



Newscaster

October 2016

2016 Alumni Hall of Fame honored in day & evening events

The 2016 Chenango Valley Hall of Fame honorees were recognized at several events during the school day and in the evening on Friday, Sept. 30. Alumni honorees include humanitarian Robert Aagre - Class of 1967, travel agent Carolyn Jagger Waffle - Class of 1978, television and film casting agent Grant Wilfley - Class of 1980 and entrepreneur Melissa Andrus Brown - Class of 2002. Class of 1975 graduate Bill Hazilla, a long-time staff member, coach and CV supporter was honored posthumously as a Distinguished Community Member.

This year, students at all grade levels took an active part in welcoming and honoring the inductees. The day began with honorees meeting the CVHS students who would be introducing them at the day and evening events. Each of these students researched their assigned honoree in advance and prepared their remarks. The students accompanied the honorees to Port Dickinson, where a school-wide assembly provided a special welcome. The next stop was Chenango Bridge Elementary School, where the High School students introduced the honorees and the elementary students asked thoughtful questions. A luncheon at the Middle/High School was followed by individual classroom visits for each honoree. The visits, geared towards the honoree's career and interest field, provided great inspiration for students.

An evening reception was held at the Holiday Inn Binghamton where guests that included district staff, community members and friends enjoyed remarks from the CVHS students and the honorees. A live auction added to the evening's festivities, with proceeds benefiting the new Chenango Valley Alumni Association's scholarship fund.



At left, alumni honoree Bob Aagre talks to students in Chenango Bridge about his life and experiences.



At right, Alex Boel, a fifth-grader at Chenango Bridge, asks the honorees a question during the school assembly to honor the 2016 Hall of Fame inductees.



l-r: 2016 Alumni honoree Robert Aagre, seniors Sam Hatton, Kesondra Stafford, Aaron Trumino, Meg Rossie and Zach Carr, and honorees Melissa Andrus Brown and Carolyn Jagger Waffle.

CV Humanities/Literacy Night

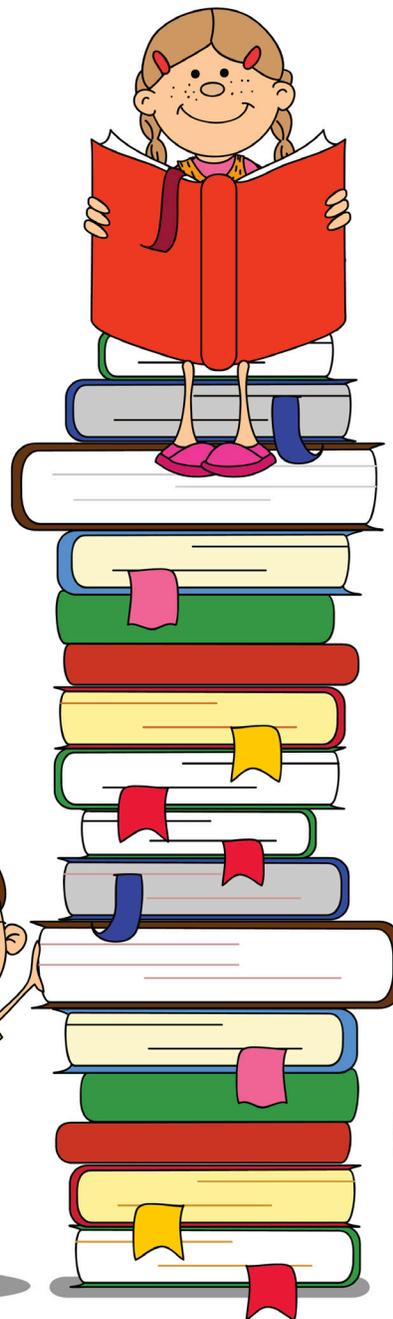
Thursday, November 3

6:30-8 p.m.

CV Middle School Gym & Cafeteria



A Family Event to Promote the Humanities
(Literacy, Social Studies & Music)
For students in grades PreK - 5 & their parents



Games
Activities
Technology
Books
& more!

**A great opportunity
for students &
parents to share
educational fun!**



District News

Message from the superintendent

Happy autumn!

It is unbelievable to be writing for the October Newscaster already. We had a wonderful start to the school year. Thank you to all our families who were able to participate in our open houses this year. We created a short survey that can be found on our homepage (www.cvcgsd.stier.org) asking for your input on these important parent nights.

Thank you also to all of our parents and students who helped us celebrate at the "Rally in the Valley." This year's event was extra-special, as we celebrated the grand opening of our new athletic field complex. Thank you to Mrs. Price and Mr. Tomm, as well as all of our coaches and athletes, for organizing such a great community event.

We also celebrated a wonderful Alumni Recognition event recognizing our alumni successes. All these and more are reasons to celebrate the strength of our Chenango Valley community.

At this point of the year, our staff and students are heavily entrenched in academics. The lessons and instruction delivered by our staff are powerful. I ask you to please continue to work with your child and our staff to build a partnership in learning. Students are our first priority and your partnership is vital!

Lastly, by the time you receive this I will have held my first community event, "Cookies and Conversation" at the Fenton Free Library. I want to thank the library staff and especially Mrs. Korin Spencer for sponsoring this event. Developing partnerships is important – we all have the same goals – to help each child be happy, healthy, safe, and successful.

All the best for a beautiful fall season!

Sincerely,



David P. Gill
Superintendent of Schools



David P. Gill
Superintendent

Full STEAM ahead in Chenango Valley

STEAM -- also known as STEM -- is the learning that happens at the intersection of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. STEAM learning is project-based, hands-on learning with an emphasis on problem solving. Last year, we were able to add an elementary STEAM teacher who worked with students and teachers in grades 2 - 5. This year, we were able to add a teaching assistant to that program through a grant, enabling us to work with grades K-2 and 4 on a regular basis, and on a project basis with the other grades.

At each elementary building, we have a STEAM classroom that includes a "Tinker Lab," where students can go and create, invent, or perform challenges. Tinker Labs take a lot of raw materials to support creativity, so stay tuned for ways you can help with odds and ends you may have around the house.

We have also added a new teacher at the middle school level, Mr. Chris Dotson, who replaced Mr. Carl Kucharski after his retirement this year. Mr. Dotson will be expanding the technology program to include not just the traditional technical arts but also coding and robotics. Mr. AJ Cass continues with us at the high school. He will be not only working with our engineering classes but will also be doing some work with multimedia production and digital photography. In addition, Mr. Cass is offering our first engineering class for college credit in partnership with SUNY Broome.

We are off to an exciting year with planned participation in an engineering challenge at the end of this month for some of our middle school and high school students. Our elementary students are going to be participating in The Hour of Code in December, so watch for more information about that as well.



Board of Education President's message

Teaching politics during an election year is always challenging for educators who fear being accused of trying to sway students one way or the other. But this year is especially noxious given the nastiness of the current 2016 campaign. Is there a way for a teacher to address important issues without getting lost in the circus?

Back in 2004, my eighth-grade daughter, Abbie, came home extremely upset. George W. Bush had just won a second term as president and one of her teachers had told her class that Bush was now going to draft all of her classmates (14 year olds?) and send them all to Iraq to die for oil. I guess I could have called the teacher or even the principal, but instead I used the incident as a proverbial learning experience. I explained how we adults can become very passionate about our political choices. If our particular candidate wins, then life is all rainbows and gumdrops. If our preferred candidate loses, then it would mean certain doom.

One of my most vivid youthful memories is standing in the family living room as a fourth-grader with a "Weekly Reader" in my hand (remember them?) and asking my parents if they were planning on voting for Lyndon Johnson or Barry Goldwater. When they told me Goldwater, I cried my eyes out. I was devastated. All of my classmates loved Johnson and hated Goldwater. My life was over. Well, I obviously recovered, to the point where I am now capable of teaching kids about how the democratic process works.

Teachers, such as myself, really only have four opportunities, at best – from the time students start kindergarten until they graduate from high school – to let their students experience a presidential election. And like all controversial topics, the election can be taught as long as it is handled appropriately for each grade level. Teenagers, likely being the most politically engaged, would surely have many questions about a candidate's vision for America, or their immigration policy, or possible Supreme Court nominations. There are many balanced sources which teachers can pull from.

But here's the tricky part: how to educate without indoctrinating. In my opinion, a teacher should be careful not to impose their own political views on their vulnerable charges who are often looking desperately for guidance. I recently got into a heated discussion with a colleague over this very issue. This teacher had one very strong opinion when she lived with her family while in high school. But in college she decided she needed to reverse her opinion. That kind of opinion evolution happens all the time. But where we parted was her strong desire to show her passion for the topic by continually pressing her high school students to share her new viewpoint.

For many years, with the help of my classroom aide, Mrs. Behn, I have engaged in a bit of a political experiment. My students are always trying to discover my party affiliation. I tell my classes that I have definitely registered in one of the two major parties. I tell them that I have voted in every single primary and general election since 1972 (!). I read multiple newspapers and watch multiple news programs daily. I consider myself knowledgeable about current affairs. But I absolutely refuse to attempt to influence my students one way or the other by telling them my party affiliation or preferred candidate(s). One of my favorite expressions is, "No matter how flat the pancake, it still has two sides."

On the last day of school, I always give my students the chance to guess which party I belong to and I tally the results on my smartboard. When I do this, Mrs. Behn (my aide) and I laugh and laugh and laugh. Despite my sincerest most heartfelt attempts to hide my biases and always steer a middle path, the students always guess correctly with 90% accuracy. Apparently, pure objectivity is more difficult than I expected. Until next time, I am Stuart Elliott, President of the CV Board of Education.

Stuart Elliott,
President, Chenango Valley Board of Education



Stuart Elliott
Board President

Fenton Free Library now offers WiFi

The Fenton Free Library now features free WiFi! Thanks to assistance from the Hillcrest Rotary Club, a wireless internet connection system was recently installed in the library. Library patrons are now able to enjoy free WiFi on their personal devices and on the library computers that are available for public use.

Library Director Korin Spencer is thrilled with the new WiFi and finds it to be a welcome addition to the library services. The Fenton Free Library is extremely grateful to the Hillcrest Rotary for funding this enhancement.



Halloween

Costume Party

Friday, October 28, 2016

for CV elementary students & their parents

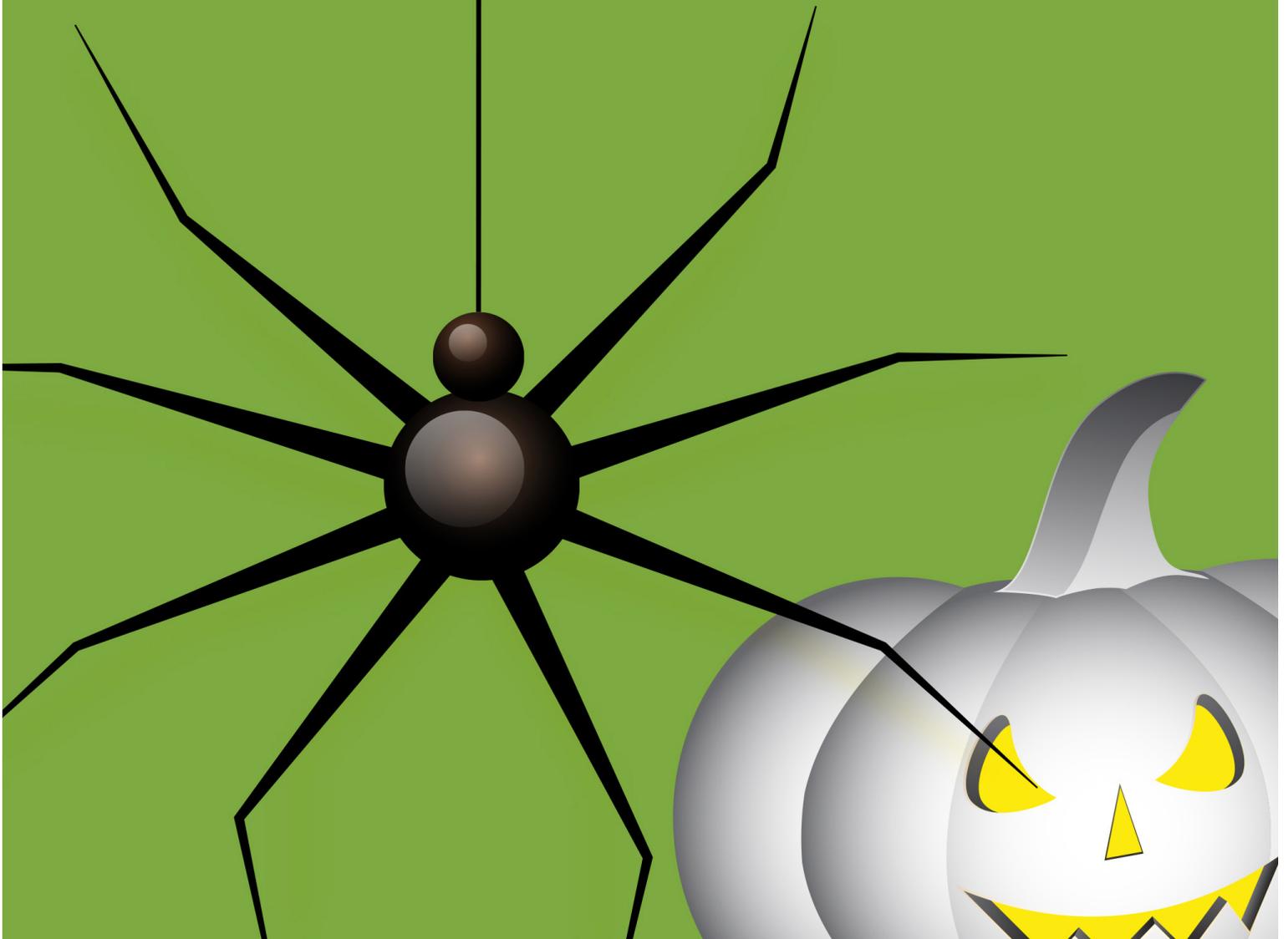
Color custom treat bag,
zombie tag, costume
parade, songs, relay races,
treats and more!

Sponsored by the
CVHS Business Club/CVSS

Party - CVHS Gymnasium 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Trunk or Treat: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
in parking lot by flagpole

Adults \$2 Children \$1



Guidance

Back-to-School Tips *Connecting with Your Child's School Counselor for a Successful School Year*

School counselors make a measurable impact in every student's life, assisting with academic, career and personal/social development. Professional school counselors are trained in both educating and counseling, which allows them to function as a facilitator between parents, teachers, and the student in matters concerning the student's goals, abilities, and any areas needing improvement. School counselors provide services not only to students in need, but to all students.

Meet or contact your child's school counselor. The beginning of a school year is an excellent opportunity to initiate contact with your child's school counselor and doing so can ensure your child's positive school experience. By communicating with one another, parents and counselors can have a definite impact on a child's success.

Discuss your child's challenges and concerns with the school counselor. As a parent, you know your child best. However, the school counselor can help your child as a student. It's important to encourage your child's expression of needs, hopes, and frustrations.

Learn about your child's school and social connections from the school counselor. When you need information or assistance, your child's school counselor can help you get in touch with the appropriate school officials; learn about school policies on behavior, attendance, and dress; know the school calendar of important dates; and stay connected with the school in many other ways. The school counselor can also help you locate resources in the community when you need them.

Work with the school counselor to identify resources and find solutions to problems. If your child is having a problem at school, it is important to work with your child's school counselor to find solutions. Discuss resources available within and outside of the school, and get information on how such programs can benefit your child. Your school counselor can be a valuable partner in your child's education and preparation for life beyond school.

From NYSSCA news

Chenango Valley Middle/High School Guidance



Middle School Social Worker (6-8)
Beth Hubenthal 762-6925



Middle School Counselor (6-7)
Deborah Lally 762-6920



Middle School/HS Counselor (8-9)
Shelby Samson 762-6923



High School Social Worker (9-12)
Jackie Arnold 762-6924



High School Counselor (10-12)
A-L: Judy Hayes 762-6921



High School Counselor (10-12)
M-Z: Karen Mullins 762-6922

Attention Student Athletes

As you know, the NCAA has established eligibility rules related to participating in Division I and II college athletics. Should you be considering athletics in college, it is absolutely imperative that you notify your school counselor now. Students are required to take 16 core subject courses. The NCAA does not use elective courses to complete the 16.

To participate at the Division I or II level, you also must register with the NCAA Clearing house at www.eligibilitycenter.org. Once you have registered, it will prompt you to let the guidance office know to submit a transcript. Finally, you must submit your SAT or ACT scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center directly from the testing agency in order to certify the initial eligibility of the student-athlete. All test scores are required to be sent.

Eligibility Rules are changing for students graduating in 2016 or later. See your counselor for details.

Current/retired CV military

Chenango Valley CSD maintains a military display in the lobby of the district office entrance. If you know of any active or retired U.S. military service members who are graduates of Chenango Valley, we'd like to feature them in our display. For more information, please contact Mr. Krause at kkrause@cvcvcsd.stier.org.

Information on CV veterans can also be posted on a Chenango Valley High School Veterans page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/cvhsvets.

Financial Aid Night

November 2, 2016

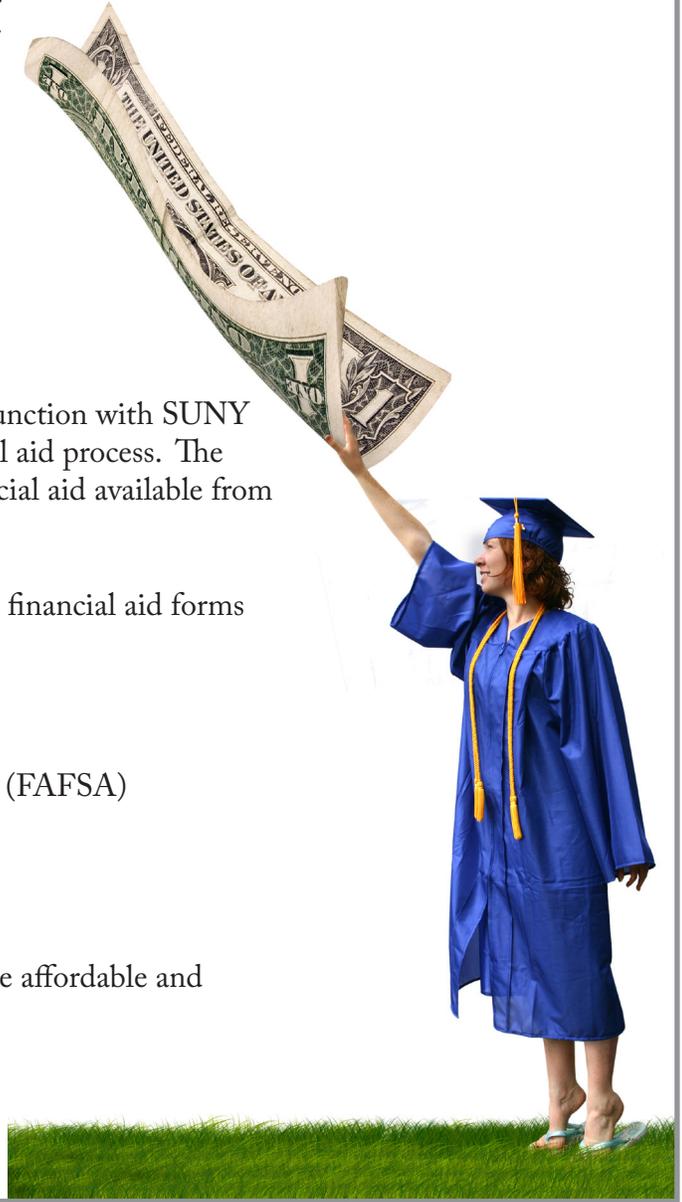
6 p.m.
CVHS Library

Chenango Valley High School Guidance Department, in conjunction with SUNY Broome, will present an informational program on the financial aid process. The presentation will include information on scholarship and financial aid available from higher education institutions.

Information about deadlines and processing procedures for the financial aid forms will be discussed.

Topics to include:

- How to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Financial Aid Timeline & Process
- Financial Aid Terminology
- Types of Aid
- How Financial Aid Packages are developed
- Information on scholarships and ways to make college more affordable and accessible



Upcoming SAT and ACT test dates

SAT Test www.sat.org/register

ACT Test www.actstudent.org/start

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
December 3, 2016	November 3, 2016
January 21, 2017	December 21, 2016
March 11, 2017	February 10, 2017
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017

Guidance

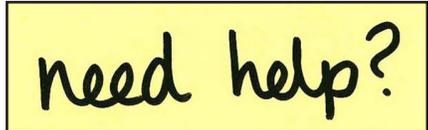
Help available for CV families in need

Did you know that Chenango Valley has these resources available?

- CHOW Food Pantry
- CV Clothing Bank
- Holiday Assistance (Thanksgiving food baskets, gifts for school-age children at holiday time*)
- Individualized Services: Please contact the guidance office to see if we can help.

**must register by 11/9/16*

If you or someone you know in the Chenango Valley Central School District needs assistance, please contact the Guidance Office at 762-6918 or Middle School Social Worker Beth Hubenthal at bhubenth@cvcsd.stier.org.



Counselors meet with Middle School students about school start

The guidance office has been busy welcoming everyone back to school and helping students adjust to the new school year. This year, school counselors Mrs. Lally (grades 6-7) and Mrs. Samson (grades 8-9) conducted minute meetings with each student in the middle school. These brief meetings gave students a chance to meet their counselor and answer basic questions about the start of the school year. Each student was asked between 9-12 questions, depending on their grade level. We will be using this data to develop programs and will re-assess progress throughout the year.

A quick review of some of the key data shows the following:

Question	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
How is the school year going so far?	90.2% Good or Great	89.8% Good or Great	87.5% Good or Great
How are your classes and school work?	90.2% Just about right	94.5% Just about right	95.2% Just about right
Do you have friends at school and in your classes?	97.4% Yes	100% Yes	99% Yes
Do you plan on joining any clubs or sports at school?	81% Yes	87% Yes	87.5% Yes

Olweus team-building gets Middle School off to a good start

School Social Worker, Mrs. Hubenthal, and counselors Mrs. Lally and Mrs. Samson spent two days in physical education classes with all of our Middle School students. While in the classes, they reviewed the Olweus Bully Prevention Program rules and definitions and gave students an opportunity to brainstorm ideas on how to be a good person in middle school and how to support each other throughout the year. Students participated in fun activities that required teamwork and communication. They saw that there are different ways to solve a problem and that there are many people in the Middle School who are here to help.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress or would like to schedule a parent conference with a team of teachers, please feel free to contact Mrs. Lally (grades 6-7) or Mrs. Samson (grades 8-9) in the guidance office at 762-6918.



Working as a team, students had to move a stack of cups from one side of the gym to the other without touching the cups with their hands.

Guidance

Clinic Plus Program

It is natural to measure your child's height and weight, or to assess their hearing, vision or other health concerns. Emotional health issues can affect how children perform in school, how they relate to family members, and their ability to make friends. Family Enrichment Network and Broome County Mental Health, in cooperation with our school district, are pleased to make a **free, voluntary, and confidential** questionnaire available to help you assess your child's emotional health.

The Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire will be distributed to parents of students in grades K-8 who attend Broome County schools. Parents/guardians should take a moment to review the packet, complete the permission form and questionnaire, and return the survey to school or via postal mail in the envelope provided. The Clinic Plus Coordinator will score the assessments and return results **only to the parent/guardian**, unless they have provided consent to share the results with school staff.

Questions about the assessment can be directed to Kami Dutcher at 607-778-1111 or kdutcher@familyenrichment.org or CV MS Social Worker, Beth Hubenthal, at 607-762-6925 or bhubenth@cvcsd.stier.org

- Beth Hubenthal, LCSW

Body image documentary coming to Towne Square Mall in Vestal

Embrace, a social impact documentary that explores the issue of body image, will be shown on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Vestal Towne Square Theatre. The film had its world premiere at the 2016 Sydney Film Festival, where it made it into the festival directors' top five picks and was nominated for the Documentary Australia Foundation Award for Best Documentary.

Women and girls are constantly lead to believe they're not as good as they should be. And why? Because every day they feel they're being judged on their appearance and how far away it is from an unachievable ideal. Taryn Brumfitt, founder of the Body Image Movement which created the film, says the organization is on a quest to redefine and rewrite the ideals of beauty. The effort is aimed at encouraging women to be more accepting of who they are, use positive language regarding their bodies and others, and prioritize health before beauty.

Tickets are \$11 and may be purchased online at: <https://gathr.us/screening/reserve/18066>. A preview is also available at this website.

For more information, contact HS Social Worker Jackie Arnold at 762-6924.

Bus safety drills remind students of proper behavior, emergency procedures

All CVCS D students recently participated in bus safety drills. The students learned about ridership rules, how to use seat belts, where the emergency equipment and exits are, and how to operate them. They also learned about the safe crossing and danger signals, and what to do if the driver becomes disabled.

Bus security was also incorporated into the drill. Students were taught age-appropriate lessons on terrorism and to be aware of their surroundings at the bus stop. For security purposes, all of the large and small buses that Chenango Valley has added to its fleet in the last four years are equipped with aerial identification. The bus number and district initials are painted on the top of the bus for easy identification in the event of an incident.

In accordance with New York State Education law, bus safety drills are conducted at CV three times during the school year.



Bus driver Ron Lazo reviews safety instructions with students.



Students practice exiting through the rear emergency door.

Athletics

Girls varsity wins soccer tourney on home field

The girls varsity soccer team opened up its season by winning the Battisti-Garzo Kick-off Soccer tournament held at Chenango Valley. The tournament helped showcase our new multi-purpose field and stadium as a soccer facility.

The Warriors opened the tournament by defeating Whitney Point 6-0, and won the championship the following day by defeating Bainbridge-Guilford 3-0.

Six Warriors were selected to the All-Tournament Team:
Kesonra Stafford - grade 12
Emma Crooks - grade 12
Alaina Carman - grade 11
Laurel Currier-Pernesky - grade 11
Julianne Worden - grade 11
Sara Marinaro - grade 9, Tournament Most Valuable Player

- Ted Hoffman



GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION *and* RALLY IN THE VALLEY





LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(one-time, \$25 dues)

Name: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

I am interested in: *(please check any/all that apply)*

- serving on a committee or board of directors
- volunteering at events
- helping to locate/contact potential members
- making a donation to the CV Alumni Association - My donation is included with my dues payment.

You DO NOT have to be an alumni to join!

If your ♥ bleeds red & gray, please consider joining this new organization!

Some ideas I would like to see for Alumni Association events or activities:

Please mail this completed form and \$25 dues (checks payable to CV Alumni Association) to:

Chenango Valley Alumni Association
CVCSD, Attn: Linda Snyder
221 Chenango Bridge Rd.
Binghamton, NY 13901

JOIN & PAY ONLINE!
www.cvcسد.stier.org/alumniassociation.aspx

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Port Dickinson Elementary

Here we are in the middle of October with over one month of school under our belt. Port Dickinson saw a lot of changes over the summer, thanks to the capital project. All of our flat roofs were replaced and our parking spaces were reworked and repaved. This gives us much more parking for staff and parents. We also had a new entrance added to the building, which helps make it more inviting. But most importantly, the children are having a wonderful time playing and exploring our new playground. We are planning phase two of the capital project for next year, which will include an upgrade to the kitchen and multi-purpose room, along with the addition of a security vestibule in the main lobby.



Jim Pritchard, principal,
Port Dickinson Elem.

Port Dickinson will soon be adding a national, evidence-based program called the Primary Project. This program helps children adjust to school, gain confidence, work on social skills, and focus on learning. Through play, Primary Project addresses children's school adjustment difficulties and increases their chances for success. Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Rossie, and Mrs. Ivan are being trained in the Primary Project, and we expect to have it implemented in grades K-2 within the next month.

Mrs. Mika and Mrs. Tronovitch are working together to bring STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) classes up and running. We hope that this year we will be pushing into grades K-2, along with projects in pre-kindergarten. We plan to add a "Tinker Town," where students will be able to create or design independently or within groups.

Finally, we are continuing with our Morning Program. Last month's theme was the people in your neighborhood and Kelso's Choices. Next month we will be talking about Kelso's Choices, conflict resolution, and making good choices.

Again, we are off to a great school year. We want to wish you a safe and fun Halloween.

Monarch butterfly release wows students

Mrs. Shelepak's second-graders joined with Ms. Testani's kindergarten class to release monarch butterflies at school as part of a science lesson. The students learned about the life cycle of a butterfly and watched in delight as Mrs. Shelepak released four monarchs into the bright fall sky.

As the butterflies took flight, the children waved goodbye - see photo, bottom right.



Port Dickinson Elementary

Experiment helps students to “See the Rainbow”

Mrs. Locke’s kindergarten class spent two weeks exploring the colors of the rainbow. On the final day they put on their thinking caps for a fun-filled science experiment with the help of Mrs. Mika, Mrs. Tronovitch, and Mrs. Zlomak.

What will happen when you pour hot water on top of Skittles? The Skittles commercial tells us to taste the rainbow, but these kindergarteners saw the rainbow as the hot water melted the candy to create a beautiful rainbow.



PD welcomes 2016 Hall of Fame honorees

Port Dickinson rolled out the red carpet on Sept. 30 to give a special welcome to the 2016 Hall of Fame alumni honorees. The children sang songs and held up letters to spell “W-E-L-C-O-M-E A-L-U-M-N-I” to their special guests.



Chenango Bridge Elementary

The first five weeks of school have gone by very quickly. We have had an exceptional start to this school year. Our faculty and staff at Chenango Bridge Elementary continue to provide a positive, nurturing, and rigorous educational experience.

There are many important events taking place in the coming month:

Nov. 3	Literacy Night at CVMS Gym
Nov. 10	1 st Marking Period ends
Nov. 10	Veterans Day Assembly (in-school event)
Nov. 11	No School, Veteran's Day
Nov. 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences (afternoon)
Nov. 23-25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 2	Parent/Teacher Conferences (afternoon)



Mary Beth Hammond,
principal, Chenango
Bridge Elementary

As each new school year begins, we are focused on the curriculum expectations and instruction that meets the needs of all learners. This year, we have added an intervention time into our schedule, called the “# Warrior What I Need Time,” or “WIN” time. This time allows our teachers to provide intervention to students in areas where they may need extra support. The goal is always to help our students have knowledge to allow the learning process to move forward. Our building also has a strategic planning team to address district goals and expectations. This is a positive way to share information, look at data, and continue moving in a positive direction to enhance the learning process.

In addition to academic work, we have been conducting our safety drills (fire drills, bus drills, and emergency evacuation), continuing our anti-bullying expectations taught through Olweus, and encouraging daily reading at home with a partner through CV’s “Reading Promise” program. Very shortly, we will be in the midst of the holiday season. If your family is in need of assistance, we may be able to connect you with programs to help during this time. Further information is available in newsletters and memos sent home and on the district website.

Our school district’s mission statement is, “We *inspire, engage, and empower* all students to achieve their full potential.” Given this standard of excellence, I ask that all of us work together, communicate, support learning, and develop friendships and partnerships to help our students excel – in and out of the classroom.

Fall is an amazing time of the year -- full of colors, crisp, fresh air, and delicious apple and pumpkin desserts. Enjoy spending time with your families and friends!

CB students tape “Rock On Cafe” segments



Six Chenango Bridge Elementary School students represented the district by participating in the “Rock On Cafe” segments for Newschannel 34. Students were given a scripted lunch menu and used their own unique personality when reading it. Students participating were:

Abigail Cron, grade 3 - Mrs. Gleason’s class; **Kayden Stalker**, grade 3 - Mrs. DeFilippis’ class; **Sarah Chong**, grade 4 - Miss Campbell’s class; **Tywala Stafford**, grade 4 - Mrs. Clark’s class; **Greta Dutcher**, grade 5 - Ms. Smith’s class; and **Kyle Santi**, grade 5 - Mr. Amirian’s class.

The segments will be aired on Channel 34 and can be viewed at www.newschannel34.com under the “Rock On Café” heading from Monday, Nov. 7 through Tuesday, Nov. 15. Congratulations to all for a job well done!

Chenango Bridge Elementary

Students participate in NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition

The physical education classes at Chenango Bridge participated in the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Competition this year, where winners of our local competition can advance to sectional level play with the possibility of making regional and national level competitions. Congratulations to the winners and all who participated.

- Ted Hoffman/Cathy Lyons

Punt, Pass & Kick Winners			
	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Boys 8-9	Nate Marinaro (Mrs. Campbell)	Jason O'Connor (Mrs. Vesce)	Nate Boljevic (Mrs. Campbell)
Girls 8-9	no entries		
Boys 10-11	Grayson Clark (Mrs. Smith)	Ryan Ames (Mrs. Smith)	Aiden Granger (Mr. Amirian)
Girls 10-11	Callie Broderick (Mrs. Reardon)	Adelie Wilson (Mrs. Zanot)	Addyson Charpinsky (Mrs. Zanot)



Front, l-r: Ryan Ames, Addyson Charpinsky, Jason O'Connor; Back, l-r: Nate Boljevic, Aiden Granger, Grayson Clark, Callie Broderick, Nate Marinaro, Adelie Wilson, Mr. Hoffman

Singer/songwriter Jared Campbell entertains and inspires at Chenango Bridge

Award-winning singer/songwriter Jared Campbell visited Chenango Bridge Elementary School recently and delighted students with his fun, humorous and inspiring performance.

Campbell is known for his uplifting, thought-provoking and emotionally heartfelt music. His inspiring messages focus on overcoming obstacles, anti-bullying, respect and having a positive outlook on life.

A native of upstate New York, Campbell has toured the country over the past decade, singing and speaking at hundreds of schools and conferences. He captivates students with his music, lyrics, and video presentations aimed at encouraging young people to live out their purpose with passion.



Middle School

Welcome to the 2016 - 2017 school year at the Middle School. I hope you had a wonderful and restful summer break.

The Middle School is off to a fantastic start. I have been so awestruck with all of the students this year - navigating the lockers and schedules, making new friends and meeting new teachers. The theme for this year is: "*The Year #kindawesome*" and during morning announcements three days a week, we are providing tips from "Kid President" and Miss Anne on "how to be more be more awesome."

With the warm fall weather comes the issue of student dress. Please be mindful of the student dress code. Students should not be wearing clothing such as tube tops, tank tops, net tops, low necklines (front and/or back), see-through garments, "spaghetti" strap tops, and bare mid tops. Shorts and skirts should be at least fingertip length. If students' outfits are of a questionable nature, they will be asked to change their clothing. If they do not have appropriate clothing at school, a parent will be called to bring in clothes. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Eric E. Attleson, principal
CV Middle School

The Middle School Olweus Bully Prevention Program held its beginning of the year kick-off on Sept. 23, and the students ended the day with a school dance featuring Mrs. Price spinning the tunes. The purpose of the Olweus program is to educate students and give them the necessary tools to help navigate through any bullying issues of today. If you believe that your son/daughter is having an issue, please do not hesitate to contact the school so we can assist in the matter.

Please be sure to sign up for CV Alerts on the district website under the Public Login Section on the top right-hand side of the home page. This service provides an email or text message, depending on your preference, with reminders of school events or closings. We also encourage you to sign up for the Parent Portal through the guidance office. The Parent Portal enables parents/guardians to access their son or daughter's grades online. For assistance in signing up, please contact the Middle School guidance office.

The faculty at the Middle School is eager to work with your son/daughter to help them grow socially and academically this year. We believe in the power of success; it starts with one positive experience that will grow into many more throughout the school year.

I am very excited for the upcoming school year and all of the events and activities planned for our students. Please remember that it is important for your child to be on time, prepared, and ready to learn each and every school day. Your support throughout the year is crucial to your child's success. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Follow the MS on Twitter: @CVMSWarriors

Upcoming Events in the Middle School:

- Nov 3 – Literacy Night, MS Gym - 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- Nov. 11 - No School – Veterans Day
- Nov.10 - End of 1st Quarter
- Nov. 10– MS Dismissal @ 11:30 am - ½ Conference Day
- Nov. 16 - Board of Education Meeting, MS/HS Library - 7 p.m.
- Nov. 17 - Report cards sent home

Financial simulation program teaches budgeting skills

Jennifer Crawford and Taylor Pinkett from GHS Federal Credit Union visited the seventh-grade Family & Consumer Science (FACS) classes to introduce the Banzai Financial Literacy Program.

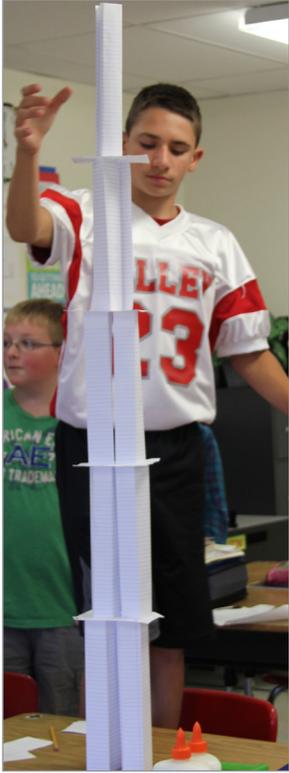
The Banzai program is an on-line interactive simulation that provides each student with real-life financial experiences using a laptop computer. Each student registers for the program and is given scenarios and events that include employment, rent payments, credit cards, overdrafts and more.

Every Chenango Valley seventh-grader will participate in this program as part of Mrs. Shadduck's and Ms. Terwilliger's classes. The program is sponsored by the GHS Federal Credit Union.



Middle School

Paper tower construction builds communication & team building



Students in Mrs. Pacheco's English classes participated in a communication exercise designed to practice collegial decision-making and time management in groups.

Working in small groups, the students were asked to build a "tower" using nothing but paper and their hands. The tower had to be freestanding on a desk, and they had just 10 minutes to complete the task. The team with the tallest structure "won," though the winning was in the practice.

It was an interesting exercise, and while no two towers looked the same, students learned many of the same valuable skills of communication, time management, and teamwork.

Star Trek actress headlines CVMS anti-bullying event

Actress Chase Masterson, best known for portraying "Leeta" in the movie *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, was the featured speaker at an anti-bullying event in the CVHS auditorium Sept. 23. Students from CVMS and five area middle schools attended the event.

Masterson is the co-founder of a nationwide anti-bullying organization called Pop Culture Hero Coalition. She spoke about the importance of being kind to one another and sticking up for those being bullied.

After her remarks, a panel of high school students from Chenango Valley and Maine-Endwell answered questions and discussed their personal experiences related to bullying.



At right, the actress and anti-bullying advocate poses with the CVHS students who participated in the panel discussion. From l-r: Chase Masterson, Kayla Lopez, Aaron Trumino, Sam Hatton, Peter Jensen.

High School

We are rapidly approaching the quarter point of the 2016-2017 school year. Time flies when we're having fun! We had a very successful Senior Breakfast and "Meet the Teacher Night" in September. The newly-elected CV Alumni honorees visited the High School. Chenango Valley was treated to a night football game, followed by our annual High School Homecoming Dance. I would like to thank those teachers who volunteer their time to chaperone events such as the Homecoming Dance. Without these volunteers, special extracurricular activities would be limited.

Very soon we will be thinking about the upcoming holiday season. Students will be asked to donate to our local food drive. This event demonstrates how the Chenango Valley student body supports our local community.

Students are encouraged to get extra help for classes in which they are struggling. Extra help is offered 10th period, Monday through Thursday, each week. Teachers are also available for more one-on-one help if needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.



Terry Heller, principal
CV High School

Environmental Science students use GPS units for geocaching



Mr. Reed's Environmental Science class, a concurrent enrollment class through SUNY Broome, learned how to use handheld GPS (global positioning satellite) units during a recent class. The week prior, students had an introduction to using a compass for finding directions and learned how to navigate to a specific place with one. The students then learned how to use the GPS units, which utilize satellites to determine exact locations on earth.

The students went on a geocache and found five different containers hidden by Mr. Reed. Each cache had a special treat in it. The students will eventually use the GPS units, loaned through BOCES, to pinpoint exact locations on the CV campus in future environmental testing and data collection.

Construction Career Day gives students hands-on experience

Approximately 20 students from Chenango Valley were among 500 students from 20 school districts around the Broome-Tioga region who took part in a day-long event October 5 to learn firsthand what awaits them in the construction career field.

The Southern Tier Construction Career Day was conducted at the Broome County Highway Department facility in Chenango Bridge and featured exhibits by a variety of organizations and schools associated with the construction industry as well as trade displays and heavy equipment demonstrations. For many students the hands-on experience included the opportunity for supervised operation of equipment such as bulldozers, backhoes, and dump trucks.

Construction Career Day is designed to introduce high school students to the career opportunities and unlimited potential for advancement within the construction industry.

The event is organized by a consortium of groups, including the New York State Department of Transportation, the Broome County Highway Department, Broome-Tioga Workforce New York, Broome-Tioga BOCES, the Construction Career Day Committee, and several local companies and trade unions involved in the construction industry.



CVHS students at Construction Career Day

High School

Senator Akshar visits CVHS class

New York State Senator Fred Akshar visited Dr. Hemzik's SUNY Broome Public Policy class recently, giving an overview of his career and the current issues facing local, state, and federal government. The senator's visit was initiated by senior Nick Boljevic, who sent Akshar an email invitation to speak to the class. During the class, students asked thought-provoking questions about public policy and the election.



Sen. Akshar speaks to students in Dr. Hemzik's class.



Senior Nick Boljevic invited the senator to visit CVHS.

CVHS SADD members doing their part in highway clean-up

Over 25 members of the CVHS SADD chapter participated in an after-school litter clean-up event Sept. 28. The club has agreed to a three-year commitment with the Adopt-A-Highway program and will volunteer for regular clean-ups on the 88 East exit ramp to the school. The CVHS SADD chapter advisors are Katie Ginalski and Carlie Brant. Job well done, CVHS SADD members!



SADD members collected trash, debris, and even an old tire along the Route 88E ramp near the school as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program.



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