

FOURTH-GRADE STUDENTS BECOME THE TEACHER

Fourth-graders recently took on the role of teacher as Mr. Baker hosted a special “Students Teach Week” event for his class. Students were given class time to plan a 15-20 minute lesson for their peers. Using a graphic organizer that stated their objective, students planned a lesson in the subject in which they most excel.

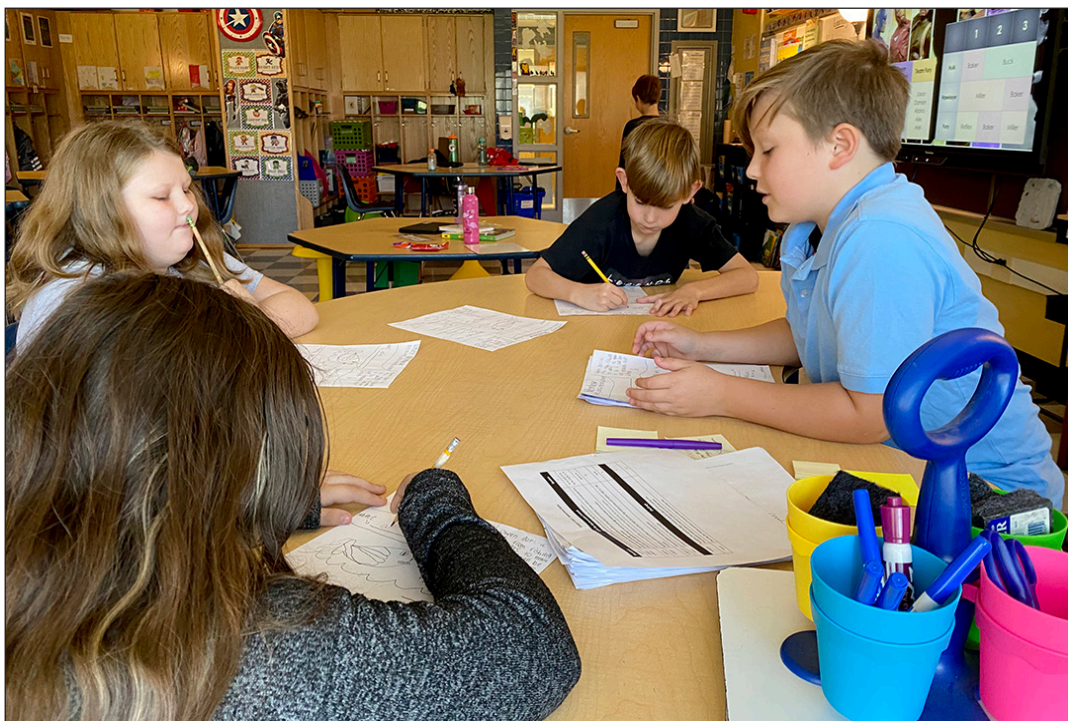
According to Mr. Baker, intention of the week was to give students insight into a career in education. The mini student teachers got a taste of what their teachers do behind the scenes to bring each lesson to the students and had to think on their feet to adjust the lesson to students’ needs or stop the lesson to address student behavior.

“Hopefully, students gained empathy for the amount of detail and work that go into planning a lesson,” said Mr. Baker. “I’m sure they came to appreciate the necessity of adjusting instructional strategies in order to meet classroom needs both academically and behaviorally during instruction.”



Above, Kaleb, a.k.a. Mr. Parker, became one of BCS's newest faculty members during Students Teach Week.

Below, Mr. (Jaxon) Bettro teaches a lesson.



Following the students’ lessons, the class discussed their student teaching experiences and what they learned from them.

“This was really cool, but way harder than I thought it would be,” said Jaxon Bettro.

DISTRICT WELCOMES NINE NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Dylan Blencowe **Assistant Technology** **Coordinator**

My name is Dylan Blencowe and I am the district Technology Coordinator.

It is quite an odd feeling to return back to where you graduated from to fill a role for the next generation of students. I look forward to supporting all of the new faces that I get the opportunity to meet in these halls that I used to call home. Previous to being here, I worked as a computer technician at Dundee Central School for seven years.

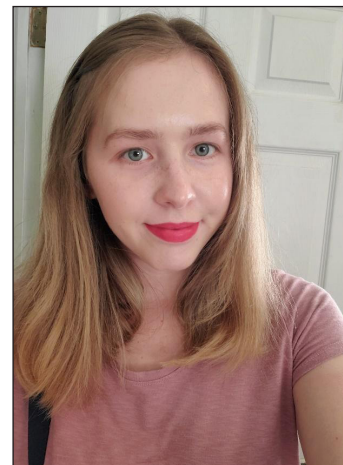
I enjoy going to concerts and music festivals with my friends, gaming (tabletop and pc/console), fishing and traveling. I travel around the US frequently, and I hope to extend that to Europe soon!



stitute at Horseheads High School, teaching Global History and Geography I and II, Intro to Psychology, and AP World History.

While I have not been a teacher for long, I am passionate about working with young learners and am determined to help each student succeed. At Bradford, I will strive to create a classroom environment that is warm, positive, engaging and overall conducive to learning.

I look forward to joining this wonderful community of students, families and co-workers!



Kelly Harrian **Bus Driver**

I'm a long-time resident of Bradford and attended BCS. I'm very proud to be working for my alma mater. My family puts on the BCS Alumni Picnic every year on the third weekend of July, so be sure to put it on your calendar! I have two awesome kids named Korey and Brooklyn.



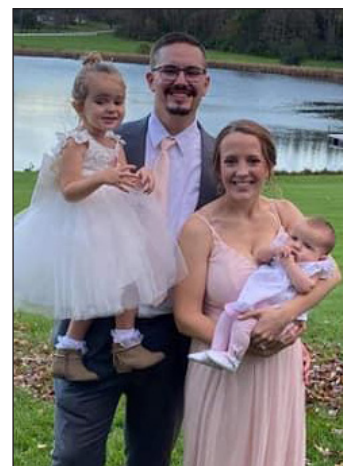
Tracy Fleet **Elementary** **Support Teacher**

My name is Tracy Fleet and I am a mom of three grown children. I live on a hobby farm with my family. We have six horses, three dogs and many sheep, chickens and cats. I have been a teacher for more than 20 years and I absolutely love being with my favorite people – kids! I am a sports fanatic, having played basketball, softball and soccer during the years. I also enjoy riding my horses, hunting and fishing, hiking, cycling and building. I love the outdoors and spend most of my time outside.



Katelyn Jumper **Second-Grade Teacher**

Hello, families and community members! My name is Katelyn Jumper. I am so excited to be joining the district as the second-grade teacher here at Bradford. I graduated from Bradford in 2013, so I am thrilled to be a part of the BCS family again in this role. I initially started out by receiving my bachelor's degree in Speech and Hearing Science from SUNY Cortland in 2018 to be a speech therapist; however, I realized later my true passion was teaching. I completed my



Bliss Gerosa **Social Studies Teacher**

My name is Bliss Gerosa, and I am proud to be joining the Bradford Central School District. I am originally from North Carolina, but I earned my bachelor's degree in History and my master's degree in Education from Elmira College. As a student teacher, I taught an eleventh-grade American History class and a seventh-grade social studies class. For the past year, I have been a long-term sub-

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NEW STAFF, CONTINUED

bachelor's in Early Childhood and Childhood Education from Alfred University in 2021 while simultaneously gaining experience in a variety of classrooms as a teaching assistant for both the Addison and Corning-Painted Post school districts for the past four years. I am so grateful for the impact each one of my teachers here at Bradford had on me, and I hope to inspire my students to reach their full potential.

When I am not teaching, you can find me with my husband and two daughters. In our free time, we enjoy being outside, visiting new places and spending time with our family and friends. I am looking forward to getting to know the students.

Brittany Oliver **School Social Worker**

Hi, I am Mrs. Oliver. This is my first year as a school social worker and I am excited to get to know you all. I was born and raised in Schuyler County and still live local. I am married to my high school sweetheart and have two beautiful daughters. I am currently working on my master's degree in Social Work at Keuka College. In my free time, I'm active, a DIYer and I dabble in photography. When I'm not at school, you might find me at local sporting events supporting my daughters in their adventures or caring for my 22 (and counting) chickens. I love fountain sodas, anything with peanut butter and shopping at the Salvo. This school year will be filled with fun, lots of learning and new adventures.



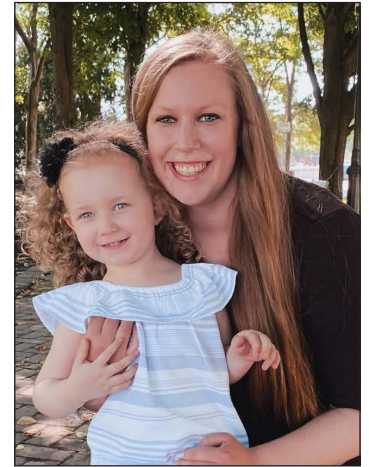
John Tryon **Bus Driver**

I have been married to my wife, Lea, for 32 years. We have two adult children and two grandsons. For the last 20 years, I have been self-employed in auto sales/auto repair. I also served 10 years as a town councilman prior to moving to Bradford. My hobbies include hunting, traveling and boating.



Kristyn Waters **Teaching Assistant**

My name is Kristyn Waters, and I am a 2013 graduate of BCS. I am married with two small, wonderful children, Macie and Leo, who occupy most of my time outside of the school district. I am very excited to be starting my career with the school district as a teaching assistant. My future goal is to finish my degree in Early Childhood Education in order to become an elementary teacher.



Kaleb Zimar **Computer Technician**

My name is Kaleb Zimar. I graduated from Campbell-Savona in 2019 and I am a BOCES employee stationed in Bradford. I've only been here for a couple of months, but I'm really enjoying the experience at BCS. I love sports and played basketball, soccer and tennis while I was in high school and still do when I have free time. I also love animals and have a dog and two cats at home. I live with my mom, dad and sister and I have two brothers who don't live with me. I'm looking forward to the rest of the school year here at BCS and getting to know everyone.



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Science _____ Rebecca Schrader _____ ext. 1264
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OUR CLASSROOMS - AND HALLWAYS - ARE FULL OF LEARNERS



*Clockwise from upper left: eighth-graders are reading *To Kill a Mocking Bird*; one of Ms. Cary's third-grade students rolls a die during a math game; Mrs. Croft's sixth-graders quiz each other in the hallway; Mr. Mullen's art students working on a project highlighting color patterns and texture.*

LESSONS IN THE LIBRARY

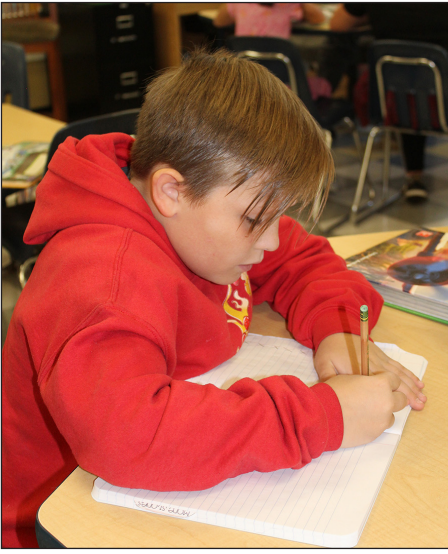
Mrs. Race shares her love of books and reading with elementary students during their weekly visits to the library. Classrooms are scheduled for library time once or twice per week.

During each visit, Mrs. Race reads aloud to students or a guest reader presents a story via Story Online, followed by a discussion of the story. Before heading back to their classroom, students have time to explore the library and settle into a comfy beanbag chair to read or color a picture. Students always get to choose a book to borrow for the week.



GO BRAVES!

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTION IN FOURTH GRADE



During ELA instruction time, fourth-grade teacher Mr. Baker, along with Reading Specialist Mrs. Brewer, teach and reinforce key English/Language Arts skills as students rotate through small group instruction sessions. The lower student-teacher ratio of small group instruction has several benefits, including personalized attention to re-

inforce concepts and assess comprehension.

Mr. Baker's students are organized into three leveled groups for ELA instruction and those groups rotate through skill development and independent work stations.

In a recent session, students learned strategies to re-read using text evidence with Mr. Baker or worked

with Mrs. Brewer on a context activity using the weekly vocabulary words, while the independent group worked on a writing assignment using the i-Ready program. i-Ready is an online reading program that helps teachers determine a student's needs, personalize his or her learning and monitor his or her progress throughout the school year.

OCTOBER WAS ALL ABOUT PUMPKINS!



In October, Miss Doppel incorporated pumpkins into cross-curricular lessons in her first-grade classroom. Some examples included determining if pumpkin floats during STEM time; describing the characteristics of pumpkins during ELA; learning about the life cycle of pumpkins during science and counting pumpkin seeds during math. At the end of the month, students had fun carving their pumpkins.

EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION

In the event it is necessary to close school for the day due to inclement weather or other emergency reasons, announcements will be made directly to staff and parents via Global Connect, the computerized telephone notification system, and on these local radio and television stations: WINK 106.1, WENY TV (Channel 36) and WETM TV (Channel 18).

The stations will be notified as soon as possible,

usually before 7:00 a.m. The home page of the district website, www.bradfordcsd.org, as well as the district Facebook page, will be updated as early as possible to keep students and parents aware of any changes. Please do not call the superintendent or the bus garage.

When school is closed, all related activities, including athletic events, also will be cancelled.

PREK AND KINDERGARTEN CLASSES VISIT APPLE ORCHARD



PreK and kindergarten students visited Reisinger's Apple Country in October. Miss Grant's and Mrs. Parker's classes enjoyed touring the orchard and picking their own apples during this annual fall tradition.

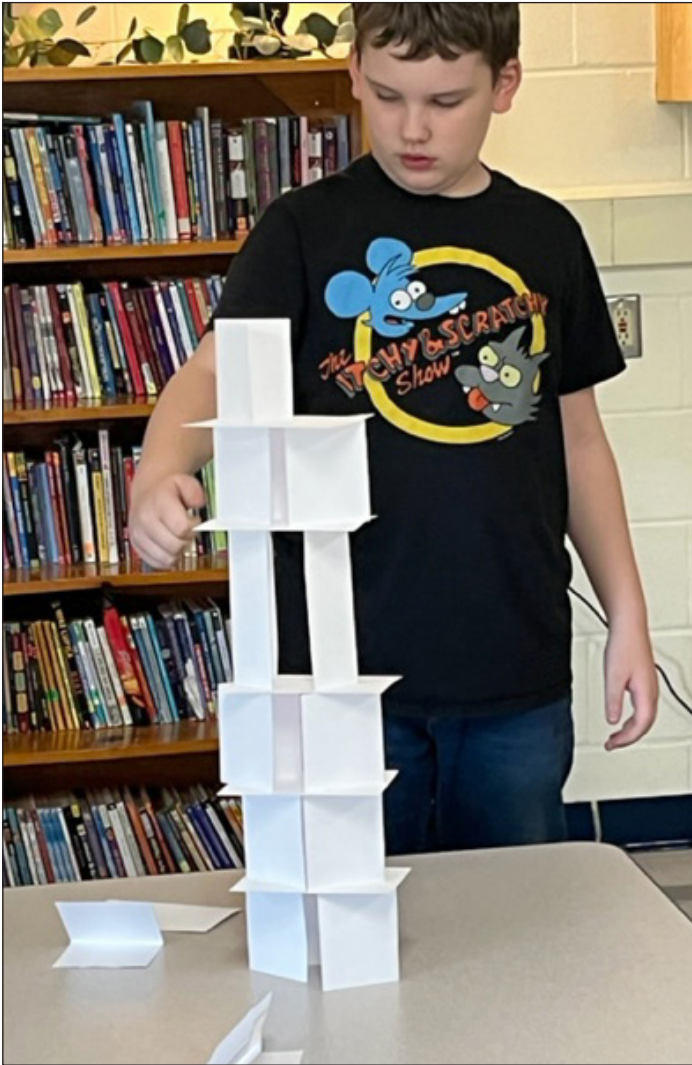
Students participated in numerous apple-theme learning activities the week of their field trip, including making an apple craft, tasting different types of apples and graphing the class favorites, cutting an apple in half to learn about its different parts and even used an apple to paint with.



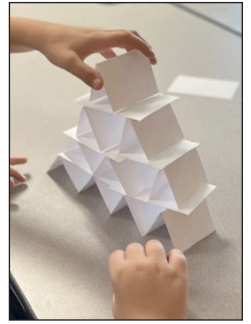
Sitting together in the giant Adirondack chair is a must-do activity at Reisinger's Apple Country! Miss Grant's PreK students are pictured at far left and Mrs. Parker's kindergartners are pictured at left.



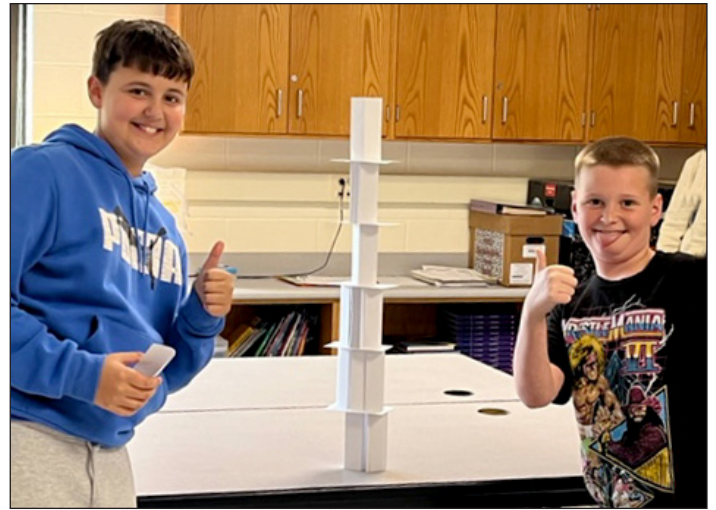
TALLEST TOWER COMPETITION



Teamwork, collaboration, perseverance. These are some of the skills fifth- and sixth-grade students are honing during STEM lessons with GST BOCES STEM Mentor Sharla Yarnell. At the start of the school year, students were tasked with building the tallest tower out of index cards.



According to Ms. Yarnell, "The simple activity was an opportunity for students to learn the process of collaboration and the power of planning out a design then testing whether it would work or if they needed to make modifications to the design."



THANK YOU, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS!



October was Board of Education Appreciation Month. Please help us thank Board of Education Members Daniel Peterson (president), Thomas Torpy, Jr. (vice president), Mallory Elliott, Alexander Waters and Ardalía Wilhelm for volunteering countless hours on behalf of Bradford Central School District students, staff and community.

STUDENTS CLEAN UP A SECTION OF HIGHWAY



National Honor Society members Logan Barned, Michele Rosno, Madison Sutryk and Madison Hughes recently participated in a service project by picking up litter along a section of highway as part of the Adopt-a-Highway Program.

NOTICE FROM THE CSE OFFICE

If you suspect that your school-age (age 3-21) child has a disability and would like to discuss options or have your child tested, please contact the CSE (Committee on Special Education) office at (607) 583-4616, ext. 1230.

If you suspect that your child has a disability and they are not yet school-age (birth-2 years of age), please contact your county of residence:

Schuyler County _____ 607-535-8140
Steuben County _____ 607-664-2146
or the CSE office _____ 607-583-4616, ext. 1230

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 14 ____ JV and Varsity winter sports begin
Modified indoor track begins
November 15 ____ Board of Ed. meeting, 6:00 p.m.
November 23-25 ____ No school, Thanksgiving recess
December 5 ____ PTO meeting, 5:30 p.m.
December 9 ____ End of five-week marking period
December 20 ____ Board of Ed. Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
Grades 5-12 band and chorus concert, 6:30 p.m.
December 23 ____ Grade 4 musical, 9:00 a.m.
Early dismissal, noon
December 26-January 2 ____ Winter recess
January 2 ____ Modified wrestling begins
January 9 ____ PTO meeting, 5:30 p.m.

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

September brought us back together as a community of learners, friends and family. It is great to see all the smiling faces back in the halls of BCS! Initial academic benchmark testing has been completed and our incredible teachers, assistants and aides are working diligently to ensure that every student is successful.

Not only are classes in session, but our volleyball, soccer and cross country teams represented Bradford in both athleticism and sportsmanship.

Autumn colors have arrived; homecoming was a blast; and now we can look forward to what will undoubtedly be a year filled with rigorous learning, academic excellence and memories that will have a positive impact on our students for a lifetime.

Each new year brings positive change; and this includes a few additions to our team. Please help us welcome new staff. You can read about them on pages 2-3.

Go Braves!



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