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Art Room News



Fourth graders creating wampum belts on their lesson on local Native American traditions.

Pre-K students made clay beads and created necklaces for someone they love.



In November, senior **Heather Brinig** had a photograph included in the Mohawk Valley Community College annual High School Exhibition. The exhibition is open to seniors and for two-dimensional work only. Heather's photograph, which will also be part of her AP Art portfolio, is titled, *Yucatan's Heart* and uses the Homeland monument in Merida, Mexico as its subject. Heather took the photo while on exchange in Mexico in 2018. The exhibition ran from November 15 to December 13 and was held on the second floor of the Academic Building on the MVCC campus.

Athletic Department



Coaches vs. Cancer



Boys' Basketball and Cheerleaders Senior Night



Girls' Basketball Senior Night

Scholar-Athlete Team

Congratulations to the Girls' Basketball Team for earning Scholar-Athlete team with a team average of 95.54.

Zoe Climenhaga, Kelsey Girard, Mia Horvath, Marjike Kroon, Allison Lennebacker, Sarah Lewis, Joleen Lusk, Kendra McGovern

Superintendent's Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that 2020 has started off productive. We have multiple things going on at the school. Please use the school website as a place to find information regarding updates and the exciting things going on in our building.

We will not be doing a search in March for an elementary principal. Mr. Brophy has graciously agreed to stay with us for another school year. The search will be moved to March 2021. We are ecstatic that Mr. Brophy will continue to work with our students, staff and parents!

A letter was sent home to all PK-6 parents regarding PM dismissal. We are asking for your cooperation to make PM dismissal more manageable. We have been having an influx of parents calling, or not sending notes, in regard to where their child(ren) should go after school. We are a small school and we try to accommodate as much as possible but there has to be a limit. Please send in a note if your child has a change in dismissal. Include name and 911 address to where your child will be going. We are asking that a note be sent in rather than calling. If you must call, please do not call after 2:00 p.m. to make a change. If your child(ren) is unsure of where they need to go they will be dropped off at their usual spot. The driver will make sure someone is home before dropping them off. If no one is home the child(ren) will stay on the bus and return to school at the end of the run. The parent will be notified and will have to come pick the child(ren) up from the school. Our ultimate goal is to make sure our students get home safely.

Stand Up and Be Counted: Census 2020

On April 1, 2020, the federal government begins a process that occurs once every 10 years: counting (or attempting to count) every person living in the U.S. and collecting demographic data from them.

The Census has significant implications for public schools. The data help determine how billions of federal education dollars are distributed, since funding formulas rely heavily on population and poverty levels.

Households will receive an invitation to respond to the 2020 Census between March 12-20. There are additional reminders to respond that will be mailed throughout the month. You can respond online, by phone, or by mail. If a household does not respond to the 2020 Census, a census taker will follow up in person to collect their response. This will occur between May-July.

There will be a parent/community information night on March 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium to learn about School Based Health Centers (SBHC). Dr. Kjolhede will be here from Bassett Hospital to share what SBHC's are and how they benefit students and families. There will also be a time for questions and answers. Child care will be provided.

Included in this newsletter is information regarding Online Safety. Please take a moment to speak to your children regarding this topic. It doesn't matter the age of the child; a third grader or a junior. As parents, we should be monitoring where our children are going online and what they are doing. If you would like more information please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for more information on guides, hints, and tips. We will also be posting more information on our website. There are app specific informational sheets such as Fortnite, Kik, Minecraft, Snapchat, etc.

Good luck to the Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams as they are playing in the TVL playoffs, trying to earn a spot in the TVL Championships on February 15 at Oneonta State College. Go Patriots! During the next few months students will be participating in PARP, All-County concerts, the spring musical and before you know it spring sports. Students' faces light up when they see family and friends at their events. We appreciate it when our community supports our students. We hope to see you around!

Enjoy the remainder of winter. Stay warm, and try to get outside when you can. My door is always open if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

—Mrs. Climenhaga, Superintendent

Calendar of Events

February

17-21 No School—Winter Break

28 PARP Kickoff

March

4 Early Dismissal (All Students), 1:00 p.m.

7 All-County at Cooperstown

13-15 Spring Musical

16-20 Book Fair

19 PARP Night

Board of Education Meeting

26 School Based Health Center Presentation, 6:30 p.m.

27 P/T Conferences Pre-K-6

7-12 Early Dismissal

April

6-13 No School—Spring Break

15 Pre-K Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m.



Dear Community Members,

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is sponsoring our annual Spring Book Fair which will begin on Monday, March 16, and continue through Friday, March 20. Our Scholastic Book Fair theme is *Elephants, Tigers & Books, OH MY!*

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It is 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.

The Book Fair will be located in Room 146 which is down the hallway past the Guidance Office. Below are the tentative dates and times:

- Monday, March 16: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 17: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 18: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 19: 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 20: 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

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

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at scholastic.com/fair. Our Online Fair is available from March 11-24.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit programs at CV-S such as PARP and other literacy programs. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please leave a message at (607) 264-3265, ext. 518 and someone will get back to you.

Sincerely,
PJ Johnson
Book Fair Chairperson
Ginger Thayer
PTO Book Fair Rep

Update from Mr. Brophy

By the time you receive this newsletter, winter will be past its midway point and we will all be dreaming of *spring*! One of our favorite activities will soon arrive—Parents Are Reading Partners running from February 28-March 19. On February 28 we begin with our kickoff event enjoying the Utica Zoomobile at school all day! Our closing event will be on Thursday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m., let us all get ready to R-E-A-D!

PARP

It's a Jungle Out There, Read to Survive will be our exciting theme for PARP 2020! Each grade level will have its own color and jungle safari animal mascot representing their entire grade! We appreciate the cooperation you provide to our young readers at home as we encourage them to read as much as possible for three weeks.

ELA and Math Assessments

Spring also brings our annual New York State ELA and Math Grades 3-8 Assessments. ELA will be March 25 and 26 and Math will be April 21 and 22. Please encourage your students to try to do their very best, and do not over worry about test results as we use the assessment data to review our instructional strategies.

Parent Orientation

Pre-K parent orientation program will be on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance

The New York State Education Department puts a very high priority on a school's average daily attendance with special emphasis on unexcused absences. Thank you in advance for ensuring that we eliminate any unexcused absences by simply letting us know, either by note, email or telephone call, the reason your student was absent from school.

In closing, I am very pleased to be able to share with you that I will continue working as your Interim Elementary Principal for the remainder of this school year as well as the 2020-2021 school year, too! I am so proud of our Elementary School educational program; our school board, administration, faculty and support staff only want the very best for our students and we strive to improve our instruction every day of the year. You should be very proud of the significant role that you play in working with us so that your child may begin to reach their academic and social-emotional potential. Enjoy the remaining weeks of winter and the approach of spring!

—Mr. Brophy

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

School bus transportation is safe.

In fact, buses are safer than cars! Even so, last year, approximately 26 students were killed and another 9,000 were injured in incidents involving school buses. More often than not, these deaths and injuries didn't occur in a crash, but as the pupils were entering and exiting the bus.



STAY AWAY from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.

HAVE A SAFE PLACE TO WAIT for your bus, away from traffic and the street.

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are back away from the bus.

BE AWARE of the street traffic around you. Drivers are required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses, however, not all do.

WHEN BEING DROPPED OFF, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus.

USE THE HANDRAIL to enter and exit the bus.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND WATCH OUT!

Honor Roll

Principal's List

GRADE 7

Charlise Canary
Julissa Dixon
Kyrallynn Druse
Jacob Frasier
Abigail B. Oram
Alexander Rockwell
Hailey Rockwell
Carly Spaulding

GRADE 8

Mina Aramini
Kailey Barnes
Karis Brodie
Ava R. Calhoun
Amelia Dubben
Max Horvath
Morgan Huff
Duane R. Lefevre
Hope M. Morrison
Kelan O'Leary
Anjelia Sturtevant
Mason K. Thalheimer
Daphnee West

GRADE 9

Julianna F. Abbruzzese
Chase A. Benson
Ariana Bosc
Emma A. Goldsmith
Jeremiah Hillhouse
Joleen Lusk
Lydia V. Lusk
Arianna Mosenson
Kyle Sniffen
Jade Thalheimer
Cheney West

GRADE 10

Arianna L. Bresee-Kelsey
Kyle J. France
Tristin Gaffney
Marijke E. Kroon
Conner J. Morrison
Joseph R. Pressly
Brandon R. Preston

Maeve E. Rauscher
Andrew J. Rockwell
Jack Seeley
Camilla H. Tabor
Gavin X. Valenta
Oskar F. Webster

GRADE 11

Brady M. Benson
Mia F. Horvath
Jaelyn R. Jaquay
Allison Lennebacker
Sarah E. Lewis

GRADE 12

Heather J. Brinig
Morgan Collins
Rylee Dea
Kelsey Girard
Olivia Jicha
Alana Latella-Devine
Luke Loveland
Kendra L. McGovern
Matthew Mosenson
Felicia Van Buren
Austin J. Yerdon

Honor Roll

GRADE 7

Hayden Bard
Kristopher Cade
Lexi Dygert
Jonathan Gridley
Elizabeth Heinrich
Karsin C. Meade
Austin Rockwell
Maddison L. Rood
Brin Whiteman

GRADE 8

Camden Decker
Matthew Freer
Evelyn Gallup
Gabrielle Jicha
Jacob V. Johnson
Caitlyn Ray
Colin Ross

Dalton Stocking
Erin G. Williams

GRADE 9

Ryan P. Barnes
Ivan Anthony Latella-Chicaiza
Oren D. Prime
Xander Valentine
Meredith Wilson

GRADE 10

Cendra R. Crawford
Vanessa L. Erkson
Jesse M. Fink
Cameran E. Flint
Landon B. Hamilton
Madison L. Hastings
William G. Heinrich
Dylan G. Huff
Kaitlyn M. Jicha
Donja C. Lamoree
Gabriel H. Oakley
Madisyn D. Reyome
Alyssa M. Rockwell
Sean M. Webster
Emma R. Whiteman

GRADE 11

Marissa A. Abbruzzese
Zoe E. Climenhaga
Luke T. Dubben
Lillian G. Lighthall
Hope A. Lowry
Emily Rose Maldonado
Jesse Mance
Andrew W. Oram
Dylan M. Smith
Jordan M. Sprague
Chloe R. Thalheimer

GRADE 12

Kyrah Decker
Kathleen A. Dove
Raymond Hillhouse
Lawrence M. Kroon Jr.
Phillip N. Kubis
Alexandria S. Misiewicz
Silas Wilson

Congratulations!

Music Department News



Junior Band Winter Concert

All-County

The following students have been accepted into the 2020 All-County ensembles:

- Elementary Band—**Gianna Aramini, Anna Baker, Graham Barown, and Andrew Lusk**
- Junior High Band—**Mina Aramini, Karis Brodie, Charlise Canary, Katelyn Carley, Jillian Johnson, and Arianna Mosenon**
- Senior High Band—**Zoe Climenhaga, Caleb Carpenter, and Andrew Oram**
- Elementary Choir—**Seton Davis-Fralick, Ashton Jorgensen, Hannah Sheldon, Jacob Smoot, Adrianna Tripple, and Macie West**
- Junior High Choir—**Julianna Abbruzzese, Lexi Dygert, Tiffany Hogan, Gabrielle Jicha, Hope Morrison, Maddison Rood, and Abigail Oram**
- Senior High Choir—**D’Anna Jicha, Olivia Jicha, Donja Lamoree, Matthew Mosenon, and Gabriel Oakley**
- Vocal Jazz Ensemble—**Olivia Jicha and Matthew Mosenon**

Spring Concerts

The students are already hard at work preparing for the spring concerts. Put the dates on your calendar now so you don’t miss them! The April 2 concert (7:00 p.m.) will feature the Elementary Band, Elementary Chorus, Junior Band, and Senior Band.

Is the trumpet your favorite instrument? The Elementary Band will feature the trumpet section on Joseph Compello’s *Bugler’s Rule*. The Senior Band will perform Larry Neeck’s *Trumpet Shout-Out!* If you prefer another instrument, there will be plenty of other music! The Junior Band finishes a year-long journey with Movement 3 of Timothy Broege’s *Train Heading West & Other Outdoor Scenes*. If you heard the first two movements at the Winter Concert you will not want to miss the final movement of this piece.

The May 19 concert (7:30 p.m.) will feature the 4th Grade Beginning Band, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Junior Jazz Band, and Senior Jazz Band.

NYSSMA

Students in grades 5-12 have begun working to prepare for NYSSMA in May. Individuals may choose to perform a solo or put together a small ensemble. At the NYSSMA festival students will receive a rating on their performance. We will recognize all students who participate in the NYSSMA festival at the Music and Drama Awards night on June 11.

Spanish Class

The Spanish classes shared some Christmas Carols in Spanish with the Elementary students. The Middle School and High School classes enjoy this get together every year. Hopefully some of you heard *Feliz Navidad* during your holiday break!



Thank You!



The Foreign Language Club would like to thank the school community for your support of our annual Candy Kiss Sale in December.



National
Online
Safety

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE. BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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PLAY AGAIN?
YES NO



How does this game/app work? Can I play?

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD. FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



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Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.



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Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.

CURRENT RESIDENT OR

ECRWSS BOXHOLDER

Author Visit Update from the Library Media Center

This year, we are thrilled to be able to host two authors whose visits are funded by the CV-S Endowment Foundation. Elementary students look forward to a visit from Nancy Castaldo this spring. She writes non-fiction books about science and ecology and her visit will coincide with the release of a new picture book on farming. Our secondary author already visited this January and **Mia Horvath**, who is one of the members of our school's National English Honor Society, provides a write-up for that day's events below.



On Friday, January 17, CV-S happily welcomed published author Eric Devine to our halls. Devine is a high school English teacher, husband, and father as well as a prolific writer. As a writer of the hard truths, Devine doesn't shy away from the elephants in the room, choosing to write novels that depict the darker aspects of the real world. He tackles tough topics such as abuse, hazing, and discrimination against the LGBTQ+ community in his works while simultaneously developing the suspenseful plots that he is

known for. As our guest for the day, Devine began with an engaging presentation to the Middle and High School students, speaking of his unique creative process and the memories that inspired his published novels, *Tap Out*, *Dare*



Me, *Press Play*, and *Look Past*. His keen sense of humor and chilling plotlines were intriguing, and many students have since read one (or more!) of his books. Later in the afternoon, Devine led two writing workshops, one for Middle School students and one for High School Students. Geared towards connecting the plotline, the students wove together a plot concept and learned how to intertwine the elements to create a story. We thank Mr. Devine for his time and for sharing his knowledge with the students of CV-S!

This learning experience wouldn't have been possible without the assistance provided by the National English Honor Society and the Middle School Book Club, Project Lit. Thank you for making this a memorable day for all involved! In addition to an assembly, and two writer's workshops, we were also able to host an author luncheon. The luncheon was made possible with the generous support of the Parent Advisory Committee.