



West Canada Valley Central School

Highlights

November 2016

Disney's *"Beauty and the Beast"* – will be presented by the West Canada Valley Music Department November 10, 11 & 12 at 7:00 PM in the WCV auditorium under the direction of William Van Patten and Shane Bonney. The classic story tells of Belle (Olivia Johnson and Devin Thomas), a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast (Tazren Lilley), who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress (Martha Tolpa). If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for eternity.



Rounding out the household staff includes Kurt Florian as Cogworth, Kevin Chlus as Lumiere, Shayla Clark and Gianna Pagano as Babette, Jacqualynn Bender and Katelyn Strong as Mrs. Potts, Olivia Hull and Olivia McNeil as Madame de la Grande Bouche and Macyn Thomas and John Tolpa as Chip. Gaston will be played by Andrew Thierry and his sidekick, LeFou, will be played by Silas Bouchard. Christopher Schultz will portray Monsieur D'Arque, Chase Bugeya will be the selfish prince and Belle's father, Maurice, will be played by William Morrow. Others in the village include Baily Jackson, Zackary Wood, Tyler Weakley, Samantha Raymo, Kimberley Ford, Sarah Esty, Faith Waldron, Emilie Monahan, Morgan Brennan, and Madison Szczesniak.

Michael Jacobs-Mijolovic narrates the introduction. The ensemble includes Lilly Bauder, Dalton Brennan, Katelyn Broadbent, Audrey Campbell, Caeli Campbell, Alison Chapman, Adia Clarke, Madelyn Connor, Lily DesJardins, Sam Ferdula, Kadence Gage, Bella Guido, Jillian Houck, Emi Hughes, Gabrielle Ippolito, Veronika Ribarsky, Alissa Lyga, Julia Marriott, Sulia Martin, Kylee Pink, Kala Reinhardt, Isabella Smith, Taylor Trask, Leilani Tyson, Chloe Williams, Rebecca Williams and Kile Wood.

Tickets can be purchased from cast members or reserved (suggested) by calling Daphne Raymo at 845-6800 x353. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Mark your calendars for November 10, 11, and 12!

From the Superintendent's Desk...

The school year is off to another great start and the district is sincerely grateful for the investment and support of the entire community. As we move forward, the district will continue to explore new courses, new policies, and improved facilities as we strive to educationally prepare our students in the best possible learning environment.

Communication - As a district, we continue to seek ways to improve our communication. The district has developed 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, employment opportunities, and other important documents related to the district. As always, we will continue to explore new avenues of communication to provide information in the most efficient manner.



Capital Project - At this time last year, the community voted in support of the proposed capital project. The capital project will update and improve many of the district's campus features. Parking areas as well as sidewalks will be reconstructed and reconfigured to enhance safety and efficiency. Original metal roofs will be replaced. The elementary school will complete its renovation with new airflow units and remodeling/updating of the halls and classrooms. The entrance to the elementary building will also be redesigned to enhance the safety/security of students and staff. In addition, the outdoor track and tennis courts will be reconstructed to create a safe surface for students as well as the community. In the months ahead, the district will be working with the project management firm to finalize details within the budget approved by the community.

Evacuation Drill Reminder - On Thursday, November 10th, we will execute our mandatory Evacuation Drill. All students, K-12 will be released at 2 PM. We will be using one (1) bus run in order to complete this drill. Please be aware that students will arrive home earlier than normal. Please make note of this so that you may arrange care for your children. Thank you in advance for your understanding and 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 school.

Again, thank you for the continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the many events scheduled for this school year. If you ever have any questions/concerns, do not hesitate to contact me in the district office. Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

D.J. Shepardson
Superintendent of Schools

Herkimer College Financial Aid Workshops

Herkimer College welcomes students and families of ALL college bound students to attend its Financial Aid workshops for academic year 2017-18. Workshops include: A brief overview of financial aid programs, What's new in financial aid: "Early FAFSA", How financial aid is processed, and A "hands on" workshop to help students and parents complete the FAFSA and TAP application for the school of their choice.

DATES:

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Saturday, December 10, 2016

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

LOCATION:

Academic Support Center Computer Lab

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TIMES:

6:00PM

9:00AM

6:00PM

Register by emailing finaid@herkimer.edu or call 315-866-0300 ext 8243

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. -Nelson Mandela

Dignity for All Students

The New York State Dignity for All Students Act became effective July 1, 2012. The goal of this Act is to create a safe and supportive school climate where students can learn and focus, rather than in fear of being discriminated against or harassed.

The District condemns and prohibits all forms of discrimination and harassment of students based on actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientations, gender, or sex by school employees or students on school property and at school-sponsored activities and events that take place at locations off school property. In addition, any act of discrimination or harassment, outside of school sponsored events, which can reasonably be expected to materially and substantially disrupt the education process, may be subject to discipline.

If you need to report an incident of bullying or harassment at WCV, please stop and see a counselor or Deputy Lawson. Anonymous reporting forms are available in the Guidance Office.

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Automated Attendance Calls Beginning this Month

On November 14th, WCV is going to begin automating our daily attendance calls. This means that if your child is absent from school, you will receive an automated telephone call in the morning alerting you.

These calls will use the same alert system that we use for school closings and will come from the same telephone number. In order to receive the calls, we must have your current telephone number.



Evacuation Drill—Thursday, November 10th

All students (K012) will be released at 2pm with a single bus run.

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.

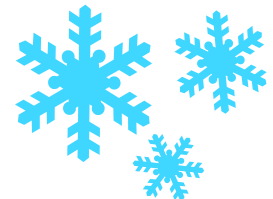
THINGS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

- 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 (ten feet in front of the bus where the driver may be too high to see a child, ten 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.



Felix Ray, Jr
 Transportation Supervisor
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Substitute Bus Drivers Needed

The Transportation Department is currently seeking Substitute Bus Drivers. This is a great way to get on the list for future openings. If you are interested, please contact Felix Ray Jr by calling (315) 845-6800 or by email at fray@westcanada.org



Stay Connected with Sports Updates at WCV!

WCV Athletics is now using Bloomz. Bloomz is an online app that can be easily downloaded on your phone. This new app allows us to share important Sports information with our parents.

If you have not already received an invitation to join Bloomz, and you would like to start receiving Athletic information and score updates, please call (315-845-6800) or email Ed Dougherty (edougherty@westcanada.org) to request an invitation to the WCV Athletics Community.



Online Registration Forms & Sports Paperwork

West Canada Valley Athletics is excited to announce that we are now offering the convenience of online registration through FamilyID (www.familyid.com). FamilyID is a secure registration platform that provides you with an easy, user-friendly way to register for school sports, health paperwork, and scholar athlete awards.

FamilyID will help us to be more administratively efficient and environmentally responsible. When you register through FamilyID, the system keeps track of your information in your FamilyID profile. You enter your information only once for each family member for multiple uses and multiple programs.

To sign up or learn more about FamilyID, visit www.westcanada.org and click on ATHLETICS.

The most up-to-date sports schedules can be found on the Athletics website. You have the option to view, download, or even add the calendars to your mobile device! Never miss another sporting event!



Pictured here are some of our "OSCAR" (Our Students Can Act Responsibly) winners for the 2016-2017 school year so far. Join us at Morning Program daily at 9:05am to see all of the fun and learning that takes place during our 27th year! Our theme this year is, "Lights, Camera, Action" and there is always something special taking place with our kindergarten, first and second grade students. We hope to see you there, it's a great way to start the day!



**Register your child for
the Imagination Library**

Register for FREE and receive free books for your child! Visit westcanada.org and find the link under FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS.

WCV Learns about Fire Safety

October is Fire Safety month. Firemen from both the Middleville and Newport Volunteer Fire Departments spent the day at West Canada on Friday, October 14th. Firemen spoke at Morning Program reminding us how important it is to practice fire drills at home and have a family meeting place in case of an emergency. Students in grades Pre-K through 6th had the opportunity to go through the smoke house and see the firetrucks.





Science in Ancient Egypt?

This month the 6th graders have been studying Ancient Egypt in Mrs. Wiatr's Social Studies class. Along with their study of the Nile River and the geography of Egypt they visited the IMAX theater at the Museum of Science and Technology in Syracuse to see "Mysteries of the Nile".

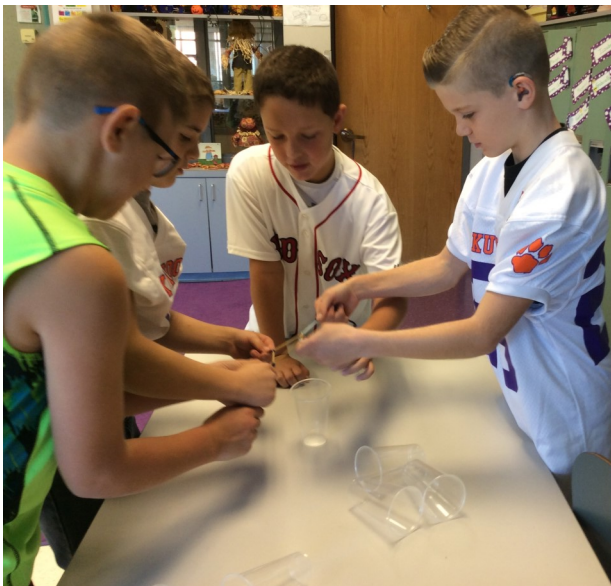
During class they talked about mummies and the mummification process. Using the scientific method that was taught in class, the students enjoyed the science experiment "The Mummy of all Science Experiments" which demonstrates the drying out process used by the ancient Egyptians.

The 6th graders also participated in a social studies distance learning program with the Milwaukee Public Museum featuring Egyptian Mummies.

STEM Challenges

Mrs. Ludwig's 5th graders experiment with a STEM based challenge. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) education is active and focuses on a student-centered learning environment. Students engage in questioning, problem solving, collaboration, and hands-on activities while they address real life issues.

In this particular challenge, students were given 6 cups, 4 pieces of string and a rubber band. Their task was to get the cups into an assigned position without utilizing their hands; they were able to accomplish this by communicating and working collaboratively with all group members. Upon completing the challenge, they had to write a reflection on how they felt their group did with the activity & express their group's strengths and areas needing improvement. It's amazing to watch the groups realize that working as a team is a must for STEM success!



September Students of the Month

Jaeden Beam - Junior Chorus, Mr. Van Patten - Thanks for your fun, upbeat attitude in chorus. We all appreciate your smile and sense of humor every day. Thanks also for being such a strong leader in the baritone section. Keep up the good work.

Portia Camardello – Health, Mrs. Tuzzolino -She is always respectful and on time. Portia makes a point to follow directions and does everything to the best of her ability. She goes above and beyond in her classwork and makes a point to be organized. She is overall a great student.

Kevin Chlus - Senior Chorus, Mr. VanPatten - Glad to have you back in chorus this year!! You are an awesome section leader and really helping the others to get their part right. Thanks for your dedication to the musical as well. Keep up the good work!

Catherine Christensen - ELA 8, Mrs. Lang - Catherine is a pleasure to have in class! Her assignments are excellent and completed on time, and her written work is especially well done!

Madilyn Connor – Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Madilyn is off to a great start to the new school year. She is attentive and participates in class. Keep up the good work.

Madilyn Connor - Math 7, Ms. Kalwara - Madilyn is an excellent math student and a role model to others. She is diligent, hardworking, and helpful to her peers. Madilyn is eager to learn and always has a bright smile on her face. Keep up the great work!

Isabella Coriale - Spanish I, Mrs. Kraszewski - Isabella is an extraordinary role model student. Without having any prior Spanish knowledge and beginning right in Spanish I class, she has a very positive attitude and puts forth great effort in class. Her high achievement of the language has reflected her hard work. ¡Excelente Isabella! Keep it up.

Kaylin Gee – Mrs. Foster, Spanish 3 - Kaylin is doing an excellent job this year in Spanish 3. Kaylin has retained a great deal of the Spanish language from last year. Keep up the great work Kaylin. Bien Hecho chica!

Alina Kichuk – Home & Careers 7/Health, Mrs. Malin – Alina is a pleasure to have in both Home and Careers and Health class. She actively participates in class and always puts forth her best effort. Keep up the good work Alina!

Emilie Monahan - English 10, Mrs. Raymer - Emilie comes prepared to class every day and is always ready to learn. She always completes her homework on time and puts forth her best effort on every assignment. Keep up the good work!

Nerissa Martin – Sculpture, Ms. Wilmarth - Nerissa is a very conscientious artist and art student. Her work shows a personal style and her unique artistic voice. I always look forward to seeing her artwork because I know she has put real thought and effort into each piece



21 Club Awards WCV Students

Several students from WCV have been recognized by The 21 Club for going out of their way to include students of all abilities in academic as well as fun activities at school.

These students have made valuable contributions to raising awareness and promoting inclusion of students with Down Syndrome.

Special thanks go to Michael Sweet, Zachary Barretta, Brandon Schrader, Anthony Scalise, Olivia McNeil, Michael Senkiv and Azariah Pellani.



Area All-State Music Festival to be Held in Oneonta

Several students have been selected to attend the 2016 Area All-State Music Festival held on November 18th and 19th at SUNY Oneonta. Performing in the Mixed Chorus are Kevin Chlus, Tazren Lilley, William Morrow, Gianna Pagano, Andrew Thierry, and Zackary Wood. Katelyn Strong and Devin Thomas will sing in the Women's Chorus. Olivia Johnson, Shania Camardello, Madison Greco, Samantha Raymo, Olivia McNeil, Bailey Chapin, and Kaylin Gee will be playing in the Concert Band.



All-County Music Festival

Congratulations to several students who will represent our school on November 4th and 5th at the Herkimer County All County I Music Festival at Dolgeville High School. In the elementary chorus are Scarlet Bouchard, Rowan Houck, Haily Keiser, Emonnie Perez, Erin Scanlon, Aziza Williams, Garrett Cristallo, Hailey Haynes-Davis, Isabella Hull, Kaily Jackson, Blake Reese, and Macyn Thomas. Playing in the Junior High Band are Jessica Lindsay, Iris Pellani, Jenna DeSantis, Adia Clarke, Morgan Warney, Jenavieve Lyon, Caeli Campbell, Edward Ditata, Maggie Burdick, and Logan Steates. Senior chorus members include Jacqualynn Bender, Kurt Florian, Olivia Hull, Samantha Johnson, Tazren Lilley, Olivia McNeil, William Morrow, Gianna Pagano, Samantha Raymo, Christopher Schultz, and Katelyn Strong.

Kuyahoorra Valley Rotary Club Youth Exchange

West Canada Valley High School Students!!! If you are interested in going to a foreign country for a full year during the 2017-2018 school year, attending school in a foreign country, and experiencing the culture of that country, you should consider the Kuyahoorra Valley Rotary Club Outbound Youth Exchange program.

Participants need to be between 15 to 18 and ½ years old at the time of departure, have average to above average grades with some study of a foreign language, show interest in other cultures, and have been involved in school and community activities. If this sounds like something for you, please contact the Guidance Office.



Don't forget to join us for Morning Program at the elementary! Parents who want to attend should arrive by 9am.



This past June, Mr. Chapman was awarded the Empire State Excellence in Teaching Award. For "exemplifying the highest ideals of teaching; fostering creativity, a love of learning, and independent thinking in all your students."



Elementary Art teacher, Mr. Pumilio demonstrates throwing clay on a wheel to his class.

WCV Concert Dates 2016-17

Friday/Sat, November 4-5
All County I – Dolgeville H.S.

Thurs-Sat, November 10-12
Beauty and the Beast – 7:00 PM

Friday/Sat, November 18-19
Area All-State – SUNY Oneonta

Wednesday, December 7th
Winter Concert I – 7:00 PM (K & 2nd Grade)

Wednesday, December 14th
Winter Concert II – 7:00 PM (Junior & Senior Chorus & Bands)

Tuesday, December 20th
Winter Concert III – 7:00 PM (Elementary Band, Elementary Chorus and Select Chorus)

Concert Snowdate: Wednesday, December 21st

Wednesday, March 8th
Music In Our Schools Month Concert - 7:00 PM (gr. 5-12 Bands)

Wednesday, March 15th
Music In Our Schools Month Concert - 7:00 PM (gr. 7-12 Chorus)

Friday/Sat, March 17-18th
All County II – Herkimer H.S.

From time to time, student photos, video, audio, and information (name, grade level, teacher, school, honor roll, awards, art work, etc.) may be released for use in district publications, on the district's website, in the media and on district-sanctioned social media websites to depict WCVCS D activities. If you do not wish your child's image or information used for these purposes, you can download the Student Media Release Form from the WCV website and send in to the main office.



Marion Crouch Memorial
   
Country Christmas
Arts & & Craft Bazaar



presented by the
 Newport Volunteer Fire Department



Saturday, November 19th
 9 am to 3 pm



West Canada Valley High School
 Route 28 between Newport and Middleville



Something For Everyone ...
 Crafts • Novelties • Treats • Foods • Gifts • Jewelry
 Ceramics and so much more



Refreshments all day in cafeteria



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 Nancy's Pottery Demonstration and,
 Of course ... Santa Claus!



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Central School**

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Elementary School

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Principal

**Junior/Senior High
School**

Mr. Jeremy Kozak
Principal

Coming Events

November 4-5

All County
Doldgeville CS

November 11

Veteran's Day (Observed)
No School

November 14

BOE Meeting
7:00 PM

November 23-25

Thanksgiving Recess
No School

December 7

Winter Concert I (K-2)
7:00 PM

December 12

Board of Education Meeting
7:00 PM

December 14

Winter Concert II
11th & 12th Chorus/Bands
7:00 PM

December 20

Winter Concert III
Elementary Band /Chorus
7:00 PM

Did you get a great picture of a WCV student at an athletic or other school event? Would you like the world to see that picture? Please share your amazing pictures of WCV students in action with the year-book.

They can be emailed to gackman@westcanada.org. Please include the event name and date (if known), as well as the student's name. Thank you!

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



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US HERE AT WEST
CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL!**