

April 2020



# THE B'VILLE BUZZ AT HOME!



Hello B'ville Community!

During the school year, we send out the B'ville Buzz monthly to our staff members to highlight our students' amazing accomplishments, give shoutouts to staff members and showcase the wonderful activities that are happening in our schools.

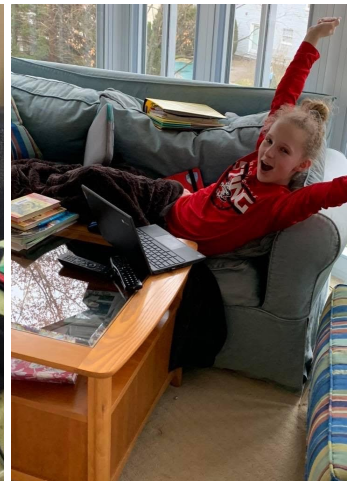
The Buzz did not go out in March and April due to our focus on the COVID-19 pandemic and our shift to at-home learning. Now that we're settled in to our routines with distance learning, we wanted to take an opportunity to share some good news with the entire Baldwinsville community with a special edition of the B'ville Buzz.

To our staff, parents and students, we are proud of the work you are doing. Your creativity and commitment is outstanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph M. DeBarbieri".

Joseph M. DeBarbieri  
Acting Superintendent of Schools



# SHOUT OUTS

## People's Choice Winner



Congratulations to the Baldwinsville Marching Band for winning the Syracuse Area Music Awards (SAMMYS) People's Choice Award for an academic organization in March. The band that shined on the international stage at the Rose Parade is shining bright in Central New York. Thanks to the community for voting.

## Baldwinsville Named a Best Community for Music Education for 11th Year

The NAMM Foundation has recognized the Baldwinsville Central School District for its outstanding commitment to music education with a 2020 Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) designation. This is the eleventh consecutive year that the district has received the prestigious designation.

The Best Communities for Music Education awards program recognizes outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who have made music education a part of the curriculum. The designation indicates that a school district has an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education.

"Thank you to our students and music educators for their endless dedication, preparation, and commitment to our music education program," said Acting Superintendent Joseph DeBarbieri. "Your enthusiasm, love and

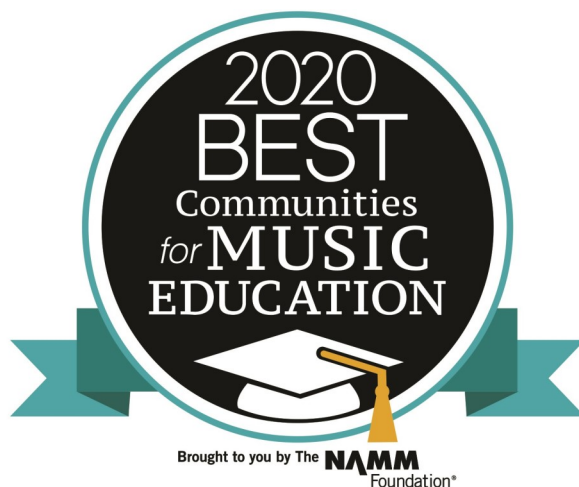
appreciation for music leaves a lasting impression and a positive impact on our entire school community. You all make us very proud!"

To be considered for a Best Communities for Music Education designation, applicants must complete a survey and answer detailed

questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and other factors that affect access to music education for all students.

The Baldwinsville Central School District's music teachers are Jennifer Bearup, Megan Brody, Donna Cole, Kristina

Czerwiak, Cynthia Doback, Rebecca Dusart, Justin Ezzo, Dana Grimaldi, Patricia Hollis, Christine Isbell, Katrina Kahl, Colin Keating, Laura Kenyon, Cody Lassinger, Brittany O'Reilly, Aliza Stoll, Steven Uhl, Jennifer Vacanti, Casey Vanderstouw, and Timour Vernyi.





# SHOUT OUTS



## Fan Favorite

Our Varsity Winter Guard was voted Fan Favorite in the Mid York Color Guard Circuit. Congratulations!



## Baker student wins 2 national Silver Keys for writing

Congratulations to C.W. Baker High School senior Rachel Blake who was



awarded two National Silver Medals for her writing.

She was awarded multiple Gold Keys in our Regional Competition. All Gold Keys are then judged nationally. Her

memoir entitled "Ally" and her science fiction/fantasy piece entitled "Upgrade" both earned National Silver Keys.

## Baker student wins national Silver Key for art

C.W. Baker High School Senior Samantha Lucas is a Scholastic Art & Writing National Silver Key Medalist! Her painting

"Respite" was awarded a Gold Key in our regional Scholastic Art Competition. All gold keys are then judged

nationally, and she was awarded a Silver Key. This is Baker's second year in a row with students earning National Medals.



# SHOUT OUTS

## R.J. DeLisle honored with SAANYS Leader in Digital Education Award

Our Director of Technology Richard "R.J." DeLisle has been selected as the recipient of the 2020 Leader in Digital Education Award by the School Administrators Association of New York State (SAANYS).

This award recognizes a SAANYS member who has demonstrated exceptional, creative leadership in harnessing the potential of technology to further teaching and student achievement. The candidate will have demonstrated excellent organizational and communication skills in supporting and promoting such innovative digital practices for his/her learning community.

In his role as director of technology, DeLisle is often seen walking the halls of any one of the district's eight buildings to visit classrooms and test the technology, interact with teachers and students, and always asking himself the question, "What value does this add?" This hands-on approach has given him unique insight as to how best to integrate new and innovative technology needs into each classroom.

Palmer Elementary School Principal Alex Ewing is grateful for DeLisle's classroom visits.

"As staff share openly their instructional needs, Mr. DeLisle not only offers words of encouragement and praise for implementing instructional creativity, but is right there in the trenches when necessary to troubleshoot and provide assistance to ensure positive experiences for teachers and students in the classroom," Ewing told the SAANYS.

During his tenure in the district, DeLisle has also been instrumental in reimagining the district's libraries into comprehensive learning centers. Seizing upon the vision of the library media specialists, he facilitated the creation of Learning Pods in some buildings where students and teachers can work collaboratively in a Google-like setting. Each library has been transformed by installing mobile furniture and technology, along with makerspaces, collaboration stations, Oculus Quest Virtual Reality headsets, esports, green screens, recording studios, 3D printing, and more.

"R.J. demonstrates that great leaders are also great listeners," said Durgee Jr. High School Librarian Lindsay Cesari. "If you're an educator that likes to dream big and try new things, R.J. is the perfect person to have in your corner. He's always been a vocal and persistent advocate for our library programs, allowing us, as educators, to innovate."

Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Tony Cardamone said DeLisle seeks not only to get the latest and greatest technology for students and teachers, but he seeks to find technology to support learning and teaching.

"At his core, R.J. is a teacher," Cardamone said. "His first love and passion is instruction."

Acting Superintendent Joseph M. DeBarbieri said DeLisle demonstrates quality leadership and ongoing professional learning as he works to engage and cultivate the professional growth of teachers and leaders alike.

"He is hardworking and a team player. He is committed to working with others for the good of all students, which is necessary for success in any leadership role," DeBarbieri said.



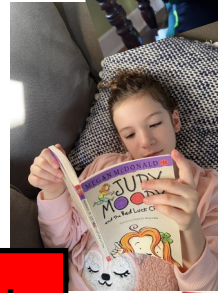


# VIRTUAL SPIRIT WEEK



## Comfy Monday

Send us a photo in your  
coziest attire!  
Let's embrace the P2 character  
trait of:  
**Optimism**



## Whatcha' Reading Tuesday

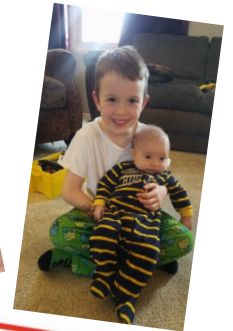
Send us a photo of what  
you're reading!  
Let's embrace the P2 character  
trait of:  
**Love of Learning**



Our District-wide  
Virtual Spirit Week  
was held  
April 6 to 10.

## Wacky Wednesday

Send us a photo of  
your wacky socks to your  
wild hair!  
Let's embrace the P2 character  
trait of:  
**Humor**



## Thankful Thursday

Send us a photo of you and  
someone/something that  
makes you thankful  
Let's embrace the P2 character  
trait of:  
**Gratitude**



## Spirit Friday

Send us a photo showing  
your school pride!  
Let's embrace the P2 character  
trait of:  
**Enthusiasm**

