



WEST CANADA VALLEY



HIGHLIGHTS

SHREK The MUSICAL



Thu, Nov 7

Fri, Nov 8

Sat, Nov 9

Tickets are \$9 and can be purchased from cast members or reserved by calling or emailing Shane Bonney. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

**Showtime:
7:00pm**

**West Canada
Valley
Auditorium**



From the Superintendent's Desk



The school year is off to another great start and the district is sincerely grateful for the consistent investment/support of the entire West Canada Valley Community. As we move forward, the district will continue to use this support to explore new courses, improve policies, and enhance facilities. We will continue to provide the students of this community with an education that prepares each of them to become responsible, caring, and productive citizens.

Board of Education – During the month of October, School Boards around New York State are being recognized for their commitment to education in their respective communities. West Canada Valley joins other districts around the state in showing our appreciation for all of their time and effort in support of the students, staff, and members of the community. This work does not go unnoticed.

On behalf of the district, we would like to thank Mrs. Karen Murphy for her many years serving on the West Canada Valley Board of Education. Mrs. Murphy resigned due to obligations that would not allow her to continue her service. At the regular meeting of the Board of Education in October, Mrs. Murphy's resignation was accepted. Mrs. Shawn Schultz has been appointed by the West Canada Valley Board of Education for the remainder of the school year. This seat will be open for election in the spring. Mrs. Schultz served for many years most recently as President this past school year. The West Canada Valley School District is thankful she has accepted the appointment for this school year.

Communication- As a district, we continue to seek ways to improve our communication. The district has a user-friendly website that is utilized on a regular basis to recognize the work of both our students and faculty. In addition, the website provides a venue for important announcements as well as information regarding upcoming events. The website provides access to important parent forms, job opportunities, and other important documents related to the district. The district is on Facebook providing an additional mechanism for communication. The parent portal is open so parents/guardians are able to further monitor the progress of their children. As always, we will continue to explore new avenues of communication to provide information in the most effective/efficient manner.

Drop-off Areas- The district would again like to thank everyone for adhering to the signs in each parking lot. As a reminder, please do not park in any areas marked Fire Lane or where No Parking/Do Not Enter signs have been installed. In addition, please be patient in the morning hours during the drop-off time in both the elementary and high school drop-off areas. Following the arrows and the flow of traffic will assist in a safe transition for the students. Thank you again for your cooperation.

School Closing – With winter rapidly approaching, inclement weather is right around the corner. We will continue to use Blackboard Connect, local radio, and television to keep the public informed about closings and delays. Your patience on these days is also appreciated as we will continue to work closely with our local towns when making a closing/delay decision. The goal is to remain open as long as we feel we can safely transport students to and from school.

Open Door – I certainly enjoy seeing so many of our community members both at school events and out in the community. I learn a great deal from our discussions and appreciate the many thoughts and ideas you share with me. Please know that I am available to meet with you as individuals or as groups. If you ever have anything you would like to discuss, questions you would like answered, or ideas you would like to share; do not hesitate to stop in or give me a call in the district office.

Thank you - Again, thank you for the continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the many events scheduled for this school year. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

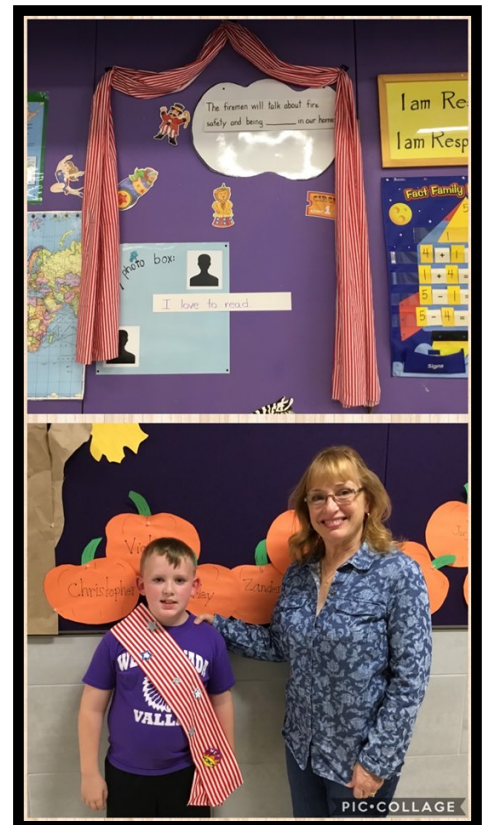
D.J. Shepardson

Superintendent of Schools

WCV Elementary Highlights

Ringmaster's Choice

Pictured here are some of our K-2 students who have received the "Ringmaster's Choice" Award at Morning Program so far this year. This award is selected by the Morning Program committee and is given to students who follow school rules and strive to be kind and caring citizens. West Canada Valley is proud of these kids! Come visit us at Morning Program, Monday-Friday at 9:05am, where we're celebrating our 30th year, it's a great way to start the day!



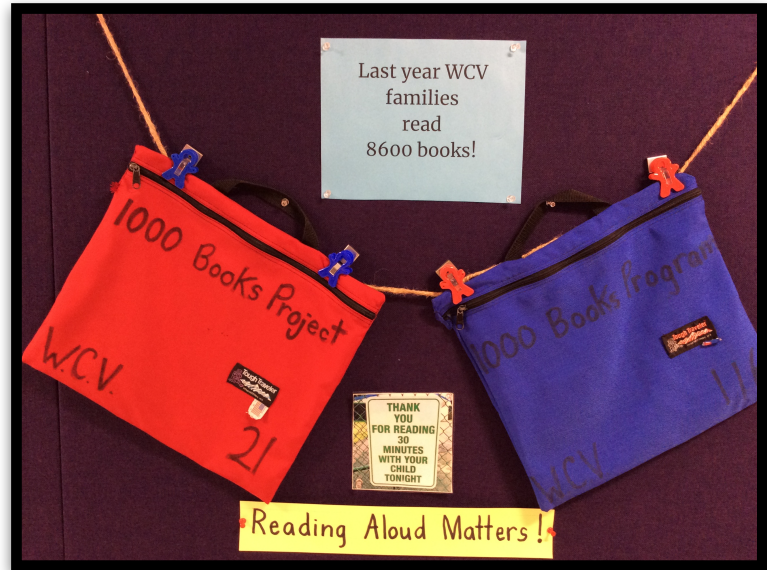
Thank You!

Big thank you to our new art teacher, Mrs. Keefer, and her sixth grade enrichment group for helping us create a big top and circus animals for Morning Program. Also, thank you to Mrs. Lopata for sewing us new sashes for our "ringmaster's choice" award recipients. We are lucky to have such talented teachers!

WCV Elementary Highlights

Reading Aloud Matters!

Be proud WCV families! During the last school year, you read 8,600 books from our 1000 Books Read-Aloud Program to your children at home. Bags will be distributed to Kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 2 families in the coming weeks. Many thanks to the PTO and an additional donor for funding the purchase of many new books. Every bag distributed has 2 brand new books among the 10 in the bag. Reading Aloud Matters!



BreakoutEDU

MORIC Instructional Technology Specialist, Mrs. Blackwell, facilitated a Digital Breakout in Mrs. Ludwig's 5th grade classroom. Students worked in teams using their chromebooks to solve a series of clues, unlock the different levels of the activity and "Break-Out." Students learned valuable lessons about the chromebooks but also about teamwork and cooperation.

Fire Safety

We'd like to thank members of the Newport and Middleville Volunteer Fire Departments for bringing equipment and a puppet show to teach us about fire safety!



WCV Elementary Highlights

STEM Grant: Sprout Initiative

Elementary STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) projects are off to a great start thanks to a grant from the Air Force Research Laboratory Sprout Initiative. The grants are designed to help school districts get kids excited about STEM. The first project has been coding BeeBot Robots. Students in grades K-2 have been programming while practicing math facts. Third graders used the little bots to study the continents, learn map skills, even creating their own islands. Students are excited to use all of the new equipment. Look for more STEM updates in future newsletters.



Oregon Trail

Mrs. West's class read about the Oregon Trail and then shared their narrative ideas around a campfire. There were even s'mores afterward!

Follow us on Facebook!



Middle & High School Highlights

September 2019 Students of the Month!



Analyce Grabowski & Jackson King - Math 7 Accelerated, Mrs. Goggin - Although it is not typical to give one award to two students, I feel that this award needs to be given to a pair of students. Ana and Jackson are both wonderful students that clearly thrive together. They provide each other with not only academic and moral support, but a healthy dose of competition as well. Keep up the great work, Ana and Jackson! Continue to challenge and encourage each other. It is a pleasure having you both in class!

Caeli Campbell - Instrumental Music, Mr. Bonney - Caeli capably shared her

musical skill and patriotism with the community as the trumpeter performing Taps at the Patriots Day ceremony on September 11th at the Newport FD. We are proud of her representing our school so honorably and willingly donating her personal time to that event.

Madilyn Connor - H.S. Health, Mrs. Tuzzolino - Madilyn is prepared for class every day and does every assignment to the best of her ability. She is a pleasure to have in class.

Sarah Costello - Student Council/Journalism, Mrs. Ackman - Sarah has taken on the role of Secretary and is doing a wonderful, thorough, and detailed job. She is consistent with taking notes and makes sure that the minutes are completed and shared with me within a day of the meeting. Sarah has demonstrated an enthusiasm this year that is contagious and her positive attitude makes her a great role model for others. Keep it up, Sarah, and thank you for all your hard work.

Jasmine Hayes - Global History & Geography II, Mr. Sarus - Jasmine may be quiet but her efforts do not go unnoticed. Her assignments are always impeccable. Her competitive side certainly comes out when we play various social studies games. She is polite, creative, and conscientious. Jasmine is an excellent student and a pleasure to have in class.

Sheridan Hughes - English 9, Mrs. Raymer - Sheridan is off to a great start in English this year. Her enthusiasm and participation in our Greek Mythology unit is outstanding. Keep up the great work and good job with reading "Hippolytus"!

Jackson King - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Great start to the new school year. Excellent job on the Geography Unit. Keep up the good work!

Faith Kinsella - Earth Science, Mrs. Frank - Super class participation!! Great way to start the year Faith. Keep up the good work. & Spanish III, Mrs. Foster - Faith is a joy to have in class. She is willing to try anything to better her understanding of the Spanish language. Faith is the first to volunteer to act out a scene in Spanish or to encourage her fellow classmates to try something outside of their comfort zone. Keep up the positive attitude and great work Faith. Bien Hecho!

Alanna Kirchberg - PE, Ms. VanDusen - Alanna put forth maximum effort in all of her fitness testing.

Nathaniel Lopez - Spanish I, Mrs. Kraszewski - Nathaniel has started the school year striving for his very best in class. Fantastic job Nathaniel! Keep it up.

Nate Lowell - Precalculus, Mrs. Kraszewski - Nate studied math all summer so he could retake his regents, not settling for the grade he received in June, and also to be more prepared for pre-calculus.

Emmy Medeiros - Home and Career 8/Health 8, Mrs. Malin - Emmy is a very hard working student and is always willing to participate in class. She has a positive attitude and works well with others. It has been a pleasure getting to know her.

Nadia Paul - Junior Chorus, Mr. Duffer - Nadia is off to a great start in Junior Chorus, this year taking on more of a leadership role. She sings out, is attentive and always makes those around her better. I appreciate her leadership and strong musicianship. Keep up the great work, Nadia!

Paige Springstead - Senior Chorus, Mr. Duffer - Paige has already started to lead her fellow altos in class. She's an upperclassman now and has taken the new 9th graders under her wing. Her enthusiasm for singing is contagious and she brings a lot of energy to the group along with her strong sound.

Morgan Warney - Wind Ensemble, Mrs. Bonney - Morgan has been working very diligently in band. She is a fabulous bass clarinetist - she has beautiful tone and definitely fills out the low section of the group. She is an independent and dependable musician and person. I also am so proud of Morgan for trying out for the musical, she will make an excellent Pinocchio! Thank you for all of your hard work, Morgan!

Brooklynn Williams - Math 7/ELA 7, Ms. Blynt - Brooklyn always puts forth her full effort and wants to do her best. She is a pleasure to work with and lends positivity to her classes.

Middle & High School Highlights



Blessing Box

The Kuyahoorra Valley-Next Generation is a group of students that are giving back to their community. One of their activities includes the donation of Kuyahoorra Valley's first blessing box. It is a weather-friendly, free-standing unit that holds both canned and boxed food items. The blessing box is located between Newport and Poland (next to the former Blue Rose Restaurant). The Next Generation group includes Maya Farber, Adia Clark, Maggie Burdick (West Canada Valley) Jonathan Schmitt, Luke Kochan (Holland Patent) Isaiah and Sarah Zuchowski (Poland). The group would like to make the community aware that the service is there for anyone who needs something. Everyone is welcome to contribute!

Maya Farber



Scholarship Winner

Portia Camardello was selected as the recipient for the 2019-2020 Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Scholarship. The scholarship winner is selected by staff and students and awarded to the senior demonstrating the qualities of "dependability, service, leadership and patriotism." Congratulations Portia!

WCV High School Presents Shrek the Musical



Shrek the Musical – will be presented by the West Canada Valley Music Department November 7th, 8th, and 9th at 7:00pm in the WCV Auditorium under the direction of Shane Bonney, with assistant direction by Andrew Duffer. Set in a mythical “once upon a time” sort of land, *Shrek the Musical*

is the story of a hulking green ogre named Shrek (Chase Bugeya) who, after being mocked and feared his entire life by anything that crosses his path, retreats to a desolate swamp to exist in happy isolation. Suddenly, a gang of homeless fairytale characters, including Pinocchio (Morgan Warney) and the Three Pigs (Sarah Esty, Izzy Smith, and Madilyn Connor) among others, raid his sanctuary, saying that they’ve been evicted by the vertically challenged Lord Farquaad (Josh Grabowski). So Shrek strikes a deal, he will get their homes back, if they give him his swamp back. On his way to Duloc to meet Lord Farquaad, Shrek stumbles across a yammering Donkey (Kurt Florian) who insists on assisting him on his travels. When Shrek and Farquaad meet, Farquaad strikes his own deal: Shrek must rescue Princess Fiona (Kadence Gage) from the Dragon (Julia Marriott) and then he can have the deed to his swamp back. When Shrek rescues Fiona, he finds something appealing – strange and different – about this pretty princess. He likes her. A lot. But why does she always run off when the sun sets?

Other fairytale characters include those portrayed by: Dalten Brennan, Olivia Clark, Ben Conover, Macalah Cristallo, Ashley Fritschi, Olivia Gibson, Julius Grower, Sheridan Hughes, Renee’ Jenkins, Mya Johnson, Sulia Martin, Madison Perry, Olivia Ray, Blake Reese, Kala Reinhardt, Danelle Shannon-Dineen, Macyn Thomas, Curnin Wallace-Eaton, Korbin Williams. Members of the Ensemble include: Rose Bauder, Nicole Emerson, Alissa Lyga, Savanna Miner, Tyler Palaka, Faith Perry, Lindsay Pierson, Gabby Schrader, and Billie Tyson.

Tickets are \$9 and can be purchased from cast members or reserved (suggested) by calling Shane Bonney at 845-6800 x 3368 or by emailing SCBonney@westcanada.org. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Guidance Department News

Financial Aid News

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opened on October 1st for the 2020-2021 college school year. Seniors and their parents/guardians may now begin filing.

Herkimer College will be hosting a FAFSA Workshop on Wednesday, November 6th at 6:00pm. The workshop is free and open to the public, and students need not be planning to enroll at Herkimer College in order to attend. You can register by emailing finaid@herkimer.edu or by calling 315-866-0300 x 8243.

College Information

Herkimer College Instant Admit Day

Representatives from Herkimer College will be coming to WCV on Tuesday, December 10th at 1:00pm for Instant Admit Day. Any seniors planning to apply to Herkimer should sign up in the guidance office to meet with representatives.

Scholarships

Many local scholarships will become available after the new year. Visit www.westcanada.org or stop in to the guidance office to see upcoming scholarship opportunities.

Spring SAT Dates

Visit www.collegeboard.org to register

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
March 14, 2020	February 14, 2020	March 3, 2020	March 3, 2020
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020	April 21, 2020	April 21, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 27, 2020	May 27, 2020

Spring ACT Dates

Visit www.act.org to register

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Window (Late Fee Required)
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	January 11-17, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	February 29 - March 13, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 9-22, 2020

Mrs. Rebecca Wood (Student Last Names A-K)

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

kconklin@westcanada.org

Athletics Highlights

West Canada Valley Joins Schedule Galaxy



ScheduleGalaxy is now the provider of web-based scheduling for the West Canada Valley Central School District Athletics Program. ScheduleGalaxy enhances both the scheduling process and public access to contest information.

- Quick public access to team schedules, free from commercial advertisement
- Ability to receive email alerts for any schedule changes or push notifications from the ScheduleGalaxy mobile app
- Directions to contests from your current location to the exact game location via Google maps
- View schedules, directions, and schedule changes from either your computer or from the ScheduleGalaxy app

Instructions for Public Use of ScheduleGalaxy

Before you download the mobile app, complete these steps online...

1 - Go to the www.schedulegalaxy.com and click "West Canada Valley" under "Find by School."

2 - Click "Register" at the top, right-hand corner and fill in the necessary information to sign up.

3- Use the "Quick Toggle" section to find a specific team.

4 - Click "Subscribe to Schedule" at the top, right-hand corner of the screen.

[Subscribe to schedule](#)



Girls Varsity Basketball Schedule

Opponents	Date	Start time	Location
Oriskany	11/27/2019	9:00 AM	HS Gym
@ Cooperstown	11/30/2019	11:30 AM	Bursey Gymnasium
@ Richfield Springs	12/5/2019	7:00 PM	HS Gym
@ Richfield Springs	12/7/2019	TBD	HS Gym
Sauquoit Valley	12/9/2019	7:00 PM	HS Gym
@ Clinton	12/14/2019	2:30 PM	HS Gym
@ Waterville	12/17/2019	7:00 PM	HS Gym
Dolgeville	12/19/2019	7:00 PM	HS Gym
Poland	12/21/2019	2:30 PM	HS Gym
Central Valley Academy	1/3/2020	7:00 PM	HS Gym
Frankfort-Schuyler	1/6/2020	7:00 PM	HS Gym
@ Herkimer	1/9/2020	7:00 PM	HS Gym
@ Little Falls	1/14/2020	7:00 PM	HS Gym
Clinton	1/17/2020	7:00 PM	TBD
@ Central Valley Academy	1/21/2020	7:00 PM	CVA Main Gym
@ Sauquoit Valley	1/24/2020	7:00 PM	HS Gym
Waterville	1/27/2020	7:00 PM	HS Gym
@ Poland	1/29/2020	7:00 PM	TBD
@ Dolgeville	2/4/2020	7:00 PM	HS Gym #2
@ Frankfort-Schuyler	2/6/2020	7:00 PM	FSHS Main Gym
Herkimer	2/11/2020	7:00 PM	HS Gym
Little Falls	2/14/2020	7:00 PM	HS Gym

Boys Varsity Basketball Schedule

Opponent	Date	Start time	Location
@ Sauquoit Valley	11/25/2019	5:30 PM	HS Gym
@ Cooperstown	11/27/2019	11:30 AM	Bursey Gymnasium
Waterville	12/5/2019	7:00 PM	HS Gym
@ Tully Tipoff	12/13/2019	6:00 PM	Tully HS
@ Tully Tipoff	12/14/2019	TBD	Tully HS
Herkimer	12/18/2019	7:00 PM	HS Gym
@ Little Falls	12/20/2019	7:00 PM	HS Gym
Boosters Tournament	12/27/2019	5:15PM	HS Gym
Boosters Tournament	12/28/2019	TBD	HS Gym
@ Waterville	1/4/2020	TBD	Utica College
Frankfort-Schuyler	1/7/2020	7:00 PM	HS Gym
@ Dolgeville	1/10/2020	7:00 PM	HS Gym #2
@ Oriskany	1/13/2020	7:00 PM	Davis Gym (HS)
@ Juggler Classic	1/18/2020	7:00 PM	Notre Dame HS
@ Juggler Classic	1/19/2020	TBD	Notre Dame HS
@ Mount Markham	1/23/2020	7:00 PM	HS Gym
@ Herkimer	1/27/2020	7:00 PM	HS Gym
Little Falls	2/3/2020	7:00 PM	HS Gym
@ Frankfort-Schuyler	2/7/2020	7:00 PM	FSHS Main Gym
Mount Markham	2/8/2020	2:30 PM	HS Gym
Dolgeville	2/10/2020	7:00 PM	HS Gym
Oriskany	2/13/2020	7:00 PM	HS Gym

District News

Canned Goods Collection

SISTERS will be collecting canned goods for the Kuyahoorra Food Pantry during the month of November. Your support is greatly appreciated.



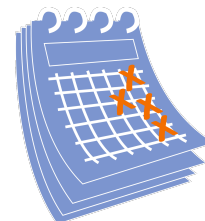
The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be set up in November. If you are interested in helping a child or family this holiday season, please contact Cindy Maxwell or Courtney Valasek at 315-845-6800 ext. 2216.



Check It Out!

Go to our website for everything going on at school and with our students! Look at the athletics page for sports information or download our new Schedule Galaxy App for up to date game and meet information. Check the "Upcoming Events" section on the front page of the website for a list of events within the next week, including the letter day, meetings, dances, etc... You can also click on the calendar link to see dates and times of everything we currently have scheduled for the year.



Cafeteria Corner

Just a reminder to please keep an eye on your student(s) account so a negative balance doesn't creep up on you! Please use My School Bucks.com to put money on and be able to see how your child(ren) are spending it. You will need their ID number so contact me for that when you are ready. Thanks for supporting our meal program!! - Joanne Vanaernam



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 try to help the bus drivers out on those bad weather days by being patient and understanding.

THINGS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

- School buses are the safest form of highway transportation.
- The most dangerous part of the school bus ride is getting on and off the bus.
- Pedestrian fatalities (while loading and unloading school buses) account for approximately three times as many school bus-related fatalities, when compared to school bus occupant fatalities.
- The loading and unloading area is called the "Danger Zone".
- The "Danger Zone" is the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of not being seen by the driver (15 feet in front of the bus where the driver may be too high to see a child, 15 feet on either side of the bus where a child may be in the driver's blind spot, and the area behind the bus).
- Half of the pedestrian fatalities in school bus-related accidents are children between 5 and 7 years old.
- Young children are most likely to be struck because they:
 - Hurry to get on and off the bus
 - Act before they think and have little experience with traffic
 - Assume motorists will see them and will wait for them to cross the road
 - Don't always stay within the bus driver's sight

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. Learn to use them correctly

Sincerely,

Felix Ray

Director of Transportation

Marion Crouch Memorial
Country Christmas Arts & Crafts Bazaar

Presented by the Newport Volunteer Fire Department

Saturday, November 23rd
9am - 3pm
West Canada Valley School



Free Admission and Parking
Refreshments sold in the Cafeteria

Don't Miss!
Nancy's Pottery
Crafts, Novelties, Jewelry, Wooden Signs
Adirondack Prints, and Much More!

...and of course, Santa Claus!

New This Year!
Chinese Auction in Elementary Cafeteria

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Acting Principal

Calendar

Nov 1 Evacuation Drill Early
Dismissal

Nov 11 Veterans' Day
Observed

Nov 25 & 26 Elementary
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov 27-29 Thanksgiving
Recess

Dec 23-Jan 1 Winter Recess

Jan 20 - Martin Luther King
Jr. Day

Jan 24 - Regents Day; No
School for MS/HS Students,
Elementary Dismissal 11:30

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
www.westcanada.org

