

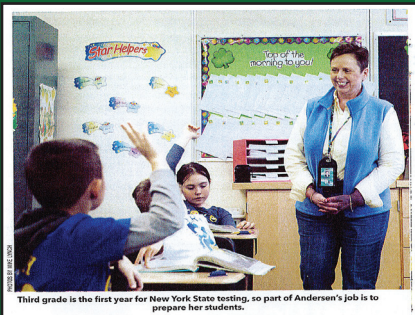


**BCS Elementary Teacher  
Recognized as a  
Trailblazer**

**TRAILBLAZER**

**Deborah  
Andersen**

The definition of a “trailblazer” is a person who makes a new track through wild country. Our own Deborah Andersen was recognized as just that by Adirondack Explorer Magazine! Deb Andersen was acknowledged for her work as a North Country educator and for giving third graders a solid foundation.



Third grade is the first year for New York State testing, so part of Andersen's job is to prepare her students.

Adirondack Explorer Magazine Trailblazers are not only recognized educators, they can include advocates for the Adirondack Park in all its features, environmentalists, those who are stewards or mentor stewardship and engineers. Each Trailblazer is asked to nominate the next candidate for recognition.

To have our educators recognized by outside agencies is an honor for Bolton Central School. In the words of our Superintendent Michael Graney, “Deb does a great job getting kids off to a great start.” We could not agree more. Congratulations Deb Andersen and thank you for all you have done for our students!

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Sixth Grader Sullivan Eager presents some of the variables involved in the exhibit both he and his sister Finley (third Grade) created which helped explain the process of Molecular Gastronomy.

## BCS Hosts Its Fourth Annual STEAM Fair!

In an effort to increase awareness of the STEAM program at Bolton Central School, students in Kindergarten through eighth grade have been showcasing their research, work and outcomes at a STEAM Fair each year. This year's Fair was the fourth event of its kind!



Fourth Grader Divna Rodic demonstrates how the joints, muscles and tendons work as part of her Cardboard Robotic Hand project.

What is STEAM you ask? STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. This method of study is based on finding a solution to a problem and tends to focus on project-based learning. These are not new teaching methods for BCS staff and students. All of our life-long learners are encouraged to develop the knowledge and skills to creatively solve problems, gather and evaluate evidence, make sense of information and apply their experience to become the innovators, educators, researchers and leaders needed to sustain our future.

This year's exhibits were fantastic! All of our participants were on hand to answer questions and demonstrate their efforts. Students taking the Science Research Class will present at the Science Research Symposium this spring on Tuesday, May 7th.

*There were examples of work within all the components of STEAM but take a look at PAGE 3 for just a sample of some of the exhibits presented!*

## BCS Kindergarten Students Out and About in Bolton

Each year our Kindergarten class goes on a trip out into the Bolton community to learn how everyone works together to make Bolton a great and safe place to live and work. The group started off at the Bolton Post Office, Bolton Town Hall and Police Station, with a stop at Neuffer's Deli for a quick snack. From there students stopped at TD Bank and then headed to The Sagamore for lunch. The trip was wrapped up with a visit to the Bolton Free Library and a stop at Cedar Graphics to watch this year's mascot t-shirts, the black bear, being screen printed. 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!



Chief Neumann was on hand to explain his day to day routine as Town of Bolton Chief of Police.



Our friends at TD Bank let our Kindergarteners have a peek into the vault and watch how the money counter worked!



Kate at Cedar Graphics gets a helping hand while screen printing this year's Kindergarten winning mascot t-shirts. This year's class elected the black bear as their mascot on Election Day this fall.



Our friends at The Sagamore Resort not only let our students order for themselves from the children's menu for lunch, they also provided our Kindergarteners with a special hot chocolate bar with all the fixings for the perfect cup of hot chocolate!

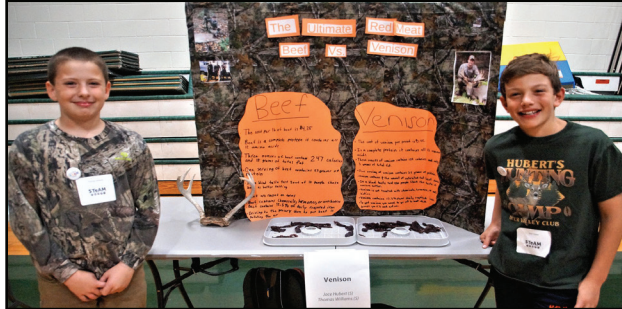
**Photos from our 4th Annual STEAM Fair**



*Halle LaBrecque, Fifth Grade, is excited to share details about the Lava Lamp project she worked on with Fifth Grader Jacob French and Fourth Grader Declan Dumas.*



*Eighth Grader Erin Corr explains her findings on whether or not meditation can heal anxiety and calm the human body.*



*Fifth Graders Jace Hubert and Thomas Williams are on hand to compare the qualities of beef and venison as far as nutritional and economical value; and of course to offer samples of each!*



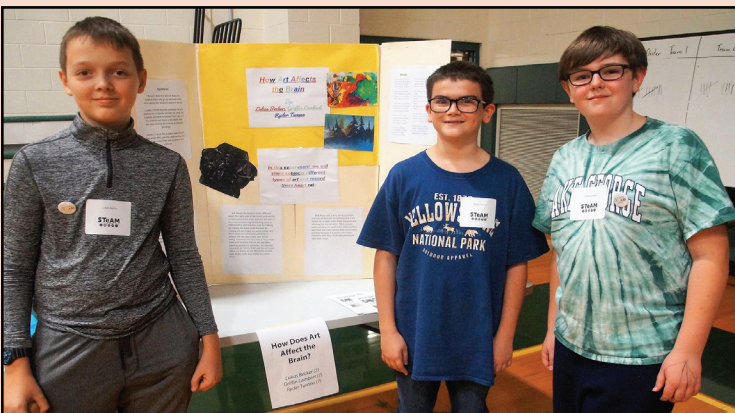
*Eighth Grader Mary LaBrecque is eager to share her research and knowledge on The Big Bang: A Whole New Universe.*



*Second Grader Ava Costigliola shared physical examples of the different types of birds' nests found in her local habitat. The different types of nests include pendulum, platform, cup, cavity and spherical.*



*Second Grader Presley Huck demonstrates her findings on robotics through running her robot, "Meccano" through its commands for curious onlookers.*



*Seventh Graders (left to right) Lukas Becker, Ryder Turano and Griffin Lambert are ready to elaborate on their findings about, How Does Art Affect the Brain? In this experiment subjects were shown different types of art and their heart rates were recorded.*

*Ryder shows the variations of art subjects that were shown to participants; an abstract image, a scary image and a nature scene. He then explains that a sports watch with a heart rate monitor and the WearHealth app were used to record each subject's BPM (beats per minute.) Chromebooks were used to calculate the outcomes.*



# Varsity Soccer Under the Lights at Bolton Central School

*Making Lifelong Memories for Our Student Athletes and the Community!*



*As the evening game went on, the entire field was illuminated with lights provided thanks to the efforts of many- too many to thank individually!*

Last year, for the first time in the history of Bolton Central School, the Varsity Soccer program hosted a game on our home field, under the lights. The event was so well received that this year both Varsity soccer teams were able to host evening home games.

As is tradition, Bolton Central School honors its graduating senior athletes in each sport throughout the year.

Both evenings were memorable for students and their families. Being able to do this for a second year is a great honor for Bolton Central School. Our parent volunteers working together with our amazing maintenance staff help to minimize expenses. Thank you to all involved who helped make these extraordinary events possible!



*Adam Seamans, mid-fielder and Senior athlete maintains possession of the ball in the game under the lights game versus Hadley-Luzerne.*



*Bolton-Warrensburg Girls Varsity soccer sets up for a corner kick during the under the lights game versus Fort Ann.*

## Bolton Central School's Fall Senior Athletes



*Bolton-Warrensburg Boys Senior Athletes from left to right: Josh Baker, Garrick Morrow, Nick Clesceri, Charlie Weick, Dan Kelly, Elijah Terrell and Adam Seamans*



*Bolton-Warrensburg Girls Senior Athletes from left to right: Kiara Mantz, Meghan McGurl and Kaitlin Burke.*

# Peer Mentoring - Laying the Groundwork

Recently, Bolton Central School kicked off this year's session of the peer-mentoring program with a team building session at Camp Echo Lake in Warrensburg. The activities are designed to engage students, increase their ability to work with their peers and boost their self-confidence.

*A mixed group of elementary and high school students doing a "Monster Walk." The emphasis of this exercise is communication, problem solving, and balance and strength. The students work together to get from point A to point B while adhering to the following conditions: all individuals in the group must stay connected and the group may only move forward using a predetermined number of body parts, usually the number equals the number of participants in the group. After each success, the team must now attempt the same task with one less body part.*



*The "Touch the Can" activity challenges the students' mental and physical dexterity. It begins with a foam "can" (in this case a portion of a swim noodle) placed between the noses of a high school and elementary student. The goal is for every member of the twenty student group to touch some part of the "can" without touching each other. The focus of this activity is to serve as an ice breaker and foster cooperation amongst all the students.*



*You may have noticed our new fence decor as you pull into the BCS parking lot. Sophomore William Persons and Mr. Shippee put in the new fence cups to spread "Eagle Pride"! Who knew with a few hours effort, a helping hand and a bit over 1,000 fence cups that "Eagle Pride" will soar through fall, winter, spring and summer! Thank you, William, for your help!*

# I AM BOLTON CSD | KADEN TENNENT



**Name:** Kaden Tennent

**Age:** 15

**Grade:** Sophomore

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

Even though Bolton is a small school, I appreciate how many opportunities students have both in academics and extras. All the teachers are very easy to reach out to. Everyone wants students to succeed, are very accessible and easy to talk to.

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

I have lived here my whole life and feel like a part of the community. My parents know a lot of people in town

so that also makes it easier. Their connections are mine too.

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

My favorite subject is Math. It has always come easily to me and just makes sense. I don't have a favorite teacher. They each have different things to offer.

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

I am involved in pretty much everything BCS has to offer. I enjoy all the extra curricular activities; Band, Chorus, Jazz Band, Key Club, Student Council, Writer's Club, Technology Club and Basketball, Baseball and Soccer. My favorite activity is Youth & Government. I hope to become Deputy Speaker of the Assembly this year and already serve as a committee chair.

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

Right now, it is The Martian. I have read the book and seen the movie.

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

***“Even though Bolton is a small school, I appreciate how many opportunities students have both in academics and extras.”***

*Kaden Tennent, 10th Grader*

Meeting Casey Neistat would be amazing! (Casey Neistat is an American YouTube personality who has over 9.7 million subscribers.) He is inspiring and a great motivator. He gets things done.

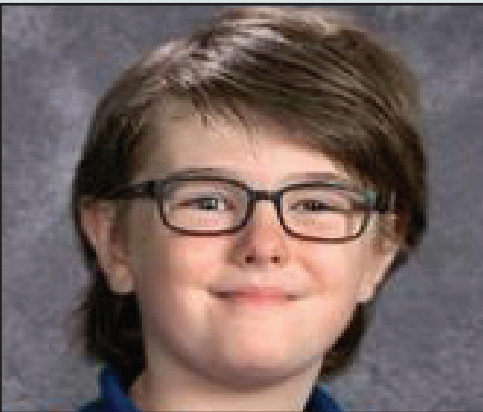
**Do you know what you want to do when you get older?**

I am considering a bunch of options. I like Computer Science and really understand how hardware and software work. I am also thinking about Astronomy and definitely Business Management.

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

I have my own YouTube channel with 200 subscribers. I have just gotten back to it – ask me about it!

# I AM BOLTON CSD | GRIFFIN LAMBERT



**Name:** Griffin Lambert

**Age:** 12

**Grade:** Seventh Grade

**Describe your family.**

I live with my Mom and Dad. My Dad is a fireman and my Mom is a

nurse. I spend a lot of time with my grandparents. My grandfather likes classic cars and my grandmother works at The Sagamore.

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

I like gym and lunch best. My favorite food in the cafeteria is pizza.

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

I like that it is a small town.

**What is your favorite subject?**

Mr. Sheridan's Science class is my favorite. I really liked last year's ROV (remotely operated underwater vehicle) project.

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

I sing in chorus and play the trumpet in band.

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

I am reading *iRobot* now and saw *Bumblebee*. I like that movie because that model of the Beetle is one of my grandmother's favorite cars.

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

I would like to be a fireman or a mechanic.

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

I like setting up technology. I want to learn more about coding.

# Generosity is Contagious!

Senior Meghan McGurl is all about giving back. Recently, she organized a fundraiser for the Sarnelli House, a community of people in the Philadelphia area committed to helping those in need. The items that were requested most were toiletries like toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, etc. to give to those who are often homeless. Helping Meghan assist the Sarnelli House became a mission for Bolton Central School students.



*As donations started to stream in, Mrs. Humiston's sixth grade English students were able to see what they were working with and what they may need more of.*

Ms. Beurman and Mrs. Humiston's classes competed against one another to see who could bring in the most donations. We are happy to report that the fundraiser was a huge success. Thank you, Meghan, for organizing the fundraiser and to all the students and families who were overwhelmingly generous!



*Teamwork makes the dream work!*



*Thanks to the initiative of an individual, over thirty students worked together to assemble over 100 gallon-sized zip-lock bag care packages to be sent to those in need. It is truly amazing what can be achieved when we all work together towards a common goal!*

## Bolton Central School Musicians Participate in Regional Festival

The Northeast Instrumental Music Festival is a 4-day, 3-night stay at the High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid. It includes more than thirteen districts who bring their leading musicians to perform in a full concert band setting. This opportunity gives our music students the chance to perform at a higher level in a large group setting with their peers from the collective schools.



This year's attending students included (from left to right):  
 Skyler Scott – Freshman, Tenor Saxophone  
 Josh Baker - Senior, Trombone  
 William Morehouse - Sophomore, Tenor Saxophone  
 Kirsten Gollhofer - Junior, Clarinet

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## Upcoming Events

### February 18 - 22

Mid - Winter Recess  
PK-12 Classes Not in Session  
Offices Closed on Feb. 18

### February 27

Grades 9 & 10  
Parent Informational Meeting  
BCS Library  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### February 28

Grade 11  
Parent & Student  
Informational Meeting  
BCS Library  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### March 8

**PK - 12 Early Dismissal**  
**At 1:00 p.m.**

Afternoon Staff Development Day

### March 10

Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Move Clocks One Hour Forward

### March 29 - 30

**BCS Drama Club Production**  
**Grease - School Version**  
BCS Gym  
Showings Both Nights  
Will Be At 7:00 p.m.

## In STEAM - A is for ART!



Kindergarten students read the story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. Students have also been talking about butterflies in class. Using their knowledge, our young artists were led through a step by step process of drawing a butterfly and then given watercolor paints to add all the personal details they wanted!



After looking at a log wafer and discussing the rings on the log and the trees age, first grade students created their own log wafer by using concentric circles. They then used oil pastels to draw and finished with watercolor paints.



Ms. Purdy's students used watercolor paints to create a sunset or a sunrise for their background. Art Teacher Mrs. Sawyer then discussed how to make "arrow" trees to create leafless trees out of crayon and added snowy texture with oil crayon.