

## Letter to the Team #3

October 31, 2022

### Looking For the Bright Spots

One thing that I have learned from my ninety-year-old parents, Bob and Jane, is that no one is more important than anyone else. As the ongoing roofing project at Bangor High School is thankfully nearing its completion in mid November, I have watched the effort and perseverance of Head Custodian Gary Clewley and his team to problem solve any and all inconveniences that may have occurred along the way. Multiple summer storms caused leaking and soggy ceiling tiles which added to the yearly process of focusing on cleaning classrooms and preparing the building for a new school year. Not once, not twice, but thrice, Gary and his team redid the rooms and floors to return them to their shining perfection.



Gary and his team demonstrated perseverance that is etched in my memory by preparing the school for students, faculty, and staff without complaint and doing extra touches to eventually gain the desired perfection. The demeanor and dedication of this team is something that we can all aim to emulate.

The facility improvements that all of our schools are receiving have been long overdue. My best days at work are the days that I am in the schools when teaching and learning are occurring. I

believe it is important to remember the hard work of the talented support staff across the Bangor School Department, and to realize the direct impact that their relentless efforts provide toward achieving a safe environment for the students and families we are privileged to serve.

### Room for All



Props to Andrea Sprague, the librarian at Fourteenth Street School, who read the book “Room for All” to all of her students. Students created self portraits to create a lasting memory of this group read. The portraits are displayed on the wall, showing them all riding one bus together as one caring school community.

## **Mathematicians**

Shout out to the Bangor High School Math Team on an excellent first competition. The following students earned at least one perfect round by correctly solving 12/12 problems under the tutelage of math guru Eric Steadman: Seamus Hagerty, Jackson Haskell, Carly Hayward, Greyson Ksikvas, Hannah Osmer, Abbie Quinn, Kai Grosjean, Katherine Lake, Ryan Raphael Waweru, Alex Busco, Isabel Harrow, Will Xu, Ethan Yu, Sam Ahola, Kate Busko, Evangeline Eastman, Lana Friess, Beckett Mundell-Wood, Henry Poulin, Luke Saucier, and Cuddy Steadman. I look forward to seeing this team continue to demonstrate growth and flourish as a unit as the season progresses.

## **Legends of the Fall**



Recently Fairmount School held a spaghetti supper event with a very good turnout. The majority of the faculty and staff participated in greeting, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. Some of the school's retirees participated and were honored with the highly coveted Fairmount School sweatshirt.



Fall is a time for visiting apple orchards! Kindergartners from the Downeast School were all smiles when they visited the Treworgy Apple Orchard for a field trip.

Enthusiastically yours,

Jim Tager  
Superintendent  
Bangor School Department