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## INTRODUCTION&gt;

## What is a Community School?

Hi! I'm Jackie DeAngelo, the District's Community School Coordinator. I am located in the Guidance Suite in the Middle / High School but am the coordinator for the whole district. The idea of a Community School is that the school acts as the 'hub' of the Community by bringing together educators, families, and resources / stakeholders who serve our area. Our goal is to make this Community School a place where everyone gathers to support not only the education of our students but where the entire family can be connected to the rest of the community and everything it has to offer.

We achieve this through 3 sub-committees that meet monthly:

District Connectivity

Race and Equity

Family Engagement

We are always looking for new members for our sub-committees. If you are interested in joining any of these great teams, please reach out to me!

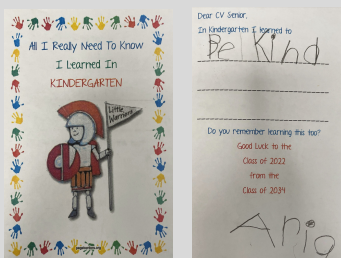


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### DISTRICT CONNECTIVITY

The District Connectivity Sub-Committee has been working on an awesome initiative, 'Warrior Well Wishes'. A fun way to connect our students between buildings and build on that district pride! It started with our Kindergarteners writing to the seniors about an important lesson they have learned so far this year. The seniors loved the messages and drawings from our Little Warriors. Keep an eye out for our next bunch of Warrior Well Wishes!



### FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

#### Community Night

This year's Community Night was a huge success. Thank you to the wonderful planning committee including Director of Pupil Services, Johanna Hickey and Director of Curriculum, Dr. Andrew Blaine. The event took place in the middle school and the hallways, gym and cafeteria were filled to the brim with happy students and families. Families were able to enjoy free food, snacks, games and other activities. Several community agencies also attended the event with eye catching table displays where they handed out information and had activities for the kids. In addition to the activities there was also a basket raffle of beautifully donated baskets by student clubs, grade levels and different departments from the district. A night like this truly showcased the amazing CV Community and what we can all do when we work together!



### RACE & EQUITY

The goal of this subcommittee is to help support the work around the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) districtwide.

#### DEI @Chenango Valley

The DEI Committee at CV are currently working on exciting things and how we best can showcase our district community in the most equitable way possible. We are always looking for more family members, students and community stakeholders to join us and ensure all voices are heard and represented. Contact Jackie DeAngelo via email at [jdeangelo@cvcsd.stier.org](mailto:jdeangelo@cvcsd.stier.org) for more information!



#### What is Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)?

**Diversity** is the collective mixture of human beings and their individual identities co-existing within a specific space. Some of these identities include but are not limited to, race, color, language, age, gender, gender expression, gender identity sexual orientation, and mental or physical ability.

**Equity** is about creating a space that promotes fairness for all regardless of their individual identities. It is the guarantee of fair treatment, access, opportunity, and advancement for all while striving to eliminate barriers that may have prevented the full participation of all groups.

**Inclusion** is about creating a space where individuals feel they can bring their individual identities without judgement and can feel a sense of belonging and respect.

[Source: [DEI Resource Portal](#)]

#### Additional DEI Resources:

[DEI for Parents](#)

[10 Free DEI online courses](#)

[Resource Catalog](#)



#### Family Resource Night

On March 29th CV hosted a Family Resource Night where we welcomed 6 panelists from various community agencies. At this event the panelists discussed the importance of mental health, how to access support services in our community, and explained what these services might look like. Each panelist brought a plethora of information and insight into an often stigmatized topic. If you would like to view the presentation visit the CV website [linked here](#).



## Upcoming Community Activities

- 4/23 - Community Spring-Tacular Event @NoMa Community Center @11:00am. More details [here](#).
- 4/30 - Binghamton University's EcoBlitz @BU Nature Preserve from 10:00am to 3:00pm, more info [here](#).
- Saturdays - 9:00am-1:00pm Broome County Regional Farmers Market, 840 Upper Front St. Binghamton. More info [here](#).