

HIGHLIGHTS



WCV Student Places in Scholastic Art Show



Name: Allisa Lyga

Title: Julia

Medium: Acrylic on canvas board

Art Department News

We are proud to announce that for the fourth year in a row we have had students place at the Scholastic Art Show. Congratulations to Allisa Lyga won Honorable Mention at this year's annual Scholastic Art Show. This is truly an honor as the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the largest annual art competition in America, and the participating Central New York awards program has been honoring the creative work of junior/senior high school students well over 70 years. The program encompasses 13 Central New York regions and is sponsored by M&T Bank. This year, over 2,500 student artists, representing over 100 area schools, submitted over 5,000 pieces of art. Over a three-day period some 50 judges, comprised of professional artists, educators, and photographers, awarded works in 17 categories. The winners' works are on display at Onondaga Community College, the host site for the CNY program for the 21st consecutive years. You can view Allisa's work along with over 1,500 other winners will be exhibited through Feb. 28 for free at the Whitney Applied Technology Center at OCC, 4585 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., weekdays; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

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Board of Education Elections Notice

Petitions are available in the District Office for candidates interested in running for a seat on the School Board. Qualified district residents will be electing three members to the Board of Education on May 19, 2020. The openings are as follows: (2) seats for 3-year terms as Mr. Charles Gage and Mr. Roger Kemler's terms will expire on June 30, 2020 and (1) two-year term to fill a vacated seat that will expire on June 30, 2022.

To qualify for membership on a school board an individual:

- Must be able to read and write
- Must be a qualified voter of the district; that is, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age or older, and not adjudged to be an incompetent
- Must have been a resident (but need not be a taxpayer) of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year immediately before the election
- May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year
- May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family
- May not be a current employee of the school
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office

Candidate's petitions must be returned to the District Clerk's office no later than 5:00pm on April 20, 2020 and must contain a minimum of 25 qualified voters' signatures. If you have any questions regarding petitions for a seat on the Board of Education, please contact Karen Sheets at 315-845-6800 ext. 3380 or KSheets@westcanada.org.

Drama Club News!

The West Canada Valley Drama Club will present "*The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*" on March 27th and 28th at 7:00pm. Tickets will be \$5.00, available at the door.





From the Superintendent's Desk



As we move past the mid-point of the school year, the district enters into a very busy time. Budget development continues to move forward and we continue to gather further information in terms of anticipated revenue. In addition, students are progressing forward in their studies as the West Canada Valley Class of 2020 enters the final months of their senior year.

Winter Months – February and March tend to be the most difficult months of the winter season typically resulting in some closings and delays. Although this winter has been mild thus far, we will closely watch the weather in the upcoming months. As always, the safety of our students/staff is a top priority during the winter months. It is our hope that this information is being communicated in an efficient manner as closings/delays may cause disruption in our everyday schedules. As always, if you have any questions/concerns regarding closings and weather delays, do not hesitate to contact the district office.

Budget Season – The district has devoted a great deal of time and effort building our budget for the 2020-2021 school year. The governor's proposed budget has provided West Canada Valley with a slight increase in operating aid in comparison to the previous year. At the same time, we anticipate much discussion in Albany during the next month as they work to pass the state budget. With much of our revenue dependent on state aid, the district will watch closely as these discussions progress. As always, we will work diligently to provide a program that is high quality for our students and responsible to the taxpayers. We look forward to your support throughout this process.

State Assessments - As we continue to promote strong foundation skills in our young students the district recognizes that our curriculum/assessment practices are an important piece of student development. The district has worked diligently on our curriculum development as well as our instructional strategies during the past year. This will continue to be a high priority as we move forward. This year's state assessments are earlier than previous years. The testing is scheduled for the end of March and the end of April. The information from the assessments provide teachers, students, and parents/guardians with academic information that combined with other information assist in guiding our instructional practice. Providing the assessment results in an efficient manner has assisted the district in identifying areas of strength along with areas in need of improvement. State assessments are one of several important measures by which we determine if a student is making academic progress

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – Our educational community has been working with multiple stakeholders including the New York State Education Department to identify areas of strength and weakness in our academic programming. This has led to the development of a comprehensive plan to improve upon all academic areas as we move forward as a district. This has been a great opportunity for the district to reflect upon all of its achievements as well as develop plans that will take the district to the next level academically. To accomplish this, we continue to look at all areas of our academic program including state assessment results. With that said, I am encouraging all parents/guardians to assist the district in this process by having their child /children participate in this year's state assessments. Last year, we saw a large increase in participation that was not only recognized by the state education department, but the results provided the district with much more accurate educational data. Strong participation will provide an important piece of information to assist in our long-term academic planning. In addition, Grades 7-8 will be of particular interest as we continue to pilot computer-based testing which will become a part of academic assessment in the future. As a parent/guardian, if you have any questions regarding the state assessment process, please do not hesitate to contact the district office. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

High Standards– Graduation rates including Advanced Regents and Regents Designation have been released. West Canada Valley continues to rank in the top tier of schools in the Tri-County BOCES Region. Congratulations to our graduates, administration, staff, parents/guardians, and the entire educational community whose support is essential to the overall success of the students. Providing high quality education at West Canada Valley is a long-standing tradition that will continue for years to come.

Again, thank you for the continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the many events scheduled during the second half of the school year. If you ever have any questions/concerns, do not hesitate to contact me in the district office.

D.J. Shepardson
Superintendent of Schools

Elementary Student Recognition

Ringmaster’s Choice

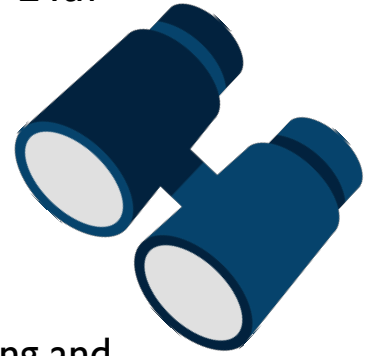
Pictured here are students who have recently received the “Ringmaster’s Choice” Award at Morning Program. These students act responsibly, work hard, and are kind to their friends. Keep up the good work! Feel free to visit “the show” any day starting at 9:05; it’s still a great way to start the day!



WCV Elementary Highlights

West Canada Valley Elementary Reading Safari

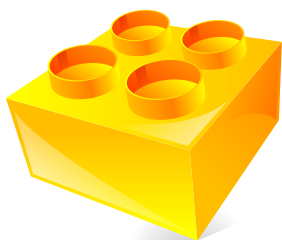
It's that time of year again....Reading Safari will begin on February 24th and end on April 2nd. Elementary students who read for six hours, outside of school, during the six week period will earn a ticket to Enchanted Forest Water Safari. We are planning some very special events for our 6th year of Reading Safari. The authors of the Adirondack Kids book series will be visiting and students will be working on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) challenges that go along with their book!



Bridge Arts Ensemble

The Bridge Arts Ensemble was in residency on January 30th & 31st. The ensemble, consisting of six performers from New York City, performed three concerts for the students of all grade levels. In addition to their performances, they also were clinicians in residence during elementary general music classes with Mrs. Sue Kubica. Students were very excited to listen to the performers play for them, as well as answer some questions that students had regarding what it is like to be a freelance vocal or instrumental performer after college.

Do you have extra LEGO or Duplo blocks?



If you have any LEGO or Duplo building blocks that you are no longer using please consider donating them to the elementary technology department. West Canada Elementary is building a hands-on learning area for students to build and explore. Donations can be dropped off in the Elementary Office with attention to Melissa Maine. Thank you in advance!

WCV Elementary Highlights

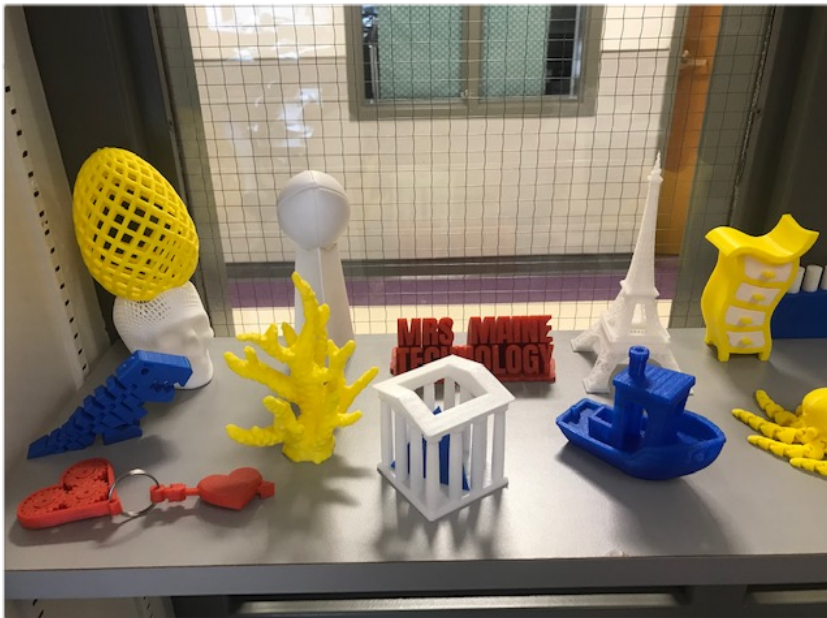


STEM News: Robotics, Coding, and 3D Printing

During the month of December, elementary students participated in Hour of Code activities. Hour of Code is designed to be an introduction to computer science and coding. Millions of students around the world participate in Hour of Code each year during Computer Science Education Week.

Thanks to the Griffiss Institute STEM initiative, students in grades K-2 used BeeBot Robots to code stories and develop problem solving skills.

A special thank you to Gordon Roberts, our Technology Support Specialist from MORIC who demonstrated the 3D printer for grades K-6. 6th graders also used Tinkercad software to design and print their own WCV keychains.



Follow us on Facebook!



Middle & High School Student Recognition



January 2020 Students of the Month

- Morgan Brown**
- Evan Ceneviva**
- Louis Clarke**
- Madilyn Connor**
- Dylan Dayton**
- Siara Elliott**
- Freddy Gaston**
- Analyce Grabowski**
- Grayce Harvey**
- Freddie Hayes**
- Kelsea Hayes**
- Caden Ludwig**
- Camerohn Ludwig**
- Aidan Monahan**
- Lydia Reimer**
- Blake Reese**
- Erin Scanlon**
- Morgan Warney**

Congratulations!

December 2019 Students of the Month

- Tyler Barnes**
- Louis Clarke**
- Nathan Cornacchia**
- Lily DesJardins**
- Edward Ditata**
- Margaret Jones**
- Emmy Medeiros**
- Faith Stewart**
- Kiersten Usyk**
- Peyton Wright**



Middle & High School Student Recognition



November 2019 Students of the Month

Andre Arsenault
Olivia Carney
Alexis Clark
Louis Clarke
Lily DesJardins
Edward Ditata
Kelsea Hayes
Bella Jackson
Ryan Jenkins
Alina Kichuk
Jenavieve Lyon
Tyler Ossont
Faith Perry
Brayden Shepardson

Congratulations!

October 2019 Students of the Month

Madilyn Connor
Kadence Gage
Brandon Gates
Joshua Grabowski
Julius Grower
Grayce Harvey
Sheridan Hughes
Ryan Jenkins
Margaret Jones
Gregory Lekki
Christian Lopez
Shae McEvoy
Erin Scanlon



Music Department Highlights

All-County II Music Festival

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent our school on March 20th & 21st at the Herkimer County All County II Music Festival to be held at Richfield Springs Central School. In the Elementary Band are Olivia Broadbent, Katie Gorinshek, Madalyn Gross, Alexis Haynes-Davis, Brook Helmer, and Kaylee Usyk. Singing in the Junior High Chorus are Olivia Clark, Joshua Conover, Joshua Grabowski, Rafael Hare, Hailey Haynes-Davis, Sheridan Hughes, Nadia Paul, Lindsay Pierson, Blake Reese, Gabriella Schrader, Emma Soron, and Macyn Thomas. Senior Band members include: Maggie Burdick, Catherine Christensen, Madilyn Connor, Jenna DeSantis, Maya Farber, Kadence Gage, Summer Hoover, Renee' Jenkins, Sydney Kinsella, Jordyn Kuzontskoski, Jenavieve Lyon, Iris Pellani, Lydia Reimer, and Morgan Warney.

STUDENTS SELECTED TO ATTEND AREA-ALL STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Each year, thousands of students all over New York State prepare a solo on their respective instrument to play for an adjudicator for a rating. When students reach high school age, they begin preparing more difficult solos - those that are considered a New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Level V or Level VI. From the students who prepare these challenging solos, students are asked to submit their ratings for review to be chosen to play in a Zone (approximately 3-5 county area) Festival with some of the best players from that area. This year, West Canada Valley's instrumental program had nine students chosen to participate in the prestigious festival that was held at SUNY Oneonta on November 18th and 19th. The following students are to be recognized and commended for this great achievement!

Madilyn Connor - Piccolo/Flute I
 Iris Pellani - Flute I
 Renee' Jenkins - Flute I
 Summer Hoover - Flute 2
 Jenna DeSantis - Flute 2
 Lydia Reimer - Clarinet I
 Jordyn Kuzontkoski - Clarinet I
 Catherine Christensen - Alto Saxophone 2
 Kadence Gage - Trumpet I

Each year hundreds of students participate in NYSSMA Solo Festival with the hope of achieving a near perfect score that will secure their way into one of the Conference All-State Ensembles. The NYSBDA High School Honors Concert Band was formed with the sole interest of taking the students who have scored a 98, 99, or 100 on their Level VI solo, but did not make into Conference All-State. This year West Canada Valley's KADENCE GAGE (sophomore) was chosen to participate in this ensemble. Last year, Kadence received a 99/A+ on her trumpet solo. Kadence studies with Mr. Bonney.

**The High School Festival will take place from Friday, March 6th – Sunday, March 8th.
 Students will attend rehearsals and clinics at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool.
 The concert is on Sunday, March 8th.**

WCV FFA Highlights

212/360

West Canada Valley FFA members had a great time attending the 212/360 Leadership Conference in Syracuse, NY. Students learned valuable leadership, communication and teamwork skills. With over 900 attendees, WCV students networked with FFA members from all over New York State.



District 5 FFA Students



WCV FFA Students

NYS Convention

"State Convention is the state finals for 31 of our Career and Leadership Development Events (CDEs and LDEs), which allow students to test their knowledge and skills against others at the same competitive level. Students can take part in any number of these events or watch, learn, and observe as others compete by demonstrating their talents, aptitudes and abilities." - *New York State FFA*

WCV will be represented by two teams. Alexis Clark, Olivia Carney, Jenavieve Lyon and Isabella Smith are preparing for the Vet Science Contest. Portia Camardello, Audrey Campbell, Jordyn Kuzontkoski, and Alexis Clark are preparing for the Forestry Contest.

Help Support WCV FFA!

West Canada Valley FFA is seeking donations to support our teams attending State Convention. If you would like to support our chapter, please send a check payable to
 West Canada Valley Central School
 5447 State Rt 28
 Newport, NY 13416

Or contact FFA advisor Kiley Treen at ktreen@westcanada.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

You can stay up to date with WCV FFA on Facebook and Instagram!



West Canada Valley FFA



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Guidance Department News

Announcements

Scholarships are available to all students in the Guidance Office. Check back weekly as they come available. The guidance webpage also has descriptions of available scholarships and due dates and seniors are e-mailed scholarship information as it becomes available.

Seniors: Bring in acceptance letters to the Guidance Office as soon as possible!

Upcoming Events

Sophomore Visitation to Career Tech, Herkimer BOCES - March 4, 2020 (AM)

10th grade students interested in Career Tech Programs at BOCES are encouraged to attend this trip to visit 2 different programs of their interest.

Herkimer BOCES Open House - March 11, 2020, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Students and parents/guardians interested in learning more about the programs housed at Herkimer BOCES are invited to tour the facilities.

9th Grade Career Day at Herkimer College - March 17, 2020

All 9th grade students will get the opportunity to meet with several different professionals of their choice at this annual event.

College Fair at Herkimer College - April 1, 2020

11th grade students are invited to the Herkimer County Counselors Association's Annual College Fair held at Herkimer College. Colleges from all over the state will have representatives available for our students to meet with.

Spring SAT Dates

Visit www.collegeboard.org to register

SAT Test Date	SAT Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Additional fee required)
March 14, 2020	February 14, 2020	March 3, 2020
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020	April 21, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 27, 2020

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Guidance Department News

Spring ACT Dates

Visit www.act.org to register

ACT Test Date	ACT Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Additional fee required)
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	February 29 - March 13, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 9-22, 2020
July 18, 2020*	June 19, 2020	June 20-26, 2020

Advanced Placement Testing Dates

Students enrolled in an AP (Advanced Placement) class will have their tests at WCV on the following dates (no registration or fee required):

Class Name	Date and time of test
AP Calculus	Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 8 AM
AP English Literature and Composition (12th Grade)	Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 8 AM
AP United States History	Friday, May 8, 2020 at 8 AM
AP Art	Portfolios due: Friday, May 8, 2020
AP Spanish Language and Culture	Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 8 AM
AP Psychology	Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 12 PM
AP English Language and Composition (11th Grade)	Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 8 AM

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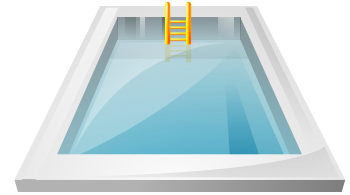
Mrs. Kady Conklin (Student Last Names L-Z)

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Athletics Highlights

Adult Community Swim

There will be Adult Community Swim on Tuesdays and Thursdays in February and March from 6:00-8:00PM. Dates and times subject to change based on pool availability.



Spring Athletics Schedules

Athletics schedules are available online at <https://www.schedulegalaxy.com/schools/109>.

Athletics Website

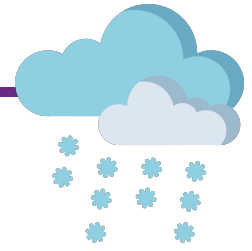
Check out the WCV Athletics Website at <https://www.westcanada.org/domain/145> for important information, news, and photos.

Contact Information

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Transportation News



WINTER WEATHER BUS SCHEDULE REMINDER

On bad weather days and we still have school; the buses may leave the garage a little earlier to get to their routes. **The students that are the first on the bus should be ready 5 to 10 minutes earlier. The students at the end of the run may see their bus arrive 5 to 10 minutes late.** This will all vary due to road conditions. Please help out the bus drivers on those bad weather days by being patient and understanding.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

I want to thank all of you for making 2019 a safe year at West Canada for the transportation of all students to and from school. This coming year can be just as safe if all involved continue to do their part.

- ✓ The bus driver that is vigilantly watching out for our children as they get on and off the bus.
- ✓ The parent/guardian that makes sure their children are on time for the bus so that the bus is able to get all children to school on time.
- ✓ The drivers on the road that stop for a school bus with its red lights flashing.
- ✓ The parent/guardian and district employees that work collaboratively in the transportation of our children, understanding that a child that is causing a problem on the bus is putting every passenger on board at risk.
- ✓ The district and municipal employees that keep our roads plowed and sanded so that the buses can travel safely to and from school with our children on board.
- ✓ The mechanics that make sure the buses are in the best mechanical condition to provide a safe and comfortable trip to and from school.

Have a safe and happy New Year, and do your part!



THINGS STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

- The bus driver and others cannot see you if you are standing closer than 10 feet to the bus. Stay out of the danger zone.
- If something falls under or near the bus, tell the driver. Never try to pick it up yourself!
- While waiting for the bus, stay in a safe place away from the road.
- When you get on or off the bus, look for the bus safety lights and make sure they are flashing.
- Be alert to traffic. When you get on or off the bus, look left, right, left before you exit the bus and before you enter or cross the road.
- When the driver says it is safe to cross the road, remember to cross in front of the bus.
- Stay in your seat and sit quietly so that the driver is not distracted.
- Our school buses have seat belts. We urge you to use them correctly.

Sincerely,
Felix Ray
Director of Transportation

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Principal

Calendar

Feb 17-21 - Mid-Winter
Recess

Mar 20 - Early Release
Elem 11:30, MS/HS 10:30

Apr 3-13 - Spring Recess

May 22-26 - Memorial Day

Jun 17-25 - Regents Exams

Jun 26 - Supt. Conference
Day

Jun 27 - Commencement

Don't forget to check the West
Canada Valley website for the
most up to date information
about sporting events,
upcoming meetings, or current
happenings at the school!

Visit us at
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