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Message from the Superintendent



Happy Black History Month!

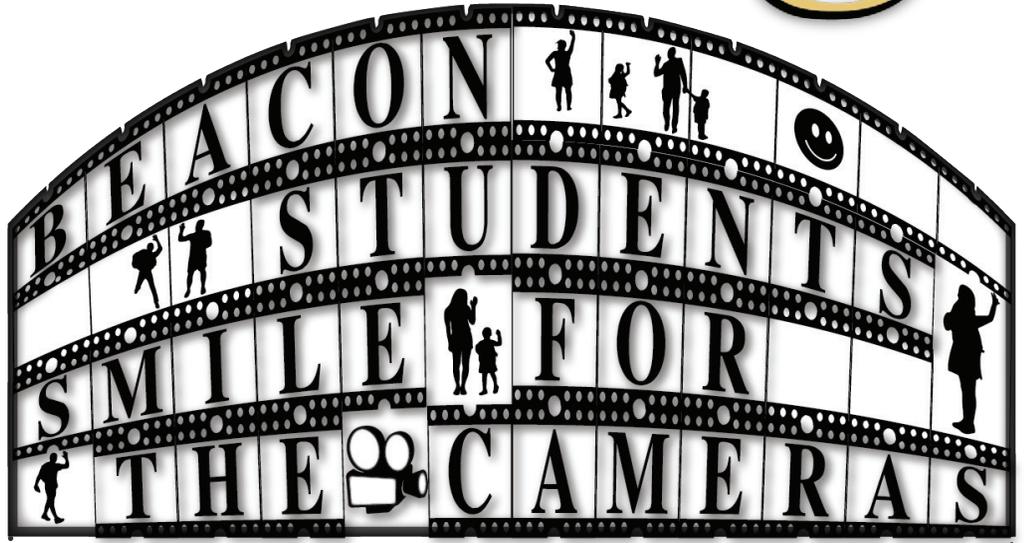
Our schools have a variety of activities planned for Black History Month this year. We will show some of the activities on social media this month and then provide a review in the next Bulldog Bulletin.

We are excited to be moving forward with the next steps of our strategic planning process later this month. We began a strategic planning process three years ago and working with community stakeholders developed a vision, mission, district belief statements, and a list of skills and attributes we want our graduates to have. You can check out this work on our website. Our next step is to work with district stakeholders to strengthen the work we have already done and make plans for the future of the district. We will update the community frequently on this progress.

Our capital project work moves forward as well. This month we will be meeting with all of the school-based design teams to start developing plans for the instructional spaces in each building. Finally, we are working on developing our 2022-2023 budget right now as well. I will be meeting with different stakeholder groups, especially focusing on student input, over the next two months to finalize our plans for our budget.

It is an exciting time to be in our district and we will keep you updated on all of our work!

Thanks,
-Matt Landahl



Beacon City School District Students will get a chance to show off their creative sides on film for the 1st Annual BCSD Student Film Festival scheduled for May 14.

The festival is open to submissions from all currently enrolled district students who want to make any kind of a film from a documentary on local history to a stop-motion animation feature using Legos.

Submissions should be no longer than two minutes and the **Foundation offers resource kits** for elementary and secondary-aged students to help make their movie possible with little more than a smartphone.

Teachers can also submit a film with their students that ties in with the class' work.

The inspiration for the film festival came from Michael Bridenstine, a New York City middle school teacher who founded the PS187 Film Festival where all grades submit films.

The submission deadline is April 19. Two separate screening sessions will be held on May 14 for the films produced by the elementary and secondary students.

Glenham Bus Driver ☀️ is a Ray of Sunshine



At Glenham Elementary School, students and staff are always happy to see a familiar face driving up to school on the bus. Charlie Whitted has been with district for many years and is seen as a positive force. In June 2020, Whitted volunteered his time to help deliver caps and gowns for graduating seniors, who couldn't have a traditional commencement due to COVID-19.

Glenham Principal Cassandra Osser said Whitted is a wonderful person and bus driver who greets everyone with a smile, through a mask of course, and a wave.

"His bright energy is contagious and he really starts and ends the students' day in a positive way," Osser said. "He knows all of his students, teachers and aides at arrival and dismissal."



South Avenue has a Snowball of a Good Time



There was snow way this recess would not include a fun winter activity. Students in Ms. Kelley Bender's class at South Avenue Elementary School spent a January afternoon of sledding down the hill. Despite the slushy snow and a couple of slides off their sleds, the kids had a ball, or should we say a snowball!



Beacon Athletics Winter 2021-22 Season Highlights



BEACON SPORTS - TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

Beacon High School's athletes are making their coaches and community proud with outstanding achievements in their respective sports.

Senior AJ Lucas was named the All Section, All State Co-Player and Poughkeepsie Journal Player of the year in 2021 and was previously named the All-League, All-Section, and Poughkeepsie Journal All Star multiple times.

Lucas' career record stands at 52 wins, 12 losses and 3 ties, Coach Craig Seaman said. During this school year, he was a captain and champion for both the league and Section 9, part of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

Best of all, Lucas signed a National Letter of Intent to attend and play soccer at Marist College on the men's soccer team in the fall.



Senior Daniel Gilleo is a bowling master with a 208 average, the highest in the league. Additionally, he has the second high game with a 267 average and second highest series with a 722 average. In 2021, Gilleo was awarded the All League and All Section Honors.

The senior has demonstrated excellent leadership and has helped his fellow teammates making for a success, his coach Brian Mahon said. "He has been instrumental in the success of the team," Mahon said.

We Have a Winner!



As Aaron Burke, the Library/Media Specialist at South Ave ES, was looking for grants, he came across a contest that was offered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education.

The Institute conducts monthly competitions for K-12 educators that are generally STEM themed. November 2021's competition was to submit a lesson plan that incorporated empathy into a STEM lesson.

The lesson Burke submitted came in 2nd place and the award was a big shipment of maker-space materials, including three 3D printers, three Spheros, a class MakeyMakey kit, a Lego Mindstorms kit, and a ton of other great maker-space supplies!

Needless to say, Burke is really excited to work these new materials into their library maker-space!

Rombout AM LIVE MORNING NEWS

Move over Anderson Cooper; make room for these aspiring journalists from Rombout Middle School.



January 3 marked the debut of a new morning news show called "AM Rombout," produced mostly by students with assistance from Assistant Principal Cathryn Biordi.

"Gone are the days of morning announcements over the PA," Biordi said.

Each day the cast and crew write, film and produce a five minute program covering

news from around school, as well as birthdays, weather, sports highlights and various special segments.

Savana Kush and Kylee Graff are the program's co-anchors. McKenna Griffith and Lily Berry present sports highlights, along with weather forecasts, while Skylar Clair does just weather. Oliver Meyer also presents sports and Adryanna Pantojas reports on special segments.

Behind the scenes, Oren Kelleher serves as editor and Caleb Wells-McGurk is camera operator and director. "The show is completely student driven," Biordi explained. Highlights from a January 19 show included Kush and



Graff honoring National Popcorn Day with Graff eating a bag of the salty treat and a video of our own Bulldogs basketball team playing against Cornwall.

Students are learning how to use sophisticated video editing software and green screen technology to make a professional looking program. A link to the show is posted daily on RMS' website.



JVF Alphabet Couture Parade

