

# Newscaster

May 2016



## Chenango Valley Central School District 2016-2017 Budget Vote & School Board Election



### Candidate Forum and Budget Hearing

**May 4, 2016**

6 p.m.

High School Library

### AT A GLANCE

- Proposed tax levy increase: 0.20%
- Allowable tax levy increase: 0.20%
- Proposed budget increase: 2.82%



# VOTE

**May 17, 2016**

12 - 9 p.m.

High School Auditorium

# Chenango Valley French Exchange Program

Spring 2016

## Un Voyage Extraordinaire

Twenty-four students and four teachers left for an adventure in France on March 18, returning two weeks later having had innumerable new experiences. As the second part of an exchange with La Borde Basse, a large high school in southwestern France in the city of Castres, the students were able to live with French families and attend school. Students from La Borde Basse visited CV during October, 2015, and stayed with the Americans who subsequently traveled to France.



The trip to France began with a weekend spent in Paris seeing some of the major tourist sights including the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, and Montmartre. Special stops were made at Sainte Chapelle to see the famous stained glass windows and at the Musée D'Orsay to explore the enormous collection of Impressionists' paintings. Dinner on Sunday was at the oldest restaurant in Paris, Procope, which opened in 1686. The owner graciously met the students and relayed the history of the restaurant before the students gamely tried eating escargots!!

After a trip across France in the TGV, the bullet train, the group arrived at their destination of Castres, where the students met their French families. Three teachers at La Borde Basse, Mesdames Rosenau, Refouni, and Stunault, arranged a busy schedule for the students that included field trips as well as time in classes. The field trips were to the city of Toulouse to visit a large university and several museums, to the city of Albi to see the cathedral and the Toulouse Lautrec museum, and to Carcassonne to explore one of the world's largest castles that is still inhabited. The school was also honored to have the American consul from Toulouse spend a morning discussing international diplomacy with the French and American students.



Easter weekend was spent with individual families, many of whom took the students on trips to locations such as Spain, Marseille, and Monaco. Becoming a part of a French family was one of the more rewarding experiences for many of the students. The families went out of their way to provide the students with opportunities to see more of France and to partake of French culture.



Mrs. Amber Henyan (aka "Madame") is the director of the exchange at CV. Ms. Suzanne Edwards, Mrs. Karen Anderson, and Mrs. Sue Pierce were chaperones on the trip. Travel arrangements were made by Mrs. Carolyn Waffle of Certified Travel.



# Message from the president and superintendent

We are pleased to present you with the 2016-2017 Chenango Valley Central School District budget proposal.

School districts statewide continue to be impacted by unfunded mandates, tax levy limits, escalating costs and more. While these factors are significant, it is important that we remain positive about our future and focused on the reason we're here: our students.

All students deserve a high-quality education that ensures they are college and career ready. At Chenango Valley, our consistently high test scores and graduation rates reflect a commitment to providing students with the education they deserve. Our mission and vision is to *"inspire, engage, and empower"* our students and *"prepare our students for the challenges of life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century."* In developing the budget, we used this mission as our guide, while giving careful consideration to all stakeholders.

The plan provides for continued support of instructional technology, particularly through our high school iPad program, which incorporates all students in grades nine through 12, and to remain focused on supporting educational programs in the area of STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics) in grades K-12.

Our proposed budget also enables us to maintain instructional integrity and effectiveness, and help students improve their academic standing through our Academic Intervention Services. No cuts to programs or extra-curricular activities are proposed.

The budget continues to include smaller capital projects that allow us to take advantage of significant state reimbursements that will be received in the following year. This means we'll be able to complete approximately \$100,000 in capital projects at a net cost of about \$20,000. (see article, page 5.)

The tax levy limit law enacted in 2011 by New York State requires districts to apply an eight-step formula to determine the highest allowable tax levy increase a district can propose that will require approval of a simple majority (more than 50 percent) of voters. If districts choose to propose a tax levy increase above this calculated amount, a "super majority" of more than 60 percent of voters must approve the plan.

Chenango Valley's allowable tax levy increase to keep within the simple majority limit for 2016 - 2017 is 0.2%, which is the increase we propose in this budget. This means we are proposing to collect two-tenths of a percent more (less than 1%) in taxes to support the school budget than we collected for the 2015-2016 school year.

We invite all residents to attend the annual budget hearing on Monday, May 4 at 6 p.m. in the Middle School library. We will begin with a short "Meet the Candidates Forum" followed by our budget hearing. The district budget vote and school board elections will be held from noon to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17 in the CV High School auditorium.

Please review the enclosed material, which includes the 2016-2017 budget presented in three components, information on the bus purchase proposition, and statements from our board of education candidates. For more detailed budget information, please visit our website: [www.cvcsd.stier.org](http://www.cvcsd.stier.org).

If you have questions, we encourage you to contact Superintendent David Gill at 762-6810, [dgill@cvcsd.stier.org](mailto:dgill@cvcsd.stier.org), or School Business Executive Beth Donahue at 762-6813, [edonahue@cvcsd.stier.org](mailto:edonahue@cvcsd.stier.org).

Sincerely,



Stuart Elliott  
Board of Education President



David P. Gill  
Superintendent of Schools



Stuart Elliott  
Board President



David Gill  
Superintendent



### Water testing finds no lead concerns

Chenango Valley recently contracted with an independent environmental testing firm to determine whether there are any issues with the levels of lead in the water supply. These tests were performed as a proactive and precautionary measure in light of recent problems elsewhere in the state and country.

The testing firm collected water samples from several sources within each of our buildings. All samples from all CV school buildings and facilities have returned excellent results, indicating no problems with water safety.



### New CVHS Alumni Association formed

We are excited to announce that the Chenango Valley Alumni Association has recently been created and is looking for volunteers and board members!

The CV Alumni Association was established to foster a spirit of loyalty, to preserve the history and tradition of Chenango Valley High School, and to strengthen ties between alumni, the district and the community.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the Alumni Association board or committees, please call 762-6804 or email [LSnyder@cvcvsd.stier.org](mailto:LSnyder@cvcvsd.stier.org).

To be added to the CV Alumni Association mailing list to receive membership information, please visit:

<http://www.cvcvsd.stier.org/alumniregistration.aspx>

*Save the Date!*

**Annual Alumni Recognition Reception**

Friday, September 30, 2016  
Holiday Inn Binghamton

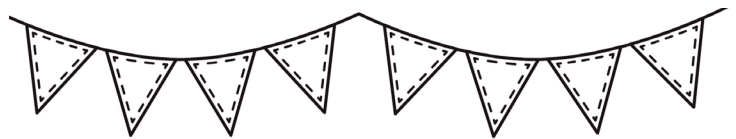
### Teacher aide appointed to legislature

Cindy O'Brien, a teacher aide in Therese Staiger's class at CVHS, is the new Broome County legislator for District 10. She will represent the towns of Chenango and Fenton.

O'Brien, a Republican from the Town of Chenango, was recently appointed to fill the vacancy left by former legislature chairman Jerry Marinich, who was named director of the county's Office of Emergency Services in December. O'Brien's appointment, unanimously approved by the county legislature, expires at the end of the year.



Cindy looks forward to representing the district and the community. To contact her in her office at the legislature, please email: [co'brien@co.broome.ny.us](mailto:co'brien@co.broome.ny.us) or call 778-2131.



### Chenango Valley Craft Fair

**Saturday, November 19**  
**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Mark your calendar for the annual Chenango Valley Craft Fair, featuring handmade crafters, photos with Santa, refreshments, a prize table and entertainment from the music department. Money raised will benefit the senior class and the music department.

For more information, contact:

Sue Ticknor at 762-6850 / [sticknor@cvcvsd.stier.org](mailto:sticknor@cvcvsd.stier.org) or  
Chris Lomonaco at 772-8539 / [vlomonaco@stny.rr.com](mailto:vlomonaco@stny.rr.com)

## Capital Project Update

### Spring-summer construction to limit access to athletic & playground facilities

The construction season at CVCS D has begun early this year. Due to the great weather we've been having, we were able to begin work at the Middle/High School stadium in March.

The scope of the project includes a new multi-purpose turf field, recoating of the existing track, refurbishment of the visitors' bleachers, and new discus and shot put areas. Excavation is complete, much of the drainage is well underway, and concrete curbs have begun.

Because of this early start, the work at the stadium is expected to be complete in time for graduation. Once the stadium is complete, construction will move to the baseball field, where a new turf infield, field drainage, backstop, and fencing will be installed.

Please note that due to the construction activities, the field and track are now closed to the public, and the pool will be closed beginning in mid-May through the end of the summer.

We apologize for any inconvenience as we work to make Chenango Valley better than ever for our students, staff and community.

*At right is the MS/HS stadium and track, which is currently undergoing renovation.*

#### Closed for the summer:

- High School track
- Pool (Family Swim: last day is May 12)
- Chenango Bridge playground
- Port Dickinson playground



### State building aid to allow for energy-saving pool improvements

#### \$100,000 in improvements to cost local taxpayers approximately \$20,000

Every year, the district completes a smaller capital project by taking advantage of a New York State Department of Education program that reimburses a significant portion of school district capital project expenditures up to \$100,000. This means that much-needed building repairs can be accomplished at a greatly reduced cost to local taxpayers.

Based on Chenango Valley's current building aid ratio of 80 percent, if the district completes \$100,000 in capital projects, it will be reimbursed \$80,000 the following year, resulting in a net cost of \$20,000. The aid received on a project next year can be used to offset the cost of a project the following year, creating a cycle of mini-projects primarily funded by building aid. It's an efficient, cost-effective way to keep our buildings and facilities in good working order.

This year, the district has decided to do some additional pool improvements to go along with those being done in the capital project. A new pool boiler will be installed to allow the water to be heated in the warmer weather without having to operate the boilers for the building. This will save energy costs in the long run. In addition, some improvements to the pool filter room will be done. The work will be approved as part of the upcoming budget, and construction will occur over the summer.

## District News

### CV Odyssey of the Mind has a great year

Chenango Valley had five teams compete in the Odyssey of the Mind program this year. Teams began in November, picking their problem and coming up with their solutions. The competitive season began with the regional tournament February 27 at Broome-Tioga BOCES.

The second and third grade team of Abigail Randis, Courtney McCabe, Sam Brewer, Austin Greenmun, and Arin Miller were coached by Amanda Randis. They competed in the problem "Fins, Furs, Feathers & Friends" in Division I. It was their first year in Odyssey and they did a fantastic job!

The fifth grade team of Merrell Rouff, Dylan McCabe, Savannah Greenmun, Sadie Dutcher, Aidan Butora, Gabriel Wright, and Jenna Schaefer were coached by Cathy McCabe and Erin Dutcher. They competed in the problem "No-Cycle Recycle," Division I, placing second at regionals and earning a spot in the state competition at Binghamton University April 2. They placed eighth out of 17 teams. A job well done!

The sixth and seventh grade team of Charlie Beam, Emily Goodstal, Laini Wood, Samantha Scott, Miranda Rogers, Zoe Gates and Matthew Hensel were coached by Cindy Gates. They competed in Division II, "No-Cycle Recycle," and placed third at the regional competition. Great job!

The team of Caitlyn Slater, Alexis Randis, Lian McGuane, Mikayla Rogers, Stephen Gehm and Matt Klein were coached by Amanda Church. This was a first-year team that competed in "Stack Attack" Division III, placing third at the regional tournament. Awesome job!

The team of Katy Wood, Noah Stroka, Katie Mach, Morgan Odgers, Brenna King, Lindsey Reardon and Anna Stacey were coached by Chris Wood. They competed in Aesop Gone Viral," placing second at the Regional competition. This team also received the highest award given in Odyssey, the Ranatra Fusca Award, given for risk taking and exceptional creativity. Out of 104 teams at the regional competition, they were the only team to receive this exceptional award. Awesome job!

Students and parents are encouraged to get involved in this fantastic and fun program. Watch for information in September, and visit [www.odysseyofthemind.com](http://www.odysseyofthemind.com).



**Ms. Church's Team:** l-r: Stephen Gehm, Lian McGuane, Alexis Randis, Mikayla Rogers, Matt Klein, Caitlyn Slater, Coach Church



**Second - Third Grade Team:** Front: Abigail Randis, Courtney McCabe, Arin Miller; back: Coach Randis, Austin Greenmun, Sam Brewer



**Mrs. Gates' Team:** l-r: Matthew Hensel, Samantha Scott, Zoe Gates, Emily Goodstal, Laini Wood, Miranda Rogers, Charlie Beam



**At right, the McCabe-Dutcher Team:** front row, l-r: Gabriel Wright, Sadie Dutcher, Jenna Schaefer; back row, l-r: Savannah Greenmun, Aidan Butora, Dylan McCabe, Merrell Rouff

## District News

### CVHS OM team wins high honor

The CVHS Odyssey of the Mind team, coached by Mrs. Woods, received the Ranatra Fusca Award for exceptional creativity. This award is given to teams who display tremendous creativity at competition, either through some aspect of their problem solution or an extraordinary idea beyond the problem solution. This award serves as a way to acknowledge and encourage risk-taking and out-of-the-box thinking. Congratulations!

At right, Mrs. Woods' Team: l-r: Katy Wood, Anna Stacey, Brenna King, Lindsey Reardon, Katie Mach, Noah Stroka.  
Missing from photo: Morgan Odgers



## Summer STEAM opportunities

### Grades 6 - 7 and 10 - 12

Chenango Valley and SUNY Broome will offer a joint, two-week Summer STEAM program for CV students currently in grades 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12. This hands-on program engages students in project-based learning around science, technology, engineering, art and math. The program will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 5 through Friday, July 8 and Monday, July 11 through Thursday, July 14.

Approximately 20-30 students will become immersed in STEAM activities through the program, provided in partnership with the Science Department at SUNY Broome. Interested students should contact their guidance counselor for enrollment information.

### Grades 8 - 9

Also being offered is a two-week, hands-on collaborative program for students currently in grades 8 and 9 at Chenango Valley, Chenango Forks and Whitney Point. The program engages students in project-based learning around science, technology, engineering, math and art through the design cycle. Local engineers and other professionals will team up with students in small learning communities to explore and develop projects with real-world applications.

This program, coordinated by BOCES, is divided into (2) one-week sessions: one week at the school district site and one week at Broome-Tioga BOCES' main campus. Classes will be held Mondays through Thursdays, July 18 - 28, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at district sites, and 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the BOCES site. In this program, approximately 120 students will participate in STEAM activities in partnership with the STEM Hub of the Eastern Southern Tier and its facilitators, including Lockheed Martin. See your guidance counselor for information.

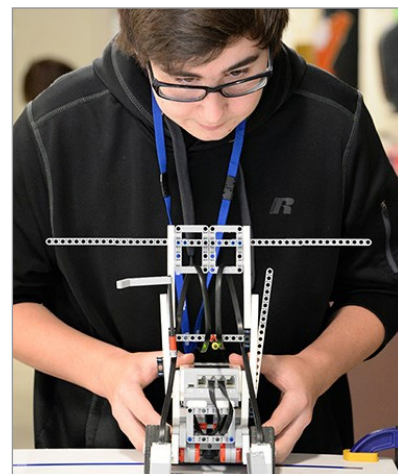
### Grades K - 5



For the past four years, Chenango Valley has provided the Summer Art and Literacy Program, a unique opportunity for students in the elementary grades. Students are recommended for the program by their homeroom teachers, based on artistic talent and reading level. The program uses Caldecott books to teach thematic lessons in ELA, fine arts, and math.

This year, program coordinator Mrs. Vesci has some very exciting changes to the curriculum and will be sprinkling in some science lessons, which has led to a new program title, "Summer STEAM." Also, the program has expanded to include kindergarten through grade 5, allowing more students (approximately 130) the opportunity to participate. All six program teachers will incorporate an interesting mixture of literature, fine arts, dance, math, and now science! The theme this year will be "vision."

We are very happy that Miss Ann Szymaniak is returning to work with our classes weekly with activities in dance, movement and self-expression. Also, Mrs. Vesci received a donation of 23 digital cameras through a website called Donorschoice.com. This will enable students to explore the world of photography, with the assistance of community member, parent, and professional photographer Wendy Sisson. We look forward to another exciting and successful program this July as we continue to expand and grow here at Chenango Valley. Full "STEAM" ahead!



## District News

### CVHS senior performs CPR to save man's life

#### Student honored for her bravery and compassion

It's an amazing story of quick, clear-headed -thinking.

Jessica Fitzgerald, a Chenango Valley senior who attends classes in the health sciences program at BOCES, recently performed CPR on a co-worker who was suffering a massive heart attack.

The co-worker, a 65-year-old man, survived, and doctors told his family that it was Jessica's actions that saved his life.

Jessica was working her shift at the NY Pizzeria in Binghamton when the man, who delivers pizza for the restaurant, fell over in pain. After calling 911, Jessica realized that time was of the essence and she sprung into action. She utilized the CPR skills she'd learned in her nursing assistant program, and was able to bring back the man's pulse.

Jessica was honored at a press conference April 21 in the CVHS library, where she was presented with a certificate from the Broome County Legislature.

She plans to pursue a career in nursing...that's a great idea!



Senior Jessica Fitzgerald being interviewed by local news media after she saved a co-worker's life. She was also featured in a front-page article of the Press and Sun-Bulletin.

### Lions Club screen students' vision



PD kindergartener Delia Cook gets ready to have her eyes checked by a Lions Club volunteer.

Members of the Lions Club visited Port Dickinson to conduct vision screenings for our PreK students. The visit was part of a program called Lions SEE (Screening Eyes Early), which aims to decrease childhood blindness and other problems through early detection and treatment of common vision disorders.

The screening is similar to taking a picture of the child's eyes, using a camera that can identify many common vision impairments. It will either indicate "pass" or "refer" to an optometrist.

77 of our PreK students were screened in approximately two hours, a task that school nurse Beth Kresge says would have taken her weeks to complete. As a result of the screening, 12 children were referred to an optometrist for further evaluation.

LionsSEE, Inc. runs under the medical guidance of Dr. James Reynolds and is managed by a Board of Directors composed of Lions representing districts throughout New York State. Statewide, the program has screened nearly 20,000 students.

Many thanks to the local Lions Club volunteers who provided this very beneficial and worthwhile service to our students. For more information on the Lions SEE program, please visit: [www.lionsseeny.org](http://www.lionsseeny.org).



### 2016-2017 Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration Information

If you have a child who will be four or five years old by December 1, 2016, please call the appropriate number below for information on Pre-K and kindergarten registration:

**Pre-K - call 762-6975**  
(for children who will be 4 by Dec. 1, 2016)

**Kindergarten - call 762-6970**  
(for children who will be 5 by Dec. 1, 2016)

Please note: If your child is currently enrolled in the 2015-2016 Pre-K program at Port Dickinson, he/she will automatically be enrolled for kindergarten beginning in September 2016.



Chenango Valley is accepting applications for a full-day Head Start program beginning in September for children who will be age 3 by December 1, 2016. The program will be held at Port Dickinson School. Call 772-6810 for details and qualification requirements.

### March Madness determines

In Chenango Valley, March Madness isn't about Villanova or Duke, it's about folks such as Karl Marx, Jesus Christ and Genghis Khan.

Social Studies teacher Mrs. Kelly Haskell organizes an annual March Madness competition in which 10th-graders debate to determine who is history's "Most Influential Person."

In this voluntary after-school event, students choose an important person in history to portray, and are given three minutes to convince a jury that they were more influential than their opponent. Opponents paired together during the competition have included Karl Marx vs. Jesus, Genghis Kahn vs. Sigmund Freud, and Albert Einstein vs. William Shakespeare.

The event is set up in brackets like NCAA basketball, with winners in each round advancing to the next bracket. Beginning with Round 2, jury members (rotating panels of teachers and seniors) could ask a question, and each speaker could ask their opponent a question.

A total of 39 students participated, portraying 24 different historical figures. (Some worked in pairs.) Many spectators attended the afterschool event and many more kept track of the bracket updates posted after each round on a large banner outside the cafeteria.

After whittling the competitors down to a Final Four, the championship round was held April 18, with William Shakespeare, portrayed by Grace McManus merging as the winner, narrowly beating Leonardo daVinci, portrayed by Linsey Reardon and Tara Terpstra.

Congratulations to all students who participated in this fun and educational event.



Mrs. Haskell congratulates winner Grace McManus, who portrayed William Shakespeare.



Linsey Reardon, left, and Tara Terpsra, portrayed Leonardo daVinci

## 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

<b>Grade 6</b>	Ellen Buckley David Cron Sean Davies Owen Dofton Thomas Eccleston Zoe Gates Tori Goga Marcus Hanyon Sebastian Hilldale Nikkolas Hiras Nasira Jackson Tas Joseph Kozlowski Garrett Kraack Tristan Lavoie Gianna LoVuolo Vincent LoVuolo Riley McMahan Da-Xia Ming James Niefer Bailey Palmer Anthony Petranich Dylana Regan Kayla Russell Kaitlyn Schwarz Devin Showers Nathan Siedlecky Jacob Stimak Dominic Testani Christopher Warren Hunter Warren Aaliyah Williams Alexa Willis Carley Wood Jacob Worden	Dominick Lomonaco Benjamin Martin Patrick McCabe Melanie Nelson Kendall Rinker Vincent Rogers Cailee Salisbury Kaylee Shannon Jacob Smith Owen Staub Vincent Tatic Kyle Westgate Andrew Williams Austin Williams Alexander Wojcik	<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>Grade 12</b>
Hunter Arno Gabriel Beam Sidney Beers Parker Boorum Brooklyn Burden Sarah Bush Jayden Cassidy Nathan Charpinsky Rowan Clark Owen Craig Kai Duke Emma Farr-Giblin Isabell Figueroa Sarah Gorman Haylie Graves Dustin Greiner Tyler Hayes Austin Hewison Vincent Hill Maddox Hogan Aidan Hoyt Jacob Irons Madison Jackson Alissa Kropp Kolby Krupitza Aidan Marroquin Shannon McLark Gavin Mercik Courtney Mettler Joshua Miller Tino Montemagno Isabella Moore Joseph Nester Allyson O'Connor Jazmyn Palmatier Tara Pitcher Damon Potter Jenna Pratt Gabrielle Riley Carson Riquier James Rogers Aaron Salisbury Nicholas Smith Priscilla Soule Abigail Stanton Sophia Sullivan Adam Tester Alaina Wood	<b>Grade 8</b>	<b>Grade 9</b>	Ty Abell Cameron Ashman Zachery Baer Rachel Becker Samantha Bennett Alyssa Benninger Addelynn Bixby Anthonie Brito Patrick Buchinsky Tameira Card Benjamin Cease Rebekah Courtright Brianna Dayton Sarah Dorn Natalie Ehrensbeck Maria Forbidussi Stephen Gehm Paige Gill Marlaina Giurastante Molly Grady Jenna Hanyon Zaphir Hill Erica Kaufman Hannah Larsen Isabella LoVuolo Zackary MacLaren Ryan Mellen Jonathan Miller Emily Monk Yana Moroz Russell Nelson Morgan Odgers Kobe Parks Linsey Reardon Jackson Retzlaff Madison Riley Croce Santa Christofer Schmits Colleen Smith Keira Strong Joseph Testani Jacob Willis	Brandon Anderson William Aswad Bradley Blewett Nicholas Boljevic Alexis Brito Mark Burchett Jr Eric Castellucci John Cemay Leah Chamberlain Kyle Chapman Kyle Corey Sean Corey Chandler Courtright Gabrielle Dean Sean Dundon Samantha Ferry Emily Friends Maxwell Gasstrom Jordan Gidzinski Miranda Goldstone Karl Grunder Kevin Hammond Matthew Harper Zoe Hause Nicole Heatherman Nathaniel Hopper Morgan Jamieson Savanah Judd Matthew Livingston Joseph Maerkl Nicholas Marinaro Chelsea Meader Corey Mies Garrett Miller Tyler Mosher Bailey Reardon Jack Riegal Elizabeth Selby Chad Simmons Jr Kyle Skinner Austin Smith Cameron Smith Tyler Smith Nathan Spencer Tyler Thorick Lindsay Thornton Kimberly Winans Jeffrey Worden	Tanner Beagell Connor Brady Devon Buckland Jennifer Carr Rebecca Chamberlain Jenna Conrow Megan Curley Audrey DeLarco Rohit Duggal Chelsi Evans Sarah Fernald Jessica Fitzgerald Kelsey Guelzow Kayla Guth Gregery Harlow Noah Hartz Caleb Hertzog Jacob Jahelka Briana Kellar Lea Kochis Riley Krupitza Kelly Madden Mallory Mailen Gillian McGuane Morgan Miller Jaren Moss Matthew Slezak Maxwell Telfer Dylan Warner Veronica Wickwire
<b>Grade 7</b>	Kylie Baleno McKenna Beers Riley Botting Liana Carman Jenna Castellucci Maia Chapman Brianna Chordas Shelby Condie Brianna Corbin Connor Crouse Amelia DiRienzo Christopher Ealy Jack Fassett Kyle Ferris Anthony Forbidussi Levi Gulbin Macaila Harlost James Hart Claire Harvey Monica Hurlburt Diana Inzhirova	Catherine Ashman Jacob Aurelio Tyler Benedict William Blewett Destiny Bowers Audrey Calica Adelaide Castro Ethan Cooper Tara Crissman Rachel Cron Shane Culver Katie Doan Dylan Ferry Keara Golden Kaitlyn Guelzow Kaitlyn Hardler Mary Hibbard J-Lah Jackson Kaylee Johnston Nathan Klein Nathan Lehr Michael Mettler Diamond Ming Angelo Montemagno Leann Mulligan Nicholas Norton Hunter O'Connor Alexis Randis Kayla Ranucci Haley Risoli Ashley Rogers Madisyn Savage Calista Smith Molly Snashall Mikayla Warner Camryn Zaic			★  ★  ★  ★  ★

Please note that students with incomplete grades at press time may not be included in this list and will be recognized in our next issue of the Newscaster.

## 2nd Quarter High Honor Roll

### Grade 6

Christian Allen  
Corey Ashman  
Rocco Ashman  
Eric Attleson  
Caleb Barkwell  
Maxwell Bigelow  
Grace Brown  
Mikayla Bucci  
Gabiella Capers  
Emma Dofton  
Sophia Giglio  
Emily Goodstal  
Sadie Graham  
Alex Jacobs  
Eric Jewson  
Jordan Martin  
Kayla McLaughlin  
Rylie Miller  
Zachary Murphy  
Maddisen Nelson  
Owen O'Brien  
Chloe Osteen  
Olivia Pepples  
Colin Perney  
Trenton Reynolds  
Lindsey Rice  
Ethan Rogers  
Riley Spencer  
Ainsley Staub  
Madeline Stento  
Fisher Sullivan  
Adonna Taubar  
Thomas Thayne  
Donavon Tomm  
Celia Trumino  
Braedyn Vinsevich  
Justin Wardell  
Kaylee Wisor  
Nathaniel Wojcik  
Maisy Wood

### Grade 7

Kenna Abell  
Madison Arnold  
Ryan Atkinson  
Kamryn Bates  
Charles Beam  
Cassandra Blewett  
John Buchinsky  
Rachel Butch  
Brian Chong  
William Clark  
Jacob Coddington  
Nicola DiLuzio  
Autumn Dorn  
Mary Doyle  
Aaron Dundon  
Caelynn Edwards  
Devin Edwards

Jakob Emm  
Alexandra Escobar  
Paige Fetterman  
Connor Frey  
Caleb Frost  
Jordyn Gill  
Daniel Gorman  
Anthony Grubham  
Jacey Hatfield  
Kerri Hayes  
Matthew Hensel  
Alexander Hilldale  
Lucas Hoyt  
Megann Jones  
Isaiah Keldon  
Cameron Krisko  
Elijah Lanfear  
Thomas McEntire  
Gabriel McManus  
Hannah Mohamad  
Ethan Morgan  
Kendall Morrell  
Luke Noonan  
Gavin Pagliarella  
Kendra Potenziano  
Andrew Rice  
Faith Riegall  
Miranda Rogers  
Samantha Scott  
Madeline Selby  
Sarah Shafer  
Lilian Shelley  
Maximilian Singer  
Abby Snashall  
Ella Stafford  
Zachariah Stanton  
Alannah Stenta  
Megan Taylor  
Rory Thompson  
Bridgette Turner  
Colsten Volpe  
Keira Warwick

### Grade 8

Madison Aswad  
Anthony Austin  
Matthew Blance  
Samuel Bozuhoski  
Sarah Bremer  
Jacob Brown  
Kelsey Burden  
Thomas Christoffersen  
Madelyn Clark  
Aubrey Craig  
Grace Elliott  
Logan Fetterman  
Natalie Gillette  
Cassidy Hopkins  
Danielle Jewson  
Audra Lee

Sara Marinaro  
Erin McCollough  
Abigail Mercik  
Rebecca Mercik  
Elizabeth Morgan  
Julia Morgan  
Teagan Nester  
Celest Pagliarella  
Siya Parekh  
Abigail Pepples  
Maxwell Reppard  
Katerina Retzlaff  
Elizabeth Rice  
Gabrielle Rogers  
Brett Salzman  
Michael Schultz  
Caleb Schwarz  
Jessica Serafini  
Rory Sisson  
Caitlyn Slater  
Henry Stroka  
Emma Trumino  
Morgan Whittington  
Nolan Wilson

### Grade 9

Eric Brom  
James Bush  
Ellis Cleveland  
Faith Fasset  
Kayla Ferris  
Hannah Frey  
Brady Hope  
Ryan Houseknecht  
Jeremy Kellam  
Sarah Lamoreaux  
Natalie Lehr  
Andy Li  
Thomas Love  
Logan McCarthy  
Kendyll McMahon  
McKenna Miller  
Cody Nagle  
Madison Perrault  
Rebekah Ray  
Kathrine Regan  
Marrissa Rogers  
Breanan Rought  
Erin Skinner  
Taylor Trout  
Mallorie Turner  
Caitlin Whiting  
Katelyn Wood

### Grade 10

Kiana Archer-Cronk  
Madeline Broderick  
Patrick Giblin  
Owen Gillette  
Abigail Hamilton  
Elaine Hamilton  
Mia Hause  
Peter Jensen  
Ian Keldon  
Brenna King  
Matthew Klein  
Ojeda Martin  
Lian McGuane  
Matthew Pecha  
Jacquelyn Ruf  
Craig Salzman  
Kelly Smith  
Anna Stacey  
Tara Terpstra  
Kelly Thompson  
Benjamin Venuti

### Grade 11

Shai-ana Bess  
Zachary Carr  
Kaylin Cooley  
Matthew Igo  
Nathan Marble  
Spencer Peters  
Alexis Phillips  
Spencer Root  
Meg Rossie  
Tyler Sanderhoff  
Brendyn Savage  
Rachel Seifert  
Gabrielle Siedlecky  
Christopher Vegiard

### Grade 12

Geneva Anderson  
Stephen Aylward  
Abigail Carr  
Sarah Chandler  
Austin Crissman  
Michael Distin  
Amber Falcheck  
Mark Gallo  
Cydney Mallery  
Suehaidee Masso  
Sophie Miller  
Mark Mullins  
Connie Nguyen  
Abigail Pavelski  
Emily Schmits  
Kevin Taylor  
Matthew Wells  
Adisa Zukic



### Honors with Distinction

#### Grade 9

Alia Arnold	Jessica Kellam
Alexa Attleson	Brandon Kipp
Sara Bozuhoski	Hollis Krisko
Jacklyn Hardler	Gunnar Madison
Brittany Kropp	Daniel Norris
Edward Kuklo	Lauren Rice
Paige Lettera	Mackinaw Shutt
Marina Maerkl	Christopher Singleton
Marc Marion	Kesondra Stafford
Hallie Morgan	Sarah Trick
Elizabeth Morton	Aaron Trumino

#### Grade 10

Carly O'Brien  
Taylor Potenziano  
Jeffrey Rice  
Lucas Scott  
Kara Watson  
John-Paul Webster  
Carter Wilson

#### Grade 11

Alaina Carman  
Hannah Grunder  
Kayla Lopez  
Lauren Marble  
Grace McManus  
Emma Moore  
Jocelyn Schell  
Kathleen Schultz  
Noah Stroka  
James Wyatt

#### Grade 12

Nicole Blance  
Matthew Cole  
Emma Crooks  
Jessica Feyler  
Mariah Galli  
Shannon Giblin  
Kevin Grady  
Robert Gross  
Samuel Hatton

#### Grade 12

Kyle Briggs  
Allison Button  
Rudy Cen  
Erin Culver  
Ethan Elliott  
Michaela Gay  
Margaret Gross  
Trisha Illsley  
Owen Klepfer  
Kerri Kunkel  
Abigail Lane  
Jacob Lehr  
Hayley Lettera  
Melissa Marean  
Kelsilyn Norman  
Cassidy O'Brien  
Carlee Ostrom  
Nicholas Ostrom  
Chase Page  
Nicholas Pert  
Ryan Phillips  
Ciara Sherling  
Jenna Simons  
Emma Yannuzzi



## Guidance

### Welcome to reality!

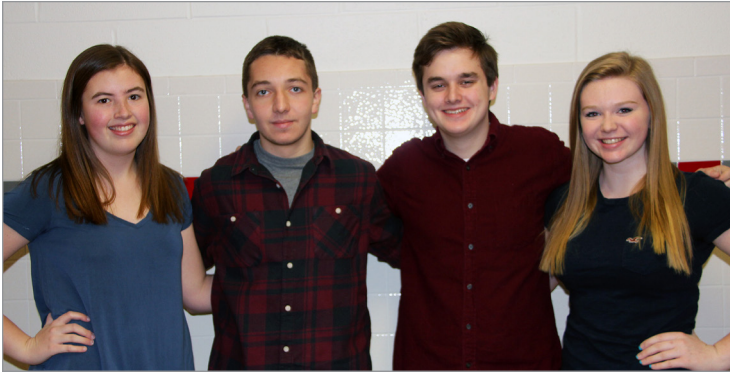
Seniors experienced a dose of reality and first-hand lessons in financial management at the "Life is a Reality" Expo on March 10 in the library.

"Life is a Reality" gives students an interactive, authentic experience as they learn to manage money in "real life" situations. With a chosen occupation, entry level salary and a check register, each student navigated through 10 booths simulating real life situations and necessities such as paying rent, buying a car and paying for groceries. Reality set in with life twists, including the reality of paying for their own cell phones bills and entertainment plus unexpected expenses. The students learned that managing their money in the real world isn't as easy as they may think.

Students prepared for the event through economic/government classes. The expo is co-sponsored by Visions Federal Credit Union and the CV guidance department.



### Student conference attendees selected



*l-r: Shannon Giblin, Brandon Kipp, Daniel Norris, Emily Friends*

#### Rotary Youth Leadership Conference

Emily Friends, Shannon Giblin, Brandon Kipp and Daniel Norris were selected to represent CV at this year's Rotary Youth Leadership Conference (RYLA) to be held at SUNY Oneonta in late June.

Aimed at developing the leadership potential of young men and women, the conference features many challenging activities, including workshops, speakers, discussions, sports, music and news reporting. Topics focus on decision-making, critical thinking, effective communication, ethics, public service, contemporary problems and career development.

#### Girls' State Conference

Hollis Krisko was selected for this year's 2016 Girls' State Conference in June at SUNY Brockport. Girls State is a hands-on workshop on government, the political process, and leadership. It is a non-partisan School of Government through which the American Legion Auxiliary attempts to educate young women in the duties, rights, and responsibilities of American citizens.

In one week, the Girls' State citizens build a government of a mythical 51st state, from the local to state level. They participate in campaigns, rallies, speeches, platforms and various legislative committees, as well as create bills. The students come as strangers and leave as friends, confident of their role and duties as citizens in a democratic society.



*Hollis Krisko*

#### Boys' State Conference

Jack Riegal was selected to represent CV at this year's 2016 Boys' State Conference in June at SUNY Morrisville State College. Boys' State is a week-long Leadership Action Program, sponsored by the American Legion, where high school juniors participate in a practical government experience designed to develop a working knowledge of the structure of government.

Program objectives include developing civic leadership and pride in American citizenship, fostering a keen interest in the detailed study of our government, encouraging young citizens to have determination to maintain our form of government and to develop an understanding of American traditions and a belief in the United States.



*Jack Riegal*

### Does your middle schooler have a smartphone?



If you have given — or are just about to give — your adolescent a smartphone, then it's an excellent time to establish ground rules for how your middle schooler is allowed to use that device. Here are six online safety tips for parents of middle school students — and younger students too!—courtesy of Stephen Balkam, founder and CEO of Family Internet Safety Institute.

**1. Talk with your child.** Conversation is key when it comes to online safety. Parents should expect that their middle schoolers will see or hear something you wish they wouldn't — and perhaps even do things you wish they wouldn't — so it's key to keep the lines of communication open, so you can use those as teachable moments.

**2. Educate yourself.** There are two easy ways to do this. Jump right in, by signing up for social media and other apps your middle schooler wants to use. And asking questions: What is Instagram? What is SnapChat? What are your friends using it for? This will help keep you updated on what your child is doing online.

**3. Use parental controls** and monitor your child's use of the device. Find out what parental control options are available for your child's smartphone device. Also be sure to check the settings on their apps (in general, the more private the better). Lastly, Internet safety in middle school requires parents to be aware of how often their adolescent is using a screen.

**4. Set ground rules.** Establish a curfew (i.e. no electronics after 9 p.m.) and after curfew, all electronics are stashed away — not in the bedroom — and charged up overnight. Follow up with consequences when rules are not followed.

**5. Friend and follow, but don't stalk.** Parents of middle schoolers should friend or follow their children online, but be upfront about it. If you are finding that they are making inappropriate posts — stay calm — and use as a teachable moment. Parents should also be aware that most social media platforms do not allow children under 13.

**6. Most importantly, be a good digital role model.** Be mindful of what you are posting as well. Remember that online safety for middle school starts at home.

Stephen Balkam is founder and CEO of the Family Internet Safety Institute. Visit [FOSI.org](http://FOSI.org) to find many resources for online safety for middle school students. <http://yourteenmag.com>

### Making the move from high school to college



First year college students will quickly discover that college is very different from high school. There will be new academic demands, many competing and tempting diversions, freedom to go or not go to class and many other exciting opportunities. There is a lot to know and even more to do.

How can new students be sure that they are getting off to the best start possible? There are so many resources available to students that they need to take advantage of. Get to know your academic advisor, resident advisors, and faculty members. Take advantage of the career/counseling center, speak to other students and ask for assistance.

Building relationships can make the difference between students who "survived" and those who "thrived" during college. Here is some advice from current college sophomores and juniors at the University of Rochester:

- Don't worry about how people around you are doing – just focus on doing the best you can
- It's OK to say "no."
- You don't have to know everything now.
- No one will wake you up in the morning.
- Take an art class.
- Trust yourself.
- School IS a full-time job.
- Take a study skills course even if you don't think you need one!
- Visit your professors during office hours.



# Annual Ice Cream Social & Band Concert

Wednesday, June 1 - 6:30 p.m.



**NOTE LOCATION CHANGE:** Middle/High School Staff Parking Lot  
(main entrance area of MS/HS)

Featuring the Concert Bands of grades 5 - 12. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, relax, listen to the music and enjoy a summer treat! In the event of rain, the concert will be in the MS/HS Auditorium.

For a \$3 donation, you can enjoy a dish of ice cream, a cookie and a drink. Proceeds benefit the BaCh senior scholarships, in addition to supporting the music program & activities.

**"Bottles for BaCh" donations will be accepted at the Ice Cream Social.**

**Please remember**

The Bottles for BaCh red collection box is located in the MS/HS staff parking lot. Donations of deposit cans and bottles can be dropped off anytime during the year. Proceeds benefit the students in CV band, chorus & theater programs.



*Thank you for your continued support!*



## ~ Upcoming school music performances ~

All concerts to be held at 7 p.m. in the CV High School Auditorium.

**May 3 - Chenango Bridge Jump into Spring Concert**  
featuring the Fourth-grade Chorus, Fifth-grade Chorus and Fifth-grade band

**May 5 - Middle School Spring Concert**  
featuring the Sixth-grade Chorus and Band, Grade 7-8 Chorus and Band and MS Jazz Band

**May 11 - High School Spring Concert**  
featuring HS Choir and Concert Band and honoring our graduating seniors

## Music & Art

### Theater Guild's "All Shook Up!" delights audiences

*C'mon everybody, Let's Rock!* And so they did! The enthusiastic audiences were captivated as the talented students performed the Elvis-inspired musical *All Shook Up!* A troupe of over 100 (students, directors, and parent and community volunteers) did a fabulous job producing *rockin'* performances! It certainly was a hand-clapping, foot-stomping and even at times a sing-along show!

With an earlier than usual show date and a seven week rehearsal timeframe, teamwork was the name of the game. The commitment shown to this year's production, along with the dedication and hard work by many volunteers, was truly amazing. The work on scenic sets actually started in October in order to be ready!



Photo courtesy of Don & Tina Kunkel

The Theater Guild would like to thank the dedicated, dependable, and hardworking parent and community volunteers supporting the students and the program. They are a multi-faceted production and technical staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes making an incredible foundation to our program. A special thanks goes out to the local businesses and patrons who supported the Theater Guild by advertising in the program and loaning us props.

Thank you CV community, parents and friends for supporting the Theater Guild.

- Carole Stanley & Elaine Pierce

### High school artists win Excellence awards

Congratulations to three CVHS students who earned awards of excellence in the Broome County Arts Council's High School Emerging Artists Competition and were honored at a County Legislature meeting April 21. Mr. Robert Zanot is the art teacher for all three students.

Awards were presented to:

Mia Hause - Excellence in Line & Color: "Thistle" (Markers)

Megan Proutey - Excellence in Originality: "Googly Eyes" (Watercolor & Ink)

Kayla Ferris - Excellence in Use of Media: Kayla Ferris, "Emerging" (Scratchboard)



"Thistle" by Mia Hause



"Googly Eyes" by Megan Proutey



"Emerging" by Kayla Ferris

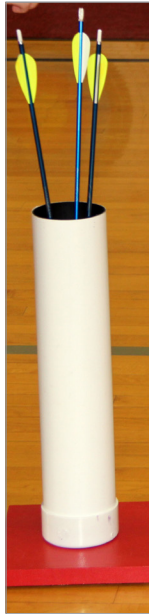
# Athletics

## DEC grant brings archery program

Our High School physical education classes have implemented a new unit on archery, thanks to a grant from the New York State Department of Conservation. Four CV physical education teachers -- Mr. Berg, Ms. Edwards, Mr. Klein, and Mrs. Lyons -- were trained in the DEC's National Archery in the Schools program last year, and several CVHS classes are currently participating in the unit. The district received an archery equipment package through the program.

The purpose of the program is to educate young people on an outdoor skill that will hopefully inspire them to spend more time in the outdoors. In addition, archery is an excellent lifelong skill and can be enjoyed competitively.

The archery equipment package included 12 Genesis compound bows, arrows, safety net, equipment repair kit and a bow rack that can be locked when not in use. Special thanks to Mr. Kucharski who made the 10 quivers out of PVC and a wood base so students can shoot with their own quiver.



## Athletes enjoying new fields

The spring sports season is well underway, and our students, coaches and spectators are thoroughly enjoying the beautiful new athletic fields. Come out and see a game!

For the complete athletic schedule, visit the athletics section of the district website.



## Chenango Valley Golf Fundraiser Tournament

Sunday, July 17, 2016  
8 a.m. shotgun start

CV's home course - Belden Hill Golf Club  
Captain and Crew format (4 man scramble)

\$80/player, \$320/team  
Includes golf, cart, dinner, prizes

Call/text/email Coach Henderson if interested:  
(607) 725-0992 / henderson.mike.c@gmail.com



## CV Athletic Booster Club Golf Fundraiser Tournament

Sunday August 21, 2016  
Belden Hill, 1:30 p.m. shotgun start.

The Chenango Valley Athletic Booster Club (CVAC) is holding the first annual golf tournament fundraiser to continue their mission of enhancing & supporting the CV athletic department & athletic programs for all CV student athletes.

If you are interested in entering a team, sponsoring a hole or donating door prizes, please contact CVAC President Bill Phillips for more information: [bphillipsjr@airtempvac.com](mailto:bphillipsjr@airtempvac.com)  
We hope you will join us in supporting this event. We will have a lot of fun while helping our student athletes!



## CV grad wins college swim honor



Chenango Valley graduate Kurt Grunder who swims for Providence College, was honored with the David Hardy Coaches' Award. This award honors the male and female athletes who exhibit those qualities which Hardy brought to the swimming and diving team: loyalty, dedication, good sportsmanship, and outstanding effort in the pool and in the classroom.

Grunder is the most versatile swimmer ever for Providence, and is a three-time Big East scorer for the Friars. He is a 2013 CVHS graduate.

## Jacob Lehr to wrestle for Cornell

CV wrestler Jacob Lehr plans to continue his academic and athletic career at Cornell University, one of the top academic and wrestling institutions in the country. The Cornell wrestling team has won 14 straight Ivy League titles, a span of 73 unbeaten league matches and won their 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive EIWA conference title this past March, sending 9 out of 10 wrestlers to the NCAA tournament. At the NCAA tournament, Cornell finished in seventh place and crowned two National Champions and three All-Americans. Cornell has finished in the top 10 in the country every year for the past 12 years.

Jacob finished his CV career fifth on the all-time wins list with 149 wins in four seasons. He was a four-time section place winner, four-time STAC All-Star, and four-time Class B finalist. He has an 99.6 GPA and will graduate with 30 college credits and attends the New Visions Business Academy. He plans to compete at 125 lbs. for the Big Red and will study Industrial and Labor Relations with a concentration in Business Analytics.



## Warrior athletes help Port Dickinson celebrate baseball

Several players from Chenango Valley's baseball and softball teams paid a special visit to Port Dickinson to help kindergartners kick off baseball season. The Warrior athletes had all attended Port Dickinson, and talked about their time at the school. They encouraged the younger students to work hard and follow their dreams and become Warriors themselves. Players attending the event were Jenny Carr, Mike Distin, Sam Ferry, Jaren Moss, Mark Mullins, Alexis Phillips and Ryan Phillips.

The Warriors mascot and Ballwinkle from the Binghamton Mets were there to join in the fun!



# Port Dickinson Elementary

Spring has sprung here at Port Dickinson and everyone is looking forward to some warmer days. We had our annual poetry recitation in which we chose two second-graders, Caden Hoyt from Mrs. Huyck's class and Lauren Vesci from Mrs. Shelepak's class to represent Port Dickinson at the annual countywide Eleanor Henricks Poetry Recitation for Children April 30.



Jim Pritchard, principal,  
Port Dickinson Elem.

Mrs. Mika's MATH Intervention group studied money math concepts. The students developed, organized, and ran a working Lemonade Stand. The money raised was used to purchase books, toys, games, arts and crafts that were donated to Lourdes Hospital for the pediatric waiting room. In all, the "Lemonade Stand Kids" raised \$209.11 and delivered three full baskets of donations. Representatives from Lourdes Hospital came to meet the kids and participate in the Afternoon Program with the first and second-grade students.

PTA sponsored a "Walk to the Stars" evening with mothers and sons. The boys from Port Dickinson and Chenango Bridge brought their mother or another special grown up to dance to music, watch some juggling and have some treats. It was a successful evening.

Kindergarten classes celebrated opening day of baseball with a special morning program. The students sang "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," and had the Warrior and Ballwinkle mascots along with some of our own baseball and softball players from Chenango Valley there to help celebrate. The children were thrilled. They also had a visit from the Binghamton Zoomobile, giving children the opportunity to meet and learn about several types of animals, such as a fox, ferret, tortoise and a snake. Our Pre-Kindergarten had a visit from Animal Adventure and had the opportunity to learn about many different animals.

Finally, I would like to thank all of those who helped raise money for Jump Rope for Heart for the American Heart Association. At Port Dickinson we had 194 students participate by raising over \$8,515.50 dollars for this great cause.

Have a super spring!

## Students learn about gardening for PD park project

For over 12 years, retired teachers Ed and Kay Corcoran have volunteered in our schools, teaching students about seeds, plants and gardening. The Corcorans recently visited our second-graders to help them participate in a vegetable and flower garden project to be completed at Port Dickinson's Wilfley Park.



Students learned about seeds, germination, root systems and the life cycle of plants.

## The Lemonade Stand Kids!

As a way for students to learn about giving to their community, Mrs. Mika created a student-lead project based on a lemonade stand sale. A group of second-grade students sold lemonade and snacks during their lunch block on Feb. 16. The students chose to give back to kids in the hospital and all money raised was used to purchase toys, books, games, coloring supplies, etc. for the Family Room on the Pediatrics Unit at Lourdes Hospital.

The Lemonade Stand sale -- along with donations to the cause -- raised \$209.77, which was used to purchase coloring books, craft supplies, markers, crayons, books, table games like checkers, chess sets and more. During a special Afternoon Program at PD, representatives from Lourdes Hospital came to thank the students and collect the gifts.



## Port Dickinson Elementary

### Students shine in PD Poetry Recitation

Stepping up to a microphone to speak in a room full of people can be nerve-racking for many adults, yet Port Dickinson students made it look easy at the school's recent Poetry Recitation.

Student representatives from each class recited a poem to an audience of classmates, teachers, parents and grandparents.

A panel of judges selected Caden Hoyt and Lauren Vesci as the two winners to represent Port Dickinson at the 26th annual Eleanor Henricks Poetry Celebration April 30 at Binghamton High School's Helen Foley Theatre.

Congratulations to all of our participants, you did a great job!



Caden Hoyt



Lauren Vesci

### Students Skype with teacher's daughter in Israel

Mrs. Sweeney's second-graders got a chance to Skype and learn many things about Israel and technology. Mrs. Sweeney's daughter Nicole (Sweeney) Allen is currently living in Israel with her husband Mike Allen as he finishes his medical degree. Mrs. Sweeney's other daughter Caitlyn had an opportunity to visit her sister in Israel, and while they were both there, Mrs. Sweeney's class talked with both daughters via Skype.



Nicole Sweeney Allen talks with her mother's students via Skype.

After learning how to handle the technical difficulties that often accompany overseas communication, the students excitedly asked many questions about Israel. They were able to get a variety of perspectives on Israel's geography, culture, food, weather, animals, and more!



Mrs. Sweeney's class

# Chenango Bridge Elementary

We have finally made it to spring! It is great to see the sunshine, warmer temperatures, and longer daylight each day. We have had many events at Chenango Bridge Elementary School recently. Here's some of our highlights:

- \* On March 16 we had our annual "Spring into Poetry" Recitation. Two students were selected to represent Chenango Bridge at the Eleanor Hendricks County-Wide Poetry Recitation on April 30 at Binghamton High School.
- \* We have completed our Common Periodic Assessment in ELA and math for this school year. The information we get from these assessments is very helpful to differentiate instruction and develop strategies to help students be successful.
- \* In April, we administered the New York State Assessments in ELA and math. In addition, students in grade four will take the NYS Science (Performance) test June 1-2 and the NYS Science (Written) test on June 6.
- \* The Science Fair at Chenango Bridge will be on May 10. More details will follow soon.



Mary Beth Hammond,  
principal, Chenango  
Bridge Elementary

In addition to the wonderful learning opportunities our students engage in daily, we all continue to focus on safety. Please make sure that you follow the safety/security procedures that are shared monthly in our building newsletter.

Please take time to look at our two new "Family Resource Center" areas at CB. One is located near the Main Office and one is located near the gym. As the CB Strategic Planning Team continues to develop home-school communications and connections, we encourage you to take advantage of these valuable handouts, resources and information.

Thank you for working with all of the faculty and staff here at CB. Communication is key to the success and your support is very much appreciated! Enjoy the beauty of spring!

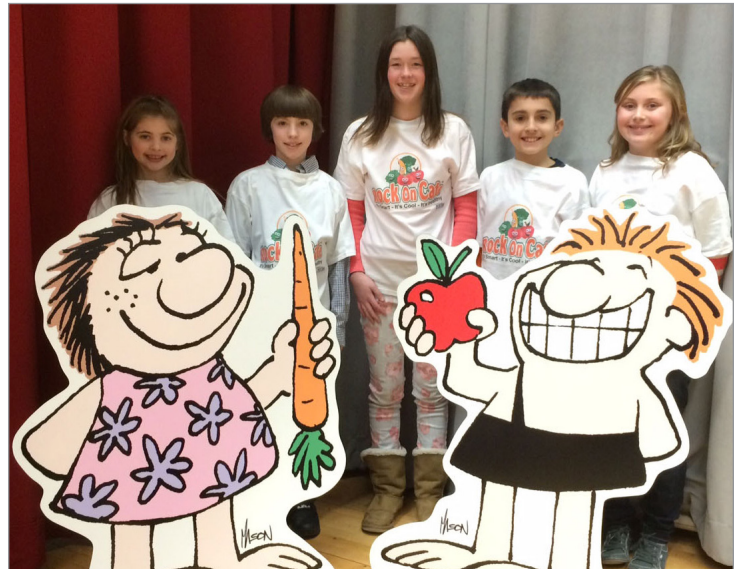
## Learning a bubblicious skill



Students in Miss Campbell's and Mrs. Clark's classes have been busy chewing gum and blowing bubbles, without getting into any trouble!

The gum-chewing was part of an activity to help students use their knowledge of sequence writing. They wrote step-by-step directions on EXACTLY how to blow a bubble! In addition to building writing skills, many children left class that day with a brand-new skill...blowing the perfect bubble!!

## CB students tape Rock on Cafe spot



Five CB students represented the Chenango Valley Central School District by participating in the "Rock On Cafe" video segments for Newschannel 34. The students were given a scripted lunch menu and used their own unique personality to read it.

The students participating were: Grace Sabol, grade 3, Mrs. Cortright's class; Haley Smith, grade 4, Mrs. Clark's class; Kate Hope, grade 5, Mrs. Reardon's class; Lucas Baier, grade 5, Mrs. Ryder's class; and Garrett Andersen, grade 5, Ms. Smith's class.

The segments aired during the week of March 28. Congratulations to all for a job well done!

# Chenango Bridge Elementary

## “Spring into Poetry”

Our annual “Spring Into Poetry” Recitation was held March 16. Two students from each classroom were selected to recite a published poem of their choice. Judges were Mr. Dave Gill, Mrs. Jo-Anne Klenovic, Miss Ann Szymaniak, and Mrs. Cathy Fitzgerald, who selected Leah Riquier and Jeter King to represent Chenango Bridge at the Eleanor Henricks Poetry Recitation on April 30 at Binghamton High School. Jeter was unable to attend, so third-place winner Jessica Gates attended instead.

Thank you to the CB Poetry Committee -- Mrs. Vescei, Mrs. Reardon, Mrs. Liburdi, and Miss Pierce for organizing the event.



Jeter King



Leah Riquier



Jessica Gates

## Irish dancers entertain



Dancers from the Johnston School of Irish Dance performed at CB on St. Patrick’s Day. Addisyn Charpinsky (pictured in center above) from Mrs. Van Houten’s fourth-grade class was a part of the group that entertained our school.

## CB raises thousands for Heart Fund

Chenango Bridge recently participated in the American Heart Association’s Jump Rope for Heart program in physical education classes. This year, 111 students participated in the fundraising efforts and collected a total of \$11,782 for the American Heart Association! Once again, Jessica Gates was the top fundraiser with a whopping \$4,205!

Approximately 50 students were rewarded for raising \$100 or more with a Glow in the Dark 11 Base Game Day after school, and Mrs. Zanot’s class received a lunchtime pizza party, courtesy of Mrs. Price and Mr. Hoffman, for being the top fundraising class. More than 50% of her class participated in the program.

Also, CB recently collected spare change in our “Superbowls” for the American Heart Association. On Feb. 2, students and staff wore our red Heart Association pins and their favorite sports apparel. The effort raised \$215. Great job, CB students and staff!

## PE classes teach team skills & concepts

Our fifth-grade physical education classes just completed an exciting volleyball unit utilizing the Seidentopp Sports Education Model to enhance learning and skill development. Students were selected to teams, chose the captains, trainers, team names and developed uniforms and built posters in support of their team. They competed in games during class, and then with a tournament. Class champions then competed and a school champion was declared.

The champions, the “Flaming Dolphins,” were from Mr. Gulbin’s and Mrs. Ryder’s class. Team members include Khammaneh Weather, Angelo Mitchell, Aiden Butora, Bridgett McLain, and Chase Hanyon.

## 3rd-graders “Ask a Scientist”

Two CB third-graders recently posed questions featured in the Press & Sun-Bulletin’s “Ask a Scientist” column.

Ashland Craig asked “What are ancient artifacts?” and Haley Jean Trisket asked “Why do some animals turn white in winter?”



Haley Jean Trisket



Ashland Craig

*CB students are inquisitive!*

# Middle School

Spring has finally arrived and the Middle School has been positively whirring with activity as we enter the fourth and final marking period. The 6th, 7th and 8th graders just completed the NYS Assessments in ELA and mathematics. Students did a terrific job and we all survived without a scratch!

After the last assessments, we held our Annual Post Assessment Activity Day. Using iPads, students completed a survey and selected five different activities from options that included Board Games, Coloring, Glam Room, Kickball, Lawn Games, Reading, Scavenger Hunt, Trivia, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Walking, Whiffle Ball and Yoga. The students rotated to the different activity stations, a great time was had by all. A huge thank you goes to all of the faculty and staff who made this afternoon possible. A special thanks to School Counselor Mrs. Deb Lally, who administered the student survey results and created the afternoon's schedules.



Eric E. Attleson, principal  
CV Middle School

As the warm weather is upon us, I would like to remind parents to assist their child in making proper clothing choices. Outfits such tube tops, tank tops, midriff tops, spaghetti straps and other revealing clothing is **not** allowed. Shorts or skirts must be at or below fingertips in length with the arms placed there sides. If students are wearing such articles of clothing they will be asked to change into more appropriate school dress. Please take the time in the morning to make sure your child's outfit is appropriate for school. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the school if you have any questions or concerns. Your support throughout the year is essential to your child's success.

### Upcoming Events in the Middle School:

May 5 – MS Spring Concert, 7 p.m. in the Auditorium.

May 13 – Half-day for students, dismissal at 11 a.m.

May 25 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade NYS Science Performance exam.

## Scenes from CVMS



Post-Assessment Activity Day



Jared Campbell  
Performance



Cardboard  
Boat Races



# Middle School

## Students and Good Citizen of the Month January 2016



Front, l-r: Ainsley Staub, Rylie Miller, Abigail Pepples, Eric Jewson  
Back, l-r: Anthony Grubham, Kendra Potenziano, Caleb Frost, Teagan Nester, Zachary Gialanella

### Students of the Month January

#### 6th Grade Team:

Eric Jewson  
Ainsley Staub

Good Citizen:  
Rylie Miller

#### 7th Grade Team:

Caleb Frost  
Kendra Potenziano

Good Citizen:  
Anthony Grubham

#### 8th Grade Team:

Abigail Pepples  
Teagan Nester

Good Citizen:  
Zachary Gialanella

### Our Students of the Month CARE about CV

C - Commitment A - Attitude R - Responsibility E - Enthusiasm

## Students and Good Citizen of the Month February 2016



Front, l-r: Aaron Dundon, Joshua Miller, Braedyn Vinsevich, Ryan Atkinson  
Back, l-r: Mikayla Bucci, Dominick Lomonaco, Alexzander Figueroa, Samantha Scott, Samuel Bozuhoski

### Students of the Month February

#### 6th Grade Team:

Mikayla Bucci  
Braedyn Vinsevich

Good Citizen:  
Joshua Miller

#### 7th Grade Team:

Samantha Scott  
Aaron Dundon

Good Citizen:  
Ryan Atkinson

#### 8th Grade Team:

Samuel Bozuhoski  
Dominick Lomonaco

Good Citizen:  
Alexander Figueroa

## High School

In a few short weeks we will begin the end of the year exercises at CVHS. Local exams will begin after Memorial Day. Regent's Exams will begin in June and graduation will be held in the newly renovated athletic stadium on Friday June 24 at 7 p.m. The Prom will be held June 3 at Genegantslet Golf Course. Before you know it, the 2015-2016 school year will be behind us, but before we finish this year, I have a few reminders.

As the weather begins to turn warm and the sun shines on Chenango Valley, students will get anxious to go outside and break free from the cabin fever they have been dealing with for the past several months. Students will want to wear their summer clothing to school. All students must be reminded of the Chenango Valley dress code which states:

"A student's dress, grooming and appearance shall recognize that objectionable or immodest clothing is not permitted." This would include but not limited to extremely brief garments such as tube tops, net tops, low necklines (front and/or back), see-through garments, "spaghetti" strap and bare mid-tops. Shorts must come down on the leg to the lowest point where the arms hang down by their sides. Clothing must ensure that underwear and cleavage are completely covered."

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

When the weather turns warm, students start to think about summer vacation. If your child is struggling in a particular subject, **NOW** is the time to get help. Don't wait until June to address the problem. Have your child take advantage of help from our staff during the day and during remedial periods. Putting in quality time and effort now through June will make the final exams much less intimidating. Please impress upon your child to make a strong final push to finish the year doing their best! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Terry Heller, Executive Principal



Terry Heller, principal  
CV Senior High School



### Students study carbon dioxide output

Recently, Mr. Reed's college environmental science class conducted an inquiry into the amount of carbon dioxide produced by cars parked in the high school campus lots.

The students collected the make, model and year of each car before researching the amount of carbon dioxide produced with each mile traveled. The results are startling. On average, each car produces 140 kg of carbon dioxide each year, or just over 300 pounds. Also, the average fuel consumption among cars surveyed is 640 gallons per year. Data on your own car can be found at [fuelconomy.gov](http://fuelconomy.gov).

### Former Duster visits local history class

Former Broome Duster hockey player Max Hansen paid a special visit to Mr. Tiddick's Current Events/Local History class after the students watched and discussed WSKG's movie, *The Dusters*.

Max played 55 games for the Dusters from 1973 to 1975. He also played for the St. Catherine's Black Hawks of the Ontario Hockey Association, and was an 11th round draft pick for the Minnesota North Stars.



When the Broome Dusters first came to the area, Max and his teammates helped teach the community about hockey. The community embraced the team and the sport.

"Even though we didn't even make the playoffs, the fact that they supported us like that is something I will never forget," said Max.

As a young player, he fell in love with the Binghamton area and decided to make it his home. His son Brian played baseball for Chenango Valley (he still holds several records) and in 2002 became one of the first student athletes here to sign a letter of intent to play Division I baseball after CV won the STAC championship. He played four years at LeMoyné College.

Max coached both of his sons, Brian and Mike, for CV hockey in the early 2000's.

Students enjoyed hearing Max's story about the early years of hockey in Broome County, and his opinions about how much the game has changed.



## High School

### CVHS CANstruction® team wins People's Choice Award

A team of students led by teacher Ms. Amanda Church participated in the CANstruction competition in April at the Oakdale Mall. Canstruction® is an international hunger-relief competition in which teams compete to design and build giant structures made entirely from full cans of food.

This is the first year that CV has entered a team in the competition. Their structure, called "Check-Mate Hunger," was voted as the winner in the People's Choice category.

The canned food used in each structure will be distributed through CHOW to emergency food programs throughout Broome County including food pantries, soup kitchens, and other community meal programs.

Students on the CANstruction team were: Eric Brom, Emma Crooks, Rohit "Charlie" Duggal, Hannah Grunder, Mia Hause, Peter Jensen, Brandon Kipp, Nick Ostrom and Nick Pert. The team partnered with representatives from the Oakdale Mall on the project.

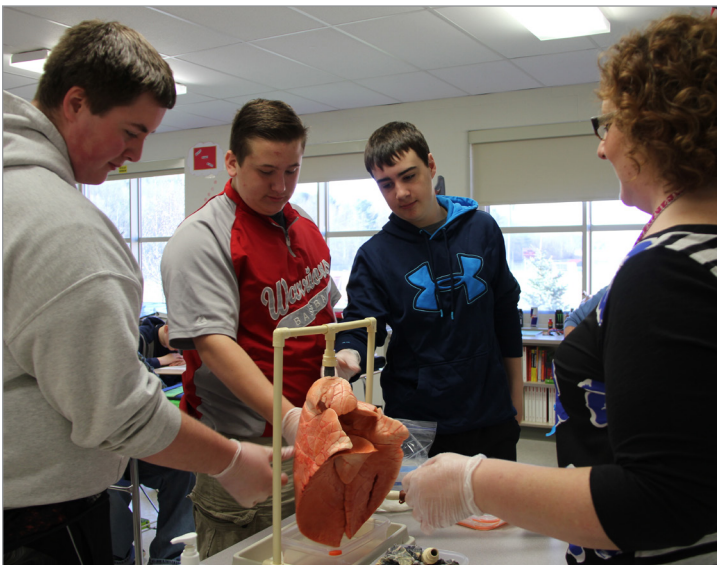
Pictured at right is the team's CANstruction creation. Awesome! Congratulations and great job to Ms. Church and her team.



### Students see nicotine damage first-hand

A representative from the Lourdes Alcohol and Drug Education Prevention Team (ADEPT) recently visited Mr. Stanton's health classes to talk to students about the perils of smoking.

To illustrate the lung damage caused by smoking, the students viewed two examples of a pig's lungs -- one healthy set and one exposed to nicotine. The differences were startling. ADEPT works in conjunction with schools and other community agencies to provide prevention education services to youth and families.



# High School

## Spanish & Latin Clubs hit the Big Apple



On April 8, the Spanish Fast Forward Club members traveled to New York City with the Latin Club. The two groups partook in the first activity of the day together at the Cloisters Museum in Fort Tryon Park in the Washington Heights section of Upper Manhattan, where they were given a private tour of the museum's extensive collection of art, architecture and reconstructed gardens from medieval Europe.

Later, the Latin club continued on to the Metropolitan Museum of Art with Magistra Perry and Magistra Haskell to visit the Greek and Roman Gallery, and other exhibits of their choice. The Spanish Fast Forward members, in turn, enjoyed a native Colombian lunch at the Dulce de Vida Café on the Upper East Side with el Señor.

The group was later spotted on set in Central Park where filming began on their upcoming untitled short. When asked for details on the project, the cast remarked: "No queremos que se sepa ningún detalle en cuanto a la película hasta que se terminen todas las escenas."

The Spanish Fast Forward club takes this opportunity to thank the Latin Club and Magistra Perry for their collaboration and immense generosity.



Latin teacher Magistra Perry with some of her students in NYC.

## Board of Education Candidate

(one seat open: one (1) five-year term, July 1, 2016-June 30, 2021)

### Casey Egan Doyle

My name is Casey Egan Doyle and I am asking for your vote to become a member of the Chenango Valley Board of Education.



I am a graduate of CV and when my husband Patrick and I settled back in Binghamton we decided to buy a house in the Chenango Valley District so our children could experience the quality, small school education that I received. Our daughter Mary Katherine is in middle school. She is active in dance and is an altar server at St. Francis of Assisi. Our son Michael attends Chenango Bridge and was a member of the 7-8 football team that won the "Super Bowl" last fall.

I graduated from Chenango Valley in 1991, received a B.A. from Colgate University, a J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law and a Master's Degree in Elementary and Special Education from Binghamton University.

I am currently a Confidential Law Clerk for a New York State Supreme Court Justice. For more than ten years I practiced law at a firm in Binghamton and specialized in commercial litigation and labor and employment law. I also recently worked as an assistant to the Project Manager for New York State's Social Studies Toolkit Project- the State's effort to construct a "toolkit" for teachers to use to teach college, career and civic life skills. I have served on the boards of The Family and Children's Society and The Girl Scouts - Indian Hills Council.

This school year I have been a community member of the Board's policy committee. Through reviewing CV's policies and talking with board members, administrators and teachers I have gained an understanding of the District's strengths. As a board member I would work to furnish our teachers with the tools they need to provide high quality instruction while maintaining fiscal responsibility in our challenging economic times. I look forward to working collaboratively with board members, administrators, teachers and the community to ensure Chenango Valley students are well prepared for the challenges they will face and are able to be successful adults.

My background in advising clients, identifying needs and developing solutions to problems makes me well suited for the job of a board member. The CV District is a great fit for my family and I want to make sure it is the best fit for all families in our district by serving as a member of the Board of Education.

## Board of Education Candidate

(one seat open: one (1) five-year term, July 1, 2016-June 30, 2021)

### Christopher Durdon

Nine years ago, the Durdon family selected the Chenango Valley School District as their home. It was one of the best decisions we've ever made. My wife, Marie, and I live in Chenango Bridge with our two children, Alexis and Abigail, who attend Chenango Bridge and Port Dickinson Elementary Schools. We love the schools, the community, and the warmth of our friends and neighbors. It is truly a wonderful place to raise a family.



Now, I would like to contribute whatever skills and abilities I possess to the greater success of CV Schools. I have a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Education from SUNY Cortland as well as a degree in Educational Administration. I currently serve as the Director of Physical Education, Athletics and Operations for the Windsor School District. As the Director of Operations, I supervise both the Transportation and Buildings & Grounds departments. This will be my 20<sup>th</sup> year in education serving as a classroom teacher, coach of numerous sports, and administrator. My entire career and focus has been serving students, parents and school communities.

During my 20 year career in education, I have obtained many certifications and completed many courses related to serving schools including: Certified Pool Operator, Registered Athletic Administrator, and the Superintendent Development Program. I currently serve on the NYS Public High School Athletic Association Executive Committee and I am an officer in the Section IV Athletic Association. In addition, I am a past President of the Chapter Four Athletic Administrators Association and KYDS Coalition.

I have also been involved with several community organizations. This year I had the pleasure of serving as a community representative on the CV Transportation Committee. I have also been active in the Chenango Bridge Civic Association for the past 6 years serving as the President for the last two years. Being active in community events has afforded me the opportunity to meet and get to know many children and families across the entire CV School District. Being active within the community has given me the perspective to represent kids' and family's needs and concerns at the BOE level.

Schools are my passion. Education has been my life. My entire career has been spent experiencing the day-to-day real life immersion in the business of making school districts run smoothly. My experience has been real and practical, not theoretical. With your vote, I can help the CV School District move forward to benefit the children, staff, and tax payers of this community. Thank you.

## Board of Education Candidate

(one seat open: one (1) five-year term, July 1, 2016-June 30, 2021)

### Jennifer Perney

I'm very excited to be running for the Chenango Valley School Board. My husband and I moved to Chenango Bridge 10 years ago from downstate. Not being a native of the area, we researched the different neighborhoods and school districts and chose Chenango Valley. We are very happy with the decision we made for our family.



Originally from across the border in PA, I graduated from Montrose High School. I received my B.S. degree in Human Development and Family Studies, with a focus on Children, Youth and Family Services, from Penn State University. It is there I met my husband, Frank Perney. After leaving State College, PA, we lived in Westchester County until 2006 when we moved north.

I have worked in the early childhood field since college. I started in childcare center classrooms, working with school-age children after school, and also with preschoolers, toddlers, and infants. I was a childcare center director prior to moving to this area. For the last almost 10 years, I have worked for Family Enrichment Network, a local non-profit, as the Child Care Resource and Referral Director. In that capacity, I supervise a department of staff that help parents find childcare and help childcare programs improve their quality. As the director, I network with agencies across the state and advocate for quality childcare options for parents.

I understand the early childhood years and the needs of young children, which will be an asset on the Chenango Valley School Board. The social-emotional developmental needs of the early years are often neglected, which can lead to behavioral issues. Practices which are developmentally inappropriate for young children can also lead to problems. I can bring this perspective to the board, to fight for our youngest children.

I currently serve on the board of the Binghamton Association for the Education of Young Children, the Building Brighter Futures for Broome Coalition, the Early Learning Network of Broome and Tioga, and the state-wide organization Early Care and Learning Council. I believe all these experiences provide me with a unique knowledge of educational leadership.

Frank and I have 3 children currently in the CV School District. Colin is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Samantha is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and Reagan is in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. I am personally invested in maintaining a quality school and improving what can be improved upon. I would appreciate your support for the open school board position.

## Bus Proposition



Voters will be asked to consider a proposition to purchase six vehicles for the district fleet: one (1) propane-fueled, 66-passenger bus with undercarriage, three (3) 30-passenger mini buses and two (2) 7-passenger SUVs. The total cost will not exceed \$400,000.

Chenango Valley has a fleet of approximately 30 buses, with a long-range plan to replace an average of three buses each year as they reach 10 years or 100,000 miles. Due to a few unsuccessful bus propositions, we fell behind in the replacement plan and a number of buses were no longer under warranty. As a result, we have had to replace more than three buses in several propositions in order to catch up.

In this year's plan, the purchase of smaller buses and sport utility vehicles will help us to improve efficiency for certain routes and athletic trips.

This purchase plan includes one propane-fueled school bus. If the bus performs as we expect, we will consider replacing more diesel fueled buses with additional propane fueled buses. In recent years, an increasing number of school districts have been looking to bring alternative fuel solutions to their fleet, with propane being the leading alternative fuel choice among school districts nationwide.

### Transportation aid reimbursement

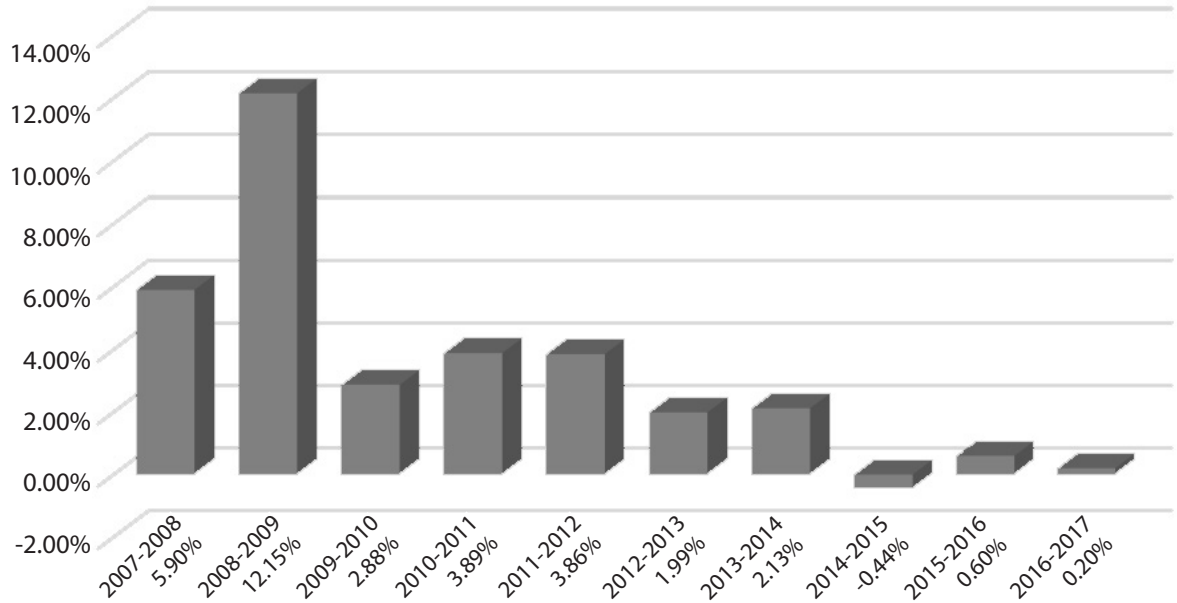
The bus that we have selected mimics the characteristics of traditional diesel powered buses but should save on fuel cost, reduce noise, heat, and vibration, and require less maintenance -- all while moving toward less dependency on foreign oil.

Bus purchases, including finance costs, are aidable at the district's transportation aid ratio, which is approximately 75%. This means that the district will be reimbursed for approximately 75% of the costs incurred through this bus purchase plan.



# 2016 - 2017 Budget Information

## Annual Tax Levy Change - 10 Years



## Tax Levy Increase

The 2016-2017 proposed budget is supported by a total tax levy increase of \$38,063. This is the maximum that we can raise our taxes without the approval of a supermajority (60 percent) of voters. This increase on our current levy of \$18,603,734 represents a 0.20 percent increase, which is less than one-quarter of one percent.

### Impact when Basic STAR is applied

The impact of this .020 percent increase on the annual tax bill of a home valued at \$100,000 would be approximately \$6 *before* any STAR savings is applied.

New York has budgeted an increase in the STAR school tax savings this year. As a result, homeowners with Basic STAR would see a DECREASE of approximately \$10 on a home valued at \$100,000.

	with no STAR	with Basic STAR
Taxes	\$2,731	\$1,921
STAR Savings	\$0	\$810
Tax increase	\$6	-\$10

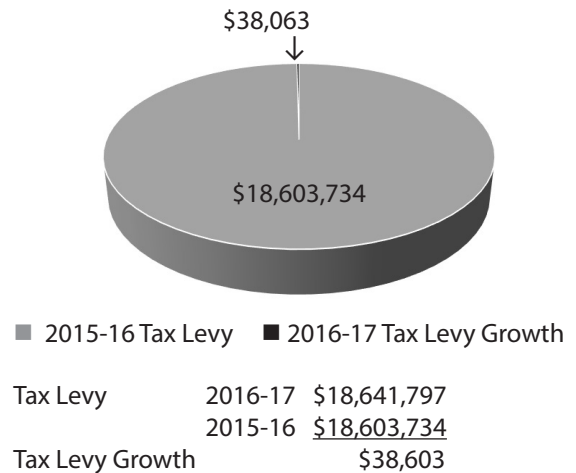
(based on a Town of Chenango home valued at \$100,000)

### Equalization Rate impact

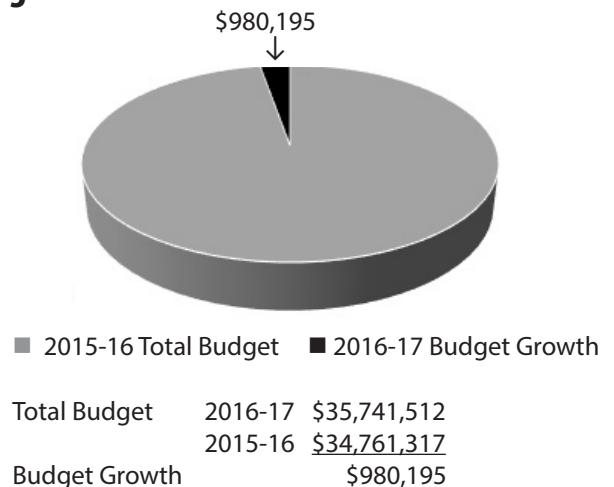
Every homeowner's tax bill is impacted by changes in Equalization Rates that are assigned by NYS to every town each summer prior to school tax bills being calculated. As a result of that change, each town in our school district will see a different impact on their tax bill depending on their town's change in equalization rate relative to other towns in the state.

For more information on STAR and equalization rates, please visit the NYS Office Of Real Property website at [www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property).

## Tax Levy Increase



## Budget Increase



# 2016 - 2017 Proposed Budget

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT

Function/Account	2015-2016 Approved Budget	2016-2017 Proposed Budget	Difference
Board of Education	\$28,367	\$39,196	\$10,829
District Administration	\$335,198	\$351,407	\$16,209
Business Office & Finance	\$672,270	\$695,635	\$23,365
Central Services	\$488,855	\$510,235	\$21,380
Supervision/Curriculum Dev.	\$802,076	\$864,444	\$62,368
Employee Benefits	\$945,018	\$988,304	\$43,286
<b>Total Administrative Component</b>	<b>\$3,271,784</b>	<b>\$3,449,221</b>	<b>\$177,437</b>

## CAPITAL COMPONENT

Function/Account	2015-2016 Approved Budget	2016-2017 Proposed Budget	Difference
Operations & Maintenance	\$2,479,575	\$2,194,597	\$(284,978)
Debt Service	\$2,594,994	\$2,651,329	\$56,335
Employee Benefits	\$730,068	\$727,727	\$(2,341)
Refund of Taxes	\$7,500	\$7,500	-
Interfund Transfer to Capital <i>(see page 5)</i>	\$100,000	\$100,000	-
<b>Total Capital Component</b>	<b>\$5,912,137</b>	<b>\$5,681,153</b>	<b>\$(230,984)</b>

## PROGRAM COMPONENT

Function/Account	2015-2016 Approved Budget	2016-2017 Proposed Budget	Difference
Teaching - Regular School	\$8,854,302	\$8,717,015	\$(137,287)
Instruction-Special Programs <i>(see note, page 31)</i>	\$3,771,030	\$4,834,250	\$1,063,220
Instruction - Special School	\$215,000	\$225,000	\$10,000
Instructional Media	\$1,698,244	\$1,780,755	\$82,511
Pupil Personnel Services	\$975,910	\$1,037,795	\$61,885
Co-curricular & Athletics	\$598,288	\$590,500	\$(7,788)
Transportation	\$989,440	\$1,050,463	\$61,023
Interfund Transfer Special Aid & Cafe Funds	\$20,500	\$20,500	-
Community Services	\$7,300	\$7,700	\$400
Employee Benefits	\$8,447,382	\$8,347,161	\$(100,221)
<b>Total Program Component</b>	<b>\$25,577,395</b>	<b>\$26,611,138</b>	<b>\$1,033,743</b>

	2015-2016 Approved Budget	2016-2017 Proposed Budget	Difference
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$34,761,317</b>	<b>\$35,741,512</b>	<b>\$980,195</b>

# 2016 - 2017 Proposed Budget

## ESTIMATED REVENUES

Category	2015-2016 Budgeted Revenue	2016-2017 Proposed Revenue	Difference
Tax Levy	\$18,603,734	\$18,641,797	\$38,063
State Aid	\$14,842,777	\$15,487,409	\$644,632
Other Revenue	\$964,806	\$1,062,306	\$97,500
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$250,000	\$250,000	-
Appropriated Reserves	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$200,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$34,761,317</b>	<b>\$35,741,512</b>	<b>\$980,195</b>

### Key points of Chenango Valley's current financial health

- **Healthy reserve limits**

Since 2008-2009, CV has experienced excellent budget performance. As a result, we have been able to fund reserves and maintain optimal levels of fund balance. This has helped us to survive the financial impact of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) over the last seven years.

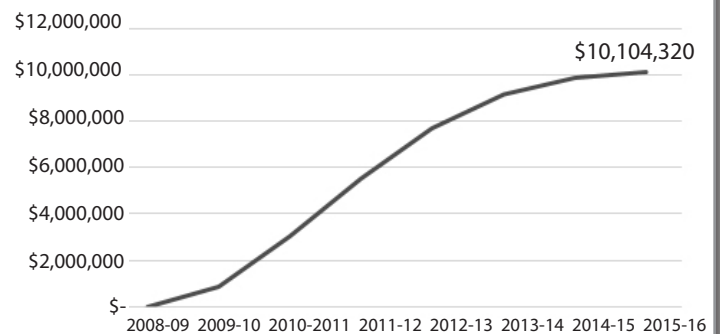
- **Improved credit rating**

An improved credit rating has resulted in better terms for bonds and other district financing. Refunded (refinanced) bonds in 2012 resulted in debt service savings of approximately \$85,000 per year -- a total of over \$900,000 over the remaining life of the bonds.

- **NYS oversight finds no issues**

As a result of the deficit financing, the Office of the State Comptroller has reviewed our draft budget reviewed each year for the last eight years. Each year, it has been determined that "the significant revenue and expenditure projections in the proposed budget are reasonable." Quarterly financial reports are submitted each quarter with no issues, and our deficit financing will be paid in full during the 2018-19 school year.

### Cumulative GEA Impact



Since the 2009-10 school year, the state has helped fill its revenue shortfall by deducting from each school district's state aid allocation. This deduction is known as the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA).

For Chenango Valley, the cumulative impact of the GEA over the years is a loss of \$10,104,320 in state aid that will not be recovered.

Fortunately, the GEA is scheduled to end in 2016-2017 after being phased out over the last few years.

### Information on special education budget increases

The proposed 2016-17 budget calls for a significant increase in Instruction - Special Programs. This spending category includes salaries for teachers and teacher aides for pupils with special education needs, costs of supplies, equipment and contractual expenses for these programs, including BOCES placements. The cost increase is mostly contained in the BOCES lines and includes the cost of these students' programs including related services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, social workers, aides and monitors.

By law, school districts are mandated to provide these services. More importantly, it is a responsibility we take seriously at Chenango Valley as we strive to provide the best educational opportunity for every student.



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 **VOTE** May 17, 12 to 9 p.m.  
 High School Auditorium

**Budget Hearing & Candidate Forum**  
 May 4 at 6 p.m., High School Library

**Paper ballot**

Chenango Valley voters will be use paper ballots and scanners instead of mechanical lever voting machines.

**On the ballot**

CV voters will decide on:

- 2016 - 2017 proposed budget
- one seat on the board of education

**What if the budget doesn't pass?**

The board of education will either: (1) make changes to the budget and hold a second vote; or (2) adopt a contingency budget. If a contingency budget is adopted, \$57,900 in equipment purchases would be eliminated and \$146,500 in other cuts would be made to the budget.

**More information:**

**District Office** - 221 Chenango Bridge Rd.  
**Website** - [www.cvcasd.stier.org](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org)  
**Superintendent David Gill:**  
 762-6810; dgill@cvcasd.stier.org  
**School Business Executive Beth Donahue:** 762-6803; edonahue@cvcasd.stier.org

**Voter eligibility**

To vote, you must be:

- 18 years of age or older
- a U.S. citizen, and
- a resident of the school district for at least 30 days (proof of residency is required: NYS driver's license, sheriff's ID card, senior citizen ID card or utility bill indicating residency)

**Absentee ballots**

Absentee ballot applications may be obtained through District Clerk Susan Cirba, 762-6812. Voters must verify eligibility and provide an eligible reason for their inability to vote in person. Absentee ballot applications must be requested at least 7 days prior to the date of the vote, and the returned ballot must be received no later than the day before the vote. The district will automatically mail absentee ballots to voters listed as "permanently disabled" on the Board of Elections list. For more information, please call Susan Cirba at 762-6812.

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Attendance .....	762-6977
Health Office.....	762-6976
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Attendance .....	762-6954
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Middle School.....	762-6902
Attendance .....	762-6931
Health Office.....	762-6911
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Homework Hotline: 7th.....	762-6871
Homework Hotline: 8th.....	762-6872
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