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Red Carpet Gala

The Class of 2021 celebrated *RED CARPET GALA* with the Middle school students on April 28. The students had a wonderful time dancing, enjoying some snacks and hanging out with friends. Thank you to all our parent chaperones and Rob Benson for photographing our Gala Event!



CV-S Awarded *U.S. News & World Report* Best High Schools

For the 4th year in a row, we have been awarded as one of the Best High Schools—ranked 104th in New York State! The *U.S. News* ranks nearly 6,000 schools nationwide indicating their level of college readiness. For more information, go to: goo.gl/VkUpLM

From the Superintendent

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The 2017-2018 school year is quickly coming to a close. The 2018 graduating class probably thought that this day would never come. The kindergartners are so excited to see who their teacher will be next year. I am sure everyone is looking forward to see what the summer will bring. Let's all hope for nice weather!

I would like to thank the community for passing the budget for the 2018-19 school year. We are excited to be starting our 1:1 laptop program with students in grades 9-12. Our bus fleet will be updated and we will continue to make improvements to the school building. Over the summer, the administrative team will be working to finalize our theme for the next school year. Our overall focus will be to look at the entire child, known as a holistic approach. Our students have many needs and we must support those needs in order to develop them into the citizens of tomorrow.

In just a few weeks we will celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2018. For those furthering their education, continue to work hard and take the opportunity to experience new things that college offers. For those entering the workforce, attack each day as if it is your last. Regardless of what your future plans are make the world a better place than it was yesterday. A smile or a positive gesture can go a long way. Don't be afraid to live and think outside the box.

In terms of retirements, CV-S will be saying farewell to five long-term employees who have served our District well. Holly Kehoe, our cafeteria manager, has been with us for 30 plus years; she started in the Cherry Valley cafeteria. Rebecca Carter has been an elementary teacher here for 30 years. Lori Shuster has worked in the district for 30 plus years as a health/physical education teacher, she started in the Springfield School. Charlie Strange has been an elementary teacher and principal for 26 years. Lastly, Patty Beckwith has been a licensed teacher assistant in the Elementary school for seven years. We thank you all for your dedication to the district. We wish you a happy and healthy retirement!

For the fourth year in a row Cherry Valley-Springfield has been awarded as one of the Best High Schools, ranked 104th in New York State by the *U.S. News and World Report*. Congratulations students and teachers on this remarkable achievement!

In closing, I would like to thank each and every one of you for supporting our school. Without your support we would not be able to do the many wonderful things that we do here at CV-S.

There are many events taking place in June. PK graduation, athletic awards night, drama and music awards night, class night and graduation just to name a few. Please visit the school calendar on the website for a comprehensive list of events.

Enjoy the summer!

TheriJo Climenhaga, Superintendent

Safety Excellence Award

Safety Efforts Earn CV-S Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award

Cherry Valley-Springfield is one of 152 school districts and Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in New York State to receive the Utica National Insurance Group's *School Safety Excellence Award* for 2018 at the Gold level.

The honor is presented annually and recognizes school districts' safety efforts as they work to help keep students, staff, and visitors safe. For over 40 years Utica National has kept kids and school staff safe and currently insures more than 300 school districts in upstate New York alone.

Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award Program has three levels—titanium, platinum, and gold, which schools can earn a meritorious distinction by meeting specific criteria to enhance overall safety. Through the program, schools with their own transportation, schools with contract transportation, and BOCES are evaluated. Categories covered include bullying prevention programs, playground safety and other areas, and are measured using specific, quantifiable surveys.

"Safety and health concerns continue to be a priority in our school districts," explained Brian Saville, Resident Senior Vice-President in Utica National's Educational Institutions Unit. "Districts that go 'above and beyond' to provide a safe, healthy and focused culture for learning are to be applauded, and we're pleased to count Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District among them."

Mr. Saville noted that beyond the recognition itself, an added benefit of following the safety program is the chance to pinpoint specific threats to safety. "The time to address those threats is before a loss happens, which really helps contribute to the safety culture that districts are working toward."

Substitutes Needed

Bus Drivers

Cafeteria

PK-12 Teachers

Teacher Assistants and Aides

School Nurse (RN preferred)

Please contact Laura Carson the District Clerk, Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School, P.O. Box 485, Cherry Valley, NY 13320, at (607) 264-9332, ext. 501. Applications available www.cvscs.org EOE

Graduates' Future Plans

Cherry Valley-Springfield is Thrilled to Announce the Graduating Class of 2018!

- 🎓 **Benjamin Augur** will be attending SUNY Cobleskill for Agricultural Business Management and Agricultural Power Machinery.
- 🎓 **Kayleigh Baker** will be attending the University at Buffalo for Biochemistry.
- 🎓 **Gabrielle Card** will be attending Medaille College for Biology with a Pre-Vet Concentration.
- 🎓 **Nathan Climenhaga** will be attending Clarkson University for Civil Engineering.
- 🎓 **David Collins** will be attending Herkimer College for Physical Therapy.
- 🎓 **Isabel Daley** will be attending SUNY Morrisville for Horticulture Business Management.
- 🎓 **Hailey Diani** will be attending Herkimer College for General Studies.
- 🎓 **Kaitlyn Ehlers** will be attending SUNY Geneseo for Biology.
- 🎓 **Garret Fassett** will be attending the University of New Haven for Sport Management.
- 🎓 **Whitney Fink** will be attending Unity College for Captive Wildlife Care and Education.
- 🎓 **Skyler Girard** will be attending SUNY Morrisville for Natural Resources Conservation.
- 🎓 **Zoey Horning** will be attending Fulton-Montgomery Community College for Nursing.
- 🎓 **Stephen Hydorn** will be attending Mohawk Valley Community College for General Studies.
- 🎓 **Kathleen Jacoby** will be attending Centenary University for Equine Science with a Pre-Vet Concentration.
- 🎓 **Savannah Jicha** will be attending Clinton Community College for Criminal Justice.
- 🎓 **Jennifer Kilts** will be attending Herkimer College for Forensic Investigations with a minor in Criminal Justice.
- 🎓 **Avalon Kubis** will be attending SUNY Delhi for Veterinary Science Technology.
- 🎓 **Marcus Mosenson** will be attending SUNY New Paltz for Fine Arts with a minor in Marketing and Music.
- 🎓 **Jasmine Olsen** will be attending a Practical Nursing Program through the ONC BOCES.
- 🎓 **Samantha Patterson** will be attending Le Moyne College for English.
- 🎓 **Ryann Phillips** will be entering the workforce for Welding.
- 🎓 **Amanda Pressly** will be attending Cazenovia College for English with a Pre-Law concentration.
- 🎓 **Althea Prime** will be attending Alfred State for Business Administration.
- 🎓 **Bryana Reckeweg** will be entering the workforce for Health Occupations.
- 🎓 **Samantha Rockwell** will be entering the workforce for Natural Resource Occupations.
- 🎓 **Daryn Rodriguez** will be attending SUNY Adirondack for Veterinary Science Technology.
- 🎓 **Bryan Sprague** will be entering the workforce for Information Technology.
- 🎓 **Alexis Stasilli** will be entering the workforce for Health Occupations.
- 🎓 **Megan Wilmot** will be attending Penn State University for Animal Science.
- 🎓 **Jacob Wilson** will be attending SUNY Plattsburgh for Expeditionary Studies and Criminal Justice.



From The Cafeteria

It has been another busy year!

- The Veterans Day Breakfast was a big success again this year. Thank you Vets!
- March was a very exciting month. Dr. Seuss's Birthday Week had us doing fun things with our menu and the students reading Dr. Seuss books.
- National Foreign Language Week was celebrated March 5-9. The menu contained foods from France, Spain, Mexico, China, Germany, and Italy.
- National Breakfast Week was also celebrated the week of March 5-9.
- Pi Day was celebrated March 14.
- The PARP theme in March was the Olympics so we had fun with the menu and learned a lot about the different winter sports.
- Our Annual Arbor Day Promotion was celebrated on April 27 and was a great success. We gave away a lot of things for the lucky winners to plant. We would like to thank all who donated: Price Chopper, Walmart and Noble Ace Hardware in Cobleskill; Home Depot, and Walmart in Oneonta; Ace Hardware, and Price Chopper in Cooperstown; Price Chopper in Richfield and Walmart in Herkimer.
- We wish to thank all the mothers and fathers who were able to come for lunch to celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day. The students really enjoy it. Also thank you to all the grandparents that made it in for Grandparent's Day.
- June is dairy month. The students will be able to enjoy some cold milk, thanks to Stewarts, and yogurt thanks to Chobani.

Do Not Lose Your Bus Privileges

Follow These Rules

1. Observe classroom conduct
2. Be courteous, use no profane language
3. Do not eat or drink on the bus
4. Keep the bus clean
5. Cooperate with the driver
6. Do not smoke
7. Do not damage bus or equipment
8. Stay in your seat
9. Keep head, hands and feet inside bus
10. Do not fight, push or shove
11. Do not tamper with bus equipment
12. Do not bring pets on the bus
13. Do not bring flammable material on the bus
14. The bus driver is authorized to assign seats
15. Have a safe trip

The above rules not only apply during the school year but also during the summer months for summer school, swim lessons, etc.

Here are a few reminders

- There is no more charging; please put money in your child's lunch account or send cash.
- All charges must be paid by the end of the school year.
- You can check your child's lunch account by going to the school website and clicking lunch accounts.
- You can also pay online by going to the school website and clicking lunch accounts.
- For the new 2018-2019 school year if you receive SNAP or Medicaid you are eligible for free meals without sending in an application. You should receive a letter around the end of August or beginning of September from the cafeteria stating that you are automatically eligible. If you do not receive a letter stating that you are approved please call the cafeteria right away.
- You may apply or reapply at any time during the school year. If your income changes at all during the year please send in an application right away to see if you might qualify for free or reduced meals. Also please remember that the whole school benefits from the free and reduced program. There are a lot of grants that we would qualify for.

It is with great sadness that this is my last year at CV-S. I will be retiring on June 30. I have been at CV-S for a long time. I actually started in the old CV building so I have had the pleasure of watching many students grow up and graduate and now their children are in school.

Our new manager will be Melissa Davidson. Any questions or concerns you can call her at (607) 264-3265, ext. 135. You can also email her at mdavidson@cvsd.org.

I want to thank the CV-S District for all the many years I have been here.

Sincerely,
Holly

*Best Wishes for
the Future, Holly!*

Continuing Education

Many thanks to all our terrific Continuing Ed instructors and our many Continuing Ed participants! We appreciate your interest and support of our programs. We will start planning for Fall 2018 in late July.

If you have ideas for classes you would like to see us include in the schedule for the next school year, please contact PJ Johnson either by phone (607-264-3265, ext.518) or by e-mail (pjohnson@cvsd.org).

Have a healthy, safe and relaxing summer!

Art Show 2018



National English Honor Society



The Cherry Valley-Springfield National English Honor Society (NEHS) welcomed seven new members at their induction ceremony on April 16, 2018. NEHS members wrote an extended metaphor poem for each inductee comparing them to everyday objects like sunlight, water, and snowflakes. The following members were selected for membership based on their academic excellence and love of English Language Arts: **Kayleigh Baker, Heather Brinig, David Collins, Garret Fassett, Alana Latella-Devine, Matthew Mosenon, and Megan Wilmot.** In addition, eight seniors received their royal blue and gold NEHS Honor Cords to wear at graduation: **Kayleigh Baker, David Collins, Isabel Daley, Kaitlyn Ehlers, Garret Fassett, Whitney Fink, Amanda Pressly, and Megan Wilmot.** Quite fittingly, the royal blue honors their creativity and inspiration, and the gold represents their excellence and nobility of spirit.

The ceremony concluded with a powerful tribute to the school community members of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. The members of NEHS gave a spoken word performance of the many messages that CV-SCS students had written for the students at Parkland during the Seniors for a Safe School Walk-in, part of the national March 14 #Enough movement. Guest performance by Tucker Yager of his original song about the Parkland tragedy showcased how words and music can poignantly express people's emotions during this time of turmoil.

Congratulations!

Junior and High School Counseling Office News

What's happening in the Guidance Department at CV-S?!

- In May our students completed their AP Art Portfolios and took their AP English Exams, students will receive their scores in July through College Board.
- On May 17 we held our last Career Café of the school year. Professionals in various careers came and spoke to our 8th and 9th grade students. This opportunity was provided through College For Every Student.
- Upcoming juniors and seniors taking Herkimer College Now Courses next school year must complete their registration paperwork along with their residency paperwork by the beginning of next school year. Residency paperwork must be started in July.



- Upcoming juniors and seniors can work on their community service hours this summer. Please reach out to Mrs. Sears in Guidance with any questions. Students must complete 15 Hours of Community Service by the time they graduate.
- I recommend upcoming seniors take the summer to prepare to for their SAT's in the beginning of the next school year. Please utilize College Board and Khan Academy for SAT Prep.

Congratulations to all our current seniors on all their academic success and good luck on your future endeavors!

Looking Back

- On April 26 the juniors attended college tours of Morrisville State College and Colgate University. This opportunity was provided through College For Every Student.
- Fifteen of our students received Clark Foundation Scholarships and went for their interviews on April 25.
- **Will Heinrich, Gabriel Oakley and Jacob Neill** received Odyssey Scholarships for the summer through the Clark Sports Center. *Congratulations* to these students!
- **Jesse Mance and Nicholas LaRosa** received Outward Bound Scholarships for the summer through the Clark Sports Center. *Congratulations* to these students!

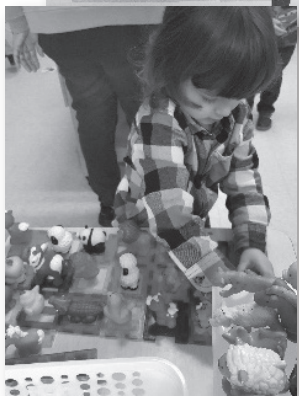
Head Start News

Head Start in Room #103 has had an exciting and fun-filled spring! We have had outdoor fun with sleds that our parent group purchased, had our grandparents join us for classroom fun and a tea party, and so many visitors came to share with us! The Utica Zoomobile introduced us to a hedgehog, an owl, and a giant beetle. The Otsego County Deputy Sheriffs brought a canine officer to visit; we have had baby goats courtesy of Megan Wilmot and Mrs. Hanson; and even learned about money from Anael Kelley of Leatherstocking Federal Credit Union.

It seems every day has been filled with new adventures at Head Start. It is exciting to see the students preparing to transition to PK with Mrs. Lowry and Mrs. O'Leary.

We are grateful to the kitchen staff who have helped our bodies grow with good food and helped us bake muffins to serve our grandparents. We are thankful for the maintenance staff who keeps our classroom clean and are always willing to explain to us things like palettes full of copy paper being moved by a skid steer.

Head Start is part of Opportunities for Otsego and the program is currently accepting applications for students to begin in September, 2018. Youngsters must be three years of age by December 1, 2018. Please contact the Administrative Office from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, (607) 433-8055 or visit www.ofoinc.org.



Music Department News

Forty-nine CV-S musicians participated in the 2018 New York State School Music Association's Solo and Ensemble Festival (NYSMA) in Norwich on May 12. It was a fantastic weekend and every student did a great job. They represented the CV-S communities with pride and talent!

Scores for vocal students are as follows

Level 6

Josephine Herzog—A

Level 5

Jessica Lundy—B+

Matthew Mosenson—A+

Barry Webster Jr.—A

(All ensembles and Level 1-4 solos are rated as: Outstanding, Excellent, Good, Needs Improvement)

Level 4

Johanna Mosenson—Outstanding

Level 3

Duet: **Curtis Hurley, Colin Ross**—Excellent

Loial Davis Fralick—Outstanding

Vanessa Erkson—Excellent

Alana Latella-Devine—Excellent

Level 2

Duet: **Katrina Rivera, Stephanie Whiteman**—
Comments Only

Julianna Abbruzzese—Outstanding (Perfect Score!)

Arianna Mosenson—Excellent

Abigail Oram—Outstanding

Cierra Reynolds—Good

Katrina Rivera—Outstanding

Zachary Smoot—Excellent

Carly Spaulding—Outstanding

Erin Williams—Outstanding

Scores for instrumental students are as follows

Level 6

Trumpet: **Andrew Oram**—A

Snare Drum: **Matthew Mosenson**—Comments Only

Level 5

Alto Saxophone: **Mia Horvath**—A+

Alto Saxophone: **Sarah Lewis**—A

Trumpet: **Caleb Carpenter**—B+

(All ensembles and Level 1-4 solos are rated as: Outstanding, Excellent, Good, Needs Improvement)

Level 4

Alto Saxophone: **Jaelyn Jaquay**—Excellent

Tenor Saxophone: **Zoe Climenhaga**—Excellent

Alto Saxophone Duet: **Kaithlyn Ehlers, Makayla Gwinn**—Good

Level 3

Flute: **Arianna Bresee**—Outstanding

Saxophone Quartet: **Zoe Climenhaga, Mia Horvath, Jaelyn Jaquay, Sarah Lewis**—Excellent

Baritone Saxophone: **Nathaniel Diamond**—Good

Baritone Duet: **Hailey Erway, Luke Loveland**—
Excellent

Flute: **Jillian Johnson**—Outstanding

Clarinet: **Marijke Kroon**—Excellent

Flute: **Allison Lennebacker**—Excellent

Snare Drum: **Lydia Lusk**—Excellent

Flute: **Rebecca Phillips**—Excellent

Flute: **Jillian Rockwell**—Excellent

Level 2

Woodwind Trio: **Arianna Bresee, Madison Hastings, Marijke Kroon**—Outstanding

Flute Trio: **Whitney Fink, Allison Lennebacker, Jillian Rockwell**—Comments Only

Snare Drum: **Max Horvath**—Excellent

Mallets: **Lydia Lusk**—Outstanding

Flute: **Arianna Mosenson**—Excellent

Trumpet: **Abigail Oram**—Outstanding

Flute: **Katrina Rivera**—Outstanding

Alto Saxophone: **Carly Spaulding**—Excellent

Alto Saxophone: **Emma Whiteman**—Excellent

Level 1

Clarinet Duet: **Mina Aramini, Sullivan Hopkins**—
Outstanding

Flute: **Karis Brodie**—Outstanding

Alto Saxophone: **Jacob Frasier**—Excellent

Snare Drum: **Jonathan Gridley**—Outstanding

Flute Duet: **Jillian Johnson, Katrina Rivera**—
Outstanding (Perfect Score!)

Clarinet Duet: **Sydney Kukulech, Jade Thalheimer**—
Excellent

Snare Drum: **Brin Whiteman**—Excellent

Mr. Dangler, Mrs. Oram and the students in the Music Department would like to thank everyone for their support this year!

*Great Job
Everyone!*

Math-a-Thon

CV-S Students Raise Money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Thirteen of our CV-S students participated in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Math-A-Thon this spring. These students include: **Brady Backus, Kailey Barnes, Blake Eissler, Gabriel Johnson, Caden Laymon, Allison Ray, Caitlyn Ray, Jacob Smoot, Zachary Smoot, Carly Spaulding, Ethan Stannard, Jade Thalheimer, and Erin Williams.** Students recruited sponsors who pledged monetary support for their completion of a math *Funbook* for their grade level. All proceeds were given to St. Jude. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to practice their math skills, while also helping support children and families who have been affected by cancer.

At St. Jude, no child is ever denied treatment because of a family's inability to pay and our Cherry Valley-Springfield students raised \$1,372 in support of this! Thank you to all students who participated and to the families and community members who supported this wonderful cause. For more information about the Math-A-Thon, please visit www.mathathon.org or contact Mrs. Seales at eseales@cvcgsd.org.

Author Visit



This year, with generous support from the CV-S Endowment Fund, our school was able to host *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator, Jarrett J. Krosoczka. His visit coincided with our annual PARP month and students have been enjoying his books with a new appreciation for the creative process ever since. He is best known for his humorous graphic novels, illustrated novels, and picture books. His presentation for grades K5 focused on his experience making children's books and the importance of perseverance. Some crowd favorites included *Punk Farm*, *Lunch Lady* and *the Cyborg Substitute*, and *Star Wars Jedi Academy: The Force Oversleeps*.

Thank you Mr. Krosoczka!

Maker Faire

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Thank you to everyone who attended the first ever School Maker Faire at CV-S! The Maker Faire is a great opportunity for Makers both within our school and within our community to share their passion for creating.

Thank you to the many community members who went above and beyond to make this event so great, including:

- Rhonda King and PJ Johnson with hands-on Cricut cutting machine activities
- Claire Ottman with a handspun yarn using drop spindles
- Cynthia Andela with a fascinating display of her Ruby Lake Glass business

In addition, kids got a chance to be hands-on with electronics and simple circuits, robots, building tools, and even ride on hoverboard.

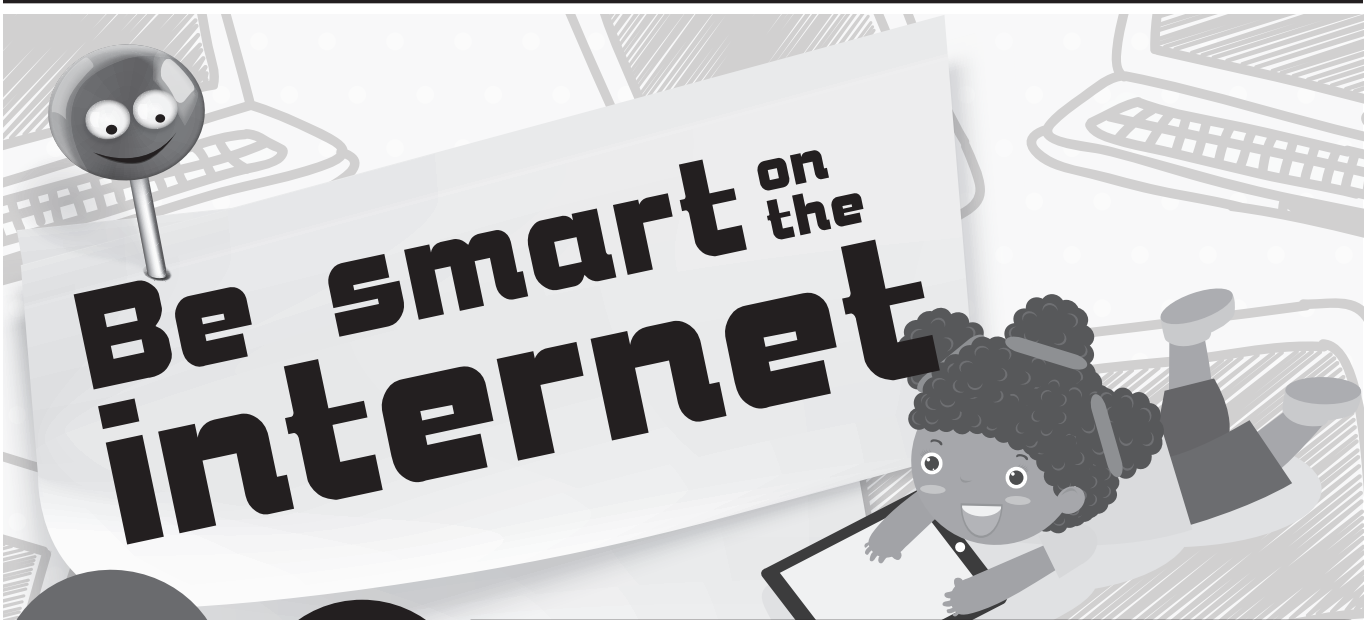
Look for this to be a yearly event, with lots of student involvement. We'll be looking for any student to showcase their passion for making, and to spread their DIY spirit and knowledge at the biggest show and tell at CV-S.

Box Tops



Thank you to all families who sent in Box Tops throughout the year. Box Tops for Education has been a longtime source of extra support to the school as we work to make sure that our students have access to innovative and creative learning tools. We plan to use those funds for educational tools students can borrow from the library.

Keep an eye out for our announcements in the fall! Your dedication, as always, puts the tools for learning in to the hands of CV-S students.



Be smart on the internet



S

SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.



M

MEETING

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them a long time.

A

ACCEPTING

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems—they may contain viruses or nasty messages!



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RELIABLE

Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.

T

TELL

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

Family Creative Learning

Family Creative Learning was a huge success in the LMC! Thanks to a generous grant from the CV-S Endowment Foundation, the Library was able to host more than eight families. Family Creative Learning is a workshop series designed by MIT's Media Lab. Each workshop was structured as "Eat, Meet, Make and Share" after socializing and enjoying dinner, families got hands-on and creative with technology, and then shared their creations with the group.

Ultimately, each family worked together to create a game, an animation, or a story by combining Scratch and MakeyMakey. The purpose of Family Creative Learning

was to enable families to be empowered creators with technology. We wanted to leverage the learning dynamics that families already use in activities like literacy development and support families in using them in the context of computing, enabling parents and children to become more empowered learning partners.

Thank you to all of those that attended, as well as the facilitators who made this a success, including Rick Robinson, Mary Robinson, Charlie Strange, Audrey Maldonado, and Brian DeBoyace.



Starting at workshop three, each family worked together to make their own unique creation.



Having fun was required in Family Creative Learning!



Students learned how to control their Scratch creations with a MakeyMakey.



At the end of our workshops, a project showcase gave everyone their ability to try out each family's creation.

Eat, Meet, Make and Share!

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Thank You

The Foreign Language Club would like to thank everyone who supported the PULSERA sale. We were able to raise close to \$1,800 for these artists and their families in Nicaragua and Guatemala. What great community support for these families around the world; and you all should be very proud of these efforts! Thank you so much.

