

PATRIOT



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Sandy Hook Promise's no-cost Say Something program teaches middle and high school students to recognize the warning signs of someone at-risk of hurting themselves or others and how to say something to a trusted adult to get help. Thank you to Mrs. Schecter and her team of student leaders from National Honor Society who are leading the Say Something initiative.



Superintendent's MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you find our new and improved digital Patriot News full of information that showcases what our students are involved in and also updates on events. The start of the second semester for the secondary students is underway. It is hard to believe that half of the school year is over. The end of the second trimester for elementary students will be on March 17 and the end of the third quarter for secondary students will be on April 14.

We have been hosting assemblies for specific grade levels pertaining to Say Something, vaping, and energy drinks. Bringing in local agencies and organizations have assisted in educating our students about these important messages. Please ask your children what they have learned. The Wellness Committee will be hosting a Health & Wellness Day for secondary students on April 26. Our goal is to do the same for the elementary students next year. We will be hosting a

few parent training sessions this spring such as Shawna Has a Secret. We will share this information as we get closer.

We entered February with two remaining emergency/snow days. If we need additional days the emergency/snow days would be remote learning days. If we get to that point, where we need additional days, we will communicate what that will look like.

There will be no school on Monday, February 20 - Friday, February 24 for Winter Recess. I hope the weather cooperates and students have the opportunity to take part in winter activities such as sledding, building a snowman or just playing outside in the snow.

Stay warm, stay healthy and enjoy time with your children. We are fortunate to have such wonderful students here at CVS.

Sincerely,

TheriJo Snyder, Superintendent



Students in grades 9-12 attended the annual semi-formal sponsored by the seniors on February 5th.

Welcome

TO OUR NEW STAFF!

Hello Parents/Guardians and Students,

My name is **Johannah Mollitor**. I am the new Earth science and 7th grade science teacher! I have a dual-major Bachelor's in Earth science and adolescent education from SUNY Oneonta. I plan to pursue my Master's in educational technology. I have prior experience teaching students as a full-time swim instructor during the summer months at Mine Kill State Park. I grew up in Schoharie County and I am excited to work in a small school district close to home. During my free time I enjoy crocheting, hiking, and playing with my dogs. I believe student success is largely based on communication between school and home so please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.



Hello! My name is **Eric Soler**, I'm the new English teacher for 9th and 10th grade students. I have about three years of teaching experience working in New York, and one year of teaching experience working abroad in South Korea. I'm a greener teacher than most of the seasoned educators here at

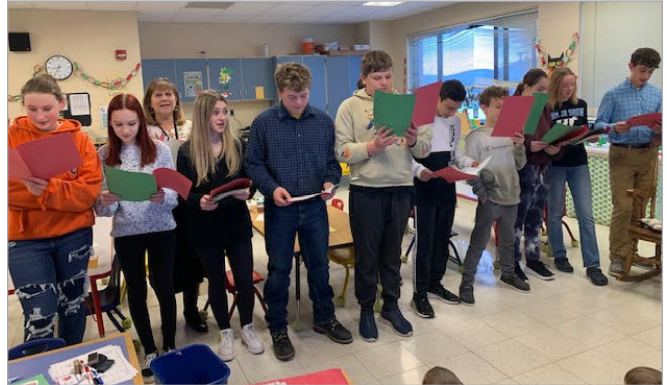


CV-S, but I'm learning a lot from my peers every day. I've felt very welcomed in this community and hope to pay that kindness forward by being the best possible teacher I can be for our students. For those interested, I got my B.A. in English teaching and my M.S.Ed. in Literacy. I love movies, books, and art. I also love hiking and the great outdoors. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the students and everyone within the community! I know we're going to have a great year.

My name is **Gary Wannamaker** I am the new School Social Worker at Cherry Valley-Springfield. I am a former graduate from Cherry Valley-Springfield. I have a Bachelor's degree from SUNY Oneonta and a Master's degree in Social Work from SUNY Albany. My wife Nicole and I have three children Landon, Lucas, and Liam. During my free time I enjoy camping, running, and watching all sports.



Señora Ahrens' classes were able to go and sing Holiday songs in Spanish to the elementary students. It was great to interact with them in such a fun way. Señora Ahrens' students practiced and learned these songs in class during the month of December.



**THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB
WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE
SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOR YOUR
SUPPORT OF OUR ANNUAL
CANDY KISS SALE IN DECEMBER.**

Art DEPARTMENT

27 students traveled to Hartwick College on January 27 for a 'Artistic Discovery Day' where students were able to view their artwork in the Foreman Gallery, tour the Anderson Center for the Arts, tour the campus, and have lunch at the campus dining facility "The Commons". Congratulations to *Julianna Abbruzzese, Anna Baker, Ava Calhoun, Kyra Cornelia, Lilia Estrada, Evelyn Gallup, Lydia Lusk, Hope Morrison, Colin Ross, Allie Voght, and Daphnee West* for having their artwork on display.

On January 31 Art students participated in the CFES Zoom presentation by PIXAR animator Jeff Pidegon who spoke about his path to working for PIXAR on their blockbuster hits including Toy Story, Monsters Inc, and other titles.

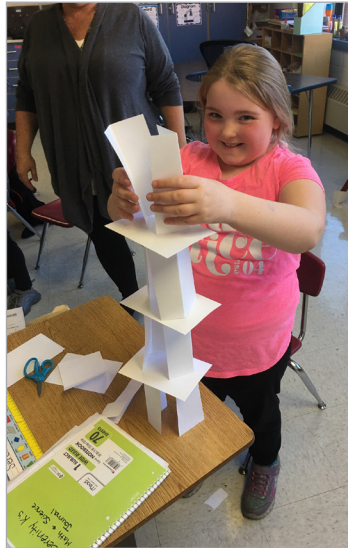
We look forward to everyone coming to see the efforts of our student artists during the student art exhibit in May!



Second Grade NEWS

Margaret Wolfert worked hard on a research poster project in 2nd grade. We read the nonfiction book, "Fur Feathers and More" online and made posters of different animal coverings.

We completed a fun Mystery Science experiment to understand the properties of matter. We learned we could fold paper to change its property so that we could build with it. Serenity Kinard built a tall paper tower by folding notecards.



PK – 6 Door Decorating

The Elementary had their second annual Deck the Halls contest and turned our hallways into a festive and fun area before the holidays! The winning classes received new board or card games to play as a class. Congratulations to our winners!



Spring Musical

The spring Musical will be held on March 24, 25, 26. This year's musical is Emma: A Pop Musical. More information will be posted as we get closer to the performance.

Principal's LIST

Student	Grade
Abdallah, Samar H	7
Ackerman, Allison	7
Arnold, Chloe	7
Barown, Heath	7
Beauregard, Willow	7
Borne, Jayson	7
Butts, Matti	7
Cade, Hunter	7
Constable, Zaniel	7
Field, Abigail E	7
Fox, Emily	7
Gridley, Oliver J	7
Haig, Logan	7
Kretser, Kaitlyn	7
McGovern, Mackenzie	7
Monser, Austin	7
Pokorny, Lucas H	7
Rockwell, Logan	7
Rockwell, Sophia	7
Royce, Darin	7
Shaffer, Curtis	7
Thayer, Bailey	7
Bard, Liliana	8
Canary, Ava	8
Dresser, Hadlei	8
Laymon, Caden	8
Lusk Jr., Brian J	8
O'Leary, Landin	8
Rathbun, Jossalynn	8
Rockwell, Savannah	8

Student	Grade
All, Ethan	9
Baker, Anna	9
Barnes, Trace M	9
Barown, Graham	9
Glowicki, Raymond A.	9
Lusk, Andrew J	9
Lusk, Caraline A	9
Sheldon, Hannah B	9
Ward, Madison A	9
Beauregard, River	10
Canary, Charlise	10
Dygart, Lexi	10
Gomez, Andan	10
Gridley, Jonathan	10
Oram, Abigail B	10
Rockwell, Hailey	10
Rockwell, Liam	10
Spaulding, Carly	10
Aramini, Mina	11
Barnes, Kailey	11
Brodie, Karis	11
Calhoun, Ava R	11
DeLade, Gianna	11
Gallup, Evelyn	11
Horvath, Max	11
Huff, Morgan	11
Morrison, Hope M	11
Mollen, Grayson	11
Sturtevant, Anjelia	11
Thalheimer, Mason K	11
Voght, Allison	11
West, Daphnee	11
Voght, Allison	11

Student	Grade
Abbruzzese, Juliana	12
Barnes, Ryan P	12
Benson, Chase A	12
Bosc, Ariana	12
Carley, Trevor I	12
Dewey, Trynity	12
Estrada, Lilia	12
Gallup, Lillian B	12
Hillhouse, Jeremiah	12
Kukulech, Sydney	12
Latella-Chicaiza, Ivan Anthony	12
Lusk, Joleen	12
Lusk, Lydia V	12
McAdams, Jacob	12
Meade, Brendon J	12
Prime, Oren D	12
Reckeweg, Emily	12
Thalheimer, Jade	12
Van Spanje, Eleanor	12
West, Cheney	12
Whiteman, Stephanie	12
Wilson, Meredith	12





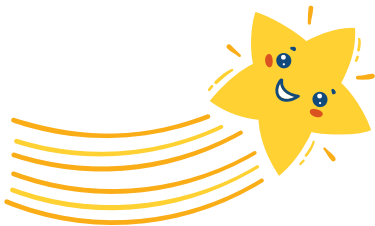
Honor ROLL



Student	Grade
<i>Erkson, Colin</i>	7
<i>Jorgensen, Ascher</i>	7
<i>Sheldon, Ethan T</i>	7
<i>Weaver, Issac</i>	7
<i>Bennett, Maddox</i>	8
<i>Borne, Kira</i>	9
<i>Bosc, Aiden</i>	9
<i>Jorgensen, Ashton</i>	9
<i>Sheldon, Rilynn</i>	9
<i>Tripple, Adrianna</i>	9

Student	Grade
<i>Cade, Kristopher</i>	10
<i>Carley, Katelyn</i>	10
<i>Cortese, Sara</i>	10
<i>Frasier, Jacob</i>	10
<i>Meade, Karsin C</i>	10
<i>Munson, Matthew</i>	10
<i>Rockwell, Alexander</i>	10
<i>Rockwell, Caleb</i>	10
<i>Rood, Maddison L</i>	10
<i>Campagna, Trevor</i>	11
<i>Delaney, Declan</i>	11
<i>Dubben, Amelia</i>	11
<i>Lefevre, Duane R</i>	11

Student	Grade
<i>Newell, Kody</i>	11
<i>O'Leary, Kelan</i>	11
<i>Rockwell, Bryent</i>	11
<i>Ross, Colin</i>	11
<i>Stocking, Dalton</i>	11
<i>West, Daphnee</i>	11
<i>Williams, Erin G</i>	11
<i>Cornelia, Kyra</i>	12
<i>Rockwell, Lana</i>	12
<i>Smoot, Zachary</i>	12
<i>Valentine, Xander</i>	12
<i>Weller, Ivan</i>	12



All-County Music Festival



Congratulations to the following students who performed at the All-County Music Festival on February 4, 2023: Julianna Abbruzzese (Jazz Choir), Logan Haig (Junior High Choir), Mina Aramini (Senior High Band - clarinet), and Katelyn Carley (Senior High Band - flute).



CHERRY VALLEY SPRINGFIELD
Varsity CHEERLEADING



CHERRY VALLEY SPRINGFIELD
Modified GIRLS BASKETBALL



CHERRY VALLEY SPRINGFIELD
Modified BOYS BASKETBALL

Winter SPORTS

Coaches vs Cancer

The Athletic Booster Club sponsored Coaches vs Cancer nights with the girls' and boys' basketball teams. The money raised was sent to St. Jude's to support childhood cancer. We raised \$585. Thank you to everyone for their support!



CHERRY VALLEY SPRINGFIELD
Jr. Varsity GIRLS BASKETBALL



CHERRY VALLEY SPRINGFIELD
Jr. Varsity BOYS BASKETBALL

Scholar-Athlete Teams

Congratulations to both the Girls' and Boys' Varsity basketball teams for earning scholar athlete awards. The team members for the girls are *Morgan Huff, Joleen Lusk, Lydia Lusk, Stephanie Whiteman*. The team members for the boys are *Chase Benson, Max Horvath and Grayson Mollen*.



CHERRY VALLEY SPRINGFIELD
Varsity GIRLS BASKETBALL



CHERRY VALLEY SPRINGFIELD
Varsity BOYS BASKETBALL



Congratulations to our Seniors athletes.

Cheerleading: Julianna Abbruzzese, Cadence Lefevre, Emily Reckeweg, Zach Smoot, Cheney West

Varsity Girls' Basketball: Joleen Lusk, Lydia Lusk, Stephanie Whiteman

Varsity Boys' Basketball: Chase Benson



Congratulations to Senior Joleen Lusk on joining the 1,000 point club on January 12th. Joleen is the 5th player in CVS history to score 1,000 points.



ESPN was in the house on January 12 to cover Joleen's 1,000 points!

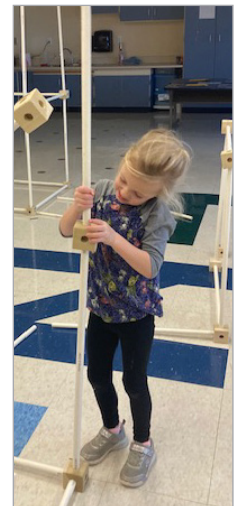
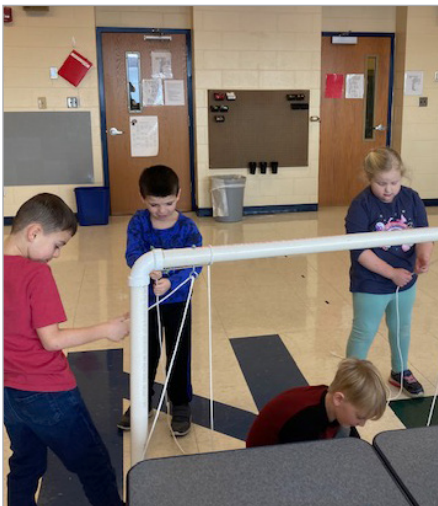


The Varsity Boys' Basketball team sponsored a clinic for boys in grades 3-6. The clinic was split into stations where players worked on skills and fundamentals.

Stem



Primary **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) classes are well underway with students in PRE-K through second grade attending their STEM class for 40 minutes every five days. Each class begins with a math activity followed by a mini science lesson. From there we break into four groups and rotate through a series of four different stations. There is a science station where the students are exploring and experimenting with the topic of the week, a technology station where students are constructing, programming mini robots, or manipulating objects. Next up is an engineering station where students are given a challenging design task to complete, and finally there is a math station for students to apply math concepts in a hands-on format while using critical thinking skills. Each station involves spatial, sensory, fine motor, and problem solving skills. Students must be able to work independently, as well as with a partner or team so communication skills are an essential part of their STEM education. If you were to walk into the classroom it might at first glance seem a bit chaotic, but if you were to look more closely you'd notice a lot of creative thinking, trial and error, and supportive classmates. You might see some frustration after initial failures followed by celebratory cheers after a success. Amongst all of the activity and movement you would see smiles and hear laughter, you would witness the joys of learning. Our goal is to create a more engaged, collaborative, self motivated, and curiosity driven group of little learners. Hopefully our students will use this time to investigate, study, explore, and develop a lifelong love of learning.



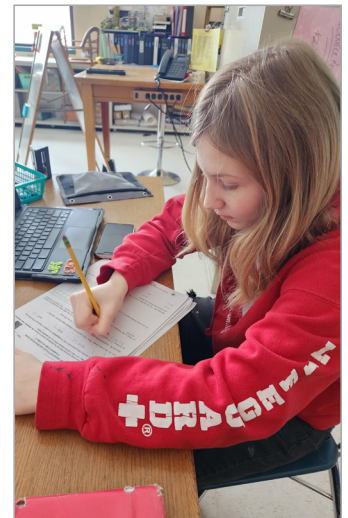
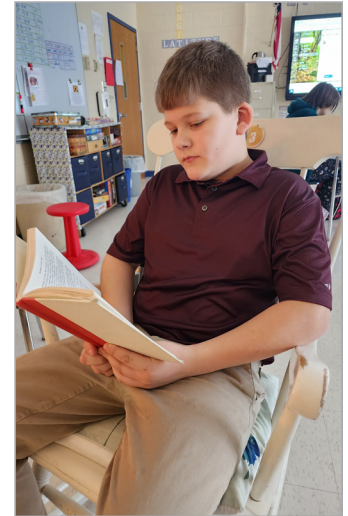
STEM Grades 3-6

From the beginning of the 2022-23 school year 3rd through 6th graders have experienced STEM classes (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) once every 5th day on a rotating schedule. Perhaps they have talked about some of the things that they've been up to? To picture a typical STEM class experience think of PE but with less physical movement and more mental movement; designing and testing novel solutions to problems or challenges. We have explored designing with paper (Thanksgiving Table Challenge), building with KEVA planks (Widest Bridge that can hold Hefty Smurf Challenge) and are now starting to dive in with LEGO BricQ Essential, LEGO SPIKE Essential and LEGO BricQ Prime. It has been fascinating watching all of the unique solutions students have come up with! Ask your 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grader about it!





When we are not studying for tests, reviewing content, reading and helping our peers, we find some time to relax and have fun!



Elementary 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 December & January!

December 2022:

<i>Sawyer Gage</i>	<i>Isabella Hoag</i>
<i>Sam Rizzo</i>	<i>Avery Hotaling-Van Buren</i>
<i>Collin Snyder</i>	<i>Stella Zigon</i>
<i>Cade Arnold</i>	<i>Jocelyn Kerzick</i>
<i>Hank Knoop</i>	<i>Adele Beront</i>
<i>Kendra Bouck</i>	<i>Lexi Houk</i>
<i>Serenity Fassett</i>	<i>Bailea Lusk</i>
<i>Avery Evans</i>	

January 2023:

<i>Arabella Gurley</i>	<i>Bryce Barnes</i>
<i>Weston Young</i>	<i>Faris Abdallah</i>
<i>Madelyn Seeley</i>	<i>Dean York</i>
<i>Jaclyn Belrose</i>	<i>Sierra Garlock</i>
<i>Emma DeLade</i>	<i>Melanie Lusk</i>
<i>Samuel Druse</i>	<i>Brenden Reckeweg</i>
<i>Atlas Verret</i>	<i>Gavin Haig</i>
<i>Brantley Duncan</i>	

March is National Nutrition Month

Ways to celebrate National Nutrition Month®:

1. Cook meals from scratch
2. Try recipes from different cultures and countries
3. Choose water over sugary drinks
4. Shop on the outside of the grocery store
5. Start a garden with edible plants to incorporate into your meals
6. Eat fresh fruits and vegetables
7. Avoid processed foods
8. Read nutrition labels and compare values
9. Try different cooking herbs and salt free seasonings
10. Have fun with food!



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