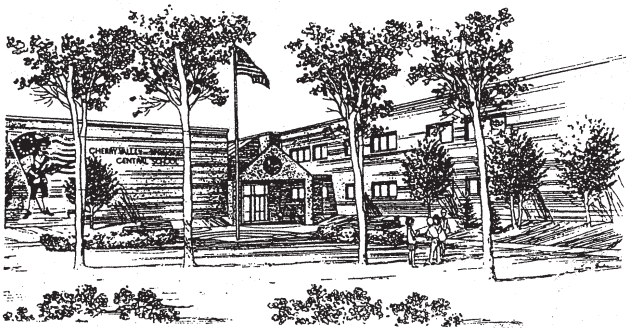

PATRIOT NEWS

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District

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French Class News

In December, French 3 students enjoyed caroling for the elementary students, singing some favorite Christmas songs in French. The classes liked guessing which song was being sung for them. On January 6, our French 3 class celebrated *King's Day,* a cultural tradition in France, with a King's cake. Whitney, as the *cadette* (youngest in the class) sat under the desk and designated who was to go first, second, etc. in choosing their piece of cake. Isabel found the *santon*—the small figure—in her cake so she was crowned queen for the day.

AmeriGas School Days Program

CV-S is now teaming up with AmeriGas and their School Days Program! Propane receipts that we collect are like money in the bank. For every gallon shown on those receipts, our school will earn 2¢. Now, that might not seem like a lot of money, but it adds up quickly.

What do we have to do to receive that money? Our school is forming a School Days effort to take advantage of this opportunity. Talk to your family and friends about who uses propane in your area. Ask those people if they will donate their receipts to you. Collect the receipts. Ask businesses in your area if they use propane (that's easy—AmeriGas Propane tanks are usually white with *AmeriGas* written on them in red and blue). Larger businesses frequently use propane as well.

We will be installing a collection box at our school. Simply deposit your original receipts in the box and we will do the rest.

It's like money in the *tank*. Help us help your school! Please contact Laura Carson at 264-9332, ext. 501 for more information.

Prekindergarten Registration

If your child is going to be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2016, he or she is eligible to apply for our Prekindergarten program. Applications will be available in the District Office on April 4, 2016. Please contact Mrs. Carson for more information at 607-264-3265, ext. 501 or *lcarson@cvscs.org*.

Kindergarten Enrollment

For questions related to kindergarten enrollment for 2016-17 school year, please contact Mrs. Carson in the District Office. Your child must turn five years old on or before December 1, 2016 in order to be eligible to enroll in Kindergarten.

Please Save the Date!

The Cherry Valley-Springfield Drama Club invites ALL students PK-5th grades and families to attend the Bippity Boppity Ball. Come meet the cast and crew of Cinderella and even get a chance to have some snacks, make some crafts, dance and play games with Cinderella, the Prince, the Fairy Godmother and other enchanting characters. The Bippity Boppity Ball will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at the Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School. Presale tickets will be available as well as tickets at the door. For more information please contact Jessica Hazzard-Smith at 264-3265, ext. 213.

Superintendent's Message

Attention Please

You may recall from our January newsletter that starting April 1 all families will be asked to designate **no more than two drop-offs** for their child going home at night on the school bus. We are having an extreme amount of difficulty getting students delivered to the correct location at night because families change where the child is being dropped off. We have several families that request a different drop off each night, which is very confusing for the bus driver. This also escalates if there is a substitute bus driver. Our goal is to get your child home safe. While I anticipate this taking some juggling for families, it is my hope that with three months notice families can make preparations ahead of time. Thank you for your understanding with this.

February 2, our library computer lab will be open from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for HS students and adult use. Mr. Brian DeBoyace will be available each Tuesday night to assist our users. It is one of our district goals to bring computer access to parents or adults in the community that may or may not have internet access at home. There is no fee for this program. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Also the first week of February we opened the building to walkers to allow people to fight off the winter blues and keep up with their exercise plans. We provide maps and distance information so walkers know how far they have gone. The building will be open for walking week-day mornings that school is in session from 6:00-7:20 a.m. A release form is available to sign for each new walker.

With the new year comes the need to create a new budget. We are working hard to put together a responsible budget that covers the districts costs and continues to offer top notch programs for our students. We work on the budget each week on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending one of our work sessions please feel free to call the District Office at 264-9332, ext. 501.

I am excited to announce that we have hired a new elementary principal. There will be more information in the next newsletter after our new principal has started. Please stop in and introduce yourself.

Please stay warm and always feel free to stop in and say hello. My next *Coffee with the Community* will be held in March and we will focus on the new school budget.

Sincerely,
Timothy R. Ryan
Superintendent of Schools

Principal's Message

Dear CV-S families,

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through another school year and into the 3rd Marking Period! I hope this edition of Patriot News finds you well.

These are exciting times at CV-S as we continue to progress with our technology initiatives. We are using a *digital conversion* model as a framework for our district-wide technology plan, which refers to the transformation of instruction from a paper-based world to a primarily digital world, in which every student and teacher has access to a personal computing device and the Internet anytime/anywhere. Mr. DeBoyace and I will be attending a conference in February with Dr. Mark Edwards, the Superintendent of the Mooresville Graded School District in Mooresville, NC, and the author of *Every Child, Every Day: A Digital Conversion Model for Student Achievement*. Dr. Edwards is considered a pioneer of one-to-one computing in public schools.

The digital conversion model consists of much more than simply handing students a device. It will involve careful planning and professional development so that state-of-the-art technologies can be used in a manner that will have the most profound impact on student achievement. If you would like to follow our progress towards digital conversion, please refer to our website and click on the tech committee icon on the homepage.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and our school. Go Patriots!

Sincerely,
Kevin M. Keane
Secondary Principal

Children's Dental Month

February is National Children's Dental Month! This month take the time to talk to your children about the importance of dental health. The American Dental Association recommends that the first dental visit take place within six months after the first tooth appears, but no later than a child's first birthday. Also, a check-up every six months is recommended in order to prevent cavities and other dental problems. Here are a few tips to help with dental health:

- Brush your teeth two times a day for two minutes a time.
- Floss daily.
- Replace your toothbrush when the bristles are worn out and bent.
- Mouth guards should be worn for all active sports.
- Eat healthy for a healthy smile! Drink more milk and water and avoid sweet drinks when possible.

Thank you and Keep Smiling!
Chelsea Fassett, RN, School Nurse

Winter 2016 Continuing Education Schedule

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COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	DATE/TIME	FEE
ACRYLIC PAINTING: A COVERED BRIDGE: Another opportunity to paint without an investment in supplies. All skill levels are welcome. Students go home with a finished piece.	Anna Halkowich	Tuesday, March 1, 6:00-8:00 p.m.	$25/1 class Includes supplies
ADVANCED NATURAL SOAP MAKING: Learn the benefits of 3 different options for your cold process soap base including castile & get the basics of formulating your own recipe. Goat's milk, honey, herbs & a blending of scents will be used in addition to 2- color swirls.	Maria Gelnett, Certified Soap maker	Saturday, March 12, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	$65/1 class Includes most supplies
AIKIDO: Learn a Japanese martial art! "Aikido is a non-violent martial art that promotes harmony of the mind, body & spirit…" Ages 10 thru adult welcome. For more information, call the instructor at (607) 547-6201.	Linda Cox	Tuesdays: 5:45-7:00 p.m., Starting approx. February 23	$36/6 classes
BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP (adults): Create & finish a handcrafted wastebasket. All materials are included in the course fee.	Susan Hardy	Tuesday, February 9, 6:15-8:45 p.m.	$28/1 class & materials
BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP (students grades 3 & up): Create a simple basket for your "stuff". All materials are included in the course fee. Adults welcome too.	Susan Hardy	Tuesday, February 9, 3:15-5:45 p.m.	$17/1 class & materials
CPR/AED: This is the basic AHA CPR Course which will certify participants in several topics including adult rescue breathing and adult CPR/AED.	Paul Kolb Marge Miller	March 10, 6:00-10:00 p.m.	$15/1 class
CREATE WITH CRICUT: Create several spring-themed projects (cards, envelopes, gift bags, 3-D crafts, stencils for etching) from a variety of materials (paper, fabric & vinyl). Learn about machine settings & experiment with a variety of cartridges.	PJ Johnson	Thurs., Feb. 11: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sat., March 5: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	$30/1 class Includes most materials
FIRST AID FOR COACHES: Get ready for spring coaching by taking the First Aid course for new coaches as required by NYS Education Department or by getting recertified.	Leslie Bush	Saturdays, March 5 & 12 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	$60/2 cert. classes $30/1 recert. class
HEALTH SCIENCES APPLIED TO COACHING: Selected principles & concepts in physiology of exercise, kinesiology, psychology related to coaching. Emphasis placed on the mechanics, recognition, prevention & proper care of athletic injuries.	Jordan Jaquay	Wednesdays beginning February 10, 7:00 p.m.	$120/15 classes Required course for NYS Coaching Certification.
JR. KARATE I (4th Block starts approximately February 29)	Brian Cox	Mondays: 5:30-6:30 p.m., beginning January 4	$23/6 classes
JR. KARATE II (4th Block starts approximately February 29)	Brian Cox	Mondays: 6:30-7:30 p.m.	$23/6 classes
BEGINNING ADULT KARATE (4th Block starts approximately March 4)	Brian Cox	Fridays: 5:30-6:30 p.m. beginning January 8	$23/6 classes
JR. KARATE III (4th Block starts approximately March 4)	Brian Cox	Fridays 6:30-7:30 p.m.	$25/6 classes
ADULT KARATE (4th Block starts approximately February 29/March 4)	Brian Cox	Mondays and Fridays: 7:30-9:00 p.m.	$38/6 classes
KNITTING FOR BEGINNERS: Part 2 of our basic knitting class includes instruction on knitting a beanie-style hat. Students are responsible for purchasing their own supplies.	Kathy Gardner	Mondays: February 8, 22, 29/hat 6:30-8:00 p.m.	$28/3 classes/hat
YOGA: This yoga is a gentle practice allowing the body to open at its own pace. Using props for support, poses are held without effort or force. Deeply relaxing. Wear loose fitting clothing & bring a yoga mat.	Bonnie Fayssoux	Tuesdays beginning approx. March 9 Thursdays beginning approx. March 11, 5:45-6:45 p.m.	$36/6 classes $8/walk-ins
ZENTANGLE: Come "tangle" with us! The Zentangle Method is easy to learn, relaxing, and a fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Create beautiful images, increase focus and creativity, and receive artistic satisfaction.	Rebecca Carter	Tuesday, February 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m.	$22/1 class & includes kit $15/1 class if you own a kit
ZUMBA: A Latin-inspired dance-fitness exercise program for cardio and toning. Will also do some work with light hand-weights (2-3 lbs). Sign up for Tuesday evening or Thursday evenings or BOTH! New students may try a class for FREE!	Suzanne Fine	Tuesdays beginning approx. March 8 Thursdays beginning approx. March 10 5:30-6:30 p.m.	$36/6 classes walk-ins $8/class Join anytime!

Course Registration Information

- Pre-registration can be done BY PHONE (264-3265, ext. 518) or E-MAIL *(pjohnson@cvscs.org)* but must be followed up with payment by mail or dropped off at the CV-S main office c/o PJ Johnson.
- Registration IN PERSON can be completed on Tuesday morning from 8:00-10:00 a.m. in Room 144 with Continuing Ed. Coordinator PJ Johnson, or dropped off at the Main Office during school hours.
- Registration can also be completed BY MAIL with payment and a completed registration form sent to Cherry Valley-Springfield CS Continuing Ed Program, c/o PJ Johnson, PO Box 485, Cherry Valley, NY 13320.
- Enrollment in most classes is limited. So sign up early! Only those registered will receive course changes, updates, or cancellation info. Classes without minimum enrollment will be cancelled.
- Checks for all courses should be made payable to CV-S Continuing Ed.
- If school or after-school activities are cancelled for any reason, Continuing Ed classes would also be cancelled.
- Non-district residents are welcome to attend Continuing Ed courses at CV-S.

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Sixth through twelfth grade band students are preparing for *March Mania*. *The President's Own* United States Marine Band is hosting the third annual *Sousa's March Mania* beginning on March 7. This free tournament will pit 32 marches against each other, with fans voting for their favorites. Students have been listening to excerpts of marches and choosing which ones they think will advance as they complete their brackets. This provides a fantastic opportunity to introduce students to a large variety of marches written by John Phillip Sousa, Johannes Hanssen, Johann Strauss, Sr., Patrick S. Gilmore, R. B. Hall, Paris W. Chambers, Julius Fucik, Johannes Halversen, E. E. Bagley, Henry Fillmore, and John Klohr.

Elementary All-County News

Eight students from fifth and sixth grade were selected for Elementary All-County Choir. **Gabriel Oakley, Alden Rathbun, Vanessa Erkson** and **Kaitlyn Jicha** were selected from sixth grade and **Johanna VanGelder, Joleen Lusk,Zachary Smoot** and **Cadence Lefevre** were selected from fifth grade. The Elementary All-County Choir will perform at the All-County Festival in Cooperstown on March 5.

Early Spring 2016 Book Fair

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School will host a Scholastic Book Fair from March 7-11. Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they will get.

Funds raised will help support literacy activities. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event.

The Book Fair, sponsored by the Parent Advisory Committee, will be located in Room 218 at the top of the stairs from the main lobby during the following dates and times:

- Monday, March 7: 8:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 8: 8:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 9: 8:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 10: 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 11: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

Books may be purchased from the Book Fair with cash, checks (payable to CV-S Parent Advisory Committee (CV-S PAC) or all major credit cards. Make sure to include the 8% sales tax.

Before you visit the Book Fair be sure to download the FREE Book Fairs App to help you find the right fit books for your child. For more information, visit: *scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs*. And if you're busy during Book Fair week and can't make it to school be sure to visit the Book Fair online at scholastic.com/fair.

If you are interested in volunteering to help at the Book Fair or have any questions, please give PJ Johnson a call at (607) 264-3265, ext 518.