

STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY



CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Home of the Cougars 🍁 Fall 2022

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear SVCS Families,

As the mornings become brisk and the leaves begin to change, it is no doubt the fall season is upon us. The colors of fall that cover the hills of Stockbridge Valley are truly amazing. On September 7, 2022 we welcomed our students and staff back to start the 2022-23 school year. As we emerge from the most challenging circumstances for schools, it is also important to take a step back and appreciate the people and world around us. I am humbled and proud to be part of a community where everyone strives for excellence and ensures students are at the center of all we do. Being able to serve such a community is an honor and I am proud to be part of the SVCS family.



We've had a busy start to the 2022-2023 School Year! SVCS is committed to bringing energy and creativity to our classrooms and providing an engaging and rigorous curriculum to our students. Over the summer we were able to install new Promethean Smart boards in all of our classrooms. These types of updates help ensure our teachers have the resources to help prepare our students for an ever-changing technological world. At the end of September, we officially launched our new communication platform, ParentSquare, to our families. More details related to ParentSquare can be found on the last page of the newsletter. We will



continue to challenge our students in new ways at every grade level this year and build on past successes to ensure our students are college and career ready.

Best wishes to everyone for an enjoyable Thanksgiving with family and friends!

Sincerely,

Mr. Corey Graves,
Superintendent of Schools

Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Soccer Team!



*They are the 2022
Central Counties League
(CCL) Champions!*

See story on page 10

SVCS MISSION/VISION

Mission: We empower students through education.

Vision: We embrace a culture of respect and support that allows every student to recognize their worth, realize their purpose, cultivate their passions and achieve their ultimate potential.

GREETINGS FROM THE 7-12 PRINCIPAL

Our homecoming weekend kicked off with an amazing dance and bonfire organized by our High School Student Council (specifically Rowan Cady and Alexis Mazzye), and Advisor, Malary Bingel. Thank you also to the Munnsville Volunteer Fire Department for their help orchestrating the blaze that our students thoroughly enjoyed. On Saturday, the support from fellow students and the community as our Boys and Girls Varsity Soccer Teams played under the lights at VVS was phenomenal, and made me proud to be a Stockbridge Valley Cougar. Both teams exemplified their determination, sportsmanship, and strong character as they rose to victory against their rival, Madison, and brought home both Golden Milk Cans. Senior Night got underway the following weekend as the community again gathered to show their support for our students and their families. Once again both teams were victorious. Boys' Varsity Soccer has clinched their division and Girls' Varsity Soccer travels to Beaver Creek to compete in sectional games. Congratulations to both teams for an amazing season!

Our students involved in the FFA will travel to Indianapolis, Indiana to participate and lead fellow members at the 95th Annual FFA National Convention, October 26 - 29. The chapter will have 16 members attending. The Poultry Evaluation team, Tristan Ellerburch, Rowan Cady, Alexis Mazzye and Amanda Brown will be competing in the national event. Myah LaFave, New York State FFA President, will represent NYS FFA as a national delegate with the rest of her state officer team. Best wishes as they travel to support agricultural education and FFA. Throughout this year, I would like to highlight the many extra-curricular activities that are available to students at Stockbridge Valley Schools. Recently, I have had the great opportunity to visit the Clay Target Club which meets Wednesdays and Sundays at the Vernon National Shooting Preserve. Whether a beginner or expert, this club will help improve your hand-eye coordination, patience, and skill. Advisor, Patty Waldron, will support you with training and supplies, as you embark on this challenge.

As the year gets underway, I can't stress enough the importance of student attendance. Not only does attendance support academic gains for our students,



but studies have shown that attendance in school can predict future success. When students are absent 10%, or approximately 18 school days per year, their academic achievement has proven to decline and students begin to further fall behind each year. To help incentivize student attendance, we have created an attendance challenge. This challenge provides bagels or donuts to the grade level of students that have the fewest unexcused absences. This past month, both eighth grade and ninth grade tied for the fewest absences. We ask that everyone keep up the hard work and that families help support our efforts by, as always, having their children attend school when they are not sick. Thank you for your continued effort and support with this initiative.

Five-week reports have gone home to all families. If your child is struggling in a given area, please have him/her discuss with the teacher ways to get help to learn the material and help improve their academic performance. All teachers and staff are here to support our students. As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. I hope to support you and your family in any way possible.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lisa Hopkins
7-12 Principal

*Homecoming
Dance and Bonfire*



SENIOR RECEIVES COMMENDATION IN THE 2023 NATIONAL MERIT® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Principal, Lisa Hopkins of Stockbridge Valley Central School District announced on September 21 that Tristan Ellerbruch has been named Commended Student in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®), which conducts the program, was presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2023 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2023 competition by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

"Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."



SVCS WELCOMES NEW 7-12 MATH TEACHER MR. WILL SUBER



CONGRATULATIONS ABIGAIL REED AND TRISTAN ELLERBRUCH

Abigail Reed and Tristan Ellerbruch earned the College Board National Recognition for scoring within the top 32,000 students nationwide on the PSAT last year. These students also had to maintain a 3.5 overall GPA in order to be considered for this recognition. This is a great honor as we have not had students receive this award at Stockbridge Valley Central School in over five years.

Presented by the
**Stockbridge Valley
Drama Club**

November 4th & 5th, 2022

7:00pm

in the Charles E. Stratton Auditorium



Pre Sale Ticket Prices: **The Musical**

Adults—\$7 Students/Children under 10—\$5

Night of the show All Tickets—\$7.00

Contact Pam Mennig in the District Office 315--495-4400

9TH GRADERS ATTEND PROGRAM AT SUNYIT



S VCS 9th Graders visited SUNY Polytech for "Overcoming Obstacles: A message of connection, resilience and hope," with guest speaker Erin Gruwell on October 11. The main purpose of the program is to encourage ninth grade students to "find that adult in your life," as they transition from junior high to senior high and continue to navigate the many changes, challenges and hardships created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

STUDENTS LEARN PRINTMAKING IN STUDIO ART

Students of the Studio Art classes have been learning the old technique of relief printmaking. Relief printing is a form of printmaking in which the image to be printed is raised from the surface. The most common processes used for relief printmaking is woodcut, linocut, and metal cut. Studio Art students are using soft linoleum to carve into. Their finished prints will have three different ink colors. In order to have the three colors show, students need to carve into the linoleum three different times. It is a long process, but the results look amazing! Here are some pictures of some students during this process. Final projects will be formally displayed in the district's art show this coming May!

Mrs. Mary Beth Maguire,
7-12 Art



MESSAGE FROM THE K-6 PRINCIPAL

Greetings from the Elementary Office!

We have so many wonderful things to celebrate in our elementary so far this year!

Open House - Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Open House on September 22! It was so wonderful to be able to welcome all of our families back into the building to meet staff and see our classrooms. We had a great turnout and a successful start to what is going to be our best year ever!



about your child's accomplishments. These conferences will be in-person this year. If you would like a phone or virtual conference, please sign up for a time and then contact your child's teacher directly to inquire about the possibility. Typically, families receive the report cards at conferences. For all other marking periods, report cards will be sent home in student folders. An invitation to sign-up for conferences was sent via ParentSquare. If you need assistance or didn't receive an invitation through ParentSquare, please contact the elementary office at 315-495-4550 or email Mrs. Natalie Relyea at nrelyea@stockbridgevalley.org.

Intramurals - Students in 5th and 6th grades can participate in intramurals after school throughout the school year. We offer four different intramural sessions. Students can attend as many sessions as they would like to attend. During intramurals, our older students have a chance to stay after school and participate in some organized games and sports in a supportive environment. Please contact Mrs. Malary Bingel at mbingel@stockbridgevalley.org with any questions.

Wellness Club - Students participate in fun movement and mindfulness activities and explore the many parts of staying healthy. Activities may include running, walking, stretching, and yoga just to name a few. Wellness Club will meet each week Wednesday, September 28 through Wednesday, November 16 from 2:40-3:15 p.m. Students may be picked up or take the late bus home. Please contact Ms. Sara Getman at sgetman@stockbridgevalley.org with any questions.

Spelling Bee - Spelling Bee practice has begun. Students in fifth and sixth grade may participate in the spelling bee. Students must participate in four school practices in order to be eligible to compete. These are held on Wednesdays after school with Ms. Nikki Byron. Our Stockbridge Valley Spelling Bee will be on Thursday, November 17 at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend! Please contact Ms. Byron at nbyron@stockbridgevalley.org with any questions.

Conferences - Elementary Parent – Teacher conferences will occur on November 21 and 22 this year. This is a great time to connect with your child's teacher and talk

Student Pick-up and Drop-off Reminders - If you are dropping off your child after 8:15 a.m. or visiting the school for any reason, please come to the elementary tunnel and push the doorbell. While waiting, fill out one of the pink forms on the table between the two sets of doors. We will bring your child to you or come and get them to join us. Thank you for all that you have done to make our regular morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up go so smoothly this year. Please remain in your vehicles during the drop-off and pick-up of your children to allow the lines to move quickly. If you must get out of your car, please remain in line until you are the first car in front and then exit your vehicle. By doing this, we can allow cars behind you that are already unloaded or loaded to leave the line. The numbers for regular parent pick-ups continue to allow us to load cars quickly while families remain in their vehicles.

Cold Weather Wear - As the colder weather closes in, please remember that our elementary classes typically go outside every day unless the "feels like" temperature is below 20 degrees. It is very important that your child come to school prepared to go outside into the weather. Please be sure your child has a warm coat, boots for snow, hat and mittens or gloves for recess time. If we can assist you in attaining any of these items, please do not hesitate to call 315-495-4550.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Julie Suber
K-6 Principal

4TH GRADERS VISIT LOCAL FARM



On National Farmer's Day, the 4th Graders from SVCS traveled to Morrisville State College for a field trip. They were able to explore and learn all about how a farm operates! We explored the milking parlor, the calf barn, the heifer barn, and where the farm stored all of the cow's food. The students were able to ask a bunch of questions! Each student was able to use the mock milking station to pretend that they were milking a cow. They were each given a bottle of chocolate milk to enjoy. They all said it was delicious!

Ms. Samantha Stedman
Mrs. Erica Laraby
4th Grade Teachers



PRE-K OFF TO A GOOD START!



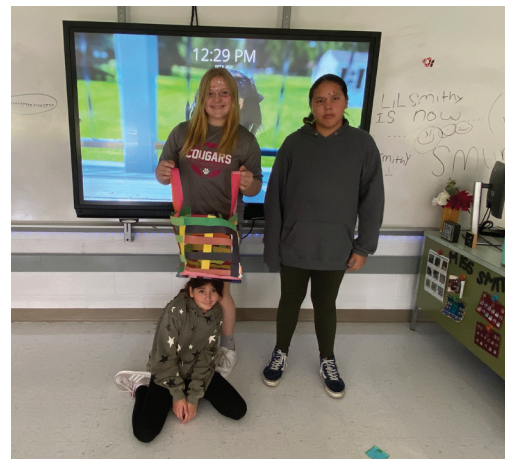
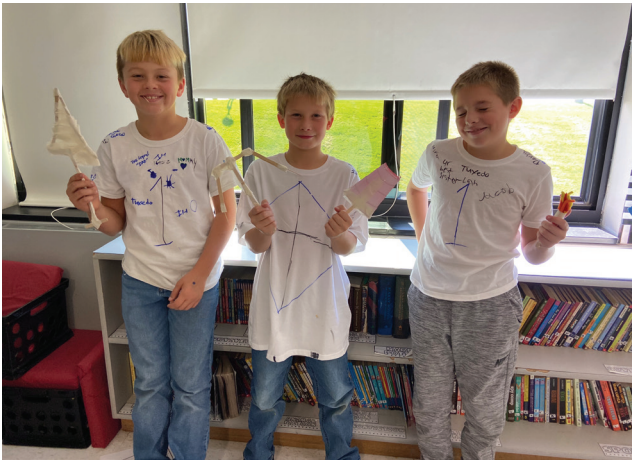
In the fall Pre-K students focus their learning on important social emotional skills such as sharing, taking turns, waiting patiently and using kind and friendly words to make friends. *Picture of Mrs. Hembach's students holding a fire safety craft that they made during the month of October.*

Pre-K Teachers: Ms. Valeria Hembach and Ms. Danielle Suydam. The Pre-K program is run by Madison-Oneida BOCES.

6TH GRADERS STUDY STONE AGE

Sixth Grade students are wrapping up their unit about the Stone Age with a STEM Challenge. Students were either gatherers and created a paper basket or archaeologists and created tools that would be useful for archeologists. Everyone was very creative and did an excellent job!

Ms. Jessica Smith
6th Grade Teacher



LEARNING AT HOME WITH MATH

Did you know that you can practice addition, subtraction, and multiplication with dominos?

1. Lay all dominos face down on the table.
2. Each player picks one domino and turns it face up.
3. Players add, subtract, or multiply the number of dots on one side of the domino with the number of dots on the other side of the domino.
4. The player with the largest sum, difference, or product wins the round and keeps their domino and their opponent's domino(s).
5. After all dominos have been drawn, or time is up, the player with the most dominos wins.



Mrs. Michele Wright
Math AIS Teacher



Class of 2029 Youth Soccer Players

REMINDER FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE



The district's School Health Services program supports your student's academic success by promoting health in the school setting. One way we provide care for your student is by performing the health screenings as mandated by the State of New York.

During this school year, the following screenings will be required or completed at school:



VISION

- Distance and near acuity for all newly entering students and students in Pre-K or Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.
- Color perception screening for all newly entering students.



HEARING

- Hearing screening for all newly entering students and students in Pre-K or Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.



SCOLIOSIS

- Scoliosis (spinal curvature) screening for all girls in grades 5 and 7, and boys in grade 9.

A letter will be sent home if there are any findings on the screening done at school that would cause concern or need medical follow-up. Please call the school's Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.

New York State law also requires a health examination for all students **entering the school district for the first time and when entering Pre-K or K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, and 11th grade.**

If you have not yet sent in a copy of your child's health exam please do so as soon as possible. If we do not receive a copy of the exam, one will be done at the school.

If you have any questions please contact:

Mrs. Mattie Shea, School Nurse
Stockbridge Valley Central School
6011 Williams Rd.
Munnsville, NY 13409

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM ARE THE 2022 CENTRAL COUNTIES LEAGUE (CCL) CHAMPIONS!

For the first time in school history, the boys will be raising a banner as they finished undefeated in the league. The merged team with Morrisville-Eaton features five seniors who have led the team statistically to this incredible feat. Seniors Ben Jantzi and Riley LaLonde are the leading goal scorers on the team with 16 and 15 goals, respectively. Morrisville-Eaton senior Evan Baker is second on the team to Jantzi in assists with 11, and seniors Charlie Cross and Connor Clark have anchored the defense who have held 8 shut out games.

The team was able to clinch a share of the title when they defeated rival Madison under the lights at V.V.S. on October 8. The team won 2-1 with Jantzi scoring both goals for the Cougars. The team then sealed their banner year when they defeated McGraw on the road on October 11 3-0. Baker and LaLonde each had a goal, while junior Evan Enslow capped the scoring with a goal, as well.

The team led the league in several statistical categories as well. The Cougars finished with a league high 66 goals on the season and a league best 17 goals against. Jantzi and LaLonde both finished second and third, respectively, in goals scored, and Jantzi and Baker finished as the top two assists leaders in the league. The Cougar defense also led the way in fewest shots given up, and goalkeeper Braden Renner finished with a league high save percentage of .840 (with a minimum of at least 2 shots faced).



Not only has the team won the first league title in school history, but they have tied the school record for most wins in a season. Senior Captain Jantzi said, "A large chunk of us have focused on this goal since middle school. It feels amazing for us to achieve our goal." Jantzi had a team high 50 points on 16 goals and 18 assists this season, after missing the two previous years with leg injuries.

Senior Charlie Cross said, "This is something that has been in the making for a long time! The core of our team has been working hard year round for the last 5 years. It just feels even better that this year's seniors get to end it like this."

*Jay Lehmann,
Varsity Boys Soccer Coach*



STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY FFA COMPETES IN CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS AT NYS FAIR

The Stockbridge Valley FFA Competed in many different Career Development Event (CDE) competitions at the New York State Fair. We competed in Poultry Identification, Tree Identification, Meats Evaluation, Wildlife Identification, Vegetable Crops/ Horticulture Identification, Dairy Foods and Environmental Science. Members also participated in the CNY and Empire Gladiola show as well as volunteering at the Milk Bar and making gladiola corsages at the State Fair.

The poultry team was made up of Tristan Ellerbruch, Rowan Cady, Alexis Mazzye, and Amanda Brown. We had one member place in the top ten, Tristan Ellerbruch who placed 1st in individual and the team took home the top honors in the state. The poultry team will advance to the National FFA Convention where they will represent New York in the national contest in late October.

In Tree Identification, we had three members place, Jade Nystrom placed 8th in junior and Alex Cullen placed 4th. We had one senior high member place which was Abby Smith who placed 10th. The teams were Alex Cullen Jade Nystrom for junior. Edward DeMenezes, Abby Smith, Dylan LaFave, and Marilyn Jones for senior.

In Meat Evaluation, Alex Cullen placed 1st and Jade Nystrom placed 3rd in junior. The junior team won 1st place which was Jade and Alex. In Wildlife Identification the chapter had three members place. Alex Cullen took 3rd and Jade Nystrom took 9th place in Juniors. One member placed in Seniors which was Abby Smith in 7th place.

Our chapter's Junior team took 3rd for wildlife. The environmental science senior team was Edward DeMenezes, Abby Smith, Dylan LaFave, and Marilyn Jones. In Vegetable Crop ID, those same three members placed: Abby Smith placed 6th, Jade Nystrom placed 10th and Alex Cullen placed 3rd in the Junior Vegetable Crop. The Jr. team was Alex Cullen, Jade Nystrom. Senior team was Abby Smith, Dylan LaFave, and Rebekah Cullen. We also had a team in Dairy Foods - Madison Nolley, Marilyn Jones, and Alexis Mazzye.

The chapter also had a very successful Apple and Mum Sale this year. Thank you to all those who supported us by ordering. Be on the lookout for our Citrus, Cheese & Sausage, Cookie Dough and Poinsettia



fundraiser that will run October 19 - November 8. Be sure to see a FFA member to place an order.

The chapter will be traveling to Indianapolis for the National Convention October 23 - 30. We will have a fun adventure on the way to Nationals. We will be touring Lamb Farms in Western NY, Henry Ford Museum and Ford Rouge Factory in Michigan, Wilson Football, Factory Freshwater Farms in Ohio and Louisville Slugger Museum in Kentucky. We will then spend 3 days at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis attending national workshops, going to sessions and the career show.

Submitted by, Olivia Waldron, 2022- 23 Print Reporter







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Order a yearbook by Dec 15, 2022 and get it at a discounted price! After that date, prices will increase so order yours NOW!

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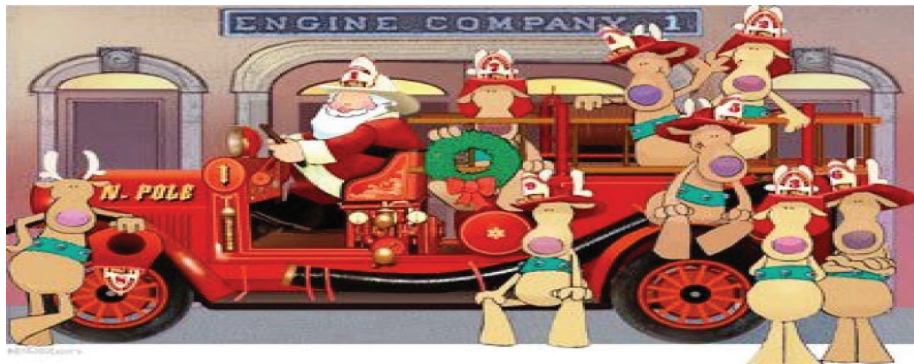
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(BECAUSE IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR!)

The 12th Annual Village of Munnsville

FIRE TRUCK PARADE & TREE LIGHTING

Hosted by the Munnsville Volunteer Fire Department



Saturday *December 3, 2022*
Starting at 6:30 p.m.

Tree Lighting with Santa at 7:00 PM (across from the Fire Hall) Donuts & hot chocolate will be served



**SANTA WILL BE ARRIVING AT THE VILLAGE TREE TO
HEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS DREAMS & WISHES!**

Crafts ❄️ Food ❄️ Raffles

Many new and returning vendors, featuring a wide array of handmade gifts and goodies.



Please join us as we celebrate
the return of the PTSO
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Support local artists and crafters



Over 50 booths!

Shop early
for all your
holiday gifts!

Located at:

Stockbridge Valley Central School

6011 Williams Rd. Munnsville, NY

Saturday, November 19, 2022, 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.





Our school is using Q Communication Powered by ParentSquare!

Dear Families,

We are excited to announce that we adopted a new form of school-to-home communication at Stockbridge Valley called ParentSquare. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with SVCS. It provides a safe way for district administrators, school principals, teachers, staff, and parents to:


- Send and receive school and class information
- Share pictures and files
- See calendar items
- Sign up to volunteer
- Schedule parent-teacher conferences
- and much more . . . all in one centralized place!

All district and school, grade level and classroom information will now be sent to your computer or phone via email and/or text. For even more convenience, download the ParentSquare app (available for free for iOS and Android devices).



Have questions? Click the question mark in the top right corner of the desktop version or the Help tab on the app (tap the triple bar icon at the top left) to find answers to most of your questions.

Get Started in 3 Easy Steps!




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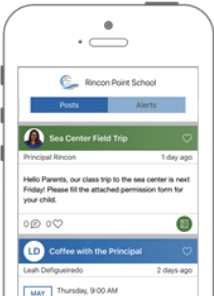
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1. Download the free iOS or Android mobile app.



2. Log in with your email or phone registered with the school.



3. Start receiving posts relevant to your student.

Our goal is for every family to join Q Communication powered by ParentSquare.

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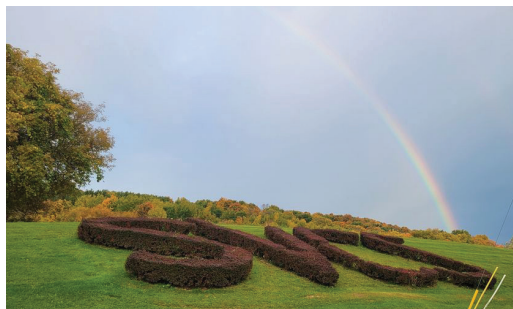
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Rainbow over the barberry bushes, by Malarly Bingel

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Corey Graves, Superintendent
Beth Lamb, Business Administrator
Julie Suber, K-6 Principal
Lisa Hopkins, 7-12 Principal

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MISSION:

We empower students through education

VISION:

We embrace a culture of respect and support
that allows every student to recognize
their worth, realize their purpose,
cultivate their passions and to achieve
their ultimate potential.

