lauren Furcinito, Heather Mendiola, Samantha Bollinger, Ashley Marsh, Alexis Czyz, Morgan Campbell, Katie Dobkowski, Nick Colton (junior fire fighter, Baldwinsville Fire Department), and Zachary Diller (junior fire fighter, Baldwinsville Fire Department).

November & December Trivia Questions

The November and December trivia questions, featured on the district's digital sign on the main campus, proved to be as hard as October's question. The following are the questions and answers, which were both correctly answered by Robert Scherfling:

November Question : What school was on the corner of Elizabeth and Virginia Streets in 1846?

Answer: The school was The Northside Elementary (or primary) School, also known as the White School House.

December Question: Name the first village school south of the river.

Answer: The first village school south of the river was McHarrie School, located near the corner of what is now Canton and Downer Streets.

Writing Program Generating Excitement in K-5

Second-grade teacher Karen Ernst is excited. Her students at Palmer Elementary School are writing and loving every minute of the process. Her colleagues throughout the district are experiencing the same thing in their classrooms. Jackie Campbell, a third-grade teacher at McNamara Elementary School, said her students are feeling empowered through their writing. "They have the title. They're writers," she said. What has students and teachers so fired up?

It's the "Units of Study for Primary Writing." The district initially launched the writing program in kindergarten through second grade. This school year the district expanded it to include third through fifth grade. Teachers in all five elementary schools, in all grades, are using the program every day in their classrooms. The program, created by Lucy Calkins, a leading expert in writing curriculum, provides teachers with units including workshop, personal narrative writing, and revision.



Van Buren first-grader Lia Allen reads her work to her mother Holly during her class' publishing party, which they held to celebrate writing achievement.

Expanding the writing program throughout the district has been a teacher-driven initiative, rather than a district-driven initiative. The district is seeking to tap into its staff members' talents and expertise more often to create professional development opportunities, and it's encouraging teachers to become leaders for their peers. Last year, as well as over the summer, staff members collaborated across grade levels to put the writing program in place for this school year. They worked under the direction of Dawn Wilczynski, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, and Linda Law, Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Six teachers were instrumental in this process and in the training involved. They are Karen

Ernst, Jackie Campbell, Dana Ziegler, Christie Brooks, Sarah Parrish, and Natalie Thompson. These teachers act as resources for their peers throughout the district. Additionally, each elementary school has a teacher-trainer available at each grade level to aid teachers who have questions and need help with the program.

Dana Ziegler, who teaches first grade at Van Buren Elementary School, said one of the best aspects of the writing program is that students begin it identified as writers, not students working to become writers. "They're called writers from the time they walk into the classroom in kindergarten," she said. With the program, even students who haven't learned to print, spell, or read can write with pictures they create to tell a story. From kindergarten on, students learn the importance of showing with their writing, rather than telling. As their confidence in their writing skills grows, they become more independent writers.



Elden fifth-grade teacher Christie Brooks leads her class in a discussion about realistic fiction.

The program also teaches students editing strategies they can use, even with pictures. As they learn the elements of good writing and the revision process, students are feeling confident enough in their own writing skills to critique published writers' works. By identifying what elements in a published story or novel make it a good piece of writing, students reinforce their writing strategies and skills.

Another important aspect of the writing program is student choice for writing subjects. They bring their own ideas to create their works. Writers write best, and with enthusiasm, when they write about what they know. Christie Brooks, who teaches fifth-grade at Elden Elementary School, said, "There are no more 'what I did over summer vacation' essays unless that's what a student wants to write about."

The district is tracking the success of the writing program through student performance on the state assessments and informally through teacher feedback. Many staff members are noticing that students' reading and comprehension skills are increasing along with their use of writing strategies.

Student excitement for writing continues to grow as the year progresses. Teacher Karen Ernst summed it up best. "Kids love to write."

Baker Students Participate in SU Project

Health classes at Baker High School recently participated in a project entitled "Body Talk," coordinated by Harriet Brown, an assistant professor in magazine journalism at Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. Brown has been collecting positive and negative audio stories, many anonymous, from people concerning their feelings about their bodies and food. Brown will use some of these stories on a website she is developing and others for National Public Radio's "51 Percent, The Women's Perspective."

The students recorded their stories as podcasts in the school's computer lab, and Baker's library media specialist Pat Wilson compiled them into one submission for Brown. For some of the students, the project was their first experience with podcasting. Health teacher Jeanna Gates said the opportunity to use the technology for this project tied in nicely with a nutrition unit the health classes were completing. Gates said her students and teacher Corinne Price's students had been studying body image and eating disorders with this unit, and most were excited to share their thoughts and experiences regarding these issues in a personal, yet anonymous way. Students' recorded stories included subjects such as food cravings, the persuasion of the media in making food choices, meeting weight requirements for certain athletic teams, and living with a family member with an eating disorder.



District News

Department Spotlight - Food Service

This issue of the "Beecon" is highlighting the district's food service department. Each day, students in the Baldwinsville Central School District line up in our cafeterias to receive a nourishing breakfast and/or lunch. Forty-four dedicated food service staff members work diligently in our eight cafeterias to provide students with healthy meals.

Did you know:

4 All food service staff members are trained in food handling and sanitation through Safe Serve training provided by the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

4 Many staff members have taken cook training as well through the NYSED.

4 The school lunch program provides over 500,000 meals annually to students. The most popular lunch typically consists of pizza or chicken (tenders, nuggets and patties).

4 The district follows nutrition guidelines established by the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). These guidelines state that each meal should include:

8 One-third of the recommended daily allowances (RDA) for nutrients and calories. For a high school student that's 833 calories for lunch.

8 On average, a meal can only contain about 30% of its calories from fat (not more than 10% saturated fat).

4 In response to the obesity problem in America, the district has worked to improve the nutritional content of the food products we serve.

8 Most pizza crusts are now made of whole wheat.

8 The milk we serve contains no more than 1% butterfat, and skim milk is becoming more popular with students.

8 Most of the snacks the district sells follow the "choose sensible" guidelines of the New York School Nutrition Association. Snacks contain no more than seven grams of fat (no more than two grams saturated fat), less than 360 mg. of sodium, and only 15 grams or less of sugar.

4 Food Service operates under its own budget, separate from the district's general fund.

8 To produce the 500,000 meals we serve students annually, it costs about \$1.4 million, or about \$2.90 for each lunch served.

8 Funds for school lunch are generated from meal payments, vending machine, ala carte, and catering revenue, and what the NSLP reimburses to the district for free and reduced meals.

4 To pay for meals, parents can deposit money into a meal account online through MyNutrikids.com. This site also provides parents with a history of what students have purchased in the cafeterias.

If you have any questions regarding school meals, please contact Brian Wright, Food Service Director, at 638-6063.

Brownies Make Book Donation



Palmer Elementary School students (l to r) Olivia Richards, Ella Rundberg, Morgan Youker, and Brianna Manning recently donated about 30 books to the school's library on behalf of Brownie Troop 261. With the girls is the school's library media specialist Leslie Savage. The books came from Brianna Manning's personal collection. She wanted to donate them with her Brownie troop so that other children could enjoy them as much as she has. The school will place a special label on the inside cover of each book to indicate the Brownie troop's donation.

Learning Through Video Conferencing

This year, the staff of Durgee Junior High School is placing a special emphasis on the importance of technology in the classroom to meet the needs of 21st century learners. Staff members have committed to seeking out ways to infuse technology into their lesson plans, particularly in the core areas of math, English, social studies, science and languages.

Teachers are exploring the use of video conferencing to provide students with field trips without ever leaving the school. In November, the school hosted its first virtual field trip. As ninth-grade global studies students sat in a classroom in Baldwinsville, Paul Johnson, an educator at the Milwaukee Public Museum, gave them a lesson on mummification as he sat at his desk in Milwaukee. Students viewed Johnson on a large screen in the classroom, and he was able to see them as well on a monitor at the museum. Johnson asked students questions and they answered him as if they were all in the same classroom. Using a dummy, Johnson gave students a step-by-step demonstration on how ancient Egyptians used the mummification process to preserve their dead.



Athletic News

Fall Athletic Highlights

Congratulations to all of the district's fall athletic teams for their numerous accomplishments. Below are team and individual achievements:

Cheerleading

4 CNYCL League Championships – placed 2nd in their division

Cross Country (Boys)

4 Class A Sectionals – Shaun Thompson qualified for States
4 Class A NYSPHSAA Championships – Shaun Thompson placed 3rd and qualified for Federation Championships, where he placed 3rd.
4 Team finished 9th at NYSPHSAA Championships and qualified for Federation Championships
4 CNYCL All-League – 1st Team – Shaun Thompson, Adam Pacheck
4 CNYCL All-League – 2nd Team – Nate McCabe
4 CNYCL All-League Honorable Mention – Chris Wicks

Cross Country (Girls)

4 Participated in sectionals
4 CNYCL All-Division - 1st Team – Kristen Biedermann, Annie Peterson
4 CNYCL All-Division - 2nd Team – Jaimee Balloni, Andrea Moore, Erika Wilcox
4 CNYCL All-League – Annie Peterson

Field Hockey

4 Class A Section III Semi-Finalist
4 CNYCL All-League – 1st Team – Natalie Lynch, Lindsay Varga
4 CNYCL All-League – 2nd Team – Emily Brissenden, Lindsay Halstead
4 CNYCL All-League Honorable Mention – Nicole Bourdon, Lindsay Farrell, Elizabeth Ventura

Football

4 Section III Class AA National League Champions
4 Section III Class AA All-League – 1st Team – Nick Alencewicz, Jacob Margrey, Nick Robinson, Mike Guinta, Malik Burks, Niko Manning, Raeshaun Jones
4 Section III Class AA All-League – 2nd Team – Jed Clouston, Matt Moreland, Steve Mitchell, Ben Messmer, Ben Paprocki, Nate Stoughtenger, Parker Kiff
4 Class AA Section III Champions
4 Class AA NYS Regional Champions
4 Class AA NYS Championship Semi-Finalist
4 2009 All-CNY Football Team
4 Player of the Year: Malik Burks
4 Coach of the Year: Carl Sanfilippo
4 First Team Offensive Line: Jacob Margrey, Nick Robinson
4 First Team Defensive Backs: Mike Guinta
4 Second Team Defensive Line: Raeshaun Jones
4 Second Team Linebackers: Nick Alencewicz
4 Third Team Quarterback: Niko Manning
4 Third Team Wide Receivers: Jed Clouston
4 Honorable Mention: Matt Moreland, Mark Stanard, Nate Stoughtenger
4 News 10 Player of the Year – Malik Burks
4 News 10 Team of the Year

4 Syracuse Chamber of Commerce Player of the Year – Malik Burks

Golf (Boys)

4 CNYCL National League Champions
4 CNYCL All-League 1st Team – William Ward, John Maurer, Lucas Ciulla
4 CNYCL All-League 2nd Team – Connor Dowd, Brendan Polsin
4 CNYCL All-League Honorable Mention – Nick Dunham
4 Team placed 6th at Sectionals
4 William Ward qualified for the State Qualifiers to be held in May 2010

Gymnastics (Girls)

4 CNYCL National League Champions, undefeated
4 CNYCL All-League 1st Team – Emma Manning for vault, bars, beam and floor exercise
4 CNYCL All-League 2nd Team – Lauren Furcinito on bars and Ginger Kamide on beam

Soccer (Boys)

4 CNYCL National League Champions
4 CNYCL All-League 1st Team – Matt Boyle, Jonathan Goodridge, Hobie Ramin
4 CNYCL All-League 2nd Team – Kyle Beckhusen, Dan Knight, Adam Lauko, Jake Lunduski, Ben Ramin
4 CNYCL All-League Honorable Mention – Anthony Vecchio
4 Class AA Section III Champions
4 Class AA Regional Co-Champs with Shenendehowa
4 All-CNY Soccer Teams:
4 First Team: Jonathan Goodridge
4 Second Team: Matt Boyle, Ben Ramin
4 Third Team: Andrew Coughlin
4 All-State Honors: Jonathan Goodridge, Hobie Ramin

Soccer (Girls)

4 CNYCL National League Champions
4 CNYCL All-League 1st Team – Katie Gildemeyer, Jackie Firenze, Emma Firenze, Maggie Monnat, Lauren Roberts
4 CNYCL All-League 2nd Team – Meghan Haney, Amanda Ingersoll, Jamie Schmidt
4 CNYCL Honorable Mention – Lauren O'Connor, Claire Monnat, Lana Vecchiarelli
4 CNYCL Player of the Year: Katie Gildemeyer
4 All-Section III – 1st Team – Emma Firenze, Jackie Firenze, Katie Gildemeyer, Maggie Monnat
4 All-CNY – 1st Team – Katie Gildemeyer, Jackie Firenze
4 All-State – 2nd Team – Katie Gildemeyer
4 CNYCL Coach of the Year: Kathy Morse

Swimming (Girls)

4 Baldwinsville placed 11th out of 42 schools at the Sectional Class Championships in November.
4 All-CNY - 1st Team - Carly Gummer
2nd Team - Charis Parker, Amy Sidorakis, Christa Waldecker

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Student Achievement

Junior High Students Invited to All-County Music Fest

Thirty-three talented junior high musicians were selected to perform in the OCMEA Junior High School All-County Music Festival held at Solvay High School January 29 & 30. They are:



Chorus: (Left to right) Irina Peshko, Mackenzie Ross, Katie Grabowski, David Magowan, Brendan O'Toole, and Matthew Noll.



Chorus: (Left to right) Eve Mercer, Molly Makowiec, Julianna Grabowski, and David Scarfino.



Chorus: (Left to right) Joseph Honsinger, Tessa Minardi, Maggie Walsh, Andrew Cuccaro, Bridget Conway, Amanda Fucciello and Caroline Noll.



Orchestra: (Left to right) Julia Gorski, Taylor Pelkie, Rachel Brown, Michaela Ennis (alternate) and Julianna Grabowski.



Orchestra: (Left to right) Antonio Martinez, Mary Joncas, Sarah Allen, and Abraham Kim.



Band: (Left to right) Connor Bogardus, Catherine Beamish, Megan Eubank, Nicole Damon and Brandon Duger. Missing is Leona Sharpstene.



Cecilia Vacanti, from Ray Middle School, performed with the All-County Orchestra.

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Honorable Mention - Ghena Binzer, Kelly Noll, Elena Margrey

Tennis (Girls)

4 CNYCL National League Champions
4 Becky Guzzo made the semi-finals for individual sectionals and placed 4th in State Qualifiers
4 Amari Pollard & Nicole Leader made the semi-finals for doubles

Volleyball (Boys)

4 CNYCL League Champions
4 CNYCL All-League 1st Team – Peter Cuppernull, Daniel Dubiel, Kyle Lattanzio
4 CNYCL All-League 2nd Team – Kevin Saintey

4 CNYCL All-League Honorable Mention – Matthew McKee
4 Class A Section III Champions

Volleyball (Girls)

4 CNYCL National League Champions
4 CNYCL All-League 1st Team – Jenna Blujus, Carrie Hack, Ashely Marsh, Lauren McVey, Brianna Stewart
4 CNYCL All-League 2nd Team – Rebecca Maher, Paulina Rein
4 CNYCL All-League Honorable Mention – Allegra Lee Bell, Elizabeth Giromini, Sydnie Hamm
4 Class AA Sectional Champions
4 Class AA Regional Champions
4 Class AA Runner-Up NYS Championships

Student Achievement

Elementary Students to Perform at All-County Music Festival

Eleven elementary school students and three sixth-graders in the district have been selected to perform in the OCMEA Elementary All-County Music Festival, to be held at Corcoran High School on March 5 & 6. Congratulations to the following students:

Chorus

Elden Elementary School – Gwen Mercer and Kalista Fischel
McNamara Elementary School – Emma Monterville and Laura Dawley
Van Buren Elementary School – Marissa Paventi and Ashley Sirois

Orchestra

Elden Elementary School – Kaylee Lammers
Ray Middle School 6th grade – Kathryn Terasaka, Brianna Root, and Eugene Kim
Reynolds Elementary School – Mikaella Metcalf and Carly Patrick

Band

Reynolds Elementary School – Benjamin Durst
Van Buren Elementary School – Evan Biedermann



Left to right: Emma Monterville and Laura Dawley from McNamara Elementary School



Ben Durst from Reynolds Elementary School



Evan Biedermann from Van Buren Elementary School



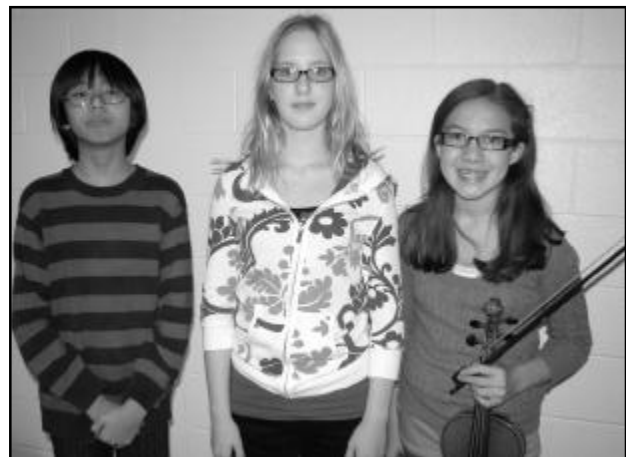
Reynolds Elementary strings teacher Matthew Eills with (l to r) Mikaella Metcalf and Carly Patrick



Marissa Paventi and Ashley Sirois from Van Buren Elementary School



Kaylee Lammers and Kalista Fischel from Elden Elementary School



Left to right: Eugene Kim, Brianna Root, and Kathryn Terasaka from Ray Middle School

Student Achievement

Baker Students Attend Sr. High All-County Music Fest

Thirty-nine students from the Baldwinsville Central School District performed in the OCMEA Senior High School All-County Music Festival, held January 15 & 16 at Cicero-North Syracuse High School. They are:



Band

Left to right: Tim Richards, trumpet; Tim Niedzwecki, clarinet; Ben Bardenett, trombone; and Aaron Walters, percussion



Left to right: Laura Farleman, oboe; Andrew Nave, trombone; Zachary Shirk, trombone; and Alan Gribble, trumpet. Missing is Elise Conklin.



Chorus

First row, l to r: Nancy Canning, Emily Gell, Ali Niemiec, Kristen Gell, and Brian Scott.

Second row, l to r: Joanna Kenney, Ashley Squairs, Bonnie Abbott, Grace Geno, Ryan Sparkes, and Micaela Burke.

Third row, l to r: Heather Rosenthal, Brittany Ungleich, Marissa McLean, Daniel Mullarney, Andrey Peshko, Nicholas Augello, and Sean Honsinger. Missing is Caitlyn Sparkes, Megan Mahar and Taylor Woods.



Orchestra

Left to right: Jacob Martin, cello; Zachary Brown, cello; Shane Rahle, cello; and Jeremy Bossert, tuba.



Left to right: Kaitlyn Allen, clarinet; Nicole Felty, viola; Kiara Osolinsky, violin; Hannah Coburn, violin; and Catherine Klapheke, string bass.

Six Invited to Perform at Area All-State

Six orchestra students from Baker High School were invited to perform in the NYSSMA Senior High School Area All-State Music Festival, held February 5 & 6 at Ithaca College. They are: Zachary Brown, cello; Brian Kane, cello; Tyler Pelkie, violin; Catherine Klapheke, string bass; Ashley Marsh, viola; and Nicole Felty, viola.

Visit the district's website at

www.bville.org

Student Achievement

Fall Athletes Score High in the Classroom

All twelve of the Baldwinsville Central School District's fall athletic teams qualified for recognition from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association for outstanding academic achievements. In order to qualify, a varsity team must have a team composite grade point average above 90%. All twelve fall varsity teams met this standard. Congratulations to the following teams and individuals who qualified:

Varsity Boys' Cross Country

97.25 GPA

Andrew Biedermann, Patrick Colligan, Justin Dalaba, Andrew Fleming, Jonathan Hingre, Andrew Hoover, Gregory Johnson, Theodore Kaminski, Nathan LoParco, Connor Martin, Antonio Martinez, Ronald May, Casey McAllister, Zachary McCaleb, Adam Pacheck, Ethan Pacheck, Charles Parker, Kevin Pregent, Matthew Purdy, Shaun Thompson

Varsity Girls' Tennis

95.97 GPA

Kaili Alberici, Sarah Corcoran, Melinda Davis, Madeleine Fiello, Rebecca Guzzo, Taylor Harris, Taylor Haynes, Nicole Leader, Kelsey Leitgeb, Hannah Mautz, Lauren Mautz, Leena Mian, Colleen Morgan, Amari Pollard, Madison Price, Michelle Saintey, Rachel Taylor, Katie Tryniski, Kellie Tryniski

Varsity Girls' Swimming

95.82 GPA

Paige Altman, Ghena Binzer, Whitney Brand, Joclyn Butler, Elizabeth Collins, Victoria Connor, Megan Eubank, Laura Farleman, Carly Gummer, Gabrielle Hood, Elena Margrey, Kaitlyn Martin, Dana Mitchell, Hannah Murphy, Kelly Noll, Charis Parker, Margaret Walsh, Abigail Whiting, Sharon Wolff

Varsity Girls' Cross Country

95.81 GPA

Cassandra Alencewicz, Jaimee Balloni, Kristen Biedermann, Kimberly Contant, Kimberly Cushman, Lydia Darling, Catherine Felberbaum, Sarah Hall, Maria Halstead, Julia Johnson, Holly McMahon, Heather Mendiola, Kylie Mosher, Abigail Nelson, Anne Peterson, Danielle Petti, Ashley Shaheen, Lara Van Braam, Erika Wilcox

Varsity Boys' Soccer

95.57 GPA

Kyle Beckhusen, Alexander Bono, Matthew Boyle, Andrew Coughlin, Sean Coyne, Jonathan Goodridge, Michael Guardino, Daniel Knight, Jacob Lunduski, Adam Lauko, Stefan Merchant, Matthew Miles, Kyle Mulligan, Trevor Pauldine, Jonathon Price, William Skinner, Kevin Thompson, Anthony Vecchio

Varsity Girls' Soccer

95.20 GPA

Jasminn Bean, Emma Firenze, Jacqueline Firenze, Kathleen Gildemeyer, Laura Hanford, Amanda Ingersoll, Claire Monnat, Margaret Monnat, Lauren O'Connor, Lauren Roberts, Jamie Schmidt, Ashley Squairs, Lowyse Van Fulpen, Lana Vecchiarelli, Erin Ward, Amanda Wolgemuth

Varsity Boys' Football

94.54 GPA

Tyler Candee, Casey Colligan, Michael Guinta, Thomas Lawrence, Nicholas Manning, Jacob Margrey, Stephen Mitchell, Bernard Paprocki, Curtis Stanard, Mark Stanard, Eric Tommarello, Carter Twombly, Matthew Varga

Varsity Girls' Field Hockey

93.62 GPA

Anna Andris, Nicole Bourdon, Taylor Cherney, Nicole Contant, Grace Crowell, Andrea Davaro, Sierra Earle, Lindsey Halstead, Jennifer Hennigan, Natalie Lynch, Laura Passamonte, Lindsay Varga, Elizabeth Ventura

Varsity Boys' Golf

93.11 GPA

Lucas Ciulla, Connor Dowd, John Maurer, Robert McCall, Brendan Polsin, Earl Strodel, William Ward, Daniel Wright

Student Achievement

Varsity Girls' Volleyball

93.06 GPA

Allegra Lee Bell, Jenna Blujus, Megan Collins, Elizabeth Giromini, Carrie Hack, Ashley Marsh, Lauren McVey, Brianna Stewart

Varsity Boys' Volleyball

92.57 GPA

Peter Cuppernull, Daniel Dubiel, Matthew McKee, Shane Rahrle, Jarret Reaume, Kevin Saintry, Ryan Shelton, Christopher Thayer

Varsity Girls' Gymnastics

92.01 GPA

Samantha Cammuso, Casey Devlin, Alexis Diaz, Lauren Fisher, Lauren Furcinito, Virginia Kamide, Sara Perrone, Chelsey Pitcher

Although the New York State Public High School Athletic Association does not recognize all of the sports that Baldwinsville offers, based on local criteria the fall varsity cheerleaders also qualified for this award.

Varsity Fall Cheerleading

92.33 GPA

Shaina Brook, Krista Brower, Kelly Carr, Kendal Glynn, Lindsey Hirsh, Melissa Hunter, Julianne Landon, Amanda Mackey, Beata Rubacha, Angelica Santana, Bailey Sweeting, Taylor Toomey

Thank You Boosters!

Thank you to the Boys' Soccer, Girls' Volleyball, Boys' Volleyball, Football, and Pop Warner Football Booster Clubs for sponsoring the bill board on Rte. 690 that celebrates the accomplishments of the district's fall athletes!

District Spelling Bee Finalists

On December 17, 24 students from the Baldwinsville Central School District qualified for the *Post Standard's* written portion of the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which was given on January 23. As this issue of the newsletter went to press, the district did not have the results of the bee.

The winner of the district spelling bee was Katherine Schumacher, an eighth-grader at Durgee Junior High School. Cecilia Vacanti, a seventh-grader from Ray Middle School, won second place, and sixth-grader Rachel Lockwood won third place.

Other qualifiers from the Baldwinsville Central School District for the written portion of the bee were:

Elden Elementary School – Gwen Mercer and Mary Arthur;

McNamara Elementary School – Charles Nash and Madeline Saarie;

Palmer Elementary School – Emma Brune, Hannah Ebner, and Kyle Chamberlain;

Reynolds Elementary School – Shaelyn Parnell and Cole Treasure;

Ray Middle School – Josh Greer, Mary Zarnowski, Catherine Spohn, Seth Horan, Ryan Gell, Shelley Verma, Taylor Veith, and Gabriel Goulding; and

Durgee Junior High School – Dana Norton, Nick Felong, Thomas Brown, and Eric Johnson.



The top three district spellers are (left to right) Rachel Lockwood, 3rd place; Cecilia Vacanti, 2nd place; and Katherine Schumacher, 1st place.

Calendar

February 9	All-District Band Concert Grades 4&5 and Baker Wind Ensemble 7 p.m., Baker Auditorium
February 14-21	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
February 24	All-District Strings Concert, Grades 4 & 5 7:00 p.m, Baker Auditorium
March 2	Band concert - 7th grade and Durgee bands 7:30 p.m., Baker Auditorium
March 11	Junior Parent Night 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Baker High School
March 16	Band Concert - 6th grade and Baker bands 7:30 p.m., Baker Auditorium
March 19	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
March 24	Kindergarten Registration 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at your school
March 25	Half-day for K-5, Parent-Teacher Conferences AM Kindergarten attends, K-5 dismiss @ 11:30 a.m. Kindergarten Registration 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at your school

Baker Forming PTSA

The Baker Parent Group, founders of Keep the Ball Rolling (KBR), an After the Senior Ball Event, is forming a PTSA. The Baker PTSA will hold its first membership meeting on February 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Baker library and encourages all Baker parents and teachers to attend. Membership is only \$5. The PTSA needs 25 members at its first meeting in order to form. Its primary mission for forming is to support the KBR celebration in May. KBR's focus is to provide seniors with a way to celebrate without alcohol, drugs, and driving on Senior Ball night. For more information about the Baker PTSA or KBR celebration, please contact Christine Alencewicz at ealencew@twcny.rr.com or Wendy Burke at wendy.burke1@yahoo.com. KBR is proudly supported by the Baldwinsville Central School District, Baldwinsville Optimists, Class of 2010, SADD, Durgee PTSA, and the soon to be formed Baker PTSA. If you are interested in making a donation to KBR or volunteering your time at the event, please contact Joanne Keim at jkeim@twcny.rr.com or 695-3993.

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