



Newscaster

September 2015





— Save the Date —

10th Annual

CHENANGO VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

ALUMNI RECOGNITION

RECEPTION & AUCTION

Friday, October 30, 2015

6 p.m., DoubleTree Hotel, 225 Water Street, Binghamton

honoring:

Capt. Herbert Walling - Class of 1965

Christopher Skinner (in memoriam) - Class of 1989

Lt. Col. Eric Hannis - Class of 1986

Jennifer Quinn DeMarco - Class of 1994

Barbara & Terrence Kane, Distinguished Community Members



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Marie Underwood
607-762-6810
munderwood@cvcsd.stier.org

MENU

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Elegant butlered hors' d'oeuvres
carving stations -
prime rib & roast turkey
montage of fruits & cheeses
desserts
(Cash bar)

Proceeds benefit the Chenango Valley Student Educational Fund, to assist CV students and their parents with college costs through interest-free loans & scholarships.

Message from the superintendent

Dear CV families,

Welcome back! Summer always goes by so quickly. I hope you all found time to enjoy your families and friends. Summer actually is one of the busiest times for a school. There is much cleaning, maintenance, and staff professional development that occurs. As always, I am very proud of our CV staff – teachers, administrators, and support staff. They work hard for the families of Chenango Valley and I am very proud of the work they do.

Phase I of our capital project took-off this summer! We installed new lockers for the incoming sixth-graders to our Middle School, we reconstructed one of our classrooms into a STEM learning lab, reconstructed the sound booth in our auditorium, installed security (intruder) locks all on classroom doors in the district, and have been busy at work developing the long anticipated Depot property into a multi-purpose playing field, softball field, and parking area. We hope to have the Depot property completed for a late fall/early winter unveiling.

Throughout the next few months, we will finalize the necessary plans and paperwork for Phase II of the project, which includes security vestibules at both Port Dickinson and Chenango Bridge, handicap accessibility at Port Dickinson, work in our pool area, and development of our Warrior Stadium, which includes a turf playing field and reconstruction of our visitor bleachers.

Our 2014-2015 New York State data has slowly been coming into us from the state. We will spend time deciphering and analyzing the results, but overall, CV can be proud of what our students are accomplishing. Assessments are only part of what education is about, so when the results are reflecting positive, it only reinforces that the education that is being offered here at CV is top-notch! And again, we can only attribute that to our fine, hard-working staff, terrific students, and supportive families!

I wish everyone a great 2015-2016 school year and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have anything you would like to discuss at any time throughout the year.

Sincerely,



David P. Gill
Superintendent of Schools



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Superintendent

Cafeterias spruced up with new wall graphics

Our high school and middle school cafeterias are sporting an exciting new look, thanks to dynamic new wall graphics that were installed over the summer. At Port Dickinson and Chenango Bridge, the cafeterias and kitchen areas will be completely renovated as part of Phase II of our capital project.



Board of Education President's message



Stuart Elliott
Board President

Another CV school year has begun. As students enter their classrooms, their teachers, principals, and district leaders will be armed with their latest tool for the new year: the results from NYS assessments that are aligned with the Common Core state standards. Last year was the third edition of the new third grade to eighth grade math and ELA tests.

So how did Chenango Valley do? It will, of course, take a while to sift through the data, but CV residents should be pleased with the latest results.

Each year, the district's goal has been to be in the top five of the 15 local Broome-Tioga school districts. Of the twelve 3-8 assessments in Math and ELA, CV achieved this goal eleven times, barely missing on the twelfth. This is our best showing in the three years of Common Core testing that began in 2013. It is worthy of celebration and high praise for our teaching staff and administrators. Huge amounts of professional development and just plain hard work accounted for these successes. Well done, everyone!

However, just like the rest of New York state, CV and its neighbors still have a lot of work to do in order to increase our students' proficiency rates on these tests. Despite our relative success when compared to other local districts, only 35.8% of our 3-8 students reached the new proficiency bar in ELA and only 46.8% did the same in math. This is not unexpected. Remember that the new standards represent a new set of educational expectations that are much higher than the previous ones. These expectations will honestly tell parents and teachers where their kids are so they can chart a path to where they need to be.

So is the glass half empty or half full? Ever the optimist, I see great things happening at CV. We shouldn't be reluctant to shout out loud about this. Like a championship sculling team, the CV staff is all rowing in the same direction and the work is paying dividends. The tougher standards are not easy, but kids are tougher than adults sometimes recognize. Yes, it is possible to aim too high and create unnecessary stress but the greater risk is to expect too little. We need to recognize that the world is smaller and more competitive than ever. But together... all rowing to the same beat...we can do this. Until next time, I am Stuart Elliott, President of the CV Board of Education.

Stuart Elliott,
President, Chenango Valley Board of Education

Spiedie Fest balloon lands at Chenango Bridge!

A balloonist participating in the summer's annual Spiedie Fest landed his colorful balloon in the parking lot of Chenango Bridge Elementary after an evening flight during the festival.

Port Dickinson teacher Lorraine DeBellis happened to be riding by on her bicycle and caught the excitement with the camera on her smartphone!



CV students go full STEAM ahead over the summer



Above, students conduct experiments during the summer STEAM program, held in conjunction with SUNY-Broome.

Over the summer, students from Chenango Valley participated in two different STEAM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Math) programs, one in partnership with SUNY-Broome, and one with BOCES.

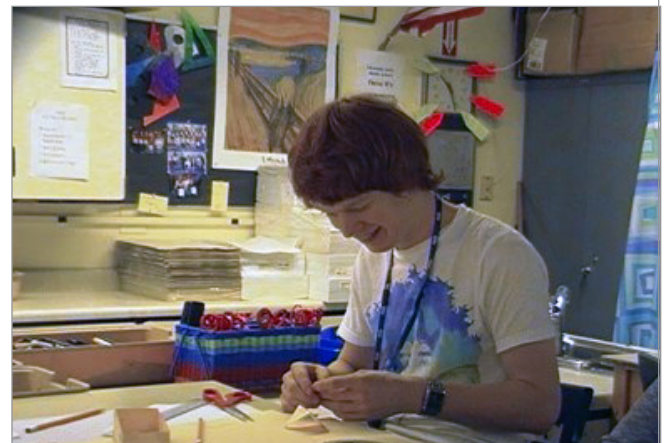
The program at SUNY-Broome was open to students going into grades 11 or 12. Working under the guidance of teachers from Chenango Valley and SUNY-Broome, the students conducted many experiments and explored what it would be like to work in a medical lab. One of the SUNY-Broome instructors is involved with a research study about ticks, and included the high school participants in the project by having the students test ticks for Lyme disease.

As part of this STEAM program, the students prepared an open-ended presentation related to a topic from the week. One group did bacterial meningitis as their topic and created brain sculptures that will soon be on display in the school, another group chose Lyme disease as their topic, and the last group did an experiment with bacteria on commonly touched surfaces and bacterial resistance to antibiotics.

The second STEAM academy involving CV students was held in partnership with BOCES and involved students from ten area school districts. Our students were involved in two hubs: one week spent at BOCES doing robotics and the other week spent at Chenango Forks creating cardboard boats.

Both STEAM programs gave students a tremendous opportunity to engage in hands-on activities and experiences that were fun as well as educational.

Below, left, are the CV participants of the BOCES STEAM Summer Academy. At right, student Peter Jensen works on a project.



Capital Project Update

Busy summer nets several major improvements

Construction and maintenance crews were in high gear throughout the summer to facilitate portions of the capital project as well as the transition of sixth-graders to the middle school.

As part of Phase I of the capital project, work on the new multi-purpose athletic field and new softball field is well underway and expected to be completed this fall (see next page). Additional lockers were installed to accommodate the transition of sixth-grade into the middle school this year. Other summer work as part of the capital project includes the installation of security locksets on all classroom doors that allowing locking from the inside, and the creation of a STEM classroom in the MS/HS.

Work was also done as part of the district's "mini-project" - a state program that provides school building aid reimbursement for smaller capital projects (up to \$100,000 each year) according to the individual school district's building aid ratio. Under this funding plan, a new control booth was constructed in the HS auditorium, and lighting will be replaced in the MS gymnasium.

Phase II of the capital project, which includes track resurfacing, stadium turf replacement and new security vestibules, kitchen and cafeteria renovations at Port Dickinson and Chenango Bridge, is scheduled to begin in June 2016.



SWAT Team drills on CV buses

Members of the Broome County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit Task Force held a drill at the Chenango Valley bus garage this summer, using a school bus to practice procedures in the event of a hostage situation or other threat on board a bus. Team members staged a variety of scenarios and rehearsed their responses in order to be well-prepared in the event of such an emergency.



Capital Project Update

Athletic field project taking shape

Right & below: New multi-purpose field will soon be ready for installation of synthetic turf.



Right: New softball field and gravel parking area.

District News

Summer Art & Literacy: a time for learning, creating, exploring

This year, the CV Summer Art & Literacy program had inspiration from a local friend - Miss Ann Szymaniak - owner of the Dance Connection. Students were exposed to dance, movement and poetry through music. Summer Art & Literacy program coordinator Carrie Vesce and Miss Ann worked together to create class activities based on the Caldecott books they used in class. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and made connections between art, literacy, music and dance!

As always, the classes worked with all types of mediums, such as acrylics, watercolors, pastels, charcoal, and pencil. This year, ceramics were added to the curriculum! Students in grades K- 4 learned about several famous artists. Van Gogh, Monet, Seurat, Kandinsky, and Matisse. The photo at right shows students drawing Van Gogh's sunflowers. Below, dance teacher and CV volunteer Miss Ann gets students to express themselves through movement and dance.



CV students find summer fun at Fenton Library



A total of 166 children participated in the Fenton Free Library's summer reading program, and 126 of them were Chenango Valley students. The library, which encourages students to keep their "Reading Promise," reports that a total of 160,500 minutes of reading was accomplished by the children this summer!

Several older CV students volunteered at the library to help run the summer events and activities. Volunteers included Jessica Kellam, Ian Keldon, Jeremy Kellam, Michaela Gay, Karl Grunder and Elizabeth Selby. Guest presenters who also volunteered at the program included CV teacher and juggler Will Stafford, pictured at right, and our school resource officer Robert Stapleton.

"It's an overwhelming community effort," said Library Director Korin Spencer.



“Dinner & Direct Talk”

a Drug Awareness Night at
Chenango Valley High School

November 4, 2015

5:30 - 8 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - doors open for pizza, salad & drinks

6 p.m. - presentation begins



This important evening for parents, community members and middle/high school students will feature a panel discussion, information tables from several agencies and organizations, and a Q & A session. Our goal is to provide helpful information and resources to the community.

Anticipated speakers include representatives from:

- Broome County District Attorney’s Office
- Broome County Sheriff’s Office
- Broome County Coroner
- New York State Police
- UHS New Horizons Alcohol & Chemical Dependency Treatment Center

Plus:

- An individual in recovery and the parent of an individual in recovery, who will share their personal experiences.
- Information booths
- Basket Raffles



Let’s help open the door to communication.

Drug abuse and substance addiction affects all communities and people from all walks of life and all socio-economic backgrounds.

Don’t miss this opportunity to raise your awareness of the issues and learn about what you can do in your family and your community.

Please RSVP:

[SurveyMonkey.com/r/CV-RSVP](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CV-RSVP)
or call 762-6918

For more information, contact the Chenango Valley Guidance Office: 762-6918

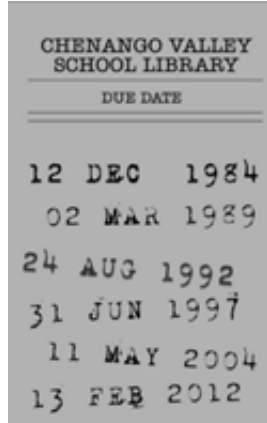
District News

Reading Promise unveils new look T-shirts on sale now

Our Reading Promise program has a new logo, featured on t-shirts available for sale until September 29. This year's shirt is a charcoal gray, with the front and back designs as shown. To order, use the form below and return it to your child's teacher or to Carrie Vesci at Chenango Bridge Elementary.



front



back

Reading Promise T-Shirt Sale Order Form

Please completely fill out this form and return it to your child's teacher by Sept. 29. Each shirt is \$10 - checks or money orders only, no cash. Make checks payable to Chenango Valley PTA.

Name _____

Phone _____

Student's Teacher for Homeroom Delivery _____

Please write the number of shirts you would like next to the desired size(s):

Child Size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___

Adult Size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___

Total Number of Shirts Ordered _____ (\$10 each)

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Athletics

Varsity VB team watches big Penn State win



Our varsity volleyball team traveled to Penn State University with coach Sue Edwards to watch the number one Nittany Lions volleyball team take on number two Stanford over Labor Day weekend. It was a great team bonding experience for the girls as they watched Penn State power over Stanford in straight sets before a sold-out crowd.

Boys' basketball players attend Team Camp



Coach Robert Zanot and several members of the boys' varsity basketball team attended the 2015 Keystone State Boys Team Camp at Susquehanna University. The three-day camp, July 24-26, was a great skill-building opportunity and a lot of fun.

Chenango Valley Athletic Club

2015 - 2016 Membership & Warrior Pass Enrollment Form

www.cvwarriors.com



Member Name:			CVAC Member No. (CVAC Use Only):	
Alternate Member Name (Spouse or Partner):				
Street Address:		City:	State:	Zip:
Primary Phone No.	Alternate Phone No.	Email Address:	Alternate Email Address:	

Please consider volunteering for your Athletic Club. Please note below if you can assist with the following:

Concession Stand Raffle Tickets Are there other ways you can help? Let us know:

Please list all MS/HS students in the family and the sports they will play in 2015-2016 Athletic Seasons:

Student Name:	Grade:	Fall Sport:	Winter Sport:	Spring Sport:

Two membership options to choose from - (Please check choice 1 or 2):

<input type="checkbox"/> (1) Traditional Membership	Membership-Only Cost: \$15 for Individual/Family
<input type="checkbox"/> (2) Warrior Pass - Choose Option Below	<i>All-season Warrior pass includes membership fee and allows access to all regular season home games where an admission fee is charged!! Pass must be presented for entry. Does not include access to any home play-off games, sectionals, or tournaments.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Family pass (2 adults and up to 4 youth passes):	\$40.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two person pack (1 adult pass and 1 student pass OR 2 adult passes):	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Adult pass:	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (62 or Older) Adult pass:	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student pass:	\$15.00

Adult or Senior Adult Family Member Name:	
Adult or Senior Adult Family Member Name:	
Student Family Member Name (1):	Student Family Member Name (2):
Student Family Member Name (3):	Student Family Member Name (4):
Please make your checks payable to: CV Booster Club	
Passes will be mailed or available before 1st Fall Sport Event to be picked up in person.	

Completed forms & membership fee can be turned in at any Booster Club meeting or mailed to:

Tom Moss
4 Hinds Street
Binghamton, NY 13901
607-760-9624



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CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 21, 2015

10 am. to 3 pm.

Chenango Valley High School
 221 Chenango Bridge Rd. Binghamton, NY

Vendors, if you make quality homemade crafts,
 this is the place for you!

For a registration form, please contact Pam
 at 648-2487 or mamapuz1@hotmail.com



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OUR MISSION
 We inspire, engage and empower all students to achieve their full potential.