



### ***In Memoriam***

Bolton Central School would like acknowledge the loss of another dear member of the historical BCS administrative team.

On June 22, 2021, Dr. Richard Grimm passed away. Dr. Grimm loved his role as Superintendent and truly flourished at Bolton Central School where he chose to wrap up his 40-year career in education. The Class of 1997 dedicated a special Thank You in their yearbook which stated, "You're not only our Superintendent and advisor, you have become our friend as well."

Dr. Grimm left an indelible mark on the students, staff and families during his time in Bolton, making the world a better place because of his desire to lend a hand.

# Eagle eye

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## **perseverance**

per-se-ver-ance / pərsə'virəns/ noun

*Steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.*

During the ongoing trials of living with the COVID-19 pandemic, Bolton Central School has been operating under two basic premises: brutal honesty and perseverance. The facts have been brutal, but the perseverance has been what has gotten us through some challenging times!

The understanding of the definition of perseverance is one thing; to see it in action every day is both humbling and inspiring. In these tumultuous times, our aim has been stability and consistency. Our faculty and staff became masters of reinvention as unpredictability became the norm. They gave the best of themselves and then they gave a little more. We hope our community understands that everything we do is with safety and good health in the forefront.

They entrust their children and families with us each day. Most importantly our students need a safe and healthy place to learn and grow as best they can in these times. They need to know that we will continue to protect their well-being and support them in any way we can while keeping them safe. We are determined to make the most of what each day brings and strive for academic excellence and remarkable experiences in a supportive community, which will exceed all expectations.

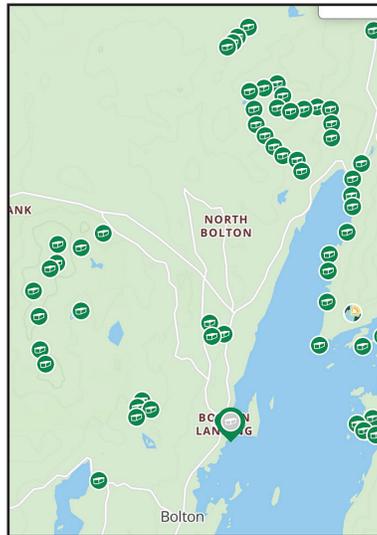
In this newsletter you learn about the many ways our students, faculty and staff have worked together to create positive opportunities and experiences. Bolton Central School students are our future and watching them come together renews our commitment each and every day.



# 2nd and 3rd Graders Get Their Bearings Through Geocaching



What is a geocache exactly? Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity that makes use of a Global Positioning System (GPS) device or application that pinpoints coordinates to help hide and/or seek containers, called “geocaches” or “caches”, at specific locations. These locations can be marked by coordinates all over the world. A cache is usually a small waterproof container containing a logbook and sometimes a pen or pencil. The geocacher signs the log and dates it, in order to prove that they found the cache. After signing the log, the cache must be placed back exactly where the person found it. You can imagine how excited our students must have been to learn that there are caches right here in Bolton!



Here are some of the cache locations in and around town!



Here's a close-up of what students found in the cache!

Our Makerspace Specialist, Ms. Carlson, planned this activity at just the right time! Through learning to follow coordinates and instructions, students were able to be outside, gain confidence in their skills, and realize that they could find their way. This particular geocache was placed at the Veteran’s Memorial so a visit during the week of the Veteran’s Day holiday allowed students to pay their respects to our veterans. Perhaps best of all was that this adventure is something students can share with family and friends. These activities continue to build a foundation of positive experiences that demonstrate we are all connected!



Want to know more about geocaching and where there may be geocaches near you? Click this QR code for all that information and more!

# Fall Sports Come to a Close - On Schedule!

***This year's fall season was a welcome break from the challenges athletics faced over the past year and a half. All our student athletes and their teams were a force to be reckoned with each time they took to the field. We are all incredibly grateful for our Bolton-Warrensburg communities for their support and truly proud of our student athletes for never giving up even when times get tough!***



**Congratulations to Coach Eager and the BW Girls Modified Soccer team on their amazing season!**



**The BW Boys Modified Soccer team finished their season 10-0!! Congratulations on a fantastic season and hats off to Coach Sheridan, Coach Kober and the team.**



**Wrapping up this year's fall season, the BW Girls Varsity Soccer team advanced to the Class C, Section 2 semifinals. Throughout the season's highest highs and lowest lows, the team persevered.**



*Need to catch up on all things BCS? Scan the QR code for a direct link to BCSD News!*



**The BW Boys Varsity Soccer team made history late in their season as they won their first ever sectional game as a merged Class C program 2-1 over Schoharie!**

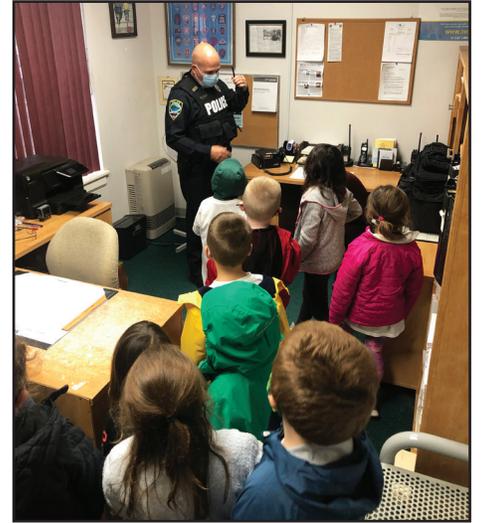


**Congratulations to the Warrensburg-Bolton Cross Country team on a great performance at the ADK League Championship Race and our own Mary LaBrecque on a fantastic season!**

## BCS Kindergarten Students Explore Their Community



As part of learning about the community, each year our Kindergarten class spends the day exploring the businesses in our town. Students get a first-hand look and learn how everyone works together to make Bolton a great and safe place to live and work. The group made six stops: the Bolton Post Office, Bolton Town Hall and Police Station. Our young pastry chefs enjoyed their visit to The Sagamore Resort where they decorated cookies and enjoyed lunch. But that's not all! The students paid a visit to The Bolton Free Library for a story and stopped at TD Bank. Thank you, Bolton Landing, for spending time with our Kindergarten students and for all that



you do for Bolton Central School, our students and their families!



There are many more photos from this great day. Scan this QR code to see them all!



## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: Jaclyn Andersen



**District Role:** Elementary Education

**Background:** I grew up in Lake George and graduated from Lake George High School. I then spent most of my 20's living in Boston, Los Angeles and New York City. I reconnected with my high school sweetheart (who graduated from BCS) and we decided to get married and raise a family here in Bolton. I've been back in

the area for about 13 years now.

**What attracted you to Bolton Central School?** BCS is the perfect place for me since I already live in the community and my children go to school here. It feels like home.

**Describe your best day at work?** My best day at work is honestly every day! Before this position, I was the director at the Bolton Historical Museum for 5 years and before that a stay-at-home-mom. I have truly missed being in a classroom and appreciate every day with my students. They keep me motivated! There is no better feeling in the world than seeing the "lightbulb"... that moment when a student goes from confusion to comprehension.

**Please tell us about places you have been or would like to travel to?** I've been fortunate enough to have visited Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Egypt, Costa Rica, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Argentina, England/Scotland/Wales and Ireland. I did a lot of traveling when I was younger. I'd love to visit Japan someday. The culture is so utterly different from our own. I think it's so important to step out of our "comfort zone" when we travel and experience life from a totally different perspective.

## Local Science Lessons Head Outdoors!



Our elementary classes traveled to UpYonda Farm to learn about the changing trees. The Adirondacks are alive with color in the fall and this is an ideal time to learn about trees while exploring one of Up Yonda's woodland trails. Students were able to discover why trees are an important natural resource for humans and wildlife, and why some change color this time of year. Our students learned how trees grow and the parts of a tree through hands-on activities. The trip also included a hike to learn how to identify common local species.



Our second-grade students also were able to enjoy being outside this season. The group headed out with Mr. Ted Caldwell to harvest sweet potatoes from the community garden at the Bolton Conservation Club. The class also visited with Mr. Cummings in his woodworking shop where he creates cutting boards. From there, the group hiked to Bradley's Lookout and discussed different tree species along the way. The last stop of this fun filled and educational day was the Bolton Garden Center where each student received a pumpkin, compliments of the Garden Center.



Thanks to the kindness of the community, our students are presented with so many opportunities to learn about the world around them right in their own backyard!

## Hard Work Pays Off!

As part of the Adirondack Furniture/Manufacturing Systems course students will craft Adirondack style furniture pieces. The course is designed to provide an orientation to mass production through research and development of a saleable product. Students organize financial and management functions needed to successfully market a product. The use of tools and machines is also taught. Senior Robert Bardon worked with Mr. Boire to craft a 1/2 log rustic stool. In addition to the tools used to create the stool, Robert created an image with the laser engraver for the seat of the stool.



# I AM BOLTON CSD | LUKAS BECKER



**Name: Lukas Becker**

**Age: 15**

**Grade: 10th Grade**

***Describe your family.***

I live with my Mom, Dad and my older brother. I feel very fortunate to have such kind, supportive and loving parents.

***What do you like about living in your community? Living in Bolton?***

Our family moved to Bolton from Kingston when I was in 7th grade. I love the lake and that I can walk to school. Being right in town and close to everything is great too.

***Who is your favorite teacher and/or favorite subject?***

I really enjoy Mrs. Beurman's class and look forward to that time of day. Her classroom is always interesting and fun.

***Do you participate in sports or extra-curricular activities?***

I am playing Varsity Basketball. I also play piano. I have been playing since I was 10 years old. I really enjoy it.

***Who is someone you idolize or would like to meet one day?***

I really enjoy 2Sharp on YouTube. I would like to talk to him about what he does and about playing piano.

***Tell us something nobody knows about you?***

I was born in Estonia. I do not like cantaloupe.

***Do you know what you want to do when you get older?***

I would like to go into a computer science or engineering field. I also want to balance working in an office setting by working in a service industry job like a restaurant.

# I AM BOLTON CSD | TEDDY PHELPS



**Name: Teddy Phelps**

**Age: 12**

**Grade: 7TH GRADE**

***Describe your family.***

I live with my Mom and Dad, my older brother and my twin sister. We have two cats who are also twins and a turtle who is 26 years old.

***What's your favorite thing about school?***

I really enjoy chorus and home ec. My favorite teacher is Mr. Volkmann and my best memory is when our class went on a trip to Silver Bay.

***Do you participate in sports or extra curricular activities?***

I play soccer, basketball and baseball. I am on stage crew for the musical. I also like to cross country ski.

***Do you have a favorite book, movie or TV show?***

I love to read. My favorite TV show is "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." I once read both volumes of the "Encyclopedia of Video Games." My favorite TV series is "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D."

***Do you know what you want to do when you get older?***

I want to be a chef and have my own restaurant that serves international food. I love to cook! My favorite thing to cook is Paella, a classic Spanish rice dish made with rice, saffron, vegetables, chicken, and seafood cooked and served in one pan. This summer I want to try and set up a cooking stand outside my house. I also hope to get on the show, "Master Chef Jr."

## Students Prepare for March Youth & Government Conference!



Youth & Government students were grateful to recently attend a District Conference to prepare for their State Convention in March. The conference was held in person at the Silver Bay YMCA Conference Facility. Six schools were able to safely send representatives. The hope is to once again be in the New York State Capitol building this March.

YMCA Youth & Government is a national program that involves thousands of teens nationwide in state-organized, model-government programs. Students have the opportunity to immerse themselves in experiential civic engagement and literally practice democracy. The program culminates with teens serving as delegates at their state conference, debating bills on the floor of this legislature.

Among some of the materials students are working on are creating more harsh penalties associated with injury and/or death of a K9 police officer, reworking the definition of kidnapping in the first degree and removing the cash bail option for repeat offenders. Working through these steps in understanding how our democratic processes work are the building blocks of democracy itself.



## National Honor Society Induction Ceremony 2021



Bolton Central School is honored to welcome seven new inductees to the Bolton chapter of the National Honor Society. In order to be eligible to apply, students must have a GPA of 88 or higher. The new inductees are:

**Sophie Del Signore**  
**Max Gollhofer**  
**Mary LaBrecque**  
**Charlie Miller**  
**Madison Monahan**  
**Jane Pfau**  
**Kaitlyn Wholey**

Congratulations to all our National Honor Society members! The district was very grateful to The Sagamore Resort for allowing the district to have hosted a very small ceremony to honor the achievements of our students.

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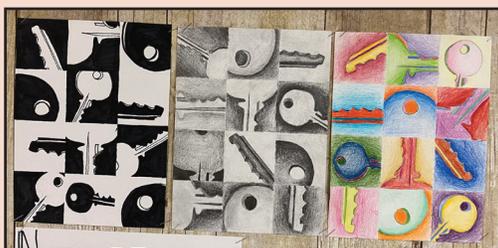
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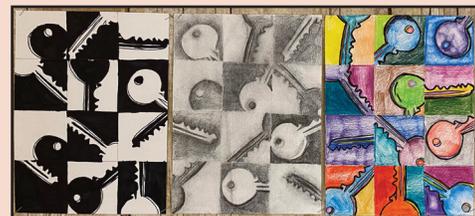
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### *In STEAM - A is for ART!*



Secondary students in Drawing and Painting conducted a study in balance and movement and how value, color and contrast can contribute to those principles. Students worked in a variety of multimedia to get the results they were looking for.



Students in Studio Art practiced observation drawing using their own shoes. After creating contour line drawings, students were asked to consider how color can create movement in an art piece. Studio Art students worked mainly with watercolor paint for this project.



First Grade students studied root vegetables and how they grow underground! Students then created a detailed painting highlighting the parts of a root vegetable to gain a further understanding of color and form. Working with tempera paint allowed our artists to produce vivid colors in their art pieces.



Students in Second and Third Grade researched ant colonies as part of a science lesson. After discovering how ants set up their colonies and how artists can be inspired by the complexity of the colonies, students were asked to create their own whimsical creation. Colored pencil was the medium that allowed these students the most flexibility.