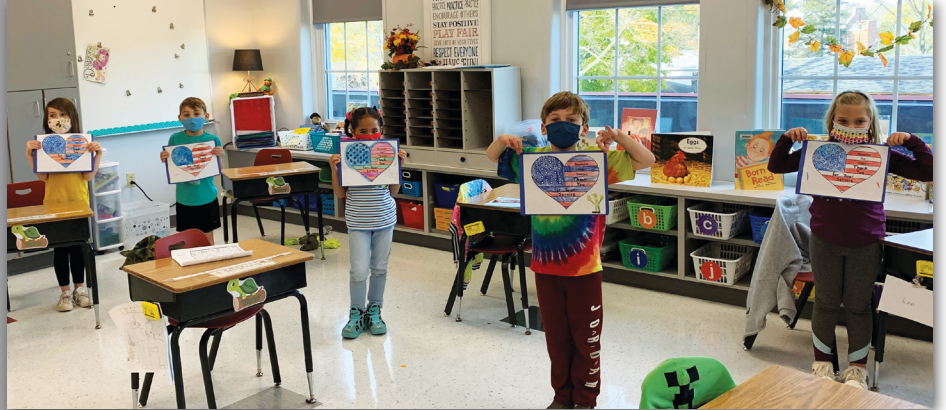


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your ongoing teamwork and support.
Working together, we remain...*

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Important Winter Weather Closing/Delay/Early Dismissal Information

Please take a moment to review Chenango Valley Central School District's winter weather closing, delay and early dismissal procedures to help ensure the safety of our students, faculty and staff. Careful regard for safety is made when considering snow, ice and other weather-related delays or closings. Contact is made with local town highway departments, input from the National Weather Service is considered, and discussions are held with our transportation department and other area school districts.

Notifications

The district will notify parents/guardians about these occurrences through the following channels:

- Notifications for delays, closings and early dismissals are shared with local media, shared through our automated calling system (these voice messages are sent to the phone numbers of students' primary contacts), and sent via our opt-in emergency alert system* (which includes an email and/or text message alert notification). **Please make sure that you are signed up for our opt-in text/email emergency alert notifications and that your information is updated:* Visit www.cvcasd.stier.org/PortalLogin.aspx for details.
- Notifications are also posted on our website (www.cvcasd.stier.org).

A **school closing** means that schools are closed for that calendar day. This includes remote learning. When school is closed due to inclement weather, there will not be extracurricular activities such as meetings, practices and contests.

With a **one or two-hour delay schedule**, your child's school day will begin one or two hours after the regular start time. Dismissal times will remain the same.

In the event that a **three-hour delay schedule** is utilized, your child's school day will start three hours after the usual start time with dismissal times staying the same. A three-hour delay schedule would be utilized only if weather conditions forecasted indicated a significant improvement that would allow road crews the time needed to make our roadways safe for travel. In addition, a three-hour delay may assist us in preventing changes to planned vacation days already on our school calendar.

If there is an **early dismissal** due to potentially dangerous weather conditions, all extracurricular activities will be canceled. Please make sure that you have a plan in place for situations where your child may be released early.

REMINDER: After public conversation with our Board of Education, Chenango Valley will continue to utilize our snow day system with school being canceled in inclement weather for both in-person and remote learners. In the event of a one-hour or two-hour delay schedule, both in-person and remote learners will adjust their current schedules and routines by that appropriate amount of time. If we begin to utilize too many of our allotted snow days/emergency closures, rather than losing scheduled days off in the spring, we will look to opt for remote learning on inclement weather days instead. If this becomes the case, we will share this information with our families.

PLEASE NOTE: This information is subject to change due to various circumstances. Any changes will be communicated with families as soon as that information becomes available. As always, the safety and security of our students and staff is our top priority. We greatly appreciate your continued cooperation and understanding.

Chenango Valley Recognizes School Board

Thank you to our CV Board of Education (BOE) for the dedicated services and hard work continuously provided to our Warrior Community! In honor of School Board Recognition Week, members of the BOE received gifts as a token of gratitude at the October 28 BOE meeting. These included special warrior artwork created by Chenango Valley students.



Chenango Valley Expresses Gratitude to Veterans

In an effort to thank those who have served our country, Chenango Valley students and staff worked on various projects and recognitions leading up to Veterans Day.



Beautiful cards and pictures from students in various grade levels were sent to the New York State Veterans' Home at Oxford.



Principal Stephenson read the children's book "America's White Table" to CB Elementary students and set up a table at the school to pay tribute.



A video was created for CV Middle School to help explain the meaning of Veterans Day. It also expressed gratitude to those who have served.



Thank you to Mrs. Shane Armstrong, U.S. Army veteran and CV parent, for visiting Mrs. Shafer's third grade class via Zoom on November 6.

See more photos and information: www.cvcasd.stier.org

PLEASE NOTE: Information continues to be subject to change based on local, state and federal guidance. Please visit www.cvcasd.stier.org for the most up-to-date information and alerts.

Message from the Superintendent

Dear Chenango Valley Community,

Happy holidays! As we continue to navigate through an unprecedented year, I am hopeful for the New Year and the opportunities it may bring. Despite the challenges of 2020, we have also had celebrations and grown as a Warrior Community. I am confident we will continue to flourish in this New Year, and have more celebrations and accomplishments to look forward to.

The pandemic has taught us about resiliency and the importance of supporting each other in the challenges we face. Teamwork continues to be vital. In a time where we have been asked to keep a safe social distance and follow other health and safety protocols, I have witnessed an incredible amount of Warrior Strength and community support for our children.

I want to compliment our staff and students for the exceptional job they are doing to continue to focus on learning. Even though it looks different, the in-person instruction has been going well, with safety practices guiding us. We also recently made slight changes to some of the schedules in elementary and middle school grade levels to enhance the delivery of remote instruction. Through all of this, we cannot lose sight of the importance of education and learning as well as our mental health needs.

We must continue to be vigilant in our efforts to combat COVID-19. I know that we are all tired of the pandemic and the stress it creates, but I ask that you continue to follow the health and safety protocols put into place to help protect ourselves and others. We all need to remember to conduct a daily health screening as well as follow safety protocols in our personal lives.

By now, many of you have seen the finished product of the construction at both of our elementary schools. The learning spaces in each of these buildings are fabulous and display our core belief to provide a safe, positive and supportive learning environment for our students. We are in the process of finishing up any remaining items from this project and will begin to work with our Building and Grounds Committee to look towards new work to be accomplished in the coming years.

We are also in the beginning stages of preparing for our new budget season. As we prepare for the 2021-2022 budget, we will work to keep you informed of the process. As you are aware, New York State has financial challenges which will impact school districts. As we continue to prepare a fiscally sound budget, it is important to recognize the potential impact this could have on Chenango Valley.

If you are in need of support, or have any questions or concerns, please continue to reach out to me or anyone needed here at school. We want to be partners with you, not only in supporting your children, but in supporting our community.

What makes you proud to be part of our Warrior Community?

I am proud to be part of our Warrior Family because we keep our focus on our children – their education, their safety, their happiness – all strong beliefs I personally hold.

Wishing you the best this holiday season and always,

Dr. David P. Gill



Superintendent of Schools



Dr. David P. Gill
Superintendent

Board of Education President's Message

We are beginning to plan for our 2021-2022 school budget while dealing with the ever-changing current financial situation. While there is no room for politics at the Chenango Valley Board of Education table, the impact of elections on our federal and state aid can't be ignored. There continues to be uncertainty about aid cuts with the latest hit being transportation aid. When the New York State (NYS) budget was passed, we were informed that there would be three reassessment periods and reductions to state aid could be made if NYS revenue is less than was forecasted or if actual spending exceeded budgeted spending. This would allow NYS to reduce the budgeted aid coming to schools. As a result of the financial impact of the pandemic, NYS has withheld over \$325,000 from Chenango Valley aid payments so far. It is not clear whether or not this will be considered a delay in the payment of the aid or if these reductions will remain permanent. Chenango Valley receives the bulk of our state aid during the spring months and it is still unclear whether or not we will be receiving all of our scheduled aid or if reductions will be applied. The reductions in state aid could amount to almost \$3.4M during this school year which would be devastating to our thoughtfully-prepared budget. We remain hopeful for a federal stimulus package to help NYS support our public school districts by paying the full amount of state aid that was budgeted. We are all here to make appropriate decisions so that we provide the best education for our students, while keeping a fiscally responsible mindset. We will continue to be vigilant and proactive when creating a budget and are fortunate to have an outstanding Business Executive, Elizabeth Donahue, to lead the charge.



Kelly Warwick, President
Board of Education

We are in the midst of the holiday season and that brings with it joy and bounty for some, and anxiety and loneliness for others. There are many ways to handle stress. At a recent webinar that the Special Programs Office hosted for families, "Flexible Strategies for Inflexible Times," we learned that mental health issues, both with our students and in our families, have been increasing and are compounded with the implications of COVID-19. Some strategies discussed were: limiting social media usage, listening to and acknowledging feelings, and being flexible and taking care of yourself by making healthy lifestyle choices. A quote that resonates was, "We are not all in the same boat. We are all in the same storm. Some are on super yachts. Some have just one oar." (Damian Barr) May everyone find comfort in knowing that they are a part of the Chenango Valley Family and we are here to help you through any storm regardless of your vessel.

My wish is that you all are able to find moments of peace this holiday season. We hope to see you at an upcoming meeting. It's an honor to represent this community.

What makes you proud to be part of our Warrior Community?

I'm proud of the way our community shows up for each other, the shared belief that a solid education is vital and our kids are our priority, that we celebrate each other's triumphs, that we hold each other up in time of need, and the immense pride that comes from being forever true to the colors red and grey.

Respectfully,

Kelly Warwick

President, Chenango Valley Board of Education

Principal Messages

Port Dickinson Elementary (Grades: Kindergarten - 2)

The first quarter of our school year is now finished and time really did go by quickly. The students in grades kindergarten, 1 and 2 have adjusted well to school. Our faculty and staff have done a wonderful job making sure all safety protocols are being followed. The faculty/staff at Port Dickinson Elementary continue to provide positive educational experiences every day. Thanks to our wonderful families who play an integral role in our students' successes.

At PD Elementary, we work diligently to educate our students in thought-provoking, rigorous and fun ways. This fall, we were very excited that all of our students received an iPad to use at school and at home. This device allows students to engage in instruction in many new ways. The iPads do go back and forth each day with your child(ren). It is important that your child's device is fully charged for school each day. Please make this a part of your routine at night... read a story... plug in your iPad... say goodnight.

We are also very proud to share some building highlights:

- The Chenango Valley Elementary PTA is always looking for new members. Our PTA supports our school community and students. Please join us!
- Parent/Teacher Conferences were scheduled for November 20 and December 4. These are a positive way to help keep the home-school connection alive and well.
- Our faculty/staff/students are really enjoying the learning that is intrinsic in the "Positivity Project" (or "P2" as we call it at CV). Each week, we are focused on a character trait. We demonstrate it, talk about it, and integrate it all week long. The goal is to build positive relationships and consider the #OtherPeopleMindset. This year's theme is #PositivityinAction.
- Our school sponsored a Thanksgiving Food Drive in the month of November. Each grade level had specific items to bring in that helped to create Thanksgiving baskets for families. A special thanks to everyone for their contributions.

Our winter break is scheduled to begin on Thursday, December 24, 2020 and extend through Friday, January 1, 2021. We will return to school on Monday, January 4, 2021. We wish all of our students, families and school community a safe, fun-filled and happy holiday season. Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of our students at Port Dickinson Elementary. Thank you for all of your support!



Mary Beth Hammond,
Principal, Port Dickinson
Elementary

What makes you proud to be part of our Warrior Community?

I am proud to be a part of the Warrior Community because of the wonderful relationships I have built with people. Our kids are the best and I am so appreciative of the support from our families each and every day. Together, we are Warrior Strong.

Chenango Bridge Elementary (Grades: 3-5)

It's hard to believe how fast time has flown by this school year. October and November have gone by in the blink of an eye and December is already upon us. So much has happened in that short period of time such as the end of the first marking period, Parent/Teacher Conferences and our Thanksgiving Food Drive. It has been a great start to the school year and I am so proud of everyone for all they do to make each day a success.

With the change in seasons also comes a change in weather. Here at Chenango Bridge, we try to get students outside on the grassy field every day they have physical education. That is why it is so important that your child dresses appropriately with coats, gloves and boots (if it snows). If students want to bring an old pair of sneakers or boots, they can wear those as well. Thank you to our physical education teachers, Mr. Clark and Mr. Novotny, for all they do.

Our winter break is scheduled to begin Thursday, December 24, and extend through Friday, January 1. Everyone here at Chenango Bridge Elementary would like to wish each and every one of our families a happy holiday season. Thank you for all of your support.



Suzanne Stephenson,
Principal, Chenango Bridge
Elementary

What makes you proud to be part of our Warrior Community?

Teamwork, it is at the heart of everything that we do at Chenango Valley. From the oldest to the youngest person, everyone is willing to work together to accomplish any challenge that is put in front of us.

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Additional contact information can be found on our district website: www.cvcasd.stier.org

Principal Messages

Chenango Valley Middle School (Grades: 6-8)

The first ten weeks of school went by very quickly. We have had a fantastic start to the school year, even though it looks a bit different. You should be very proud of your child for the efforts they are putting forth this school year. Keep up the good work!

Tech Reminders:

- *Chromebooks must be shut down each and every day.
- *Chromebooks must be fully charged every night.
- *Schoolology – Students (in-person/remote) must check the update tab in their teachers' Schoolology pages each day for important information from their teachers.

Students should have already developed good school routines, whether learning in person or remotely, by this point in the year. It is very important that students get into a routine by going to bed and getting up at the same time each day. All of their school materials should be ready the night before so it will not be hectic when trying to get out the door or getting on Zoom class meetings.

Please encourage your child to use the student agenda they received at the start of the school year on a daily basis. Teachers will always post the night's homework and the daily activity on one of the whiteboards in the classroom or on the Homework Hotline link on the district website's middle school homepage.

Students should be writing down homework assignments as well as project due dates. Please check your child's agenda periodically and remind them to get into the habit of using this important school resource.

School attendance is extremely important for both remote and in-person learners. The expectation is that students attend all scheduled classes. Regular daily attendance is the biggest indicator of educational success. If you are having issues getting your son or daughter engaged in school, please feel free to reach out to me or our guidance office for assistance.

As a reminder, our winter break is scheduled for Thursday, December 24, through Friday, January 1.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns. Follow CV Middle School on Twitter: @CVMSWarriors. Look for us on Pinterest - CVMSWARRIORS - for middle school educational topics and ideas.



Eric E. Attleson,
Principal, CV Middle School

What makes you proud to be part of our Warrior Community?

What makes me proud about CV is the strong sense of community and strong family values. The CV Warrior Community is always ready to help out their fellow Warrior Family in the time of need.

Chenango Valley High School (Grades: 9-12)

I can't believe how quickly this school year is going! Our first marking period has come and gone! A reminder to students to keep up with assignments, attend classes, and reach out to teachers when you have a question about an assignment or a grade. Also, a reminder that teachers have virtual open office hours each day from 2:05-2:35 p.m. - take advantage of that time to work with your teachers!

The high school has been working with the middle school to collect food for our food drive - many homerooms participated to see who could bring in the most food to help fill our food pantry. This drive helps families right here in our community.

I know many of our student athletes were excited to have athletics starting with off-season programming. It's been nice to see students on our fields and on the courts!

Just a reminder that when we have a day off (including snow days) that day of the cycle is pushed to the next day. For example, if we are in school on a RED day and there is a snow day the next day, the next day back will be a GREY day.



CV High School received a New York State Education Department (NYSED) certificate for being a "Recognition School" as a result of progress made in the 2018-19 school year. According to NYSED, this honor is given to schools that have made progress in obtaining "high academic achievement, growth and graduation rates."

As the weather starts to turn, this is a reminder to please take your time and drive slowly through our parking lots and drop-off points. Please also take care when walking to and from school. Our custodial and maintenance staff work very hard removing snow and ice to make it safe for students, staff and families, but please take your time and be patient as people navigate through the parking lots and entrances. Thank you for your help with this!

Please continue to reach out with questions or concerns. I've heard from many students and families so far this year, and it's been helpful to have the open line of communication!



Jennifer Ostrander
Principal, CV High School

What makes you proud to be part of our Warrior Community?

I'm so proud to see the flexibility of the students, staff and families. Their willingness to try new ideas and adapt to the ever-changing times just shows that we have the BEST community! Warrior Pride!!!



Mr. Lafko's health classes learned about the importance of safe driving practices through Zoom presentations from the Honorable Justice Shannon Filbert on November 9.



As part of a fun project during their projectile motion unit, Mr. Lewis's physics classes tested air-powered rockets.



Sixth grade ELA students worked very hard to complete narrative essays. During writing celebrations on October 30, students were given the opportunity to share their essays with their classmates in a fun and interactive way!



Thank you to all who have helped to make Chenango Valley Athletics off-season programming possible for our students! Pictured above is a student taking part in mini camp workouts during Phase III.

See more information: www.cvcasd.stier.org

Resources/Help Available for Chenango Valley Families in Need

- **CHOW Food Pantry**
- **CV Clothing Bank**
- **Individualized Services: *Please contact guidance office to see if we can help.***

If you or someone you know in the Chenango Valley Central School District needs assistance, please contact the guidance office at (607) 762-6918 or email CV Middle School Social Worker Mrs. Beth Hubenthal at bhubenth@cvcasd.stier.org

Chenango Valley Community Schools Update

The Chenango Valley Community Schools team has been hard at work over the past few months! Subcommittee work has begun and we are starting to see some exciting new events and partnerships.

Family Engagement

This subcommittee set a goal to provide a welcoming environment for families and invite them to participate as equal partners in decision making. This subcommittee will be working on the following:

- establish a welcome packet for our new families in an effort to help our new families integrate into our community.
- develop a series of community conversations. These will be informal Zooms with and for the community on topics families are interested in.

District Connectivity

This subcommittee set a goal to connect all building-level activities with purpose and intentionality to build a sense of community districtwide. This subcommittee achieved its first success with a districtwide spirit week the week before Halloween! Based on feedback from the community, we will work to have more of these events in the future. In addition, this group is working to:

- build school and community spirit with Warrior Wear Fridays. A Warrior Wear order went out to the community with proceeds benefiting our Warrior Fund.
- create even more district connectivity. There is some work being done between buildings around our "Positivity Project"! Port Dickinson Elementary students recently connected with our middle school students around the concept of curiosity.

Race and Equity

This subcommittee is working to raise awareness and increase understanding around diversity and equity. The team is looking to highlight the different cultures and backgrounds of our students, staff and community. This work will be focused on increasing educational opportunities and conversations around these important topics.

If you have any questions, feedback or an interest in joining one of the subcommittees, please contact either of the Community Schools Co-Coordinators, Mrs. Beth Hubenthal (bhubenth@cvcasd.stier.org) or Mrs. Johanna Hickey (jhickey@cvcasd.stier.org).

Chenango Valley Teacher Named NYSATA Region 4 Art Educator of the Year

Congratulations to CV High School art teacher Mr. Matthew Wilson who was named the Region 4 Art Educator of the Year by the New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA)! Mr. Wilson says his favorite part about teaching is the shared experiences with his students. He has held many positions for clubs and extracurriculars, including varsity track and field coach and junior varsity boys soccer coach. "Whether it's art, sports, or personal; making connections and learning together is a rewarding experience," said Mr. Wilson. As for a piece of advice that Mr. Wilson likes to share with his students, "In the grand scheme of life, it doesn't really matter if you can draw a portrait, paint a landscape or create a ceramic cup. What matters is the way you creatively work, persevere and the experiences you share with others. Art isn't always about the result but more about the process, and that is why it's so important."



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Congratulations to CVHS senior Olivia Bochenek who was identified as a College Board National Recognition Program Scholar for her achievements on the PSAT exam!



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Congratulations to CHVS senior Gabe McManus who recently achieved the ranking of Eagle Scout! For his service project, he helped to build tables for the Chenango Schoolhouse Museum.



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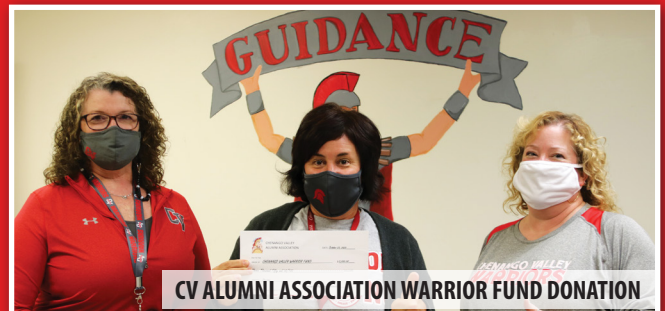
CVHS senior Mary Katherine Doyle recently added a mural painting to Mrs. Ginalski's classroom. She drew structures of compounds that are the basis of life such as water, adrenaline and serotonin.

See more information: www.cvcasd.stier.org

Thank You to Our Community for Continuing to Support the Chenango Valley Warrior Fund!

As mentioned in our *October 2020 Newscaster*, support for the Warrior Fund will be crucial this year, as we will likely not be able to hold most of our essential fundraisers due to COVID-19 safety protocols and precautions. We are grateful for some recent generous donations that will help the Warrior Fund to address the needs of students and families facing financial hardships.

- In October, the Chenango Valley Alumni Association (CVAA) presented a donation of \$3,050 to the CV Warrior Fund. This donation was made possible thanks to: CVAA (\$2,000), Gary & Linda Hall (\$500), Chenango Valley High School '60s Reunion (\$325), Jack & Cathy Fitzgerald (\$100), and new CVAA memberships - 100% of lifetime membership fees go directly to the Warrior Fund (\$125).
- The CVAA was also selected as one of four charitable organization recipients for the November Southern Tier Tuesdays grants competition. Thank you to all who took the time to vote! The CVAA donated the \$2,000 grant directly to the Warrior Fund.
- Thank you to the non-profit organization Cops 4 A Cause for the donation of \$1,500 to the Warrior Fund! Cops 4 A Cause is made up of retired and active law enforcement officials. The organization's slogan is "Giving back to the communities where we live and work!"
- While inspiring Warrior Pride, proceeds from a recent Warrior Wear sale went to the Warrior Fund. Thank you to all who were able to support this sale.
- Thank you to all of the individuals and organizations in our community who continue to reach out and support the Warrior Fund!



CV ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WARRIOR FUND DONATION



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If you are interested in donating to the Warrior Fund or have questions, please call:
Jackie Arnold (HS Social Worker): (607) 762-6924 or Judy Hayes (HS Counselor): (607) 762-6921



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