

Intergenerational Prom

The Intergenerational Prom was a special evening put together by the high school's Key Club students in which the senior citizens of our community were invited to BHS for a night of fine dining, dancing, and fun!

The students served the senior citizens dinner, consisting of salad, scrumptious entrees, dessert, and coffee. After dinner, the students and senior citizens united on the dance floor to show off their moves. The night was absolutely magical and the students truly dazzled the senior citizens with their hard work, sunny dispositions, and seemingly boundless energy.

We were fortunate enough to have 125 students volunteer and 125 senior citizens attended. Each and every student worked tirelessly to create an evening that the senior citizens will remember fondly for years to come.



Florence Dennis and Vito Telesco crowned Prom King and Queen

Proud To Be An American



High school students from the Veterans Outreach Club along with the Bernardsville Middle School Patriots Pen Essay contest winners, represented Somerset Hills at the Proud To Be An American Day event held at Somerset County Vocational High School. The service of marine Captain Stanford Shaw, a Basking Ridge and United States Naval Academy graduate and Sargent Nikton Cacoilo, a Union High School graduate were honored at the ceremony. Dignitaries included Lieutenant General James Laster, USMC and Somerset County freeholder Peter Palmer. Bernard's High students were honored to attend a luncheon after the ceremony with the Gold Medal families of the fallen soldiers.



Distinguished Speaker Series

On April 20th the social studies department ran its third annual Distinguished Speakers Night for the public. Two speakers spoke to students and community members about topics within their field. Mr. Christopher Borgen, Professor of International Law at St. John's University, discussed the foundations of international law and examined the conflict in Syria through this perspective.



Dr. Perry Leavell, Professor Emeritus of History at Drew University, discussed the history of outsiders and populists in US politics from Andrew Jackson to Donald Trump.

Spotlight On...

Lou Palma



Lou Palma, Board of Education President, is celebrating 20 years of service this year. His term began when he filled a vacancy for a Peapack Gladstone Board member who resigned. During his tenure, Mr. Palma has seen the successful passage of two referendums and worked with five different school Superintendents. He cited Somerset Hills student achievement as his greatest source of pride.

BEDWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Seeing Eye

The 4th graders at Bedwell School had an amazing presentation from The Seeing Eye. Brian McKenna and Bill Howard came with Fabre, a dog in training. Brian talked to the group about the rigorous training process for dogs and how to match a Seeing Eye dog with a blind person. Fabre took Brian around obstacles so we were able to observe the dog working. Our 4th graders got a better understanding of the difficulties that go along with being blind and how a Seeing Eye dog helps the owner maneuver through these obstacles.



Enrichment Interest Clusters

Enrichment Interest Clusters are a wonderful part of Bedwell's enrichment program where students are given the opportunity to further develop their interests and find out what they are passionate about! Volunteer presenters are matched with an audience of students who share their interest so that they may share their expertise, answer student questions and provide engaging learning opportunities. Recently a group of third grade students participated in an interest cluster with parent volunteer Thomas Pagel, who taught them about the STEM in playing golf! Students used a pendulum putter to measure the angles involved in putting, and they conducted an Archimedes volume and displacement experiment in order to measure golf club heads.



Pearl Observatory

This year the Pearl Observatory visited Kindergarten students for an in house "Field Trip." The students engaged in various centers:

Little Al Dinosaur: Students were paleontologists for the day! They touched real dinosaur eggs, teeth and bones. The students helped to rebuild "Little Al" and other dinosaurs.

Fossil Dig: Students went on a fossil dig- sharks' teeth, coral, sea urchin spines and much more! All the fossils are up to 20 million years old!

Star Lab: The Star Lab is a portable planetarium. Students learned all about the stars and the planets.

Rocket Launch: On the last day of the "science field trip," about eight rockets were launched into the air. The children thoroughly enjoyed being scientists and exploring dinosaurs, fossils and outer space.



Peter's Valley

SHEF provided funds for artists from Peters Valley School of Craft to visit Bedwell and demonstrate their skills and craftsmanship. Each class rotated through four stations (a blacksmith, a photographer, a jeweler and a woodworker).



B-Well Girls

B-Well Girls is an after-school wellness program at Bedwell that promotes positive emotional, social, mental and physical development in girls. By combining a variety of fitness activities, meditation, and art projects with lessons designed to encourage girls to embrace their individual strengths, BWG provides girls with fun and creative ways to express feelings, discover strengths, make connections, and stay healthy. Session themes include self-respect, stress, body image, team building, communication, navigating friendships, mindfulness, and fitness, through activities such as art, exercise, meditation, discussion, dance, self-care, and yoga.



Bedwell Garden

The Bedwell Garden is a work of love that has been maintained primarily through the volunteer efforts of Bedwell staff and the H.S.A. Green Team and the benefits of having this garden are endless. The garden is used to support student learning across curriculum and grade levels. It provides a therapeutic environment for students and staff throughout the year. It is an amazing resource for our students with special needs and it provides community service opportunities for Somerset Hills students as well as our local Girl and Boy Scout troops. Please stop by to visit this amazing, special resource. You will not want to leave!



BERNARDSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

BMS Forensics



BMS' Forensics team has spent the year honing their craft. With multiple competitions across the state, students have come home on more than one late night with medals in hand. They may be practicing their argument skills, but there is no arguing with their talent.

Peer Leaders



Thirty-eight BMS Peer Leaders visited Bedwell earlier this year to share the power of kindness with kindergarten, first and second grade students. 7th and 8th grade BMS students devised activities ranging from demonstrating the power of kindness's ripple effects with

water, to drawing and displaying kindness museums, to sharing stories and practicing giving compliments.

BMS Sports

Spring sports are now in full swing, with 92 students representing BMS in baseball, softball, and track & field. During our winter season, BMS' boys basketball team were the #1 seed in their group and won the league championship. Go BMS!



Seussical Kids

On May 5 Broadway came to Bernardsville when the 5th and 6th grade play, Seussical Kids, was presented at BMS for Bedwell kindergarten students. The production was run entirely by middle school students and the kindergarten audience was mesmerized. All involved have committed to making this a new annual tradition.



Science



During the month of May, students in all 8th grade science classes visited various locations along Mine Brook in Bernardsville in order to collect data for an end-of-the-year research project. Students may have come back wet and muddy, but it was all in the name of Science!

History Comes Alive



6th graders at BMS spent a fun-filled day early in May visiting both Adventure Aquarium and the Battleship New Jersey. While classroom learning is important, is there any substitute for all that can be gained from a good field trip?

BERNARDS HIGH SCHOOL

BHS Wall Art

Thanks to a recent SHEF grant and additional donations by the BHS HSA and Project Graduation Class of 2016, new wall art featuring 107 Bernards High School graduating classes was recently installed. The new artwork flanks the entrance to the new media center and greets students and visitors at the main entrance.



Physics Olympiad

Congratulations to the Bernards Physics Olympics team who won 1st Place overall at the NJ Physics Olympics competition...beating out 44 other teams from across NJ. Along with a 1st place trophy, BHS will also have the honor of hosting the championship "cup" until next year.



Shakespeare Escape Room



Freshman Honors English students used the knowledge learned about Shakespeare in class to solve riddles, unlock boxes and "escape" the room. It was a great activity and a fun way to review all that was learned during their study of Romeo and Juliet.

Golf Scramble



The Bernards Golf team annual team Golf Outing and barbecue was held to celebrate the end of the season and our Skyland Conference Division Championship.

Environmental Science

AP Environmental Science students conducted water quality testing at Penn's Brook, a tributary of the Passaic River, a river that provides drinking water to over a million New Jersey residents. The data they collected will help the Great Swamp Watershed Association preserve and protect the Passaic River in order to ensure that all New Jersey residents have access to safe drinking water.



Battle of the Bands

The talented musicians of BHS went head to head in Green Team's annual Battle of the Bands fundraiser. Performances ranged from classical to contemporary with each band bringing their own unique flavor. This year's winners were Emily Kim, Dan Mayer, Graham Brady, and Thomas Reilly of the Bernards Jazz Quartet. The Quartet certainly accomplished their self-proclaimed mission to "keep jazz alive" with their fun and piercing take on *Song for Bilbao* and *Mask Off*. In second place, Lina Zhagui-Glynn and James Hardy nearly stole the show with their soulful performance of The Mute and Give Me Love. In third place, David Olivera impressed on the piano with Rachmaninoff's Paganini Rhapsody variation 18 and Prelude op. 23 no. 5. Noteworthy performances from Liz Buckley, Adrian Corus, and The Basement Boys (Alex Kiel, Joe Kiel, and Ross Zazzarino) rounded out the musical evening.



Assurance of Rights

No student, employee, or other person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, religion, disability, or socioeconomic status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any Somerset Hills School District program, employment practice, or activity. The district will strive to identify and address all forms of prejudice and discrimination in all district school programs, practices, curricula, instructional materials and assessments. In addition, the school district will provide equitable treatment for pregnant and married students, and will prohibit or eliminate all types of harassment. NJAC 6A:7-1.7; Booker v. Plainfield, 461 NJ, 1965; Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973; N.J.S.A. 10:5, Title IX