



West Canada Valley Central School

Highlights February 2015

Youth Art Month



"Youth Art Month (YAM) is celebrated each March to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs." The theme for this year's Youth Art Month is "The Power of Art!" The goals of YAM include directing "attention to the value of art education which develops divergent and critical thinking skills, multicultural awareness; and technical, communication and expressive skills." Youth Art Month encourages all "to recognize art education as a viable component in the total education curricula that develops citizens of a global society."

West Canada Valley is recognizing the achievements of some of our artists by participating in the Herkimer County 7th Annual Youth Art Month Show! It will be held at Bassett Healthcare in Herkimer from March 1 – 31, 2016 in celebration of Youth Art Month! The Exhibition Opening Reception and Presentation of Certificates is on Tuesday, March 1st, from 5:30-6:30 pm. The certificates are presented at 6:00 to the participants in the show. Family, friends, and the community are welcome to come celebrate with us! Refreshments and snacks will be provided!

The following WCV elementary students will have their work on display. **Luke Dougherty**- Kindergarten, **Charlotte Allen**- Kindergarten, **Caleb Grabowski**- First Grade, **Nathan Ruppert**- Second Grade, **Julius Sege**- Third Grade, **Dominic Lekki**- Third Grade, **Shawn Krom**- Fourth Grade, **Lauren LaPier**- Fifth Grade, **Madilyn Connor**- Sixth Grade, and **Jordan Kuzontkoski**- 6th Grade.

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen

The DAR, founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children.

The Henderson-General Nicholas Herkimer Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution selects a student from WCV each year as a DAR Good Citizen. The recipient of this award must possess the qualities of Dependability, Service, and Patriotism.

This year's recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award is Coralynn Maxwell.



From the Superintendent's Desk...

As we move past the mid-point to this school year, it is certainly amazing how mild winter has been thus far. However, we are all aware that February and March will determine the final evaluation of the winter season. With that said, winter has shown its presence on a couple of occasions resulting in school being closed for the day. It is our hope that this information is being communicated in an efficient manner. As always, if you have any questions/concerns regarding closings and weather delays, do not hesitate to contact the district office.



*DJ Shepardson
Superintendent of Schools*

Building Project – On behalf of the district, I would like to thank members of the community for their support of the proposed capital project. Since the positive vote in November, design groups continue to meet with the architect and/or the construction manager as we progress toward a final design. At this point, we have made a great deal of progress in each phase of the project. Updates on this process are a regular item at our monthly board of education meetings as we work toward submitting our plans to the New York State Education Department for approval. The district will continue to provide updates as the project develops.

Budget time – The district has begun the process of building our budget for the 2016-2017 school year. The governor's proposed budget has provided West Canada Valley with a slight increase in operating aid over last year. At the same time, we anticipate much discussion in Albany over the next few months 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- So much discussion has occurred regarding state testing and teacher evaluation over the past few years. I am certainly pleased to hear our new state leadership has taken a step back to assess our curriculum/assessment practices while at the moment delaying their use for instructional evaluation. This is certainly an important first step in the process. While state assessments provide teachers, students, and parents/guardians with academic information, they are but one of several measures by which we determine if a student is making academic progress. I hope as we move forward these measures will be used to fulfill their intended purpose- to improve student learning.

Student/Staff Achievement – Congratulation to our entire educational community as recently released graduation data continues to place West Canada Valley CSD as one of the top schools in terms of graduation rates across the state. Our three-year cohort rate of 96% as well as our previous year rate of 99% is a strong indicator of the commitment to high academic standards in this district. I certainly look forward to working with the entire educational community as we build academic programs toward the future.

WCV Technology- As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, the district has redesigned our website with the intention of making it a valuable resource. The district is continually updating important information including the events calendar. In addition, the website provides members of the community with an opportunity to see what we are doing in the classroom and recognize both school-wide and individual student achievements.

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

Community Fitness Opportunities

<p>Adult Swim West Canada Valley Central School will be hosting Community Adult Swim every Tues and Thurs from 5:00 pm– 6:30pm. If West Canada School is closed, adult swim will be canceled. Reminder...Adults only.</p>	<p>Basketball Sunday 9:00am-11:30am Elementary Gym</p>	<p>Community Hall Walking Mon-Fri 5:30PM – 8:00PM School Days only!</p>	<p>Fitness Center Hours M,W,F 5:30 AM—7:00 AM Monday—Friday 5:00 PM—7:00 PM</p>
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From the Health Office

If your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep him/her home, or make appropriate child care arrangements. It will be necessary to pick your child up from school as soon as possible if he/she shows any of the following symptoms at school.

• **Fever**

Temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Child must not have a fever for 24 hours without fever reducing medication before returning to school.

• **Vomiting**

Child should not return to school for 24 hours following the last episode of vomiting

• **Lice, Scabies**

Children may not return to school until they have been treated and are free of live lice. Children with scabies can be admitted after treatment.

• **Diarrhea**

Children with watery stools may not return to school until 24 hours after their last episode of diarrhea.

• **Chronic cough and/or runny nose**

Continual coughing and greenish nose discharge. Conditions may be contagious and may require treatment from your health care provider.

• **Sore Throat**

With fever or swollen glands in the neck.

• **Rash**

Any rash, especially with fever or itching

• **Ear infection**

Without fever can attend school, but the child may need medical treatment and follow-up. Untreated ear infections can cause permanent hearing loss.

• **Eye Infection**

Pink eye (conjunctivitis) or thick mucus or pus draining from eye should not return to school for 24 hours after starting treatment

• **Unusual appearance behavior**

Abnormally tired, pale, difficult to wake, confused or irritable. This is sufficient reason to exclude a child from school.

• **Cough:**

Children with a persistent cough who are sent to the health office, may be sent home and can return when able to resume class.

Please have current phone numbers and a current emergency contact on file with the office. We need more than one phone number to be able to call in case of emergency. Please do not have emergency contacts that live out of state listed. An emergency contact should be within 30 minutes of the school.

Thank you for helping us by following our district guidelines.

Sincerely,

Stacey Barnard, RN – Elementary Nurse,

Nancy Bienick, RN – High School Nurse

Please note: Beginning with the next newsletter we will be using a new mailing list. If you do not receive a district newsletter in May, please contact the District office at 845-6800 ext. 380.

Transportation News

I want to thank all of you for making last year at West Canada a safe year for the transportation of the students to and from school.

Felix Ray

Transportation Supervisor

This coming year can be just as safe if all involved do their part.

- The bus driver that never lets his or her guard down in watching out for you children as they get on and off the bus.
- The Mom and Dad that make sure their children are on time for the bus so that the bus does not have to wait in traffic.
- The people driving on the road that stops for a school bus with his red lights flashing.
- The parent that helps work with the people involved in the transportation of the not so perfect child, by understanding that a child that is causing a problem on the bus is putting every passenger on board at risk.
- The people that keep our roads plowed and sanded so that the buses can travel safely to and from school with your 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.

Winter weather bus schedule reminder: On those 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.

WCV Alumni Banquet

The Alumni Banquet will be **May 7th, 2016** at Crystal Chandelier (Rt.28 Middleville N.Y.) Social hour is at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 7:00 Our guest speaker will be Thomas Maxwell, class of 1976. If you would like to make reservations, please call Betty Kemler at 845-8901. More information will be coming soon with Menu, Music, and pictures from the past. Please join us for a night of memories.

Any questions call Meta Elwood at 845-6800 Ext-314, Alumni with more than 8 to 10 at your table should contact us earlier.

Pre-K/Kindergarten Registration

Pre-K/Kindergarten Registration Day will be held on Thursday, March 3rd, 2016, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM in the elementary office. There will be time for you to complete any additional paperwork and for us to answer any of your questions.

A copy of **YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE, PROOF OF RESIDENCY, AND PROOF OF IMMUNIZATIONS** are needed for registration. Our staff members will review each child's packet to ensure all parts are completed. In addition, you will also schedule a time for your child's screening in June.

If you have a child who will be 5 on or before 12/1/16, please contact the office at 845-6800 ext. 100.

Three Board of Education Seats Open

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 (3) members to the Board of Education on May 17th of this year as Mrs. Robin Louis, Mrs. Karen Murphy and Mrs. Shawn Schultz's terms expire on June 30, 2016.

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 be and 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 board
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office

Candidate's petitions must be returned to the District Clerk's office no later than 5:00 pm on April 18, 2016 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 845-6800, x 380 or send an e-mail to ksheets@westcanada.org.

Yearbook Fundraiser

Basketball sectionals are coming! Get outfitted in WCV gear and help the yearbook at the same time! The items pictured and more are available for immediate pickup in Room 5 of the high school or you may contact Mrs. Gloria Ackman, Yearbook Advisor, at ext. 305 or gackman@westcanada.org to arrange for pickup in the office.

Thank you for supporting the WCV yearbook!



Guidance News

The WCV 2015-16 High School Course Handbook is available for viewing at our website: www.westcanada.org on the Guidance page.

College Now Registration

Registration for College Now courses will be completed on Friday, February 5, 2016 at 9AM in the library.

Guidance Events

9th Grade Career Day at HCCC

Tuesday, March 15, 2016—students will bring home a permission slip as the date nears

10th Grade BOCES Sophomore Visitation Day

Tuesday, March 8, 2016—students will bring home a permission slip as the date nears



Examples of elementary student artwork by: Madilyn Connor (Left), Julius Sege (Center), Luke Dougherty (Right)

Newport Historical Society Supports Research Project

Sixth Grade Library Enrichment students were presented with an extensive New York State research project. Ms. Rowe's Enrichment group for several weeks has been observing, exploring, and investigating primary sources on the rich histories of our local towns: Newport, Fairfield, Norway and Russia. Their main focus for this research project is to find out the significant changes from the 1800's until present day in these towns. On January 22, 2016 the students were given the opportunity to explore artifacts, old post cards, documents, pictures, obituaries and many other interesting historical props at the Newport Historical Center. The students loved every second exploring, reading, and learning about the intriguing histories of our local towns, and how much these towns have changed over the centuries.

If you are interested and would like to learn more about our local town's histories- Our lovely second grade Teacher Mrs. McEvoy's Mother Barb Curran is the Village of Newport's Historian. Additionally, Mrs. Evans, one of our most knowledgeable substitute teachers is a volunteer at the Historical Society as well. The volunteers would love to see and show families what they have to offer at the Newport Historical Society Center.



Newport Historical Center Information:

7435 Main Street
Newport NY, 13416

Phone Number-
315-845-8434

Hours of Operation:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
1:00- 4:00 P.M or by appointment



Students in Mrs. Parent's Kindergarten are using iPads to supplement their classroom sessions.



The WCV "Brick Heads" competed at the FIRST Tech Challenge at SUNY Poly in January.

October 2015

Maggie Burdick – Spanish 7, Mrs. Kraszewski – Maggie works to her best potential on everything we do in class. She is an outstanding student! Congratulations Maggie, keep the hard work up.

Catherine Christensen – Science, Mr. Reed – Catherine has done an exceptional job in 7th grade science. Her consistent success shows that she is able to take in all the material that is presented and able to process it quickly and connect the different concepts. Catherine is an outstanding student and it's a real pleasure to have her in class.

Casey Dibble – Social Studies 8, Mr. Youngs – Casey shows a genuine interest in learning. Great job Casey!

Alyssa Gauthier- Math 7, Mrs. Grogan - Alyssa comes to school every day with a beautiful smile on her face! She gives 100% effort in Math class. Keep up the good work Alyssa!



Olivia Hull - Spanish College Now, Mrs. Foster - I could not ask for a more exemplary student. Olivia's thirst for learning the Spanish language is incredible. Olivia has even shown me a great new learning app that we now use in class. Thank you Olivia for all you do in class and out. Keep up the great work.

Olivia Johnson - Senior Chorus, Mr. VanPatten - Thanks for always having a smile and super attitude. You are really putting a lot of effort into the dances and doing an awesome job. I so glad that you are in the show!! Thanks also for being such a strong section leader in chorus.

Iris Pellani – Math 7, Ms. King – Iris enjoys math, because of her enthusiasm for math, I enjoy having her in class.

Billie Tyson - Junior Chorus, Mr. VanPatten - You are really doing a great job this year - reading the music and hitting the notes. Keep up the good work - it is really paying off.

November 2015

Hannah Bouchard - College Now Literature and Composition, Mrs. Murphy-Scalise -Hannah is a conscientious student whose hard work and intellect are evident in each test she takes and each essay she writes. She demonstrates college readiness, and she continues to serve as a role model to her peers. Keep up the great work, Hannah!

Olivia Carney – Science 8, Mr. Chapman – Olivia has emerged as one of the brightest and best behaved students in Science. She is always on task and her excellent grades reflect that attention. Way to go Olivia!

Olivia Carney -ELA 8, Mrs. Lang - Olivia works very hard in ELA and always has her work completed on time and to the best of her ability. Additionally, her cheerful smile and personality make her a pleasure to have in class!

Casey Dibble – Home & Careers 8, Mrs. Malin – Casey is an outstanding student. He gives 100% and shows a genuine interest in learning. I enjoy having him in class.

Kolten Farber - Life Science, Mr. Brown - Kolten has been working extremely hard. His meticulous effort reflects in all of his grades.

Kolten Farber – Instrumental Lessons, Mr. Bonney – Kolten has been prepared for every lesson in the first quarter and made great progress in his trombone training and understanding. Excellent contributor to the concert band as well! I am excited to see his continued growth in music.

Jakob Fountain – Physical Education, Mr. Hobin – Jakob comes prepared and exhibits great enthusiasm with all parts of class. His energy is contagious and transfers to other students which help produce more overall class effort. He is always respectful and a pleasure to have in class.



Nicole Hebert – Chemistry, Mr. Brown – Nicole has put in phenomenal effort throughout the first quarter. All of her hard work payed off when she won the Golden Test Tube for the Electron Configuration unit. Congrats!

Caden Ludwig – Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs – Caden has had an exceptional start to the school year. A pleasure to have in class, he shows interest in the material. Keep up the good work.

Emilie Monahan – Basic Algebra, Mrs. Kraszewski – Emilie is a very responsible young adult. Any time she was going to miss my class she came to me ahead of time to get notes and the assignment. This character trait is very admirable and I appreciate that she possesses it.

Sabrina Reel – Global Studies, Mr. Sarus - Sabrina has quietly become one of the top students in her class. She is our reigning Global monopoly champ and completes all of her work in a timely fashion. She is polite and always prepared to work. Sabrina has gone above and beyond this marking period and deserves to be recognized.

Angelica Rolka - Senior Chorus, Mr. VanPatten - Thanks for adding so much to the chorus. You always work to help the altos really know their part. Thanks also for the great job in the musical. Not only did you do your part well, but you were always eager to fill in if needed. Keep up the good work.

Samuel Straney – Physics, Mr. Brown – Samuel has displayed extraordinary and thoughtful work in physics. His strong background in math and science has prepared him for the challenges of physics.

Jace Suderley - English 10, Mrs. Raymer - Jace has been working very diligently this year on improving his writing skills. He takes time out of his day to seek extra help when needed and puts forth a lot of effort to obtain good grades. He comes to class every day willing to participate. His hard work and dedication is truly paying off. Keep up the great work and continue working hard!

Margarita Vilovchik - Spanish II, Mrs. Foster - Margarita is an outstanding student. Margarita come into class each day and greets me and has a conversation with me entirely in Spanish before class begins. Margarita is positive; she is willing to try new tasks and is always eager to learn. Margarita makes my job very enjoyable. Keep up the great work.

Morgan Warney - Junior Chorus, Mr. VanPatten - What a great job you are doing Morgan. You are a terrific section leader for the sopranos and you really are helping to keep the section together. Keep up the good work.



December 2015



Bradley Bostwick - College Now Lit and Comp, Mrs. Murphy-Scalise - From seventh to twelfth grade, I have had the pleasure watching Bradley grow; he is a true leader and role model for his peers. He always keeps class interesting with mature insight or comical relief. I have no doubt that Bradley will make the most of his college experience and do well in his studies and beyond. I've greatly enjoyed teaching you, Brad! Congratulations on a successful and positive high school experience!

Caeli Campbell – Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman – Caeli is doing a fantastic job in Social Studies this year. It is a true pleasure to have her in class! Great job Caeli!

Sarah Costello - ELA 8, Mrs. Lang - Sarah has been working extra hard on her written work, and it is really paying off! Keep up the great work, Sarah!

Caitlin Henderson – Basic Algebra, Mrs. Kraszewski – Caitlin works very hard in my class and is just a pleasure to have as a student.

Ruben Gibson – Science, Mr. Reed – Ruben has made a 180 degree change in his grades. Ruben has put forth a tremendous amount of effort in order to change his grades this dramatically. Ruben is now one of the top performing students in his science class.

Nate Lowell - Math 8, Mrs. Smith - Nate is an outstanding math student! His meticulous effort reflects in all of his grades. He is an excellent role model for other students and truly a pleasure to have in class!!

Shae McEvoy - Math 7, Mrs. King - I enjoy having Shae in math class. She has been doing very well in math class. In addition, when she gets her work done, she has been helping a student, who sits near her and is having trouble with the math. Thanks Shae for your help!

Savannah Mouyos - Spanish I, Mrs. Kraszewski - Savannah is an exemplary student. She strives to highly excel in everything we do in class. Her hard work is well reflected in her achievement. Buen trabajo Savannah!

Iris Pellani - 7th grade Art, Ms. Wilmarth - Iris is very creative, talented, and conscientious. She always goes above and beyond on her projects. Iris is a wonderful role model and a pleasure to have in class. I hope she chooses to take more art classes in the future!



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THE WEEK AT
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PROGRAM.

PICCOLLAGE

All County II Music Festival

Several students will be participating in the All County II music festival to be held on March 18th and 19th here at WCV.

Playing in the elementary band are Tyler Barnes, Audrey Campbell, Madilyn Connor, Kadence Gage, Jillian Houck, Renee Jenkins, Alina Kichuk, Jordyn Kuzontkoski, Jenavieve Lyon, Derek Maxwell, Lydia Reimer, Will Smith, and Oren Valerio.

The junior chorus participants will be Jaeden Beam, Jacqualynn Bender, Silas Bouchard, Shayla Clark, Morgan Desmond, Sarah Esty, Kurt Florian, Baily Jackson, Sulia Martin, Emilie Monahan, Samantha Raymo, Christopher Schultz, and Tyler Weakley.

Playing in the senior band are Hannah Bouchard, Ashley Bray, Shania Camardello, Bailey Chapin, Parker Esty, Madison Greco, Nicole Hebert, Olivia Hull, Olivia Johnson, Jenna Jouben, David Krouse, Tazren Lilley, Olivia McNeil, Sam Straney, and Devin Thomas.



Fall 2015 Scholar Athlete Teams

Two teams earned the Scholar Athlete Team distinction this fall. This award is provided by the NYSPHSAA (New York State Public High School Athletic Association).

The teams that earned the distinction had to earn an average GPA of 90 or above for the time while their sport was in session.

Congratulations to the students on these teams and every team from this fall!

To learn more about the NYSPHSAA programs visit www.nysphsaa.org.



Spring Sports Meeting

February 10, 2016
6:00PM
HS Auditorium

This is a mandatory meeting for ALL parents and students who wish to try out for a spring sport.

If unable to attend, parents will be required to meet with the Athletic Director to sign up their children for a sport.

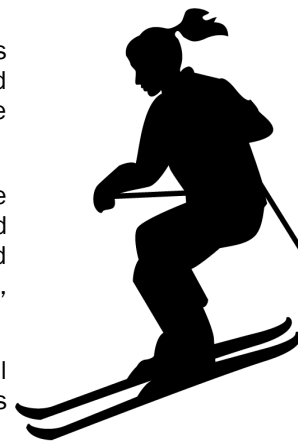


Ski Club Update

The West Canada Valley Ski Club is off to a great season this year. So far, we have taken three trips to Woods Valley and seven first time skiers/boarders have learned to ski and have made it up the "big chair" already!

Conditions at Woods Valley continue to improve, and we are looking forward to a fantastic season of skiing and boarding. Thursday night discounted rates for students and family members are \$23.00, \$19.00 for students under 13, and we are always open to new participants.

Also, Ski Club is holding half court shooting contests at all varsity home games; proceeds will benefit the Club's scholarship fund. Think snow!

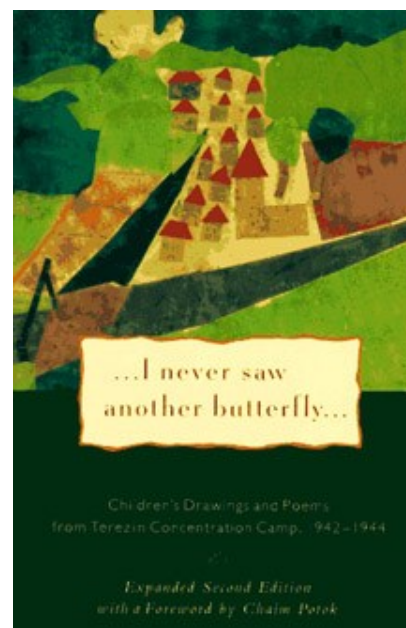


In Spring 2016, WCV Presents *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*.

The West Canada Valley Drama Club will present *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, a play by Celeste Raspanti on April 1st and 2nd in the West Canada Valley High School Auditorium. This memory-play is narrated by Raja Englanderova (Sarah Esty), who represents one of over 15,000 Jewish children who passed through the Terezin ghetto from 1942 to 1945. Throughout the play, she recalls life in the ghetto with her parents (Samuel Straney and Shayla Clark) and her brother, Pavel (Parker Esty). She also remembers her teacher, Irena Synkova (Jackie Bender), who struggles to keep educating and inspiring the children of Terezin, despite the fear and horrendous conditions they are living under. Throughout the play, Raja is able to connect with many of the children of Terezin (Adia Clarke, Khushalia Gondalia, Caeli Campbell, Baily Jackson), and develops a special friendship with Honza (Kurt Florian).

This one act play is based on a book by the same title which is a collection of poems, diaries, letters, journals, drawings and pictures created by the actual children of Terezin. When Terezin was liberated in May of 1945, only about 100 of these children were left to return to their lives. In addition to poems and pictures created by the children of Terezin, the play will feature Czech and Hebrew folk songs and music of the time period.

I Never Saw Another Butterfly is being performed by Drama Club in honor of Helen Sperling, a Holocaust survivor. Students at WCV were fortunate to be able to hear Mrs. Sperling share her experiences last November. The performance will begin at 7 pm. Ticket prices will be \$5.00 and will be available from any Drama Club member or at the door.

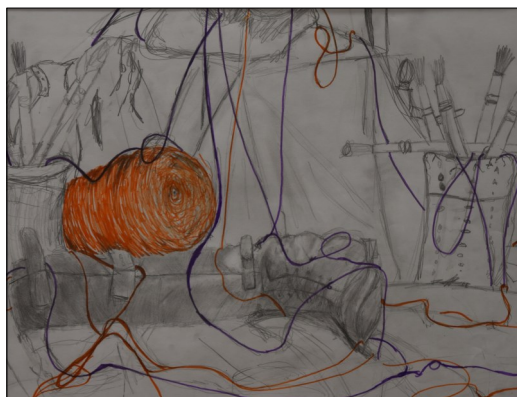
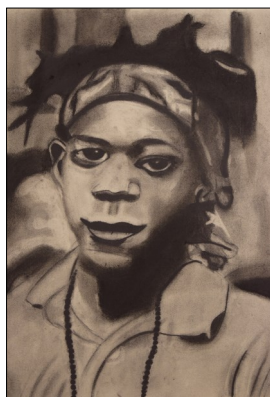


High School Artwork on Display

A Pen & Ink Drawing by Junior Morgan Brennan won a Scholastic Gold Key Award, the highest award. The Scholastic Art Awards are a national competition for junior and senior high school students. Morgan competed in the Central New York division. The 13-county region saw a record-breaking 6,400 pieces submitted this year. 1,587 pieces won awards. Awards range from Gold keys - first place, Silver keys - second place, to Honorable mentions. The winning pieces are on exhibit at Onondaga Community College's Whitney Applied Technology Center, in Syracuse, through February 26th. Gold Key winners go on to compete at the national level. National results are announced in the spring.

Drawings by Sophomores Stephen Morreale and Isaiah Farrell are on exhibit in the 26th Annual Legislative Student Art Exhibition. The exhibit is in the "Well" entrance of the Legislative Office Building in Albany. This exhibit features outstanding K-12 artwork and is open to the public. A reception for the artists and their families will be held on March 3rd. WCV high school artists will also be participating in 3 other exhibitions in the month of March.

March is Youth Art Month. Students will have their work exhibited in the annual Bassett Health Care Center Show in Herkimer, the Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts Teacher/Student Show in Little Falls, and the annual Beaver Lake Nature Center Show in Baldwinsville. All of the exhibitions are open to the public.



Artwork pictured:
Pen & Ink Drawing by Morgan Brennan (Left), Charcoal Portrait by Stephen Morreale (center), and Graphite & Marker Still Life by Isaiah Farrell (Right)



The WCV SISTERS spread some holiday cheer at the Folts Home in Herkimer this past December. The girls also made cards to distribute to residents who didn't have family members.

The residents enjoyed listening to the Christmas carols and especially enjoyed the song "Must Be Santa".

From the Cafeteria...

Happy Healthy New Year to all. Your Food Service Program has been continuing our attempt to offer the foods as required by law to our students, but we are glad that Congress has opened it's eyes to the struggle on the sodium limit. The new change will allow us to maintain a level we can work with while still feeding the students healthy meals. You have a great group of kids who have been very supportive of the changes. Don't forget to use My School Bucks to pay on accounts or see how your kids are doing. We still have openings for substitutes. Thanks to everyone who supports our program.

Joanne Vanaernam
Food Service Coordinator

Order your Yearbook Now!

2015-2016 Yearbooks are available to order. Only a limited number are printed and once those are sold, there will be no more. Don't miss out on this wonderful chance to preserve the memories of the 2015-2016 school year. Yearbooks are \$70.00 non-personalized and \$75.00 personalized (one line). Checks may be sent payable to WCV Yearbook to the school, attention Gloria Ackman.

If you have any questions, please contact gackman@westcanada.org or 315-845-6800 ext. 305.

Students, Faculty, and Staff Give Back to Our Community

During the holiday season West Canada Valley knows that it is better to give than to receive. Our students, faculty and staff realize the importance of giving back and went above and beyond to help others this year.

- *SISTERS coordinated a food drive to benefit the Kuyahora Valley Food Pantry. The girls also brought Christmas cheer to the Folts Home in Herkimer with their caroling.*
- *WCV teachers and staff donated over a hundred unwrapped toys to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Albany. Our mission was to send comfort, love, healing, hope and smiles to the children and families staying in the house this past Christmas.*
- *In lieu of a holiday gift exchange, sixth graders collected spare change throughout the entire month of December and were able to make generous donations to the Rescue Mission of Utica, The shelter for battered women and children in Utica, Herkimer County Humane Society and Paws and Stripes (a nonprofit organization providing service dogs for wounded military veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury).*
- *Fourth graders also decided to do something for others, instead of exchanging Christmas gifts they made a monetary donation to The Ronald McDonald House of Albany serving critically ill children and their families.*
- *The Senior National Honor Society donated gifts cards in order to help families in need with their holiday meals.*

Coming soon....

In February students and staff will be collecting "Coins for Cancer" to raise money for comfort bags for local pediatric cancer centers. If you would like to donate or help with this cause there will be collection containers for coins in the elementary building.

WHEN YOU **LEARN,**
TEACH.
WHEN YOU **GET,**
GIVE.

~MAYA ANGELOU

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Middle/High School

Mr. Frank C. Sutliff
Principal
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Calendar

February 15-19

Mid-Winter Recess
NO SCHOOL

March 3

Pre-K/K Registration
9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Elementary Office

March 14

BOE Meeting
7:00 PM

March 18

Superintendent's Conference
Day
NO SCHOOL

March 25

Good Friday
NO SCHOOL



Upcoming Concert Dates

Monday, March 14th
Music In Our Schools Month Concert - 7:00 PM
(gr. 5-12 Bands)

Wednesday, March 16th
Music In Our Schools Month Concert - 7:00 PM
(gr. 5-12 Choruses)

Wednesday, April 20th
Elementary Musical - 7:00 PM
"Pirates 2! - The Hidden Treasure"

Thursday, May 4th
Spring Concert I - 7:00 PM
(1st and 4th Grades)

Tuesday, May 10th
Spring Concert II - 7:00 PM
(Senior Band)

Tuesday, May 17th
Spring Concert III - 7:00 PM
(3rd Grade, Elementary & Junior Bands)

Thursday, May 19st
Spring Concert IV - 7:00 PM
(Junior and Senior Chorus)

Wednesday, June 1st
SongFest 2015 - 7:00 PM
(West Canadians and Jazz Ensemble)

Thurs/Sat, June 2-4
Mexico Pageant of the Bands

Notice of Sealed Bid Auction for Surplus Items

The West Canada Valley School district offers the following items for sale by sealed bid auction. An appointment to view the items may be made by contacting Ken Smith, Director of Facilities at (315) 845-6800 X-385 between the hours of 7:00AM and 3:30PM Monday through Friday. The items will be available for viewing until March 15th 2016.

All bids must be received by 11:00AM on March 16th and will be opened at 12:00PM on March 16th in the high school office of the district. Bid forms will be available in the high school office. All items will be sold as is.

- Item 1: Hotsy oil fired hot water pressure washer.
- Item 2: Advance walk behind carpet vacuum.
- Item 3: Advance carpet extractor.
- Item 4: Hako wet vacuum.
- Item 5: Tennant carpet sweeper.
- Item 6: Ice cream chest freezer.
- Item 7: Heavy duty engine hoist.
- Item 8: Non refrigerated salad bar.
- Item 9: Electric kiln, 208 volt 3 phase.
- Item 10: Package of 15 stools.
- Item 11: 2 Basketball hoops.
- Item 12: 350' of fiber optic cable.
- Item 13: 200' of fiber optic flexible duct.