



Newscaster

October 2015

Alumni Recognition Reception set for Oct. 30 NYS Trooper Christopher Skinner to be honored posthumously

Fallen New York State Police Trooper **Christopher G. Skinner**, a 1989 Chenango Valley High School graduate, is among the honorees to be recognized at the 10th annual CV Alumni Recognition Reception and Auction October 30. Skinner, a 13-year veteran of the state police, was killed in the line of duty in 2014.

Other honorees for the event include:

Captain Herbert Walling, MS, Class of 1965 - Capt. Walling graduated from the Maine Maritime Academy and was commissioned as Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He is the founder and President of H. Walling Maritime Associates LLC, a maritime industry consulting business, and is also currently an associate professor, Marine Transportation at Texas A & M Maritime Academy.

Jennifer Quinn DeMarco, Class of 1997 - Mrs. DeMarco graduated from Siena College and moved to New York City, where she worked in the corporate world. In 2010, she founded a barre fitness studio company in Hoboken, New Jersey, that has expanded to three locations, one of which includes a cycling studio. As the CEO, she oversees 60 employees and handles the vision, branding and management of the company.

Lt. Col. Eric Hannis, Class of 1986 - Eric Hannis has served in a variety of national security roles as a senior staffer on Capitol Hill, in the Pentagon, and as a U.S. Air Force officer. He is currently the Senior Manager for International Military and Civil Space Programs at the Raytheon Company in Washington, D.C., and is also a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, a Senior Fellow for Defense Studies at the American Foreign Policy Council (a Washington think tank) as well as a Senior Fellow at the Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization.

Barbara and Terrence Kane - Barbara and Terrence Kane have been Chenango Valley residents for 15 years and currently own and operate the Chenango Commons. Barbara is President and CEO of Corporate Care Management, and Terry has worked in government, administration and private industry. He is currently the Chair of the Broome County Industrial Development Agency board. Both have served on the CVCS D Board of Education, with Barbara serving as president, and both have served on numerous community boards.

More details and ticket information for the Alumni Reception are located inside on page 5.

Class of 1965 donates to scholarship fund in honor of special teachers



L-R: Linda Vaccaro Schmidt, class of 1965, Director of Guidance Charles Purce, retired CV teachers Carla and John Fako, Marge Newton (widow of Coach Carl "Fig" Newton), and Scott Lauback, class of 1965.

The Chenango Valley High School Class of 1965 recently presented a check for over \$5,700 to the CV Student Educational Fund. Accepting on behalf of the fund was Director of Guidance Charles Purce. The members of the 1965 class gave donations in honor of teachers and staff members who were instrumental during their high school years. The donation, which has since grown to \$7,000, will be given in \$1,000 increments to selected graduates in 2016.

A framed memorial listing the teachers and staff being remembered was also presented to the district and will be displayed in the high school lobby. In addition, class of 1965 members compiled a booklet of comments about their favorite teachers. The booklet can be viewed in the Alumni section of the CV district website.



Upcoming CV Events

Dreams Over Drugs Assembly.....	Oct. 23
Alumni Recognition (see left & page 5).....	Oct. 30
Drug Awareness Night (see page 6).....	Nov. 4
Literacy Night (see page 2).....	Nov. 5
Veterans' Day - No School.....	Nov. 11
CV Craft Fair.....	Nov. 21
Thanksgiving Break.....	Nov. 25-27

Literacy Night



Thursday, November 5

6:30 to 8 p.m.

Chenango Valley Middle School
Gymnasium & Cafeteria



A family event to promote literacy

Games.....Activities.....Technology.....Best Practices
Parent Information.....Books for Everyone!

Message from the superintendent

Dear CV community,

What a wonderful opening for the 2015-2016 school year! Our transition of third and sixth grades into their new locations went smoothly, and I sincerely appreciate the faculty and staff who worked so hard to make that happen. I also appreciate our students and parents, who readily adjusted to the change.

I make it a priority to visit our various buildings and departments and cannot emphasize enough what a great district we have here at Chenango Valley. Our staff places students first, the buildings are bustling with learning and activities, the transportation department works hard to keep our kids safe and deal with the extensive traffic surrounding our schools, our cafeteria staff work hard to prepare nutritious meals for our students, and our facilities shine, inside and out, thanks to our buildings and grounds department.

As our marquee outside the MS/HS states, we're "Proud to be CV." This is the mantra I hope we all have as we recognize that the CV community is special and the education we offer compares to none.

We are anticipating the completion of the Depot land project – the multi-purpose field and softball fields – sometime in November. Stay tuned for more communication about this first phase of our capital improvement project. Upon completion of Phase I, we will immediately prepare for Phase II, which is expected to begin in the spring. Thank you again for the support of these improvements. We are grateful for a community that continues to put children first!

Lastly, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, and follow me on Twitter @ #CVSupt.

Enjoy the fall!

Sincerely,



David P. Gill

Superintendent of Schools



David P. Gill
Superintendent

CVHS senior becomes American citizen

Congratulations to senior Rohit "Charlie" Duggal, who was sworn in as a citizen of the United States during a federal courthouse ceremony September 25.

Charlie was sworn in by New York Supreme Court Judge Ferris Lebus in a naturalization ceremony that welcomed 56 new citizens from 32 countries. Charlie is originally from India, and has been in the U.S. -- and Chenango Valley -- since the fourth grade.

Congratulations, Charlie!



Above, Charlie takes the oath of allegiance to become a U.S. citizen.

At left, Charlie celebrates with his parents, Diane Sutherland and Subash Chandler.

District News

Board of Education President's message



Stuart Elliott
Board President

New York State recently announced the creation of a 15-member Common Core Task Force to review state standards, instruction, curricula, and testing in public schools. Common Core standards represent an important national effort to ensure that students across the country are educationally equipped to compete for jobs in an ever-shrinking, increasingly competitive world. But many critics have accurately noted that the Common Core roll out in New York left a lot to be desired. The tests in 3-8 math and ELA are too long, were hastily created, and the results weigh too heavily in teacher evaluations.

Last April, about 20 percent of CV students/parents chose to opt-out of taking the tests. Over the last three years, I have seen great improvements in test results for the district's students and I have witnessed tremendous effort by CV teachers to understand and implement these new standards. Even though I respect and sincerely understand why many parents wish to "opt-out" or boycott the tests, I am asking these parents to think twice.

It is now apparent that the New York State Education Department has heard your voices... and reacted. For example, there has been a change in test publishers and there has been an agreement in principle to shorten the tests. Therefore, I would love to see last year's 20 percent rate of refusal dramatically diminished this spring. Hard-working CV teachers deserve the full response of their students without gaps that can skew the results. And cost-conscious CV parents deserve the ability to fully evaluate the value that they are getting for their educational dollars.

The good news is that reform is on the way! The ideals behind the Common Core are worthy but its initial implementation fell short. But give reform time to work. Standards need to rise if students are going to become as prepared as possible for college, career, and the competition of the global marketplace. So for those seriously considering boycotting the April exams, please reconsider. Give New York State the opportunity to do the right thing and fine-tune the process. Until next time, I am Stuart Elliott, President of the CV Board of Education.

Special BOE note: Mr. Gerald Abbey, 14 year veteran and past president of the CV BOE, resigned his seat in September. We wish to thank Mr. Abbey for his many years of service to the students and taxpayers of this district. We all wish him well in his future activities. The board has decided to leave his seat open until the May election.

CV's future meets the past



A chance meeting brought Chenango Valley's Modified football team together with some members of the CV Class of 1965's team. The younger players were able to meet some of the players, home for their 50th reunion, of the legendary team that went undefeated two years in a row. The alumni shared stories of their own experience playing football for CV, the life-long bonds they built and recalled the game winning drive to defeat Sydney to cap off their impressive season.

Pictured above are current players: Patrick McCabe, Zach Wood, Ben Martin, Andrew Pratt, Sam Bozuhoski, Dominic Lomonaco, Riley Botting, Anthony Forbidussi, Shane Ladd, Vincent Rogers, Ryan Atkinson, Maxwell Reppard, Dan Gorman, Connor Crouse, Dominic Napoli, Dominic Strong and Mike Schultz.

Standing are former players: Lee Smith, Fred Sisson, Herb Walling, John Casella, Ron Snyder, Jack Worden, Tom Wiegele, Jim Coon, Scott Lauback and Dan Wenn.



10th Annual

Chenango Valley Central School District
ALUMNI RECOGNITION
RECEPTION & AUCTION

Friday, October 30, 2015

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



HONORING:

Capt. Herbert Walling - Class of 1965

Christopher Skinner (in memoriam) - Class of 1989

Lt. Col. Eric Hanna - Class of 1986

Jennifer Quinn DeMarco - Class of 1997

Barbara & Terrence Kane, Distinguished Community Members

2015 Chenango Valley Alumni Recognition Dinner Ticket Order Form

\$35/person, includes hors d'oeuvres, prime rib & roast turkey carving stations, montage of fruits & cheeses, desserts.
(Cash bar)

Silver Sponsor: \$500 & up....White Sponsor: \$400-\$499....Gray Sponsor: \$300-\$399....Red Sponsor: \$200-\$299
(Silver Sponsor includes 4 complimentary tickets. White Sponsor includes 2 complimentary tickets.)

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Please send # _____ Tickets @ \$35 each

Please accept my donation of: \$ _____

Mail form and check (payable to Chenango Valley Educational Fund) to:

Marie Underwood - Chenango Valley Schools
221 Chenango Bridge Road, Binghamton, NY 13901
contact: munderwood@cvcad-stier.org or 762-6810

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

“Dinner & Direct Talk”

a Drug Awareness Night at
Chenango Valley High School

November 4, 2015

5:30 - 8 p.m.

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

6 p.m. - presentation begins



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

Anticipated speakers include representatives from:

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

Plus:

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



Let's help open the door to communication.

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

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

Please RSVP:

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

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

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, allowing 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)

Guidance Department Contacts

Director of Guidance	Chuck Purce	762-6919
Middle School Counselor (6-7)	Deborah Lally	762-6920
Middle School Social Worker (6-8)	Beth Hubenthal	762-6925
Middle School/HS Counselor (8-9)	Shelby Samson	762-6923
High School Counselors (10-12)		
A-L	Judy Hayes	762-6921
M-Z	Karen Mullins	762-6922
High School Social Worker (9-12)	Jackie Arnold	762-6924

Dreams Over Drugs assembly scheduled for MS & HS Oct. 23

On October 23, Dreams Over Drugs will be presenting a powerful presentation to our middle and high school students. Dreams Over Drugs is a school program led by young adults who are in long-term recovery. The program focuses on the drug epidemic across the United States, and strives to inspire students to make healthy life choices by encouraging them to follow their dreams.

This student assembly is the first part of a community initiative to increase drug abuse awareness. We encourage parents of middle and high school students to talk with your children about this assembly. We also encourage parents and community members to attend the “Dinner and Direct Talk” drug awareness event (see previous page) on November 4 in the CVHS auditorium.

Guidance

What is the PSAT?

On Wednesday morning, October 14, 2015, the PSAT/NMSQT test was given to sophomores and juniors who register. What is this test? The PSAT is a preliminary or practice SAT and one of the best ways to prepare for the SAT Reasoning Test. It provides valuable feedback to the student, their parents and the school on which academic skills are strong and which skills need to be worked on before taking the SAT.

The PSAT is changing to align with the new SAT coming in March of 2016. The PSAT tests critical reading, writing and language skills and math skills, as does the SAT. Testing time is 2 hours and 45 minutes. Classroom learning is the basis for the test questions, so students can best prepare themselves by taking challenging courses and familiarizing themselves with the test format. Therefore, taking the PSAT is a great way to get some practice with not only the test questions, but also with the format of SAT.

All students who take the PSAT will receive an official score report in December. The report will include scores for critical reading, writing skills and math and students will see how their scores compare to those of other students across the country. Students will be able to see which questions they answered correctly or incorrectly through a question-by-question review of the answers, along with a personalized statement on which academic skills need improvement and steps on how to improve. If your child took the test as a sophomore, we encourage them to take the PSAT as a junior as well due to different scholarship opportunities that are available.

In addition, all students who take the test will receive free access to My College QuickStart, an online college and career planning tool. For more information on My College QuickStart, please visit www.collegeboard.com/quickstart. If you have further questions regarding the PSAT or SAT, please contact your child's High School Counselor.

Upcoming SAT and ACT test dates

SAT Dates for 2015-2016

Test Date	Register By
December 5, 2015	November 5, 2015
January 23, 2016	December 28, 2015
March 5, 2016	February 5, 2016
May 7, 2016	April 8, 2016
June 4, 2016	May 5, 2016

ACT Dates for 2015-2016

Test Date	Register By
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016

Register online for the SAT at www.sat.collegeboard.com and/or the ACT at www.actstudent.org

Attention Student Athletes

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (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 guidance 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 by going to www.eligibilitycenter.org. Once you have registered it will prompt you to let the guidance office know so we can 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 student-athlete's initial eligibility. All test scores are required to be sent.

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

Family swim at HS pool



Family swim is now underway in the CVHS pool! Family swim is held every Wednesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. during the school year when school is in session. Cost is \$1 per student, \$2 per adult and \$4 for a family. There will be no family swim on:

November 11 - Veterans Day
November 12 - Fall Sports Awards
November 25 and 26 - Thanksgiving break
December 23, 24, 30 and 31 - Christmas Break

Guidance

Middle School Guidance update

Fall has been a busy time in the guidance office. To welcome students back to a new school year, Mrs. Lally, Mrs. Samson and Mrs. Hubenthal spent two days in physical education classes with all of our sixth, seventh and eighth-grade students. During the classes, we reviewed the definition of bullying and the rules for bullying prevention. Students brainstormed ideas on how to be a good person in the middle school and how to support each other throughout the year. Students also participated in a fun activity that required communication and teamwork. They saw that there were different ways to solve a problem and that there are many people in our middle school that are here to help.

Middle school students are faced with lots of new opportunities and challenges. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Lally (grades 6 and 7) or Mrs. Samson (grades 8 and 9) in the guidance office at 762-6918 if there is ever a situation that effects your child’s attitude or performance at school or if you have any questions about guidance programs, would like to schedule a parent conference, or wish to discuss any other concerns you may have.



Kid President, aka 11-year-old Robby Novak

The Year of Awesome – Throughout the year in middle school, we will be following the tips of Kid President in his recent book, “Kid President’s Guide to Being Awesome.” Through this guide we will be encouraging and teaching students to choose the positive, kind, caring, encouraging, healthy and awesome path in life. It is our hope to inspire the students to do something to make the world more awesome.

Here are some of the tips we have shared so far:

- #1 – Put down your phone.
- #2 - Take brain pictures.
- #3 – Relax – don’t sweat the small stuff. Life is short and deodorant is expensive.
- #4 – Be less busy and be more awesome.
- #5 – Let’s live in a world with more high fives.

We will share a new tip every Wednesday and Friday so you can ask your child what the tips of the week are! In our Olweus classroom meetings we will also be using various clips from Kid President to focus on character education, being kind to others and creating a safe and welcoming climate in the middle school.

To see one of Kid President’s best video clips, search for Kid President – 20 things we should say more often.

Public Notice regarding asbestos

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. For further information regarding this matter, contact Mr. George Zlock, Director of School Facilities and Operations at (607) 762-6861.

Request for Pesticide Application Notification

New York State Education Law Section 409-H and State Education Department Commissioner’s Regulation 155.24, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

Chenango Valley Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior notification of certain pesticide applications. If you would like to receive such notification or would like further information regarding this matter, please contact Mr. George Zlock, Director of School Facilities and Operations at (607) 762-6861.

Athletics

CV hosts 48th McDaniel-Baxter Invitational

On Saturday, Sept. 19, the Chenango Valley cross-country teams hosted the 48th McDaniel-Baxter Invitational. Named in honor of long-time CV XC coaches Bob McDaniel and Steve Baxter, this year's event was held at Nathaniel Cole Park due to construction on the CV sports facilities. 30 schools attended with a total of 817 student-athletes, making the competition the largest cross-country invitational in Broome County.

It was a beautiful day at Cole Park, and conditions were dry and fast on the brand-new course. Senior Hayley Lettera was CV's fastest girl, running a 23:15 on the 5K course. For the boys, junior Matt Igo led the Warriors with a 19:05 run. The meet was coordinated by an army of parent and community volunteers, who impressed our guests and demonstrated what makes CV great!



Abbey Lane, grade 12, Erin Culver, grade 12, and Kara Watson, grade 9, are off and running.



Diana Inzhirova, grade 8, placed second in the girls' modified race.

High School offers new strength training course

The High School physical education department is excited to have a new strength training course offered this year. The program is called "Bigger, Faster, Stronger," (BFS) and is a total workout program that includes exercises focusing on improving strength, speed, agility and flexibility.

BFS also emphasizes good character and proper nutritional habits. Mr. Klein and Ms. Edwards were certified in the program last spring and Mr. Klein is currently teaching the BFS classes.

As part of the class, students are instructed on perfect technique in the core lifts: parallel squat, bench press, power clean and hex bar deadlift. Sport-specific auxiliary lifts will also be included. Although a major emphasis of the class is focused in the weight room, students will also participate in traditional physical education activities throughout the school year.



Above, senior Mark Mullins does a hex bar deadlift. At right, Mr. Klein instructs students in proper form and safety.



Two swimmers qualify for states

Katie Schultz, grade 10, and Paige Lettera, grade 9, have both qualified for the New York State Girls Swimming and Diving Championship meet, to be held November 20-21 at Ithaca College. Congratulations, girls!



Katie Schultz



Paige Lettera

Music & Art

Save the Date!

Theatre Guild musical set for Feb. 19-21 "All Shook Up" to be performed



The Chenango Valley Theatre Guild proudly announces their 2016 musical production, "All Shook Up," to be performed Feb. 19-21 in the CVHS auditorium.

"All Shook Up" is a new musical comedy built around a number of songs made famous by Elvis Presley. It is not a biographical revue. It takes place in 1955, somewhere in middle America, where one girl's dream and a surprise visit from a mysterious leather-jacketed, guitar-playing stranger help a small town to discover the magic of romance and the power of rock & roll.

Among the 24 songs featured in the score are classics like "Heartbreak Hotel," "Love Me Tender," "Don't Be Cruel," "Can't Help Falling in Love," and of course the title tune. For more information, visit www.guideto-musicaltheatre.com/shows_a/allshookup.htm.

BaCh receives donation

The BaCh of Chenango Valley has received a special donation in memory of Elizabeth Pittsley La Mere and the CVHS Class of 1971.

Members of the Class of 1971 are encouraged to honor Ms. LaMere and their class with donations to the BaCh of Chenango Valley.

Thank you alumni for your generous support of our students!



The BaCh of Chenango Valley Membership Form

The BaCh of Chenango Valley supports music and theatre programs from elementary through high school at CV. Your membership in BaCh will help to provide theatre, music and stage equipment, camp scholarships, guest performances, field trips, scholarships to graduating seniors and the annual Ice Cream Social and Band Concert.

Annual membership - \$5.00 per family. Please make checks payable to: The BaCh of CV.

Yes, I would like to support Chenango Valley performing arts by becoming a member of BaCh!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

If you have a child attending CV, please indicate:

Student's name(s):	Grade:	Involved in: (circle all that apply)		
_____	_____	Theatre	Band	Chorus
_____	_____	Theatre	Band	Chorus
_____	_____	Theatre	Band	Chorus
_____	_____	Theatre	Band	Chorus

I would enjoy helping The BaCh by
(check all that apply)

☐ Helping at the Ice Cream Social
☐ Put me "on call" to help as needed

Please return this form and your check
(\$5.00 per family) to any CV music teacher
or mail to:
Chenango Valley CSD Music Department
221 Chenango Bridge Rd.
Binghamton, NY 13901

Port Dickinson Elementary

Port Dickinson Elementary is off to a great start this school year. With the transition, we lost our third graders to Chenango Bridge. However, we are working with the Broome County Head Start program and now have a class of approximately fourteen three-year-olds at PD. We have also started a new early kindergarten program with Mrs. Blewett and Mrs. Carter. This program gives children an extra year to help them mature and grow before moving on to traditional kindergarten.

We have hired a new teacher in kindergarten to deliver Leveled Literacy Intervention to our children. This is an intense small-group, supplementary literacy intervention designed to help teachers provide powerful, daily small-group instruction for those children who are struggling with reading.

Finally, we have a teacher who will be providing a STEM program to the second-grade students. The STEM curriculum will provide enrichment in science, technology, engineering and math education to our second-graders.

We are on the road to having a successful school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call or stop in and see us.



Jim Pritchard, principal,
Port Dickinson Elem.

Port Dickinson Smiles



Title I, Parents' Right-to-Know Notification Letter Required by No Child Left Behind Legislation

To Port Dickinson & Chenango Bridge Parents/Guardians,

Upon request parents of students attending Title I schools – Port Dickinson and Chenango Bridge may request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teachers, and paraprofessional staff. Please call the Board Office at 762-6810 should you want information regarding:

- A. whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- B. whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- C. the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
- D. whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Then too, should Chenango Valley's Title I schools – Port Dickinson and/or Chenango Bridge be identified for school improvement, corrective action and/or restructuring, letters would be sent to parents which would include:

- A. An explanation of what the identification means and how the school compares to other schools in terms of achievement.
- B. The reason(s) for identification
- C. How the problem is being addressed
- D. How parents can help
- E. The option to transfer to another public school

This letter is to satisfy the NCLB (No Child Left Behind) parent notification requirements should Port Dickinson or Chenango Bridge be identified as a Title I School in Need of Improvement, or Title I Corrective Action.

Chenango Bridge Elementary

Chenango Bridge Elementary School has a brand-new look this school year. With the transition work completed, we are now a school with a wonderful group of third, fourth, and fifth-grade students. We welcomed 386 new students back to school on Sept. 9.

We also welcomed some brand-new staff members to CV:

Project Lead the Way: Stephanie Mika, library: Rebecca Gay, grade 3: Abby Pierce, grade 4: Lyndsey Church (AIS), music: Joshua Vanderslice, aides: Dallas Saunders & Heather Gregory and custodian: Sam Xaya.

In addition, we welcomed many from other buildings in the district: grade 3 teachers Alicia Cortright, Jennifer DeFilipps, Anne Gleason, Carla Noce-Liburdi, Christine Cox (special education), and Amy Chong (AIS), speech therapist Joyce Hanrahan, speech pathologist Liz Krukowski, aides Danielle Gillette, Nicole Relyea and Lorraine Madison, custodian Nicole Jones, and food service worker Bobbi Jo Randall.



Mary Beth Hammond,
principal, Chenango
Bridge Elementary

Chenango Bridge has students busy learning in many ways: academically, athletically, and musically. In keeping our mission at the forefront of what we do each day, let's work together, communicate effectively, support learning, practice safety, and develop friendships and partnerships by which all students excel, both in and out of the classroom.

Enjoy the sights, sounds, and colors of autumn. Take time to spend with your families and friends!

Fourth-graders are doggone serious about reading

Five therapy dogs and their handlers made a special visit to our fourth-grade and students took turns reading aloud to the dogs! The visit was organized to coincide with the students' reading of the book "Because of Winn Dixie" by Kate DiCamillo. The book is about a girl who finds a dog in a Winn-Dixie supermarket.

The dogs are from an international dog therapy group called Paws for Friendship, and are also affiliated with BARK-9, which stands for Books and Reading K-9. Students collected donations of food and dog toys, which were presented to their special visitors. The dog visit event was part of Chenango Valley's year-long reading effort, the Reading Promise.



l-r: fourth-grade teachers Mrs. Van Houten, Mrs. Vesci and Mrs. Clark, with the dog treats collected by their students.



Middle School

Welcome to the 2015 - 2016 school year at the Middle School. I hope you had a wonderful and restful summer break.

The "new" Middle School is off to a fantastic start. I have been so impressed with all of the students this year as they navigate new lockers and schedules, make new friends and meet new teachers. The theme for this year is: *"The Year of Awesome."* During morning announcements three days a week, we are providing tips from "Kid President" and Miss Anne on "how to be more awesome."

Along 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, or bare mid tops. Shorts and skirts should be at least fingertip length. Students wearing outfits of a questionable nature will be asked to change their clothing if they have other clothes in their locker. If they do not have clothing at school, a parent will be called to bring in appropriate clothes. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Our Olweus Bully Prevention Program had a kick-off event September 25. Students were given an overview of the program, and then a school dance was held featuring local DJ "Louie G" spinning tunes. Olweus educates students and provides necessary tools to help navigate through bullying issues. If you believe your son/daughter is having an issue, please do not hesitate to contact the school, so that we can assist you 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 homepage. This is a service that provides an email and/or text message, depending on your preference, with reminders of school events or closings. We also encourage parents to register for the Parent Portal through the guidance office. This allows parents to access their son/daughters grades online. If you need assistance in registering for or using the Parent Portal, please contact the Middle School guidance office.

The faculty at the Middle School are eager work with your son/daughter in helping 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.



Eric E. Attleson, principal
CV Middle School

Upcoming Events in the Middle School:

- Alumni Recognition Dinner, Binghamton Double Tree – Friday, Oct. 30, 6 p.m.
- Dinner & Direct Talk Drug Awareness Night - CVHS auditorium, Wednesday, Nov. 4, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Literacy Night – Thursday, Nov. 5 – MS gym - 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- ½ Conference Day – Tuesday, Nov. 10 – MS dismissal, 11 a.m.
- No School – Veterans' Day – Wednesday, Nov. 11
- End of the first quarter – Friday, Nov. 13
- Report cards sent home – Thursday, Nov. 19

Bus safety drill, anti-bullying lessons go hand-in-hand

During a recent physical education class, students were given bus safety instructions and practiced how to safely use the rear emergency exit. The students also participated in "peaceful bus" activities and anti-bullying exercises presented by guidance department staff.



Above left, bus driver Mrs. Filan talks with students about bus safety. Above right, guidance counselor Mrs. Samson works with a group of students on an Olweus activity. At right, physical education teacher Mrs. Lyons helps students during a bus safety drill.

High School

We have had a very good beginning to the 2015-2016 school year! Students have transitioned back into school very well!

The building is in fantastic condition. Kory Grubham and the entire maintenance and custodial crew did a great job getting the building ready for the September opening. Ordinarily this is a difficult job in itself, but when you add the construction and all the changes that took place in the building, the maintenance and custodial crew really came through. A huge thanks to you all!

I would like to welcome back our fantastic teaching and support staff. Our teachers continue to do a great job in the classroom with our students. We are very fortunate to have such a talented and caring group of professionals working with our students.

I would encourage your son/daughter to get as much out of high school as possible. Join teams and clubs. Make the most out of your time at Chenango Valley!



Terry Heller, principal
CV Senior High School

Mrs. Haskell keeps hamburger promise



Social studies teacher Mrs. Haskell made a deal with her students at the end of the semester last year: Score a 95 or better on the social studies Regents exam in June, and she'll spring for a Wendy's kids' meal. A total of 33 students made the grade, and gathered recently outside the high school cafeteria for their fast-food prize. Well done!

Harvest time for Family & Consumer Science garden

Students in Mrs. Terwilliger's Gourmet Foods class helped harvest red, white and blue potatoes as well as pumpkins, carrots and other vegetables from the Family & Consumer Science department's garden in the High School courtyard.





Chenango Valley Central School District
221 Chenango Bridge Rd.
Binghamton, NY 13901

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 237
Binghamton, NY

Believe It! Achieve It! At Chenango Valley where Warriors Excel!

CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 21, 2015

10 am. to 3 p.m.

Chenango Valley High School

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

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

DIRECTORY

Website	www.cvcgsd.stier.org
CV School District Main Number	762-6800
Board of Education	
Jason Aurelio.....	237-0263
Stephen Carr.....	760-9605
Stuart W. Elliott, President.....	648-6061
John Hussar.....	773-8196
Christine Lomonaco.....	772-8539
Joel Luchun, Vice President.....	722-1589
Kelly Warwick.....	621-6357
Michelle Porterfield Wilson.....	648-5544
Superintendent of Schools	
David Gill	762-6810
Assistant Superintendent of Schools	
Elizabeth DiCosimo.....	762-6811
Business Executive	
Elizabeth Donahue.....	762-6803
District Clerk	
Susan Cirba.....	762-6812
Newsletter & Website	
Linda Snyder.....	762-6804
Offices	
Athletics, Brad Tomm.....	762-6904
Curriculum, Tamara Ivan.....	762-6805
Food Service, John Marino.....	762-6840
Guidance, Charles Purce.....	762-6918
Special Education, Tara Whittaker.....	762-6830
Technology, Sarah Latimer.....	762-6820
Transportation Department, Sue Ticknor.....	762-6850
Schools	
Port Dickinson.....	762-6970
Attendance	762-6977
Health Office.....	762-6976
DASA Coordinator, Jim Pritchard	762-6970
Chenango Bridge.....	762-6950
Attendance	762-6954
Health Office.....	762-6952
DASA Coord., Mary Beth Hammond.....	762-6950
Middle School.....	762-6902
Attendance	762-6931
Health Office.....	762-6911
Homework Hotline: 6th.....	762-6870
Homework Hotline: 7th.....	762-6871
Homework Hotline: 8th.....	762-6872
DASA Coordinator, Eric Attleson	762-6902
High School	762-6900
Attendance	762-6931
Health Office.....	762-6911
DASA Coordinator, Terry Heller.....	762-6900

OUR MISSION

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