



Newscaster

BUDGET EDITION - MAY 2018



Chenango Valley Central School District 2018 -2019 Budget Vote & School Board Election

Budget Hearing/Candidate Forum

May 2, 2018

6:00 p.m., CV High School Library

VOTE

May 15, 2018

12 (noon) - 8 p.m. *, High School Auditorium

*Please note voting times.

(See more information on pages 2-8.)

Library Proposition



In May 2014, the Chenango Valley community voted to support a proposition that provided \$85,000 in annual funding to the Fenton Free Library. In May 2017, the CV community again voted to support a proposition that increased that funding to \$115,000 per year. The Fenton Free Library has asked to add a new proposition to the May 2018 ballot that includes an increase to its annual funding of \$2,268 for a total levy of \$117,268.

The proposition will be worded as follows:

Shall the proposition be approved authorizing the Board of Education of the Chenango Valley Central School District to levy taxes annually in the amount of One Hundred and Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars (\$117,268) and to pay over such monies to the trustees of the Fenton Free Library for the purpose of funding the Fenton Free Library?

According to Section 529 of New York State Education Law, libraries within the boundaries of a school district have the right to place a separate funding proposition on the district's ballot. The law provides this as a means for libraries to access community voters and levy taxes.

It is important to note that library funds and school district funds remain separate, and the school district does not have any role in funding, operations or management of the library.

For additional information, please visit the Fenton Free Library website: <http://libraries.4cls.org/fenton/> or contact Library Director, Korin Spencer, 1062 Chenango St., Binghamton, 724-8649

Annual Small Capital Outlay Project

Each year, our budget includes a \$100,000 "transfer to capital" that enables the district to take advantage of a state reimbursement program for smaller capital projects. As a result, our \$100,000 project will result in a net cost of approximately \$16,000.

This year, the high school will once again be the focus of the project. We will be continuing improvements in the pool by replacing the duct sock which provides heat to the space. We will also be replacing an older hot water heater, as well as the associated water heater breaching.

Bus Proposition



Voters will be asked to consider a proposition to purchase three (3) buses at a total cost not to exceed \$330,000. This will allow the district to replace two (2) 66-passenger buses and one (1) 24-passenger wheelchair van.

The proposition will be worded as follows:

Shall the Chenango Valley Central School District, Broome County, New York, be authorized to purchase school buses, including costs incidental thereto, at a total maximum estimated cost of Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$330,000), and that such sum shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District to be collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued?

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 and/or 100,000 miles.

Transportation Aid Reimbursement

Bus purchases, including finance costs, are aided at the district's transportation aid ratio which is expected to be at 77.6% in 2018-2019. This means that the district will be reimbursed for approximately 77.6% of the costs incurred through this bus purchase plan.



Messages from the Superintendent and Board President

Message from the Superintendent

Dear CV community,

Happy spring! We are now in the final marking period of the 2017-18 school year, and we encourage our students to finish strong. Students – your attendance is essential at this time of year. Please make your best effort to be present and open to learning. We want to see, engage, and challenge you every day.

State tests in both ELA and Math have taken place, and our Science, AP, and Regents exams will be starting soon. All of these assessments are designed to challenge our students' minds and abilities. They help us to evaluate subject areas where our students excel and provide insight into areas in which some of our students would benefit from extra instruction. We also use these results to re-examine our curriculum and focus on areas where we could enhance the learning process.

Our Annual School Budget and School Board Election will be held on Tuesday, May 15, from 12:00 (noon) – 8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Throughout the 2018-19 budget planning process, we have strived to preserve programs, while keeping budget increases to a minimum. As you know, the safety of our students and staff is a priority, and the secured buildings and security offices at each of our schools supports this commitment. In addition, the Board of Education has engaged in numerous conversations focusing on the important topic of safety, and has approved the assignment of a School Resource Officer (SRO) at all three of our school buildings. We value the board's recent decision and its reflection on our continued commitment to safety at Chenango Valley.

As always, we sincerely appreciate the support that we receive from our community, and thank you for your efforts in helping to make CV shine!

Sincerely,



Dr. David P. Gill
Superintendent of Schools



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Superintendent

Message from the Board President



Kelly Warwick
Board President

I am honored to be able to write a Board of Education update for the Newscaster. It is a task I take seriously as Board President. Admittedly, I struggle slightly with what to include. I try to think of things I would want to know as a taxpayer in this district. One of the primary responsibilities of a school board is fiscal management. Every month, we review treasurer reports and make adjustments as needed. We work with auditors to not only ensure internal controls are in place, but to also make sure our fiscal planning and spending is solid. We have been busy these past months providing our administration board priorities to aid in the development of the budget. We held three budget hearings to discuss and work through where our money is best spent. The reality is that we have the most control over about 2% of the budget; 66% goes to salaries and benefits, 17% to BOCES programs, 9% to debt, and 5% is contractual.

In New York State, there are 12 different types of school district reserve funds -- both short-term and long-term. Think of them like a savings account. There are strict legal requirements that districts have to follow, but it's important that we save for future needs and maintain a healthy operating budget. If we establish solid reserves, this helps our bond rating, which lets us borrow money for capital projects at a better rate. Capital reserves allow the district to set aside money for future construction projects and major purchases. This requires voter approval to establish the fund, and money in this account cannot be spent without voter approval.

Although the tax cap is good for our wallets, it makes it difficult to find funds for everything we want for our kids. Hard decisions need to be made and our board takes this responsibility seriously. We all make sure we are as informed as possible. There are many, many different opinions out there and it can prove difficult to come to a compromise. But in the end, that is what we do. We just remember to always keep our students in mind. I believe we are presenting the public with a solid, sound budget for the 2018-2019 school year. It keeps in mind our long-term vision and our main priority -- the safety and involvement of our kids.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve the district.

Sincerely,
Kelly Warwick
President, Chenango Valley School Board

2018 - 2019 Proposed Budget

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT

Function/Account	2017-2018 Approved Budget	2018-2019 Proposed Budget	Difference
Board of Education	\$42,762	\$41,311	\$(1,451)
District Administration	\$363,436	\$385,045	\$21,609
Business Office & Finance	\$735,578	\$782,752	\$47,174
Central Services	\$539,415	\$493,689	\$(45,726)
Supervision/Curriculum Development	\$949,024	\$898,465	\$(50,559)
Employee Benefits	\$1,078,093	\$1,076,104	\$(1,989)
Total Administrative Component	\$3,708,308	\$3,677,366	\$(30,942)

PROGRAM COMPONENT

Function/Account	2017-2018 Approved Budget	2018-2019 Proposed Budget	Difference
Teaching-Regular School	\$8,923,844	\$9,176,877	\$253,033
Instruction-Special Programs	\$4,889,605	\$4,904,037	\$14,432
Instruction-Special School	\$225,000	\$225,000	-
Instructional Media	\$2,006,159	\$2,049,021	\$42,862
Pupil Personnel Services	\$1,024,287	\$1,051,332	\$27,045
Co-Curricular & Athletics	\$663,770	\$705,031	\$41,261
Transportation	\$1,052,951	\$1,139,017	\$86,066
Interfund Transfer Special Aid & Cafe Funds	\$25,500	\$27,000	\$1,500
Community Services	\$7,900	\$7,900	-
Employee Benefits	\$8,578,595	\$8,868,994	\$290,399
Total Program Component	\$27,397,611	\$28,154,209	\$756,598

CAPITAL COMPONENT

Function/Account	2017-2018 Approved Budget	2018-2019 Proposed Budget	Difference
Operations & Maintenance	\$2,201,392	\$2,224,043	\$22,651
Debt Service	\$3,188,622	\$3,528,698	\$340,076
Employee Benefits	\$738,954	\$765,977	\$27,023
Refund of Taxes	\$7,500	\$7,500	-
Interfund Transfer to Capital (see page 2)	\$100,000	\$100,000	-
Total Capital Component	\$6,236,468	\$6,626,218	\$389,750

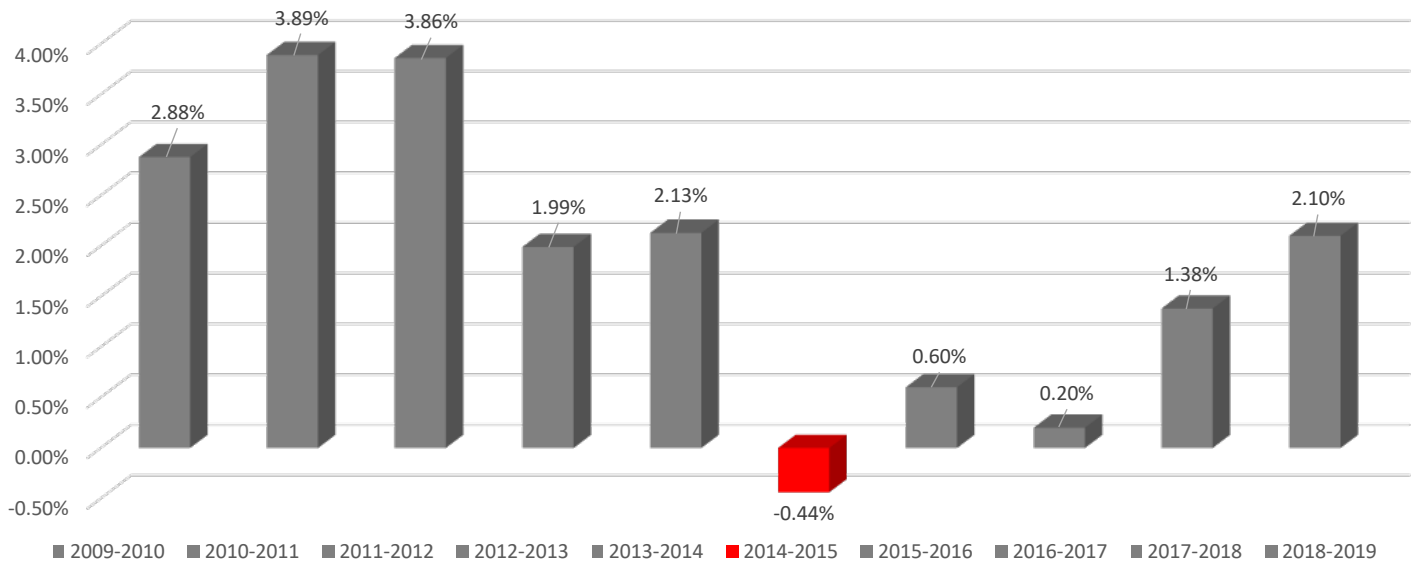
	2017-2018 Approved Budget	2018-2019 Proposed Budget	Difference
GRAND TOTALS	\$37,342,387	\$38,457,793	\$1,115,406

2018 - 2019 Proposed Budget

ESTIMATED REVENUES

Category	2017-2018 Budgeted Revenue	2018-2019 Proposed Revenue	Difference
Tax Levy	\$18,898,888	\$19,296,446	\$397,558
State Aid	\$16,726,596	\$17,450,400	\$723,804
Other Revenue	\$1,166,903	\$1,151,947	\$(14,956)
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$250,000	\$250,000	-
Appropriated Reserves	\$300,000	\$309,000	\$9,000
Total Revenue	\$37,342,387	\$38,457,793	\$1,115,406

10-Year Tax Levy History



Tax Levy Increase

The 2018-2019 proposed budget is supported by a total tax levy increase of 2.10% or \$397,558. This is the first time in the last five years that our tax levy increase has been close to the “2% tax cap”.

Impact When Basic STAR is Applied

The impact of this 2.10% increase on an annual tax bill of a home valued at \$100,000 would be approximately \$58 before any STAR savings are applied. Homeowners with Basic STAR will see an increase of approximately \$41 on a 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.

For more on budget information for the 2018-2019 school year, please visit www.cvcasd.stier.org.

Board of Education Candidates

(three seats open: (2) five-year terms, July 1, 2018-June 30, 2023; (1) four-year term, July 1, 2018-June 30, 2022)



Michelle Clark

My name is Michelle Clark and I am running to represent the children and families as a member of the Chenango Valley Board of Education.

My husband Bill and I relocated our family from Wisconsin 11 years ago. Our daughter Madelyn is 15 and is a dancer, our oldest son Billy is 14, he plays soccer year-round, our middle son Grayson is 12 and plays soccer and basketball and our little one Declan is 9 he loves all sports, including soccer, basketball and baseball.

I grew up in Vestal and after graduating high school in 1989, went to Milwaukee where I attended Marquette University and graduated with a B. A. in Sociology. I went to work as a corporate trainer and consultant for a company that manages retirement plans in Chicago. In Chicago, I had the opportunity to coach youth select soccer and a few years later I realized I really loved the training part of my job and I really enjoyed working with the kids I was coaching. I then went back to school for my Masters in the Art of Teaching with a focus on middle school and technology. I taught middle school and intermediate school in both Chicago and Milwaukee.

Currently, my husband and I are owners of Gagne, Inc, a manufacturing company in Johnson City, as well as M. Sizzle Design, which is a logo wear design company also located in Johnson City. We actively support our four children in their many activities. My husband has coached several of my children's teams and I have managed many teams. Bill, my husband coached Chenango Valley Modified and Junior Varsity soccer. Our focus, like many of you, is our children and the kids in our community.

As an educator and a parent, I am a big believer in the three-legged stool, students, school and parents. For our students to be successful, all three of these must stand equally. I have observed that we as a community share a similar focus and belief that our schools should be a positive place for our children, teachers and administrators to go to everyday – to grow in academically, socially, athletically, technologically, and artistically. I am interested and concerned with how our tax dollars are being used for the betterment of our children and our community. Finally, I am passionate about providing opportunities for our kids to be prepared for the future in the quickly changing world into which they will go.

Through my experience in education, a business owner in the community and a Mom I will work for our kids, our teachers and administrators, and our families to continue to build on the Chenango Valley traditions.

If elected you can trust that I will work collaboratively with our teachers and administrators to bring our children the tools they need to be successful when they leave us – this will include new technology, more opportunities for our students and teachers to learn, helping to continue to promote the positivity of the Chenango Valley community while supporting our values to inspire, engage and empower.



Stuart W. Elliott

I was first elected to the board in May of 2008 and was re-elected in 2013. During my time on the board, I have advanced from board member to committee member to committee chairman to Vice-President and to board President for two productive years.

I graduated from CV in 1972. I earned a B.A. in political science from SUNY Binghamton and an MS Ed in American history education from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA. I'm currently in my 38th year as an educator. I have enjoyed coaching many teams including JV basketball and modified football here at CV. I lead a consulting firm which helps NYS schools align their social studies curricula to NYS standards. Education continues to be my passion.

My wife Patricia and I have lived in Chenango Bridge since 1992. Our oldest is Abbie who graduated cum laude from Binghamton University. She was accepted in the highly competitive "Teach for America" program where she was assigned to an urban elementary school in inner city Memphis, TN. Our second daughter, Hannah, graduated from CV as the salutatorian of the Class of 2014. She is now finishing at Binghamton University as a Phi Beta Kappa archeology student. Son Ethan finished fifth in his class and is a sophomore at Binghamton University's Watson School of Engineering studying computer science. Our youngest, Gracie, is a Tenth Grader at CV. All of the Elliott children have been active participants enthusiastically contributing whatever skills they may possess to the greater success of Warrior athletic teams, musical groups, and service organizations.

Anybody who knows me has seen me at all kinds of CV events, games, concerts, plays, etc. I insist on not just being a passive spectator but being an active participant helping the red & grey. I keep statistics for the football and girls basketball teams. I march with the CV kids at the Special Olympics. I hand out programs at band concerts and musicals. I attend poetry and art events featuring CV students. I help time track and swim meets. A board member should be able to display a record of Warrior engagement.

For ten years I have continued to build relationships with teachers, administrators, and community members while working to improve safety, athletic, and academic programs. So please join me in moving CV to a bright future.



Adrienne Irons

My name is Adrienne Irons and I am running for a position on the Chenango Valley School Board. Having been born and raised in this area, I returned after attending college to raise my family here. Our area has a lot to offer and is a wonderful place to raise children, notably in part due to our great Chenango Valley Schools.

My two children, Jacob (14) and Amelia (10) are currently enrolled in the Chenango Valley School District and I myself am a CV Alumna (class of 1998). My mother Judy was a CV Alumna as well (class of 1977). My family has a long history with, and pride in, the Chenango Valley School District.

I am a State University at Oneonta graduate with a degree in Anthropology and Sociology. I am currently employed by the Broome County Department of Social Services as a Chemical Dependency Caseworker and have been working for the County for over ten years.

Currently I am a member of the Broome County Professional Advisory Group, a member of the Broome Opioid Abuse Council Treatment/Prevention/Harm reduction committee, and an Advisory Board member for Fairview VOICES Recovery Center. I have served as a volunteer soccer coach for the Hillcrest Civic Association and as a volunteer support staff member for the St. Francis of Assisi CYO basketball team. I am also the founding member of the Fenton Residents Against the Compressor Station Movement. Community involvement has taught me invaluable organizational, management, teamwork, and fundraising skills.

I look forward to serving as a bridge between educational professionals and the community on our children's behalf. I believe that Chenango Valley and the community as a whole, benefits when there is a culture of transparency, accountability and connectivity. I find it important to regularly keep the public informed of the district's progress and challenges.

Our children's health, safety and education are my primary concerns and I believe that a collaborative relationship between student, school, and community is essential to that end. I will use sound judgement and a willingness to collaborate, to help resolve any challenge placed before the Board.

Having studied human cultures and their development, as well as being proficiently trained in client advocacy, I feel confident that I will serve our children and community well. I respectfully ask for your vote on May 15th 2018.

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May 2, 2018 | 6:00 PM
CV High School Library

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Judith Mitrowitz

Many of you may remember the Town and Country Restaurant located on Front Street. It was there, as a child, where I worked along side my Mom, Dad, brothers and sister in our family restaurant learning the importance of hard work and giving back to my community. For those too young to remember, it is now the location of the Dunkin' Donuts where many frequent for their daily coffee or donut. I have lived in the district my entire life; my roots run deep.

After graduating from Chenango Valley in 1970, I studied and graduated from SUNY Alfred with an AAS in Marketing, SUNY Buffalo with a BA in Distributive Education, Marywood College with a Masters in Business Education and SUNY Cortland with a SDA certificate. I retired from Johnson City High School after a 38-year career in Business Education and as a Department Chairperson. During my tenure at Johnson City I was advisor to the Yearbook and Senior Class. I served as President of the Teachers Association and I am no stranger to school board meetings, having attended nearly all of my district meetings to remain in constant communication with our district leaders. I am familiar with the procedural, organizational and financial workings of a school board. Currently, I am the Director of the Johnson City Teacher Center, which provides professional development opportunities for teachers.

Since retiring from the classroom I volunteer as an ombudsman for Action for Older Persons as an advocate for residents at a local nursing home. Volunteer time is also given to CHOW at St. James Food Pantry where I coordinate food deliveries to the pantry.

Public education has gone through many changes during the past few years. I have experience in navigating those changes while still maintaining quality education for students. I am an advocate for teacher learning which promotes best practices and provides students with teachers who are innovative, enthusiastic and technologically savvy. I understand that a district encompasses more than just educators and meeting the needs of support personnel is also important. My four decades of experience in public education has taught me many things including the need to listen to all of the stakeholders in the district to make sure that we are meeting the needs of students and ensuring that they receive the best education possible while being fiscally responsible to the taxpayers in the district. I would appreciate your vote on May 15th.

Board of Education candidates will answer a series of brief questions and take part in an informal "Meet & Greet" before the budget hearing begins, in order to help residents make an informed voting decision.



Jennifer Morgan

Hello! My name is Jennifer Morgan and I am running for the Chenango Valley School Board. I have been a resident of the Chenango Valley School District for the last 20 years. My husband Michael is an electrician, and has been actively involved in the Port Dickinson Community Association, volunteered as a Civic baseball coach, and has also helped coach CV Youth Football. My daughter Elizabeth is in 10th grade and involved in student government, school clubs, sports and she also works at Suzy-Q's Ice Cream Store. My son Ethan is in 9th grade and is also involved in school clubs, and sports. He loves the outdoors, and you can usually find him and Mike fishing, or working on our Christmas Tree Farm in Windsor. In my free time, I can usually be found working in a concession stand, or pretending to be an Uber driver for my kids.

I grew up in Greene, NY where both my parents were school teachers. My mother started in Elementary Education, and ended her career as a High School Social Studies teacher. My father was a Health/Science teacher in both the Middle and High School. Being the daughter of two teachers has instilled in me a lifelong love of school and learning.

I am employed as the Manager for UHS Cardiology and Cardiothoracic Surgery and manage 21 providers and 40 employees at our two locations. Prior to that, I was the Manager for Binghamton Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons. I have enjoyed my volunteer work including serving as the Secretary for Port Dickinson Community Association, VP and Member at Large of the CV Athletic Club, and currently I am the Secretary for the CV LAX Club. I was involved with the committee that helped the Civic Summer Fun programs consolidate, and I am also actively involved with the local chapter of the American Heart Association.

In my role as Manager of a physician's office I manage a diverse staff of employees all with various concerns and sometimes competing goals. I have worked hard to provide a supportive atmosphere for our employees while maintaining the highest level of patient care. In my work I also develop budgets, help to set office policy and make hiring decisions. I want to use this experience to be part of the process that provides the necessary resources for our students, teachers, support staff and coaches, all while maintaining fiscal responsibility for the residents of our school district. As a part of the district I also want to be able to encourage other parents and help them as issues arise. It is my view that collaboration among the board, the staff, parents, students and the community at large is the key to maintaining the strength of our school district, improving our students' achievements and ensuring our school's success into the future. I believe my work and volunteer experience will bring a unique perspective to the school board.

I ask for your vote on May 15, 2018. Thank you!



Jennifer Perney

As a proud parent and community member in the Chenango Valley Central School District, I am again running for an open seat on the Board of Education. I have been attending board meetings for the last 3 years, including the budget workshops. I have a solid understanding of how our board operates by what is observed at the meetings. I did not start attending meetings because I was running for the school board; it was the opposite. I ran for school board because I attended the meetings and realized board members are just us – parents and community members who want to step up and be more involved to make a difference. I think attending 3 years of meetings as a neutral observer adds to the qualifications that I can bring with me.

My husband Frank and I have lived in Chenango Bridge for 12 years. We have 3 children; Colin is in 8th grade, Samantha is in 6th grade, and Reagan is in 3rd grade currently. They are all active with different school groups, so we are always supporting their activities, including attending band/chorus concerts and sporting events.

I graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies, focusing on children, youth, and family services. I have worked in the early childhood education field for 20 years. I am involved in different coalitions and committees focused on the early childhood years, including the board of directors for the Albany-based non-profit organization, the Early Care and Learning Council. I am familiar with how different types of boards operate which is needed for a new member.

The Board of Education needs someone who understands the early childhood years and the unique needs of young children. Young children learn differently than older children. I can bring this perspective to the board. I am not afraid to be honest and stand up for what is right for the children and community.

When voting for the 3 open seats of the board, I encourage you to vote for someone with the consistent motivation and dedication to serve the school. As author Denis Waitley stated, "Success is almost totally dependent upon drive and persistence. The extra energy required to make another effort or try another approach is the secret of winning." Let's continue the success of our school starting with the right people elected to the Board of Education this year.

Voting Information



School Budget Vote and Board Election Tuesday, May 15, 2018 12 (noon) to 8 p.m.* - CV High School Auditorium

**Please note voting times.*

On the Ballot:

CV voters will decide on:

- 2018 - 2019 Proposed Budget
- Three Seats on the Board of Education
 - (2) Five-Year Terms, (1) Four-Year Term
- Bus Proposition
- Fenton Free Library Proposition

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 Election's list. For more information, please call Susan Cirba at 762-6812.

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)

What if the Budget Doesn't Pass?

The board of education will either:

(1) Make changes to the budget and hold a second vote. It should be noted that if the budget doesn't pass the second time, the only remaining option would be to adopt a contingency budget as outlined in number 2 below.

(2) Adopt a contingency budget. If a contingency budget is adopted, \$15,000 in equipment purchases would be eliminated and a total of \$382,558 in additional cuts would have to be made, resulting in \$34,000 cuts in administrative component, \$248,558 cuts to program, and \$115,000 cuts in the capital component.

More Information:

District Office - 221 Chenango Bridge Road

Website - www.cvcasd.stier.org

Superintendent David Gill:

762-6810; dgill@cvcasd.stier.org

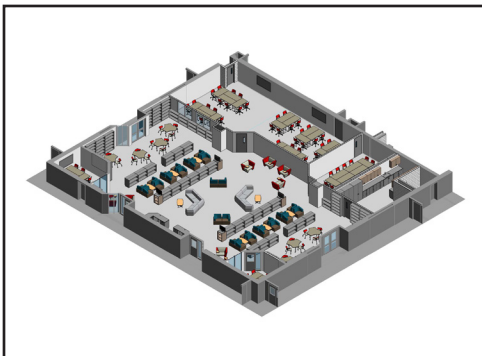
School Business Executive Beth Donahue:

762-6803; edonahue@cvcasd.stier.org

Capital Project Update

The latest capital project that was approved by the Chenango Valley community in December 2017 is advancing quite well. To allow for construction to start in the summer of 2018, a Phase 1 project was designed and submitted to the State Education Department (SED) for their review. Upon the SED's approval, which we anticipate soon, the project will be publicly bid and awarded. All construction work, except for the window replacement, is anticipated to occur this summer.

The Phase 2 portion of the project is much larger and includes significant work at both elementary schools, and some renovations at the middle school/high school and bus garage. Together with our architect, we have spent the last couple of months going through a programming effort to better define what the requirements are for the new or renovated spaces. Stakeholders were identified for each space and brainstorming meetings took place to develop ideas for the new spaces. The architects then used that information to come up with a design for each space. The project details are now being further refined, with the goal of submitting the project to the SED in August.



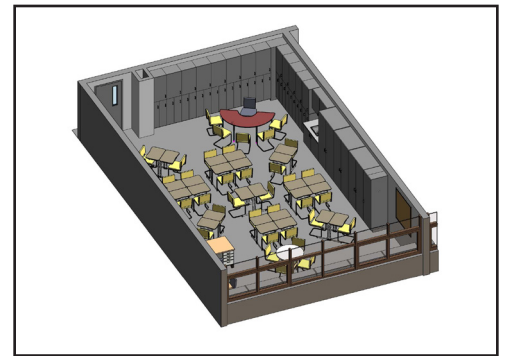
MS/HS Library Model

The CV Middle School/High School Library will get a new facelift, including a multi-purpose space that can handle larger events, specialty breakout spaces for student collaboration, defined middle school and high school areas, and all new furnishings.



Sustainable Classroom Model

A new sustainable classroom building is being built near the stormwater pond at the middle school/high school. Classes from all age levels will be able to utilize the space for science-related activities.



Classroom Renovation Model

Classrooms at Port Dickinson and Chenango Bridge will be renovated with new cabinetry, finishes, lighting, and furniture.

District News

Public Notice

The Chenango Valley Central School District has completed the inspection of all schools and buildings to determine the condition of asbestos that is present, and whether any action is required to avoid potential health hazards for students, employees and visitors. A management plan has been developed in accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), to ensure the continued provision and maintenance of a safe environment for students, employees and visitors. The management plan includes training of maintenance staff to prevent disturbance of asbestos, periodic re-inspection, surveillance, and limited abatement by trained personnel.

Please note that the comprehensive, triennial inspection occurs once every three years. A surveillance inspection of the asbestos-containing building materials occurs every six months, typically during the months of December and July. Monitoring of these building materials occurs on a continuing basis. A copy of the management plan is available at the district office. If you would like further information regarding this matter, please contact Mr. George Zlock, Director of School Facilities and Operations, at (607) 762-6860.

CV Holds Community Safety Forum

Students and student safety are the top priority of the Chenango Valley Central School District. In the wake of recent national tragedies, the district held a community safety forum on March 20. The objectives of this forum were to provide information on current safety measures put into practice by the district and to provide CV community members the chance to deliberate on school safety, encouraging a collective conversation.

The event began in the high school auditorium with an informative presentation from a panel consisting of Superintendent Dr. David Gill, Assistant Superintendent Michelle Feyerabend, School Resource Officer (SRO) Deputy Robert Stapleton, Board of Education President Kelly Warwick, Director of Pupil Services Brad Tomm, SUNY Broome Center for Civic Engagement Coordinator Lisa Strahley, CVMS Social Worker Beth Hubenthal, and CVHS Guidance Counselor Judy Hayes.

These individuals shared practices that the district currently implements towards safety such as visitors needing to display IDs before entering school buildings, security vestibules at each school, mental health first aid training opportunities, assessments for mental health/social needs, character education programs, transportation protocols, evacuation drills, continued review of district and building-level safety plans, and the use of building-level safety teams.

After this presentation was complete, attendees were invited to attend small breakout sessions held in Chenango Valley High School classrooms. These groups, moderated by representatives from the SUNY Broome Center for Civic Engagement, allowed for individuals to share thoughts on safety, and encouraged them to respectfully and openly listen to other's ideas. Participants were also given three safety scenario options, and discussed the pros and cons that could be associated with each safety measure.

At the end of this discussion, attendees were asked to fill out a survey regarding the event. Results from this survey will be compiled and shared on CV's district website.

Thank you to all who were part of our safety panel, and to all who attended this event, for helping our district to continue efforts to keep our students, staff, and school communities safe. This will be a continuous area of conversation in our district.



District Receives Safety Award

In March, the Chenango Valley Central School District received the Utica National Insurance Group's "2018 School Safety Excellence Award" at the titanium level with honors.

This award is presented annually and recognizes school districts for continued efforts in working to keep the school environment safe. A \$500 check for use in furthering safety efforts was also presented to the district as part of the award.



Pictured (l-r): Brad Tomm, Director of Pupil Services; Kelly Warwick, BOE President; Michelle Feyerabend, Assistant Superintendent; David Gill, Superintendent

CVHS Students, Staff Attend Safety Summit

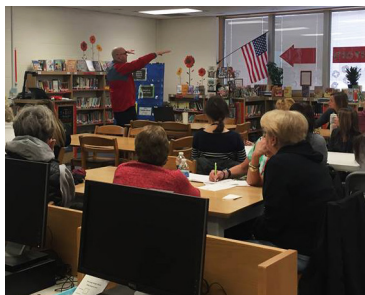
Chenango Valley High School Principal Mr. Terry Heller, teacher Mr. Frank Grassi, and students Nathan Klein, Michael Godbay, Lucas Scott, Natalie Lehr, Alia Arnold, and Mallorie Turner were among participants from more than two dozen school districts who attended a safety summit hosted by New York State Senator Fred Akshar on March 23. The event was held in the State Office Building in Binghamton. Topics of discussion at the event included school safety, gun control, school resource officers, and mental health.



District News

Superintendent's Day Promotes Wellness, Professional Development

While students had the day off on March 16, there was still plenty of activity going on in the Chenango Valley High School and Middle School, as the district held its 2018 Superintendent's Conference Day. There were tons of exciting events that took place including presentations from guest speaker Brian Mendler, rock wall climbing, painting, salsa dancing, kayaking, and trivia competitions -- just to name a few! At Chenango Bridge Elementary, Port Dickinson and Chenango Bridge staff members discussed playground safety and continued goals towards improving safety measures with Mr. Brad Tomm. Thank you to all who helped to make this a successful day for CV staff! See a full list of those who helped out at www.cvcasd.stier.org.



'Science Behind Success' Presentation Shares Helpful Insight

A seminar called "The Science Behind Success: How the Mind and Nutrition Help to Create Your Future" was held in the Chenango Valley High School Auditorium on March 28. This informative and motivational seminar focused on the power of the mind and the value of nutrition, and provided strategies that can be implemented into daily life. It was led by Mr. Bill Clark, CV High School Government, Economics, and AP Psychology teacher, and Mr. Trent Patterson, CV's Middle/High School Security Officer. In addition to their positions at CV, Mr. Clark and Mr. Patterson recently co-authored a book called "Lifting Spirits: World Champion Advice for Everyday Living." Mr. Clark, a weightlifting world champion and record holder, as well as an international Olympic Weightlifting champion, shared mental and emotional techniques used at Olympic Training Centers -- among other topics. Mr. Patterson, a former University of Alabama football star, television's *Biggest Loser* competitor, and certified strength, nutrition & movement specialist, shared why it is important to focus on healthy lifestyle changes rather than just looking at quick fixes.



Chenango Valley French Exchange Program Visits France

(Article/Photos Provided By: Amber Henyan)

On March 23, 25 Chenango Valley students and four chaperones left on a trip-of-a-lifetime to France. The trip began with a weekend in Paris seeing iconic sights including the Eiffel Tower; the Pompidou Center of Modern Art; the Fragonard Museum of Perfume; and the Opera Garnier, home of the famous phantom. For a special treat, dinner was at the famed Train Bleu restaurant, arguably the most beautiful restaurant in France.

The trip continued in the south of France, in the small city of Castres, following a journey across the country. The CV students stayed with participating students from our exchange partner school, La Borde Basse. Besides attending and participating in classes at La Borde Basse, the teachers there arranged field trips to nearby points of interest. These trips included the city of Albi, home of the artist Toulouse Lautrec and the location of the magnificent cathedral of Sainte Cécile; the city of Toulouse, center of the French aero-space industry; and Carcassonne, a fairy tale fortress castle which continues to house a substantial population within its walls even today.

For most of the CV students, the highlight of the trip was living with a French family, a unique experience most travelers don't get to enjoy. The students from La Borde Basse had visited Chenango Valley in October, so this was a chance to renew friendships.

The exchange is directed by Madame Amber Henyan. The chaperones were Ms. Sue Edwards, Ms. Karen Anderson, and Ms. Sue Pierce. The students and adults wish to thank Chenango Valley for the continued support of an exchange program that has existed for more than 25 years and has been so meaningful to so many students.



District News

Pre-K Students Learn Science Lessons from High School Chemistry Students

Chenango Valley High School Enriched Chemistry students visited Port Dickinson Elementary on March 7 to teach pre-K classes some exciting scientific concepts! The high school students demonstrated science experiments they had previously researched. From learning about the power of magnetism to creating bouncy balls, each experiment wowed the pre-K students. This interactive lesson allowed for both the younger and older students to share in an engaging and educational day of scientific fun!



PTA Dances Promote Family-School Connection

The CV Elementary PTA held two dances for students in pre-K through fifth grade. In February, the girls enjoyed a "Snowball" dance with their fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other important male role models. In March, the boys had a "Space Jam" dance with their mothers, grandmothers, aunts and other important women in their lives. *Thank you to all who made this event possible!*

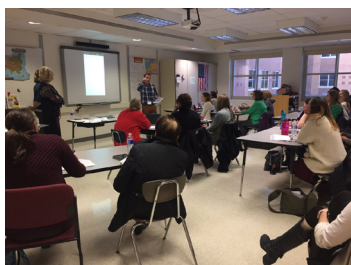
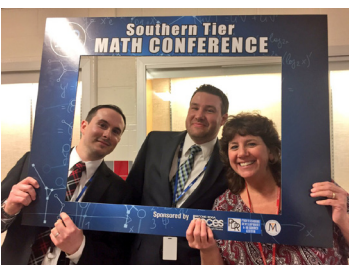


CV Team Helps Make a 'Giraffic' Difference at Construction 2018

CV students helped to make a "giraffic difference"! A group of CV STEAM students and Chenango Valley teacher Mrs. Wheeler used canned food, along with other non-perishable food items, to build a baby and mother giraffe for the 2018 Construction event at the Oakdale Mall. Construction is an international hunger-relief competition. The Construction of the Southern Tier event helps to raise awareness and benefit the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and CHOW. After the cans of food were dissembled, they were used to aid hunger-relief efforts throughout Broome County. *Special thank you to Weis Markets for sponsoring CV's Construction team! This was also CV's third year winning the "People's Choice" for small structures, and the group won best T-shirt design!*



2018 Southern Tier Math Conference Held at CV



Chenango Valley had the honor of being the host location for this year's Southern Tier Math Conference on March 15!



BENEFIT FOR DAMON GOGA & FAMILY

May 19TH • 5:30-8:30pm
St. Francis of Assisi • 1049 Chenango

\$10 Admission
Includes BBQ Picnic Dinner
under 12 free

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"Benefit for Damon Goga"

Ballpark Snacks • Kids Games
Inflatable Sports Stations • DJ RPM
Basket Raffles • Facepainting
Entertainment



Damon Goga is an 11 year old boy whose family is a part of the Chenango Valley community. Damon was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma in November of 2017. He has a tumor on his tibia and is undergoing treatment at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital.

Damon has always been an active, athletic, fun-loving boy whose #1 love is baseball. Let's unite as a community to support Damon and the Goga Family!



Interested in Donating?

For Basket Donations Call or Text:
607-743-1784 or 607-725-2883

Checks can be made out to PDCA:
746 Chenango Street
c/o Port Dickinson Civic Assoc
Binghamton, NY 13901

www.venmo.com/DamonGogaFund

District News

CV Showcases Cleverness, Creativity in Odyssey of the Mind

(Article/Photos Submitted By: Cynthia Gates)

The Odyssey of the Mind teaches students to learn creative problem-solving methods, while having fun in the process. By tapping into creativity, and through encouraging imaginative paths to problem solving, students learn skills that will provide them with the ability to solve problems, large and small, for a lifetime.

This year, four teams represented Chenango Valley at the Region 12 Odyssey of the Mind tournament held at Broome-Tioga BOCES on March 10. These teams, along with their coaches, began working on their solutions last November. Their hard work and dedication paid off at Regionals -- bringing home two first places, a third place and a sixth place.

The fourth grade team made up of Ava Jessup, Bianca Tuttle, Elizabeth Race, Braedon VanDoorn, Trevor McEnaney, and Eleanor Kruser was coached by Kristine Jessup. They competed in the problem "A Stellar Hangout," Division I. This was their first year competing and they took first place at Regionals, qualifying them for the State Competition at Binghamton University on April 7, where they placed sixth out of 19 teams. This was an awesome job for a first-year team!

The fifth grade team made up of Austin Greenmun, Abigail Randis, Samuel Brewer, Courtney McCabe, Arin Miller, Grady Heard, and Rhapsody Moss was coached by Jenn Greenmun and Amanda Randis. They competed in the problem "Mockumentary! Seriously," Division I. This was their third year competing and they placed first at Regionals, qualifying them for the State Competition at Binghamton University on April 7, where they placed sixth out of 19 teams. They did an incredible job!

The seventh grade team made up of Savannah Greenmun, Dylan McCabe, Sadie Dutcher, Merrell Rouff, and Jenna Schaefer was coached by Cathi McCabe. They competed in the problem "Mockumentary! Seriously," Division II. This was their fifth year competing, placing sixth at the Regional Competition. Well done. We can't wait to see what next year brings!

The 12th grade team made up of Anna Stacey, Kaitlyn Mach, Megan Proutey, Linsey Reardon, Collin Zaic, Kelly Smith, and Matthew Delaney was coached by Amanda Wheeler. They competed in the problem "Mockumentary! Seriously," Division III. They placed third at Regionals, and we are so proud of what they accomplished in their senior and final year of Odyssey. We wish them continued success as they graduate and continue on their odyssey in life; whether at college or joining the work force, we know you are all destined for great things!

CV Odyssey would like to thank Dr. Gill, the Board of Education, Mr. Heller, Mr. Attleson and Mrs. Hammond for their continued support of our program. We would also like to thank the parents for their support throughout this very long season that is Odyssey of the Mind. Without your continuous support of your child and their coaches, our program would not be possible. Finally, to our volunteers, the coaches, thank you so much for your unwavering dedication to this program. You are the glue that keeps it going and our students are very lucky to have you on their side.

Congratulations to all of our teams, you are AWESOME!



High School Team



Middle School Team



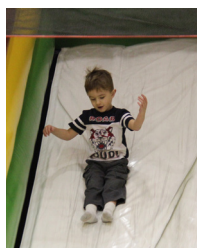
Fifth Grade Team



Fourth Grade Team

Community Night 2018

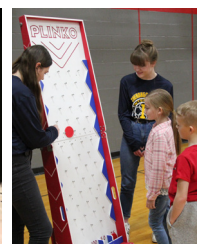
CV's annual Community Night event was held at the Chenango Valley MS/HS on March 9. *Thank you to all who helped to make this event possible!*



(Photo Provided By: Eric Attleson)



(Photo Provided By: Robert Amirian)



District News

CV Shows Heart in Jump Rope for Heart Campaign



Port Dickinson's physical education classes raised \$11,875.61 this year for the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart campaign! A total of 169 students participated in the fundraiser. The students pictured above raised at least \$50, earning them a T-shirt.



(Photo Provided By: Karen Shelepak)

Mrs. Shelepak's second grade class won a pizza party for having the most class participation in PD's Jump Rope for Heart campaign.



Isabella Blaise and Cody Langevin received a special luncheon with Mr. Hayes and Mr. Novotny after raising the most money individually for PD's Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser.



Chenango Bridge's P.E. classes raised \$5,141.30 this year for the Jump Rope for Heart campaign! A total of 61 students participated in the fundraiser!



Chenango Bridge third grader Carter Bowen received a limo ride from D'Lusso Limousine Service, Inc. on March 21, after raising the most money for CB's Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. He was joined in his ride to school by Mrs. Hammond, Mr. Hoffman, and his friend Robert Matson.

CV Staff Members Work on Professional Development with Les Loomis and Olivia Wahl



District News

Full STEAM Ahead

(Photos/Article Provided By: Sarah Latimer)

We're learning about all sorts of things in STEAM right now, from robotics to cucumbers! In kindergarten, we learned about the different types of weather and clouds, and all about meteorologists. Our first graders made tin foil boats and had to test to see if their boat would float in a water table by itself and with added weight. They also learned about recycling and made their own paper! Second graders began coding with Scratch Jr. and worked on their own interactive story.

At Chenango Bridge, it's time to code! Third grade students earned their Dash and Dot driver's licenses and have begun to learn to code with the robots. Fourth graders have been reviewing block coding with Scratch Jr. and will begin a biomes research project, which includes a coded presentation using Scratch Jr. Our fifth graders are using Code.org to work on block coding and will begin to learn about vertical gardens and growing cucumbers.

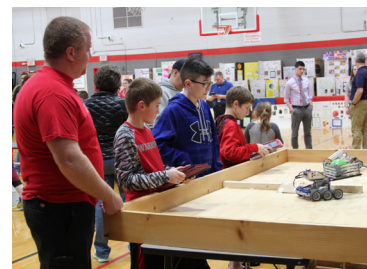
At CV Middle School, our eighth grade classes are studying how simple and complex machines are used to create mechanical advantage. They researched real world devices and then built models using Legos. The Middle School STEAM Club designed and built two robots to compete at the SUNY Broome Robotics Competition. This was our first year fielding a middle school team!

Our HS STEAM students also worked on their robots for the annual competition at SUNY Broome. They designed a robot to autonomously follow a line and a VEX robot to compete in the large "Swept Away" challenge. This was our first year competing in this challenge with the VEX robots instead of Lego Mindstorms. Our high school students also prepared to host our elementary students who won the "Reading Promise STEAM Challenge: (Re)Designing Santa's Sleigh." The elementary students visited our high school's Tech Lab on April 19 to see how we used our 3D printer and software to make their illustrations come to life!



STEAM Night 2018

This year's "STEAM Night" event was held on February 28. The event celebrated the areas of science, technology, engineering, art, and math with a variety of interactive STEAM activity stations. Those who attended were also able to view Rube Goldberg project demonstrations, speak with representatives from local businesses and universities, and view science projects from sixth graders and College Chemistry students. *Thank you to all who helped to make this event a success and to all who attended!*



Guidance

Boys' & Girls' State Conference Participants

(Article Submitted By: Karen Mullins)

Ellis Cleveland and Dominic Mastronardi were selected to represent CV at this year's 2018 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 a determination to maintain our form of government, and developing an understanding of American traditions and a belief in the United States. Congratulations to both boys and a special thank you to the American Legion for sponsoring!

Taylor Potenziano was selected for this year's 2018 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. Congratulations Taylor and a special thank you to the American Legion Auxiliary!



Pictured (l-r): Ellis Cleveland, Taylor Potenziano, Dominic Mastronardi

THE STATISTICS SPEAK
VOLUMES

1 out of 3

13-year-olds in NYS has tried alcohol.

7x

A teen who begins drinking before the age of 15 is seven times more likely to have an alcohol abuse or dependence issue later in life than someone who waits until age 21 to drink alcohol.

50%

Research suggests that kids whose parents talk to them about underage drinking and drug use are up to 50 percent less likely to use.

#1

Parents remain the number one influence in their children's lives.



FOR MORE
INFORMATION

Visit Talk2Prevent.NY.gov



It's NEVER too early to talk about alcohol.

Alcohol is the most commonly used (and abused) drug among youth in the United States. Statistics show, the earlier you can start the conversation about alcohol the better. Having conversations about alcohol at a young age, makes the follow up conversations easier as kids get older as your child is already aware of your expectations. Youth are known for testing boundaries but they feel safest when there are clear rules and expectations. Here are some tips to follow:

The key is to talk early, talk often and don't ever stop talking.

Developing open, honest, and trusting communication between you and your child is essential to helping them avoid alcohol use.

Encourage conversation by listening - don't lecture. As parents, we want to have "all the answers" sometimes we are so anxious to share our wisdom or our opinion that we don't take the

time to listen. Invite your child to tell you what they think and feel about what you're discussing.

Control your emotions. If you hear something you don't like, don't respond with anger as this can end a constructive conversation.

Show respect for your child's point of view, it will make them more likely to listen to and respect your viewpoint.

The truth is important. If you have a family history of issues with alcohol or drugs, be matter of fact about it, as you would any other chronic disease, such as high blood pressure or diabetes.

Focus on teaching children healthy coping skills. Handling life's difficulties is vital to ensure children don't turn to alcohol to cope. Reminding them regularly that the majority (75%) of youth do not drink alcohol also helps as kids like knowing they are the same as their peers.

Does Your Middle Schooler have a Smart phone?

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. Ask 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 9:00 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 up-front about it. If you are finding that they are making inappropriate posts - stay calm - and use this 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 to find many resources for online safety for middle school students.

www.youngteenmag.com (Article Submitted By: Shelby Samson and Deborah Lally)

CV Guidance Staff Members Provide Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Chenango Valley Middle School Social Worker Mrs. Beth Hubenthal and CV High School Social Worker Ms. Jackie Arnold provided Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) training for CV staff members on March 27. Mrs. Hubenthal and Ms. Arnold became certified in YMHFA training in 2017. The program helps to recognize and understand the signs and symptoms of a person experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis. It teaches how to provide support and deal with the problem in the moment. At the training, Mrs. Hubenthal and Ms. Arnold shared signs and symptoms to look for including those that are physical, emotional/behavioral, and related to thoughts a person may be having. They also had staff members work in groups to simulate what a person with auditory hallucinations could be experiencing, by having one person stand behind and talk quietly into someone's ear while that person tried to hold a conversation with another person. At the end of the training, staff members took an assessment using the skills they learned throughout the day to receive a Mental Health First Aid certificate.



Rotary Youth Leadership Conference Participants

(Article Submitted By: Karen Mullins)

Sarah Lamoreaux, Madison Nealy, Jayna Ross and Joshua VanBarriger were selected to represent CV at this year's Rotary Youth Leadership Conference (RYLA) at SUNY Oneonta in the last week of June. The conference features many challenging activities aimed at developing the leadership potential of young men and women. Activities include 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. Congratulations to Sarah, Maddie, Jayna and Josh for being selected, and a special thank you to Rotary and its representatives for sponsoring our students.



Pictured (l-r): Joshua VanBarriger, Jayna Ross, Madison Nealy, Sarah Lamoreaux



Athletic All-Stars

Boys Basketball

Patrick Buchinsky

Bowling

Vincent Tatich

Indoor Track

Michael Godbay

Jacob Weir

Alyvia Brown

Cheer

Natalie Lehr

Boys Swimming

Anthonie Brito

Peyton Broderick

James Bush

Lucas Hoyt

Elijah Lanfear

Michael Schultz

Wrestling

Nathan Lehr

Derek Goga

WINTER 2017-2018 ATHLETIC AWARDS

Academic All-Stars

Boys Basketball - Roy Santa Croce

Girls Basketball - Brittany Kropp

Boys Bowling - Vincent Tatich

Girls Bowling - Caitlin Whiting

Cheer - Natalie Gillette

Indoor Track - Craig Salzman

Indoor Track - Alexa Attleson

Boys Swimming - Lucas Scott

Wrestling - Brady Hope

Scholar-Athlete Teams

Girls Basketball

Boys Indoor Track

Girls Bowling

Boys Swimming

Girls Indoor Track

Cheerleading

Sportsmanship Award

Boys Basketball - Patrick Giblin

Girls Basketball - Calista Smith

Boys Bowling - Damon Potter

Girls Bowling - Brianna Corbin

Cheer - Harley Sarvey

Indoor Track - Dominick Lomonaco

Indoor Track - Mallorie Turner

Boys Swimming - Caleb Frost

Wrestling - Dominic Napoli



C's and V's

Varsity Cheer

Commitment - Jayna Ross
Vigor - Sarah Lamoreaux

JV Cheer

Commitment - Hannah Mohamad
Vigor - Gianna LoVuolo

Varsity Boys Basketball

Character - Travis Kraack & Dylan Ferry
Commitment - Nathan Klein
Challenge - Henry Stroka
Vision - Angelo Montemagno
Vigor - Zaphir Hill
Valor - London Jeter

JV Boys Basketball

Character - Jack Fassett
Vigor - Rory Thompson

Varsity Girls Basketball

Vigor - Grace Elliott
Commitment - Julianne Worden
Challenge - Isabella LoVuolo
Character - Yana Moroz
Vision - Jenna Hanyon

JV Girls Basketball

Commitment - Allyson O'Connor
Vigor - Desire Castro

Varsity Bowling

Commitment - Jenna Castellucci & Vincent Tatich
Character - Parker Boorum
Valor - Elaine Hamilton
Challenge - Abigail Hamilton
Vision - Josh VanBarriger

JV Bowling

Character - Kaylee Shannon & Christian Allen
Valor - Cameron Singer & Addelyne Bixby
Commitment - Michael Turna & Jenna Pratt

Indoor Track

Challenge - Zachery Baer
Vigor - Maria Forbidussi

Boys Varsity Swim

Commitment - Dawson Palmer
Vision - Alexander Hilldale

Varsity Wrestling

Commitment - Colsten Volpe
Valor - Dominic Napoli

JV Wrestling

Character - Jakob Emm
Vision - Devin Skogfeldt

Individual & Team Accomplishments

State Qualifiers

Michael Godbay
Michael Schultz
Elaine Hamilton
Varsity Cheerleading

STAC Division Champion

Varsity Cheerleading
JV Girls Bowling

Section IV Class B Division Champion

JV Girls Bowling - East Division Champs
Varsity Cheerleading
Varsity Boys Swim - East Division Champs



Winter 2017-2018 student athlete State qualifiers were recognized at the March 21 Board of Education meeting.

Athletics

CV to Host Regional Special Olympics on May 5

Chenango Valley will host the Regional Special Olympics Track and Field event again this year. The event is scheduled for May 5 at the CV Middle School and High School.

The kickoff parade and opening ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. on the track. Athletes from several area school districts will be participating in the competition, and many community supporters will be cheering them on from the stands.

We encourage community members to attend this exciting and inspiring event!



Special Olympics

NYS Men's Gymnastics Championship Held at CV

The NYS Men's Gymnastics Championship was held at Chenango Valley High School in March. There were hundreds of contestants and their families who attended and brought business to the local area!



(Photo Provided By: Joel Luchun)

Intramural Badminton Goes to Bainbridge

Three CVHS students participated in Bainbridge-Guilford High School's annual badminton and table tennis tournament on March 10. The tournament consisted of students from more than a dozen schools. London Jeter was able to place third in the singles bracket for badminton, while Noah Stroka and James Hart finished fifth in their respective brackets. *Great job, Warriors!*



(Photo/Article Provided By: Ricky Ruffo)

Boys Volleyball Takes Part in Sect. IV Tournament

Boys volleyball played at the Section IV Tournament! Marlaina Perry and Amanda Wheeler helped coach the team, along with Sue Edwards! The team played well and had fun all day long!



(Photo/Article Provided By: Sue Edwards)

Presentation Explores the Health Risks of Vaping

With flavors such as gummi bear and cotton candy, vaping may seem harmless. However, it can carry many harmful chemicals into your lungs including formaldehyde and toxins. Electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) use among middle and high school students tripled from 2013 to 2014, according to data published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Tobacco Products (CTP). According to data gathered from the PNA (Presentation Needs Assessment) for Broome County in 2016, the past 30 day-use of e-cigarettes was above the national level. With these statistics in mind, the Chenango Valley Athletics Department hosted informative presentations for Chenango Valley students in grades 6-12 on March 19 and 20, addressing the health risks associated with vaping. Local public health educators shared facts that are known about the dangers of vaping, and emphasized that there are still many unknown risk factors. They also questioned the fact that many vaping flavors seem to be targeted towards youth, and shared information on New York State's Clean Indoor Air Act. An evening presentation on March 19 was open to parents, staff, and community members, in addition to students. This presentation encouraged parents to have a conversation with their children about e-cigarettes, while maintaining an open dialogue. After this presentation, attendees were invited to take a bag of cotton candy, representing the influence that vaping flavors can have on youth and that there are safer alternatives to e-cigarettes. *This informative event was made possible through a collaboration including BC Promise Zone, Drug Free Communities, Lourdes Youth Services, and Tobacco Free Broome & Tioga.*



2018-2019 CV Sports Registration "Intent to Play"

CALLING ALL STUDENT ATHLETES!

Any student interested in playing a sport in the 2018-2019 school year (including fall, winter, spring):

Please register through FamilyID on district website (www.cvcasd.stier.org) by May 10 to be scheduled and placed on "intent to play" roster.

Sports Physicals
(in cooperation with UHS)

"Confirmation to play" will be 30 days before season start dates:

Fall Sports: Mid-July 2018

Winter Sports: Early October 2018

Spring Sports: Early February 2019

***More information to follow.**

Keep up-to-date with CV Athletics information:

Like us on Facebook: "Chenango Valley Athletics"

Follow us on Twitter: "@CV_Athletics"

Chenango Valley Middle School Musical:

Annie JR.

May 4 & May 5 - 7:00 p.m.
Chenango Valley MS/HS Auditorium

Tickets: \$5 at the door

Spring 2018 Concerts

~* All concerts are held in the CV High School/Middle School Auditorium *~

Chenango Bridge Spring Concert - Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Middle School Spring Concert - Thursday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m.

High School Spring Concert - Monday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Ice Cream Social & Band Concert

Wednesday, May 30 | 6:30 p.m. | Chenango Valley High School



Featuring the concert bands of grades 5-12

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets -- relax, listen to music and enjoy a treat!

\$3 donation includes ice cream, cookie and a drink

Proceeds benefit The BaCh senior scholarships, and support the music program and activities.

"Bottles for BaCh" donations will be accepted at the Ice Cream Social. 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 any time during the year. Proceeds benefit the students in our band, chorus and theater programs.

Thank you for your continued support!



****Concert held in MS/HS Auditorium in the event of rain.****

Music & Art

'Cinderella' Provides Magical Experience

Chenango Valley Theatre Guild's production of *Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella* was filled with amazing performances, costumes, and set designs! Prior to their performance, members of the cast visited CV's elementary schools and gave the younger students a sneak peak of the musical, read to some PD Elementary classes, discussed their upcoming show live on WBNB's "Around the Tiers" segment, and visited the Fenton Free Library for "Story Time with Cinderella and Friends"! Wonderful job to all who helped to make this magical performance possible!



(Photos By: Don & Tina Kunkel)

CVHS Art Students Present Portrait Drawings at Elizabeth Church Manor

Chenango Valley High School art students worked hard to transform photographs of more than a dozen Elizabeth Church Manor residents into charcoal portrait drawings. Students chose a photograph to work on, and created their pieces over the span of a few weeks. On March 29, students met the faces behind the photographs as they presented the Elizabeth Church Manor residents, along with a couple of ECM employees, their portraits to keep. Smiles filled the faces of both the nursing home residents and high school students during this interaction.

This activity, which helped to expand students' artistic skills and community connection, was arranged by Chenango Valley High School art teacher Mr. Robert Zanot. He arranged a similar activity with the facility around a decade ago. One resident named Martha was part of both events! Thank you to all who made this event possible, and fantastic job to our students on their hard work!

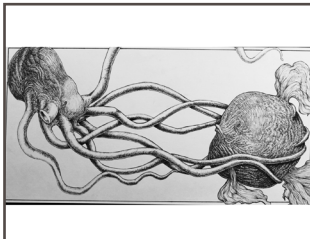


CV High School Students Receive Awards in 'Broome High School Emerging Artists Competition'

Congratulations to Chenango Valley High School students Allen Doan, Megan Proutey, Kayla Ferris, and Madeline Selby who were recognized for their artwork at the Broome County Arts Council's "Broome High School Emerging Artists Competition" on April 6!



"Rumor"
Megan Proutey
Excellence in Use of Media
Teacher: Robert Zanot



"Aquatic Enemies"
Allen Doan
Excellence in Originality
Teacher: Robert Zanot



"Melo"
Madeline Selby
Excellence in Level of Difficulty
Teacher: Robert Zanot



"Something Lost"
Kayla Ferris
Excellence in Composition
Teacher: Robert Zanot

*Correction: Megan Proutey was listed as a '17 graduate in the February 2018 Newscaster. She is currently a CVHS senior.

Port Dickinson Elementary

We hope that all of you had a nice Spring Break. We have entered the fourth quarter of school and as usual it will fly by with all kinds of activities in and out of school. The CV Elementary PTA put on a "Snowball" dance for the girls, their fathers, and important male role models; and a "Space Jam" dance for the boys, their mothers, and important female role models. They were a huge success!

We selected two students to represent Port Dickinson at the Helen Foley Theater at Binghamton High School, in celebration of National Poetry Month. Delia Cook from Mrs. Hoyt's first grade class and Madeline Vesce from Mrs. Shelepak's second grade class read their poems at the Helen Foley Theater on April 28.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Novotny and Mr. Hayes, they have been doing a unit in Physical Education class called Healthy Heart. They incorporated a program called Jump Rope for Heart. It helps to raise funds for the American Heart Association. This year our student body raised over \$11,875 dollars for the American Heart Association. Congratulations!

The Port Dickinson Safety Team has been working very hard to ensure that all requirements are being met to keep our students safe. Thank you for always bringing a picture ID to sign-in or sign-out a child. Also, please make sure that when you are issued a security tag, you display it so that it is visible on your clothing.

Again, this is a very busy time of the year for both parents and children. Please remember to take time and enjoy your friends and families.



Jim Pritchard, principal, Port Dickinson Elem.

'Poetry is in Bloom' at PD Elementary

Spring is here and poetry is in bloom at Port Dickinson Elementary! The school held its spring 2018 poetry recitation on March 22. Two students from each class in the first and second grade were chosen to recite a published poem of their choice. Students performed delightful pieces in front of their classmates and family members! Judges for the recitation were Ms. Ann Szymaniak, Mrs. Casey Egan Doyle from the Chenango Valley Board of Education, and Chenango Valley Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Michelle Feyerabend. Two students, Delia Cook and Madeline Vesce, were selected to represent Port Dickinson Elementary at the county recitation in April. All participants received recognition for their hard work! *Wonderful job to everyone involved!*



Port Dickinson Elementary 'Morning Program Recognition'

These Port Dickinson Elementary students were recognized for actions of outstanding character and leadership in monthly "Student Recognition Day" Morning Programs!

February



March



Noisy Can Challenge 2018

Port Dickinson Elementary collected \$834.19 in loose change for this year's Noisy Can Challenge! The money collected went to the CV Warrior Fund to help CV families in need.



'Hoppy' Times at the Pre-K Family Day Penguin Hop



Port Dickinson Elementary

PD Students Celebrate 100 Days of School with Creativity and Kindness

Port Dickinson students celebrated their 100th day of school on February 14. Kindergartners created wonderful projects using 100 objects. Port Dickinson students also took part in fun and educational classroom activities relating to the number 100. Some students even came to school dressed up as 100 year olds! Since the 100th day happened to fall on Valentine's Day this year, Mrs. Lucas' first grade class thought it would be a great idea to challenge themselves to perform 100 acts of kindness by February 14. From lending a hand to a loved one -- to sharing positive words, each act showed true care and compassion for others.



(Photo Provided By: Tina Hess)



(Photo Provided By: Jenna Dunlap)

Second Grade Students Enjoy 'Taco Tuesday'

After reading the legend "The First Tortilla" in their reading series, second grade students were delighted by a "Taco Tuesday" event where teachers served them delicious taco ingredients. Before they ate, students reviewed the legend's lessons -- including the importance of kindness.



PD Students Learn About Dental Health

Jacky DeVoe from Progressive Dental visited Mrs. Shelepek's second grade and Mrs. Hess' kindergarten students on February 26. Mrs. DeVoe shared tips about oral health, and students even had the chance to take part in some fun and interactive oral hygiene demonstrations!



(Photos Provided By: Karen Shelepek)

PD Class Takes Part in Interactive Music Lesson

After learning about African legends, students in Mrs. Henderson's kindergarten class took part in a fun musical activity. Maria Aimoniotis, who has performed with the Tri-Cities Opera, visited the class. Mrs. Aimoniotis introduced students to instruments including the gankogui, the axatse, and the sogo drum. Students even had the chance to perform with some of these instruments themselves and do some dancing!



Poetry Coffee House Held at PD Library

(Article/Photos Provided By: April Huyck & Amy Mercik)

Mrs. Huyck and Mrs. Mercik hosted a Poetry Coffee House in the Port Dickinson Library on February 13. Students and their families came together to listen to students' original poetry. The room was full of 'snapplause' as these cool cats donned their hats and sunglasses, and bravely shared poems they wrote throughout their Poetry Unit of Study.



Students Make Paper, Learn About Waste Management

Representatives from Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Broome County recently visited Port Dickinson Elementary to teach first grade STEAM classes how to make paper -- all as part of a solid waste management program. CCE representatives Kelly Campbell and Josh Enderle helped students to make paper by ripping up recycled blue scrap paper and mixing it with water to make "pulp." Once the pulp was made, they put it between a wooden press that drained the water out of the pulp and pressed it in together. It took 24 hours to dry, then students were able to use the paper they created!



(Photos Provided By: Carrie Tronovitch)

Chenango Bridge Elementary

We have finally made it to spring! It is great to see more sunshine, warmer temperatures, and longer daylight each day. There are many important, exciting events at Chenango Bridge Elementary School. Our highlights are as follows:

- * On March 1, we had our annual "Spring into Poetry" Recitation. We had two students selected to represent Chenango Bridge Elementary at the Eleanor Hendricks Countywide Poetry Recitation on Saturday, April 28 at the Helen Foley Theatre at Binghamton High School. Congratulations to Kaida Warwick, a fifth grade student in Mrs. Zanut's class, and Lauren Vesce, a fourth grade student in Mrs. Van Houten's class, on a job well done.
- * We completed our NYS ELA Assessments on April 11 and April 12. In the month of May, we will be administering the NYS MATH Assessments. These dates are Tuesday, May 1 and Wednesday, May 2.
- * In the months of May/June, students in grade 4 will be taking the NYS Science (Performance) Test between May 23 and June 1. The NYS Science Written Test is on Monday, June 4.
- * We had two teams from Chenango Bridge Elementary School who competed in the Regional Odyssey of the Mind Tournament on Saturday, March 10. These teams placed FIRST in their problem and division to move on to the State Odyssey of the Mind Tournament at Binghamton University on Saturday, April 7.



Mary Beth Hammond,
principal, Chenango
Bridge Elementary

Awesome job to the following teams and coaches:

- The Grade 4 Team was coached by Mrs. Jessup and had the following students on the team: Ava Jessup, Bianca Tuttle, Elizabeth Race, Braedon VanDoorn, Trevor McEnaney, Eleanor Kruser
 - The Grade 5 Team was coached by Ms. Greenmun and Mrs. Randis and had the following students on the team: Austin Greenmun, Abigail Randis, Samuel Brewer, Courtney McCabe, Arin Miller, Grady Heard, Rhapsody Moss
- * Our students continue to develop stamina and work on challenging, rigorous learning tasks in ELA, math, science, and social studies. Students also gain knowledge and skills from their work in library, art, music, band, and physical education. The learning and progress that our students achieve is a collaborative effort from our dedicated faculty and staff at Chenango Bridge Elementary School. Our home/school connections are essential in helping every warrior succeed.

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 "Family Resource Center" area at CB, located near the Main Office. We welcome you to use this, complete with valuable handouts, resources, and information as another way to communicate and connect, between home and school.

Thank you for working with all of the faculty/staff at Chenango Bridge Elementary School. Communication is key to the success. Your support is very much appreciated! Enjoy the beauty of the season of spring!

Chenango Bridge Students 'Rock On'!

In February, six students at Chenango Bridge Elementary represented Chenango Valley School District by participating in "Rock On Café" segments for NewsChannel 34. Students were given a scripted lunch menu and used their own unique personality while reading it.

The students who participated were:

- Ajay Datta, grade 5 - Mrs. White's class
- Colsten Beers, grade 5 - Mrs. White's class
- Brynn Vinsevich, grade 5 - Mrs. Shafer's class
- Samuel Brewer, grade 5 - Mrs. Shafer's class
- Grazielle Lora, grade 5 - Mr. Gulbin's class
- Megan Butch, grade 5 - Mrs. Reardon's class

Congratulations to all on a job well done!



'Show of Love' Assembly Shares Positive Life Lessons

On Valentine's Day, Chenango Bridge Elementary students took part in an assembly focused on the power of positive peer relationships, respect, and compassion.

Mr. Joe Trionfero led a "Show of Love" character education assembly at the elementary school on February 14. This program helped to teach students empathy, responsibility and communication skills through interactive, engaging and entertaining activities. These activities included having staff and students name songs about optimism and connection, students sharing messages of hope, and even some dancing!



Chenango Bridge Elementary

CB Students 'Spring into Poetry'

Chenango Bridge Elementary held its annual "Spring into Poetry" Recitation on March 1. Teachers selected one student from each classroom to recite a published poem of their choice. Students did a wonderful job enthusiastically sharing their memorized pieces with fellow classmates!

Judges for the recitation were Broome County Sheriff's Deputy John Akshar, Mrs. Christine Lomonaco from the CV Board of Education, CV Superintendent Dr. David Gill, and retired Chenango Bridge Elementary teacher Mrs. Cathy Fitzgerald. Two students, Kaida Warwick and Lauren Vesci, were selected to represent Chenango Bridge at the county recitation in April. All participants received recognition for their hard work! *Fantastic job to all involved!*



Fifth Grade Students Display Creativity in Social Studies Projects

Fifth grade students completed awesome and creative projects after researching the Aztecs, Incas, and Mayans in their social studies classes. The projects were put on display at Chenango Bridge Elementary in February.



CB Students Sing at State of the County Address



Members of fourth and fifth grade chorus did a wonderful job singing the National Anthem at Broome Count Executive Jason Garnar's State of the County Address on February 26. The event was held at the Animal Adventure Park in Harpursville.

CB Spirit Week Shows Warrior Pride



Chenango Bridge Elementary held a "Spirit Week" sponsored by the CB Student Council from February 26 - March 2. However; since there was a snow day during the original "Spirit Week," students sported flannel attire for "Fabulous Flannel Friday" on March 9. "Spirit Week" was designed as a way to bring more community into the school!



Damon Goga's fifth grade classmates displaying their care and support!

Chenango Bridge Ski Club Hits the Slopes

(Photo/Article Submitted By: Abby Pierce)

The Chenango Bridge Ski Club enjoyed skiing and snowboarding this winter at Greek Peak. Some students skied for the first time and others worked on advancing their skills. This year, the members included students from third and fourth grade including Owen Harrison, Marley Podhayski, Tyler Cortright, Makenna Leonard, Tyler Rosenkrantz, and Constantinos Hiras. The Ski Club was advised by Miss Abby Pierce and mentored by Mr. Richard Gulbin.



Middle School

Spring has finally arrived and the CV Middle School has surely been bustling with activity as we've entered the fourth and final marking period. The sixth, seventh and eighth graders just completed the NYS Assessments in ELA and are ready to take the Math Assessment during the first week of May.

On February 28, CV Middle School held its eighth annual Card Board Boat Race, which was followed by the third annual STEAM (science, technology, English, arts, and math) Night. Over 110 students with 43 boats competed in the boat race. The winner for the fastest time was the "Mean Girls Team" with a pool time of 48 seconds. The winner for most school spirit was the "Warrior Rebellion Team." The winner for most creative boat was a tie between "Banana Splitz" and "Royal Floaters." I would like to thank all who participated in this annual event. We look forward to next year's extravaganza.



Eric E. Attleson, principal
CV Middle School

The school year is in the final ten-week stretch. Please pay close attention to any particular comments from teachers, which should provide some direction for your child. Please spend time with your sons/daughters and begin reviewing for the end-of-the-year exams. Please contact the guidance office if you have any questions or concerns.

As the warm weather is upon us, I would like to remind parents to assist their child in making proper clothing choices. Outfits such as tube tops, tank tops, midriff tops, spaghetti straps, and other revealing clothing are not allowed. Shorts or skirts must be at or below fingertips in length with arms placed their 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.

Follow the MS on Twitter @CVMSWarriors. Look for us on Pinterest – "CVMSWARRIORS" – for MS educational topics and ideas.

Upcoming Events in the CV Middle School:

- Tuesday, May 1 and Wednesday, May 2 – NYS Math Assessments
- Wednesday, May 2 – BOE Budget Hearing/Meet the Candidates – 6:00 p.m. – MS/HS Library
- Friday, May 4 & Saturday, May 5 – MS Musical – "Annie Jr." – 7:00 p.m. – MS/HS Auditorium
- Tuesday, May 15 – Annual Budget Vote from 12:00 (noon) to 8:00 p.m. – MS/HS Auditorium
- Wednesday, May 16 – BOE Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – MS/HS Library
- Thursday, May 17 – MS Spring Concert – 7:00 p.m. – MS/HS Auditorium
- Friday, May 18 – End of the 5-Week Period
- Wednesday, May 23 – Eighth Grade NYS Science Performance Assessment
- Thursday, May 24 – 5-Week Reports Sent Home with Students
- Friday, May 25 & Monday, May 28 – School Closed – Memorial Day Break
- Wednesday, May 30 – Ice Cream Social & Band Concert – 6:30 p.m. – MS/HS
- Monday, June 4 – Eighth Grade NYS Science Written Assessment
- Thursday, June 7 through Friday, June 8 – Eighth Grade Trip to Boston

Students Put Skills to the Test in 'You Be The Chemist' Challenge

Chenango Valley had ten students qualify to take part in the You Be The Chemist® (YBTC) Local Challenge competition! Max Bigelow, Sarah Gorman, Gabe Wright, Fenner Sisson, Jonah Rice, Jenna Schaefer, Aidan Hoyt, Aubrey Marroquin, Dylan McCabe, and Ethan Benedict each attended the event at Binghamton University on February 24! The goal of this program is to promote students to use chemistry concepts in real-world applications through an interactive academic contest. This was Chenango Valley's first year participating. Sarah Gorman placed first in the local competition and Maxwell Bigelow placed second. They were joined by Gabe Wright, Fenner Sisson, Jonah Rice and Jenna Schaefer to take part in the State YBTC competition in Tarrytown, New York on April 14. *Wonderful job to all participants!*

(Photo Provided By: Sarah Latimer)



Cardboard Boat Race Fun!



Fastest Time – "Mean Girls Team"

Team members: Logan Lomonaco, Jady Bobzien, Kaylee Guelzow, Olivia Santa Croce, Gianna Black



Most School Spirit – "Warrior Rebellion Team"

Team members: Caden Atkinson, Brian Blaise, Alex Boel, Kyle Santi



Most Creative – "Royal Floaters Team"

Team members: Jessica Gates, Elena Rose, Savannah Greenmun, Elizabeth Dzuba, Tessa McEnaney



Most Creative – "Banana Splitz Team"

Team members: Olivia Blaise, Madeline Howland, Greta Dutcher

Middle School

Student of the Month – January 2018



Front Row (l-r): Aidan Butora, Olivia Santa Croce, Deaven Rought, Fisher Sullivan, Mary Brom
Back Row (l-r): Natalie Smith, Brooklyn Forker, Callie Broderick, Nicholas Smith

6th Grade Team

Mary Brom
Deaven Rought

7th Grade Team

Natalie Smith
Olivia Santa Croce

8th Grade Team

Nicholas Smith
Brooklyn Forker

Good Citizen:

Callie Broderick

Good Citizen:

Aidan Butora

Good Citizen:

Fisher Sullivan

Student of the Month – February 2018



Front Row (l-r): Bryan Lanner Jr., Kyle Santi, Jessica Gates, Sarah Willmott, Jaydn Bobzien
Back Row (l-r): Lana Briggs, Caleb Barkwell, Rocco Ashman, Katana Colson

6th Grade Team

Bryan Lanner Jr.
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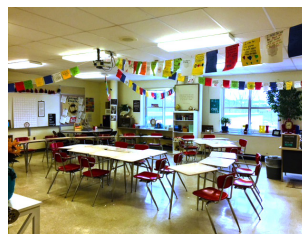
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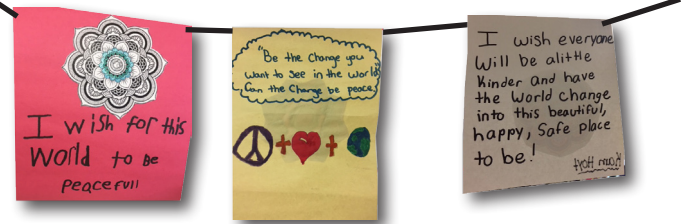
Our Students of the Month "CARE" about CV: **C-Commitment A-Attitude R-Responsibility E-Enthusiasm**

Students Share Messages of Kindness, Peace in Social Studies Lesson

Chenango Valley Middle School students shared messages of hope, peace and kindness during a social studies lesson in Mrs. Veschi's classroom. While studying Ancient Chinese culture, Buddhism and Confucianism, students were asked to make Tibetan prayer flags. CV teachers and staff members were touched by their inspiring words.



(Photos Provided By: Carrie Veschi)



Students Display Scientific Discoveries at Southern Tier Scholastic Science Fair

Congratulations to these 13 Chenango Valley Middle School sixth graders who won awards at the Southern Tier Scholastic Science Fair on March 17:

- Mary Thayne – bronze medal and B-Devils Hockey Award (The Mysteries of Calories)
- Destiny Duckworth – honorable mention and Health and Wellness Award (Brain Body Connection)
- Covany Skinner – gold medal and Whiz Bang Gizmo Award (Does Your Drink Conduct Electricity?)
- Lana Briggs and Kaylee Warner – honorable mention and Lockheed Martin Innovative Achievement Award (Doggie Treat Heaven)
- Lydia Herndon – bronze medal and Lockheed Martin Innovative Achievement Award (Keep it Warm)
- Haley Smith – honorable mention and Merlin Award (Egg Extravaganza)
- Sophia Stento – bronze medal (Eddy Currents)
- Grace Frost – bronze medal (Popping with Popcorn)
- Jenna Beck – silver medal (Does Temperature Effect Elasticity?)
- Brian Blaise – silver medal (Bubbleology)
- Matthew Loperena – gold medal (Hot or Not?)
- Ryan Ming – honorable mention (Positive and Negative Batteries)



(Photo Provided By: Erin Peterson)

P.E. Classes Take Advantage of Winter Weather

Snow didn't stop Chenango Valley Middle School physical education classes from going outside for some fresh air. In fact, classes had a great time taking part in outdoor winter activities such as snowshoeing!



(Photos Provided By: Todd Plourde)

CVMS Students Work with GSR CrossFit

A group of Chenango Valley Middle School sixth grade students have been working out with Mr. Greg Rollo from GSR CrossFit. This fun physical activity is part of a joint initiative between the Chenango Valley Middle School Guidance Office (Mrs. Beth Hubenthal and Mrs. Deborah Lally) and Mr. Rollo, to build upon strength, confidence, and leadership skills.



High School

The 2017-18 school year is coming to an end. Spring sports will soon be concluding. In a few short weeks we will begin the end-of-the-year exercises in the high school. The High School Awards assembly will be held Wednesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. The Senior Awards assembly will be Monday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. Local exams will begin after Memorial Day. The Prom will be held Friday, June 1 at Genegantslet Golf Course. Regents Exams will run on June 5 and June 12-21. Graduation will be held Friday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the CV Stadium. Before you know it, the 2017-18 school year will be behind us. But, before we finish this year, there are a few reminders to take into consideration.

As the weather begins to turn warm and the sun shines on Chenango Valley, students must be reminded of the Chenango Valley dress codes which states: "A student's dress, grooming and appearance shall recognize that objectionable or immodest clothing is not permitted." This would include, but not be 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.



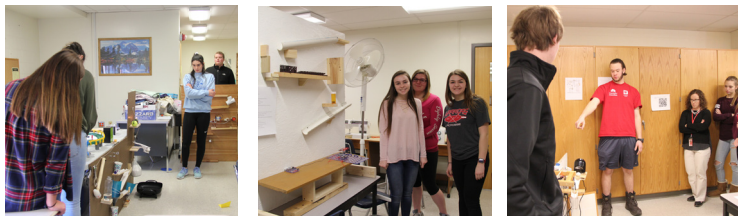
Terry Heller, principal
CV High School

When the weather turns warm, students start to think about summer vacation. Before we know it, the end of the year will be here. 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 our staff during the day and during remedial periods for extra help. Students may take part in our Warrior Academics. Monday through Thursday, two teachers are available in the library from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. for extra help. 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.

Rube Goldberg Project Demonstrations

Before giving demonstrations in front of audiences at STEAM Night, students in Mrs. Korn's physics class presented their Rube Goldberg machine projects in front of fellow classmates. *Great job to all!*



CV Students Take Part in Chemistry Olympiad

Five CV High School sophomores participated in the Chemistry Olympiad at Binghamton University on March 23. Samuel Bozuhoski, Jacob Brown, Dominick Lomonaco, Erin McCollough, and Caleb Schwarz took part in the local exam of the 2018 U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad. The event included a written exam and laboratory practicum. Students were recognized with a certificate for their participation!



(Photo Provided By: Katie Ginalski)

Students Explore Roaring '20s for English Project

(Article/Photos Submitted By: Nicole Schaffer & Kathy Rader)

Students in Mrs. Rader's and Mrs. Schaffer's 11th grade English class recently researched topics regarding the Roaring Twenties. They created posters on subjects such as fashion, music and sports -- and then viewed their classmates' work through a gallery walk. Afterwards, they began the novel "The Great Gatsby"!



7th Annual Business Club Dodgeball Tournament

The seventh annual CVHS Business Club Dodgeball Tournament was held in the high school gymnasium on March 1. Eight teams competed in a round robin format, and Rivercrest became the 2018 champions! Thank you to all who helped to make this event possible, and to representatives from the NY National Guard who helped to ref the games!



(Photo Provided By: Karl Krause)

'Life is a Reality' Teaches Important Financial Lessons

In March, CVHS seniors experienced first-hand lessons in financial management at the annual "Life is a Reality" Expo, sponsored by Visions Federal Credit Union. This year's event was held at the Broome-Tioga BOCES Education Center. With the help of representatives from Visions, this educational activity gave students an interactive, authentic experience as they learned to manage money in "real-life" situations. Students prepared for the program through economic/government classwork. With a chosen occupation, each student navigated through ten booths that simulated real-life scenarios and necessities such as paying rent, buying a car and paying for groceries. Students also learned the true costs that go into paying for things such as entertainment on top of necessities. One of the booths even had students spin a "Life is Unexpected" wheel, which could rule in a student's favor (i.e. winning money) or deduct from their account (i.e. getting a flat tire). During "check out," students saw the final amount of income they had after their expenses were paid. They also received a paper with the "ten basic rules of money management" including the importance of planning, setting financial goals, and paying bills on time. Thank you to Visions FCU, the CV Guidance Department, and Broome-Tioga BOCES for making this informative event possible for our CV students!



High School

CVHS 'Most Influential Person in History' 2018

At CVHS, March Madness gets competitive. However, instead of stepping on a basketball court, students step behind a podium and square off as historical figures for the school's "Most Influential Person in History" competition.

Social studies teacher Mrs. Haskell created this annual voluntary after-school event for sophomores to take part in. Representing figures from Sir Isaac Newton to Genghis Khan, students had the chance to convince judges they were more influential than their opponent. Rounds were set up similar to NCAA basketball brackets. In the final round, Queen Victoria (Erin McCollough) faced Plato (Zachary Crooks). Between keen debate and insightful answers to questions, it was a tough decision for judges... in the end, Plato was proclaimed the winner! *Wonderful job to all participants!*

(Photos Provided By: Mary Maraski)



Queen Victoria (Erin McCollough) and Plato (Zachary Crooks) face off in the final round!



Mrs. Haskell with Plato (Zachary Crooks)

Students Compete in National History Day Program

A total of 26 Chenango Valley High School students competed in the Southern Tier Regional History Day Competition at the Chemung Valley Historical Society in Elmira on March 10.

Students were given a theme to focus on. Group project options included making a documentary, an exhibit, a website or a performance piece. Individual students could also choose to work on any of these items or write a research paper.

There were 15 students who received ribbons at the competition! Students in first and second place included Anthony Austin, Vito Ealy, Audra Lee, Samuel Bozuhoski, Caleb Schwarz, Zachary Crooks, Liana Carman, Celest Pagliarella, Katerina Retzlaff, and Natalie Gillette. These students represented CV and the Southern Tier region at Cooperstown for the New York State History Day in April. *Awesome job to all who participated!*

CVHS Students Attend Math Exploration Day

(Photos/Article Provided By: Pat Hughes)

A group of nine Chenango Valley High School juniors attended Ithaca College's Math Exploration Day on March 7. Students were divided into smaller teams and spent the morning answering challenging math questions as part of a team competition. There were 16 schools from the Southern Tier, Finger Lakes, and Syracuse area that competed. Afterwards, students participated in a variety of math stations, which were administered by Ithaca faculty and math majors. These stations explored topics such as flexagons, Euler paths and circuits, the mathematics of origami, the game of FIM, fractals, cellular automata, building a hypercube, and reflection symmetries.



Pictured (l-r): Faith Fassett, Molly Snashall, Eric Brom, Ellis Cleveland, John-Paul Webster, Jeremy Kellam, Kara Watson, Alexa Attleson, Carter Wilson



CV Senior Receives Akshar All-Star Award

Congratulations to Chenango Valley High School senior Roy Santa Croce who received an Akshar All-Star award from NYS Senator Fred Akshar on March 8! Roy received this recognition for his exemplary character and hard work both inside and outside of the classroom.



CVHS Classes Take Part in 'Conversation with the County Executive'

Broome County Executive Jason Garnar visited Chenango Valley High School on March 28, as part of his "Conversation with the County Executive" tour of local school districts.

Executive Garnar spoke with students in Mr. Clark's Participatory Government class and Mr. Tidick's Enriched ninth grade class. He shared what it's like to be a county executive, his daily responsibilities, and how he got into his position.

A large portion of his visit was focused on a question-and-answer session. Students and teachers asked questions regarding topics such as school safety, political parties, and addressing homelessness in the area.





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BUDGET HEARING / CANDIDATE FORUM
Meet the School Board Candidates
May 2 | 6:00 p.m. | High School Library

The public is invited to meet the six candidates running for three open seats on the Chenango Valley Central School District Board of Education at a Candidates' Forum scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2 in the Chenango Valley High School Library. Candidates will each be asked a brief series of questions to help residents make an informed voting decision.

Following the question-and-answer session, candidates will be on hand to meet district residents attending the forum. See information on the board candidates on pages 6-7 of this *Newscaster*.

Visit the CV district website (www.cvcasd.stier.org/BudgetTaxInformation1.aspx) for additional budget information.



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