

Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School District

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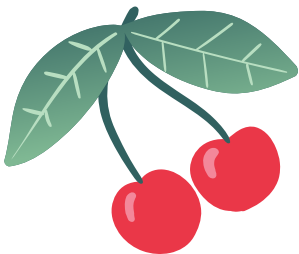
NEWS

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# Student Voices

STUDENT CHOICES



## Congratulations

... to our Community Foundation of Otsego County: Student Voices, Student Choices team: *Max Horvath, Karis Brodie, Erin Williams, Daphnee West and Hope Morrison* for taking 2nd place with their “*Bringing the cherry back to Cherry Valley*” presentation. They won \$3000 for their non-profit organization, Otsego County Conservation Association. Look for their work in the spring as they will be planting cherry and apple trees in Cherry Valley, Springfield and at the school.

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# Superintendent's MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Community members,

The first three months of school have been fantastic. It is nice to be back to normalcy. Students and staff are in a routine, instruction has been at its best and welcoming people back in the building has been refreshing.

We celebrated Veterans Day with 40 veterans and guests at our annual Veterans Day assembly and breakfast. Our elementary and junior high choirs sang, The American Legion presented the POW/MIA table and our Student Council served breakfast to our Veterans. Recognizing and thanking our Veterans is always a highlight of the fall.

Students have been on field trips to colleges, performances, and local businesses. Giving our students experiences out of the classroom are just as important as the education that takes place in the classrooms. Thank you

to our teachers for recognizing this extension of learning and exposure.

As with any school year we need to remember to stay home from school if we are sick. It is that time of year when the flu, RSV, strep throat and COVID cases tend to increase. Remembering to practice sneezing/coughing into your elbow, washing hands prior to eating and staying home when sick will decrease the spread of sickness.

Our winter concerts will be held on December 7 and 15, 7:00 P.M. We look forward to kicking off the holiday season with their performances. I hope you have a happy, healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

*TheriJo Snyder, Superintendent*

## School Based Health Center

The School Based Health Center (SBHC) vote passed 126-76. Renovations of two classrooms will begin in late May and a tentative grand opening of Fall 2023. Plans have been approved by the State Education Department (SED). Early January the project will go out to bid with bids awarded in February. Materials will be ordered and construction will begin late May. Bassett will be organizing a Community Advisory Group. As soon as I receive more information I will be sure to share it.

During the vote we heard misinformation and I would like to clarify any misinformation

- Salaries and benefits of the staff who work at the SBHC are not paid by the school District. This is paid for by bassett.
- The SBHC is for PK-12 students only. No adults can be seen. A student does not have to give up their own primary care provider to be seen.



### Drop Off/Pick Up area

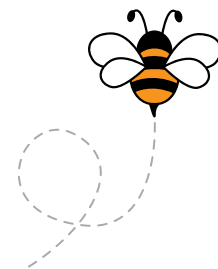
A reminder that if you are dropping off your child in the morning or picking them up after school please stay in your car while doing so. The purpose of this loop is to keep traffic moving. If you need to get out of your car please park in the adjacent parking lot.

## Snack & Treats

One area that has come to the forefront is the practice of bringing in homemade baked goods or food into the classroom. As you can imagine, each year schools are faced with more and more students with food allergies. Any food that will be shared in the classroom needs to have an ingredient listing and cannot be homemade or unwrapped. While food allergies are a major concern, we also have to keep in mind that the Department of Health has standards that require food to be prepared in a sanitized cooking area. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



*Retired Librarian Rhonda King presents to Dawn Frank, CVSCS Librarian books given by the Cherry Valley-Springfield Retirees in memory of those we've lost. One Boy Watching by Grant Snider, The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig, Starfish by Lisa Fipps in memory of Margaret Yerdon and The Maths Book: Big Ideas simply Explained in memory of Bill Shaul.*



## Spelling Bee

***Congratulations to Noah Morrison and Kaitlyn Kretser for their 1st and 2nd place finishes in our Spelling Bee. Noah won the competition by correctly spelling "bovines."***

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# Welcome TO OUR NEW STAFF!

Hello everyone!

My name is **Melanie Schrader** and I am the new 6th grade LTA. This is my second year working in the school setting and my first year working at Cherry Valley- Springfield. I am very excited to pursue my career after years of being a stay at home mom. I am originally from the area and have recently moved back. My husband and I have 3 beautiful daughters: Bella, Cassidy and Mia. In my free time away from work I enjoy spending time with them, crafting, and watching our girls play sports. I am very excited to work with all the children and help be a positive influence in their lives!



**Kathrine Yager**—It is an honor to be part of the Cherry Valley Springfield School District and Community as the Senior High School Special Education Teacher. After 42 years as a teacher, educational leader and public relations ambassador, I have made it to the "tippity top" of my career supporting your son or daughter in our school and in my learning lab. For the last five years I have been teaching in Hawaii which was a wonderful adventure but as a farmer's daughter growing up near BOCES in Milford, there is "no place like home". My formal education to obtain my degrees was completed at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY. and even more important are the life lessons learned side by side with students, their families and the educational colleagues/friends I have been fortunate to work with. As I prepare to teach, I use these four habits of learning, which include: Ready to learn-student needs to feel safe, confident and welcome, What to learn - student understands what, why and how we will be learning, Talk to learn - students will chat and offer their perspective on the material together and Model to learn - students will learn by doing and relate the concept to their own experiences. I love to sew, keep plants green, make something out of nothing in an artsy crafty way, and camp and hike in the Adirondacks. I have three grown children; Krista, Michael and Jay (1965-2021). I am so happy to be here!



Hello Parents/Guardians and Students,

My name is **Kayla Barnes** and I am the long-term substitute for 6th grade here at Cherry Valley Springfield. I am originally from Sauquoit/the town of Paris. I have two Bachelor's degrees from SUNY Oneonta: one in Early Childhood/ Childhood Education (Birth-6th grade) and one in Spanish. In my free time, I enjoy walking my dog Apollo, playing with my cat Spud, embroidering, and painting. I am very much looking forward to getting to know my students and cheering them on at sporting events!



Hello, My name is **Brittany Weaver** and I was hired as a teachers aide. I grew up in Cherry Valley and I was a graduate of the class of 2010. My husband Randy and I have been together for 12 years and we have two amazing children together, Randy III age nine and Darrin age seven. I have been working as a substitute teacher here at CVS for the last three years and I have enjoyed working with all the wonderful students that attend here. During my free time, I love to do things with my family. Whether it's camping in the summer, or snowmobiling in the winter, we spend a lot of time outdoors as a family. I am very excited to be starting this new chapter in my life as well as helping your students be successful in the years to come.



Our new music teacher, **Richard Lyford**, is a former general elementary school teacher who is now in his first full-time music-teaching job. He graduated with a B.A. from Vassar College and an M.A. from Adams State University, and is finishing his music degree at the SUNY Schenectady School of Music. He is also the organist at the United Presbyterian Church of Amsterdam, NY. He directs the elementary, junior, and senior choirs at CVS, and also teaches general music to grades PK-6.



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Hello, my name is **Brittany Pitonza** and I am the new third grade teacher for Cherry Valley-Springfield. I have an Associate's in Early Childhood Education from Mohawk Valley Community College and a Bachelor's in Child Education from SUNY Oneonta. I have prior experience working in various grade levels at other districts. During my free time, I enjoy spending time outdoors with my dog, and spending time with friends and family.



Our new Social Studies teacher, **Mike King**, has over 20 years of teaching experience in the classroom. He spent the last three+ years, though, serving as the Athletic Director for the Clinton CSD. Having helped navigate their athletic program through the recent pandemic he felt it was time to return to the classroom, and to coaching. Mike grew-up in Cherry Valley, and is a 1991 graduate. His parents still reside in the village, and he is excited to return home to complete his teaching career. He greatly appreciates this opportunity to work directly with the kids in the classroom, and on the hardwood for his hometown. He and his wife Rebecca have three children - Abby, Noah, and Matthew, and he looks forward to moving back to the area within the next couple of years.



**Mrs. Robinson** is a lifelong resident of Otsego County, who currently resides in Milford, NY with her husband, two children, two dogs, three parakeets, and four cats. She is a 1991 graduate of Cherry Valley-Springfield Central School and looks forward to teaching at her alma mater. Mrs. Robinson has had many careers in her life all of which had some aspect of teaching. After having children she returned to college to study art, graduating Magna Cum Laude from SUNY Oneonta with a Bachelors in Art and Art History. During that time she spent 2 years interning with Jack Beal and Sondra Freckelton, artists from the Franklin area who were very influential in her life and her art. After graduating college Mrs. Robinson began working at Milford Central School as an LTA, spending eight years in middle and high school special education. This experience led her to pursue her Masters in Special Education from Grand Canyon University. During downtime, Mrs. Robinson likes to create artwork, teach painting, listen to audio books, and enjoy the great outdoors with her family.





Congratulations to our Girls' and Boys' varsity soccer teams for successful seasons.

The girls made it to the semi-finals and the boys made it to the second round of sectionals. Great job by both teams. Also, great job to our girls' and boys' modified soccer teams. With each game both teams improved.

## Tri-Valley League All-Stars

First team: *Ari Bosc, Daphnee West* • Second team: *Morgan Huff, Joleen Lusk*

Honorable Mention: *Mina Aramini, Kris Cade*



*Our varsity boys combined with Sharon Springs this season*

## Senior Recognition

Varsity Girls: *Ari Bosc, Joleen Lusk, Lydia Lusk, Jade Thalheimer*

Varsity Boys: CVS—*Zach Smoot* and Sharon Springs—*Brady Law, Thomas Reynolds, Brenden Parrotti, Tyler Smith, Kyle Sniffen, Luke Enyart*

## Scholar-Athlete Team

Both the Varsity Girls and Boys soccer teams earned Scholar-Athlete Team status. Congratulations!

Varsity Girls: 95.27 *Mina Aramini, Kailey Barnes, Ariana Bosc, Amelia Dubben, Morgan Huff, Caraline Lusk, Joleen Lusk, Lydia Lusk, Jade Thalheimer, Daphnee West*

Varsity Boys: 90.80 *Max Horvath, Matthew Munson, Alex Rockwell, Liam Rockwell, Brady Law, Kyle Sniffen, Thomas Tissiere*



## Basketball

Basketball game schedules can be found under Schedule Galaxy along with practice schedules. Go to link on the school website [www.cvscs.org](http://www.cvscs.org) under the Athletics tab or [www.schedulegalaxy.com](http://www.schedulegalaxy.com)

All games will be streamed through the NFHS network. There is a subscription fee (monthly or yearly). Link is on the school website [www.cvscs.org](http://www.cvscs.org) or <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/subscribe/retail>

## Ski Club for CVS Students

Winter will be here soon. It's time to think about skiing and snowboarding. If you already know how to ski or snowboard, we'd love to have you join Ski Club! If you do not know how, don't let that discourage you. Join us anyway. You'll get a free lesson to get you started! Email Mrs. O'Leary [joleary@cvscsd.org](mailto:joleary@cvscsd.org) or Mrs. Lowry [tlowry@cvscsd.org](mailto:tlowry@cvscsd.org) for more information or to get your name on our list. **THINK SNOW!**

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# PreK-6 Positive Patriots

Positive Patriots are chosen by each classroom teacher and recognized at our PK-6 Community Meeting each month. Students are selected based on how they exhibit Positivity Project characteristics; work habits; and overall self-improvement. We are proud of each and every one of you!

Starting in December, each Essentials teacher will be presenting one class per month with a “Golden Essentials” award at our Community Meeting. This award will recognize the class that demonstrates respect, cooperation, a love of learning, and other Positivity Project characteristics.

## Congratulations to the Positive Patriots for October & November!

### October 2022:

<i>Bentley Hribar</i>	<i>Hailee Tripp</i>
<i>Harper Whiteman</i>	<i>Mackenzie Haig</i>
<i>Elizabeth Stannard</i>	<i>Emma Rockwell</i>
<i>Sagen Zvirzdin</i>	<i>Paige Thayer</i>
<i>Chelsea Haig</i>	<i>Cora Waterfield</i>
<i>Elias Johnson</i>	<i>Iaan Weaver</i>
<i>Cassidy Schrader</i>	<i>Lyla Abdallah</i>
<i>Margaret Wolfert</i>	<i>Landon Rockwell</i>

### November 2022:

<i>Brynlee Morton</i>	<i>Campbell Yacobucci</i>
<i>Karaline Matis</i>	<i>Randy Weaver</i>
<i>Kyle Cornell</i>	<i>Luke Rathbun</i>
<i>Ruth Waterfield</i>	<i>Braven Constable</i>
<i>Jacob Bennett</i>	<i>Alexa Coveny</i>
<i>Michael Webster</i>	<i>Caden Morton</i>
<i>Caleb Crews</i>	<i>Levi Tracy</i>



# School Nurse Thoughts






As the cold and Flu season are upon us and we are now seeing RSV as well as continued COVID cases, please reference the chart below. If your child tests positive for RSV, COVID or the Flu, please keep your child at home and contact Mrs. Meehan at 607-264-3265 x514 to determine when they may return.

Please practice and reinforce good hand washing and cough etiquette at home with your children, including:

coughing/sneezing into the sleeve or tissue, using tissues to blow the nose, washing hands after using tissues and using hand sanitizer when hand washing is not possible.

Encourage your child to drink plenty of water, eat fresh fruits and vegetables, get plenty of sleep and dress appropriately for the weather.

Stay well and have a healthy and happy holiday season.


<b>COVID-19, Flu, RSV or a Cold?</b> 					
Check your child's symptoms					
How To Tell Them Apart					
Common symptoms of all four illnesses include fever, cough, fatigue, stuffy, runny nose and congestion. Some symptoms that may be different include:					
Illness	Sudden loss of taste or smell	Headache	Loss of appetite	Sore throat	Sneezing
 COVID-19	✓	✓	✓	✓	
 Flu		✓	✓	✓	✓
 Cold				✓	✓
 Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)					✓
Call your pediatrician if your child has any of the following symptoms:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapid breathing, flaring nostrils, wheezing and grunting</li> <li>• Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing</li> <li>• Chest caving in with each breath</li> <li>• Very ill or drowsy</li> <li>• Poor feeding</li> <li>• Dehydration</li> <li>• Vomiting for more than 24 hours</li> <li>• Bloody diarrhea</li> <li>• Fever:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– above 104°F in any child</li> <li>– above 100.4°F if child is under 2 months old</li> <li>– above 103°F for more than 24 hours</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					

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# Keep your kids safe. Get their flu vaccine every year.

## The Flu: A Guide for Parents

<b>Is the flu more serious for kids?</b>	Infants and young children are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. That's why the New York State Department of Health recommends that all children 6 months and older get the flu vaccine.
<b>Flu vaccine may save your child's life.</b>	Most people with the flu are sick for about a week, and then they feel better. But, some people, especially young children, pregnant women, older people, and people with chronic health problems can get very sick. Some can even die. An annual vaccine is the best way to protect your child from the flu. The vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year.
<b>What is the flu?</b>	The flu, or influenza, is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs. The flu can spread from person to person.
<b>Who needs the flu vaccine?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flu vaccine can be given to children 6 months and older.</li><li>• Children younger than 9 years old who get a vaccine for the first time need two doses.</li></ul>
<b>How else can I protect my child?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Get the flu vaccine for yourself.</li><li>• Encourage your child's close contacts to get the flu vaccine, too. This is very important if your child is younger than 5, or if he or she has a chronic health problem such as asthma (breathing disease) or diabetes (high blood sugar levels). Because children under 6 months can't be vaccinated, they rely on those around them to get an annual flu vaccine.</li><li>• Wash your hands often and cover your coughs and sneezes. It's best to use a tissue and quickly throw it away. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands. This will prevent the spread of germs.</li><li>• Tell your children to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay away from people who are sick;</li><li>• Clean their hands often;</li><li>• Keep their hands away from their face; and</li><li>• Cover coughs and sneezes to protect others.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>What are signs of the flu?</b>	The flu comes on suddenly. Most people with the flu feel very tired and have a high fever, headache, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and sore muscles. Some people, especially children, may also have stomach problems and diarrhea. The cough can last two or more weeks.



<b>How does the flu spread?</b>	People who have the flu usually cough, sneeze, and have a runny nose. The droplets in a cough, sneeze or runny nose contain the flu virus. Other people can get the flu by breathing in these droplets or by getting them in their nose or mouth.
<b>How long can a sick person spread the flu to others?</b>	Most healthy adults may be able to spread the flu from one day before getting sick to up to 5 days after getting sick. This can be longer in children and in people who don't fight disease as well (people with weaker immune systems).
<b>What should I use to clean hands?</b>	Wash your children's hands with soap and water. Wash them for as long as it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice. If soap and water are not handy, use a hand sanitizer. It should be rubbed into hands until the hands are dry.
<b>What can I do if my child gets sick?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks lots of fluids.</li> <li>• Talk with your child's health care provider before giving your child over-the-counter medicine.</li> <li>• Never give your child or teen aspirin, or medicine that has aspirin in it. It can cause serious problems.</li> <li>• Call your child's health care provider if your child develops flu symptoms and is younger than 5 or has a chronic medical condition like asthma, diabetes, or heart or lung disease.</li> <li>• If you are worried about your child's illness, call your health care provider.</li> </ul>
<b>Can my child go to school or day care with the flu?</b>	No. If your child has the flu, he or she should stay home to rest. This helps avoid giving the flu to other children.
<b>When can my child go back to school or day care after having the flu?</b>	Children with the flu should be isolated in the home, away from other people. They should also stay home until they have no fever without the use of fever-control medicines and they feel well for 24 hours. Remind your child to protect others by covering his or her mouth when coughing or sneezing. You may want to send your child to school with some tissues, and a hand sanitizer, if allowed by the school.

For more information about the flu, visit [health.ny.gov/flu](http://health.ny.gov/flu)

Or, [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)

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# Principal's LIST

Student	Grade
Haig, Logan	7
Kretser, Kaitlyn	7
Thayer, Bailey	7
Royce, Darin	7
Barown, Heath	7
Gridley, Oliver J	7
Cade, Hunter	7
Rockwell, Logan	7
Pokorny, Lucas H	7
Rockwell, Sophia	7
Abdallah, Samar H	7
Field, Abigail E	7
Butts, Matti	7
Borne, Jayson	7
Ackerman, Allison	7
Fox, Emily	7
Monser, Austin	7
McGovern, Mackenzie	7
Arnold, Chloe	7
Beauregard, Willow	7
Canary, Ava	8
Lusk Jr., Jacob	8
O'Leary, Landin	8
Laymon, Caden	8
Rockwell, Savannah	8
All, Ethan	9
Lusk, Caraline A	9
Baker, Anna	9

Student	Grade
Ward, Madison A	9
Sheldon, Hannah B	9
Lusk, Andrew J	9
Barnes, Trace M	9
Barown, Graham	9
Glowicki, Raymond A.	9
Jorgensen, Ashton	9
Canary, Charlise	10
Rockwell, Hailey	10
Spaulding, Carly	10
Oram, Abigail B	10
Dygert, Lexi	10
Gomez, Andan	10
Munson, Matthew	10
Rood, Maddison L	10
Rockwell, Liam	10
Rockwell, Caleb	10
Meade, Karsin C	10
Rockwell, Alexander	10
Barnes, Kailey	11
Huff, Morgan	11
Horvath, Max	11
Brodie, Karis	11
Thalheimer, Mason K	11
Mollen, Grayson	11
Morrison, Hope M	11
Calhoun, Ava R	11
DeLade, Gianna	11

Student	Grade
Sturtevant, Anjelia	11
Gallup, Evelyn	11
Aramini, Mina	11
O'Leary, Kelan	11
Dubben, Amelia	11
West, Daphnee	11
Voght, Allison	11
Benson, Chase A	12
Estrada, Lilia	12
Lusk, Lydia V	12
Lusk, Joleen	12
Bosc, Ariana	12
Barnes, Ryan P	12
Abbruzzese, Julianna F	12
Gallup, Lillian B	12
Thalheimer, Jade	12
Whiteman, Stephanie	12
Prime, Oren D	12
Wilson, Meredith	12
Meade, Brendon J	12
Hillhouse, Jeremiah	12
Latella-Chicaiza, Ivan Anthony	12
West, Cheney	12
Cornelia, Kyra	12
McAdams, Jacob	12
Valentine, Xander	12
Dewey, Trynity	12

# Honor ROLL

Student	Grade
<i>Erkson, Colin</i>	7
<i>Constable, Zaniel</i>	7
<i>Shaffer, Curtis</i>	7
<i>Weaver, Issac</i>	7
<i>Jorgensen, Ascher</i>	7
<i>Fuller, Ella R</i>	7
<i>Frasier, Hunter</i>	8
<i>Dresser, Hadlei</i>	8
<i>Bard, Liliana</i>	8
<i>Rathbun, Jossalynn</i>	8
<i>Hurley, Vincent</i>	8
<i>Bennett, Maddox</i>	8
<i>Campagna, Nathaniel</i>	8
<i>Aramini, Macon</i>	8

Student	Grade
<i>Borne, Nyla</i>	9
<i>Borne, Kira</i>	9
<i>Sheldon, Rilynn</i>	9
<i>Bosc, Aiden</i>	9
<i>Tripple, Adrianna</i>	9
<i>Beauregard, River</i>	10
<i>Cade, Kristopher</i>	10
<i>Carley, Katelyn</i>	10
<i>Harrington, Lucas</i>	10
<i>Heinrich, Elizabeth</i>	10
<i>Druse, Kyrallynn</i>	10
<i>Gridley, Jonathan</i>	10
<i>O'Neill, Faustin M</i>	10
<i>Frasier, Jacob</i>	10
<i>Cortese, Sara</i>	10

Student	Grade
<i>Stocking, Dalton</i>	11
<i>Lefevre, Duane R</i>	11
<i>Webster, Paige</i>	11
<i>Johnson, Jacob V</i>	11
<i>Delaney, Declan</i>	11
<i>Williams, Erin G</i>	11
<i>Rockwell, Bryent</i>	11
<i>Van Spanje, Eleanor</i>	12
<i>Kukulech, Sydney</i>	12
<i>Lefevre, Cadence M</i>	12
<i>Carley, Trevor I</i>	12
<i>Rockwell, Lana</i>	12
<i>Johnson, Jillian S</i>	12



## Annual Christmas KISS Sale

The Foreign Language Club Annual Christmas KISS sale will be held from December 5-16.

Request an order form from your child's teacher at the end of November.

Cost will be \$.50 per kiss gram.