

STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Home of the Cougars November 2021

A Kinder World Takes All of Us

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear SVCS Families,



The signs of the fall season are all around us. I am always amazed how beautiful Stockbridge Valley is this time of year. On September 7, 2021 we welcomed our students back to school again, not knowing what the year would bring. As we continue to work through the many challenges facing schools today, I am still humbled by the level of support and positivity from our entire community.

SVCS is committed to bringing energy and creativity to our classrooms and providing an engaging and rigorous curriculum to our students. We will continue to challenge our students in new ways at every grade level this year as we build on past successes and continue to grow as a District and as a community. As a team, we continue to be intentional about promoting a positive culture and climate for our students to learn. In addition, we will explore the power of student engagement and continue to expand learning opportunities through the use of technology integration, community partnerships, and expanded course offerings. We will continue to challenge our students academically, helping them to understand that learning is a lifelong process. Learning occurs all around us. It occurs while reading a book, working on a project with a friend, having a discussion with a classmate, in the halls, the cafeteria, as well as before and after school. These areas of focus will guide our budget development process to ensure that we provide each child with the best experience in every aspect of their education.

The staff at Stockbridge Valley is working hard and is dedicated to making SVCS a great place to learn and grow.

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

Sincerely,

Mr. Corey Graves
Superintendent of Schools



Mr. Graves demonstrating his art skills

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE 7-12 PRINCIPAL

Hello Stockbridge Valley Families,

September and October came and went before I knew it. We've had a busy fall so far, both during and after the school day. One mission as a district is to bring back as many traditional events as possible safely.

A fun Spirit Week and Pep Rally lead the way to the homecoming game versus Madison. Despite the windy and chilly weather, our students and community came out in droves to support our Cougars at the Game Under the Lights hosted at VVS. The following Friday, we gathered in the rain to celebrate our seniors on the boys' and girls' varsity soccer teams during Senior Night. Congrats to our seniors and their families! A huge thank you to Mr. Kiser and community members for arranging the lights on Senior Night.

Open House has been rescheduled for November 18, 2021 from 6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. We are excited that this year it will be held in person—more information coming soon.



Among all of the festivities, students are still hard at work in their classes. At this point, all students in grades 7-12 had their progress reports mailed home. If your child needs support, there are options. First, students should reach out to their teachers to see how they can raise their grades. Some may feel overwhelmed if they have fallen behind, so work to check or prioritize the more significant assignments. Teachers are available to students every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:40-3:15, and late buses are up and running again this year. Even if your child is not behind, staying after school is an excellent opportunity to get individualized support from their teachers.

As always, thank you for your continued support of your child(ren) and our school. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me anytime, asmith@stockbridgevalley.org, or call 315-495-4450.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Andrea Smith, High School Principal



SENIOR NIGHT AND VARSITY SOCCER UNDER THE LIGHTS



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MORRISVILLE/MADISON/STOCKBRIDGE HOMECOMING VARSITY FOOTBALL GAME





CANDLELIGHT VIGIL HELD IN MEMORY OF ART TEACHER MISS SARAH BENNATI

On September 28, the school community held a candlelight vigil in memory of Art Teacher, Sarah Bennati. The vigil took place outside next to the memorial garden. Hundred of students, staff and community members came out and lit candles of support.



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!**

Fire Safety Prevention Week

The Munnsville Fire Department visited us on Friday, October 8 for Fire Safety Prevention Week. They talked to grades Pre-K through sixth about the importance of replacing our smoke detector batteries and having a family plan in case of an emergency. The volunteer firefighters also showed us what they look like during a fire so that we wouldn't be surprised. The



highlight, of course, was visiting the fire trucks and spraying the hose. We can't wait for them to come back next year.

Intramurals

We just finished with our first session of intramurals for our fifth and sixth graders. During intramurals, our older students have a chance to stay after school and participate in some organized games and sports in a supportive environment. We will have 3 more intramural sessions this year.

Yoga Club



Students in fourth and fifth grades this year are able to participate in an afterschool yoga club. Students who signed up will stay after school with Ms. Getman to practice yoga and mindfulness practices. Because this is a new club, we hope to expand it to other grade levels once we have it up and running successfully.

Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee has also returned to Stockbridge Valley. Students in fifth through eighth grade can participate in our Stockbridge Valley Spelling Bee to earn a chance to move ahead to regional competition. Practice has already begun. **The Spelling Bee will be held on December 3 with more information to come.**

Open House

Open House has been rescheduled for Thursday, November 18 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will follow the same schedule as we had planned previously.

Conferences

Elementary Parent – Teacher conferences will occur on November 22 and 23 this year. This is a great time to connect with your child's teacher and talk 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. There is still time to sign-up by going to the Elementary Office part of the Stockbridge Valley website. You can pick a time that is convenient for you. An email reminder will be sent to you as your date and time arrives. Typically, families receive the report cards at conferences. For all other marking periods, report cards will be sent home in student folders.

Student Pick-up and Drop-off Reminders

If you are dropping off your child after 8:10 am or visiting the school for any reason, please come to the

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elementary tunnel and ring the bell. While waiting, fill out one of the pink forms on the table between the two sets of doors unless you have already sent a note in with your child ahead of time. We will bring your child to you or they will be buzzed into the building to report to the office for a pass.

Thank you for all that you have done to make our regular morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up go so smoothly this year. The numbers for regular parent pick-ups continue to allow us to load cars quickly while families remain in their vehicles.



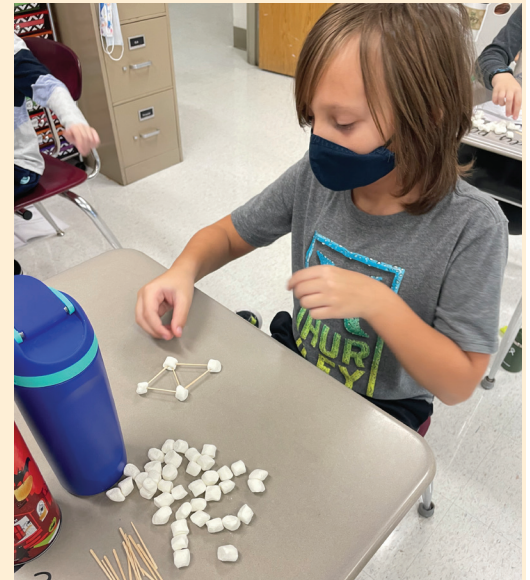
Cold Weather Wear:

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.

Mrs. Julie Suber
Elementary Principal

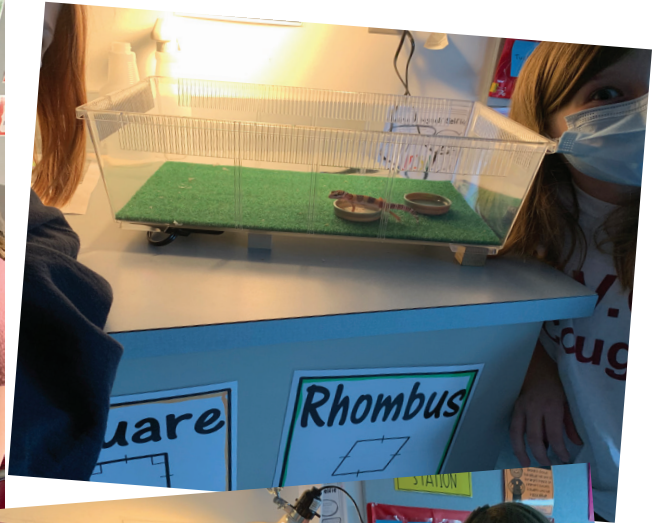
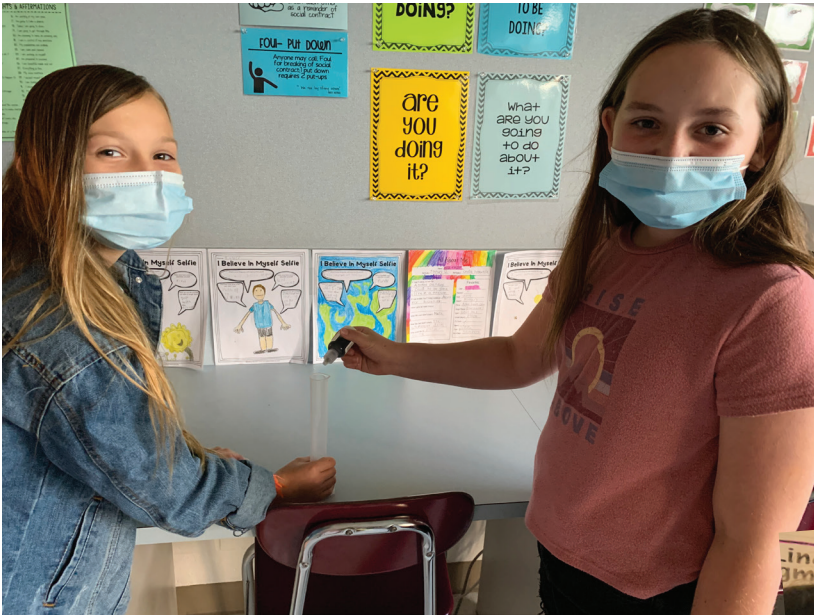


Kindergarteners practice the nursery rhyme Humpty Dumpty with their own wall.



After learning about the earth and how it works, fourth grade students are creating "earthquake proof" structures out of marshmallows and toothpicks! Can their structures survive the upcoming earthquake (Jell-O)?





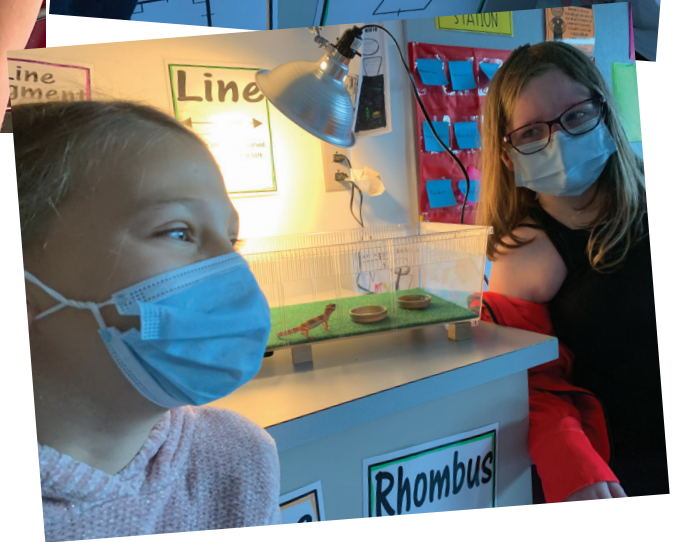
5TH GRADE NEWS

5th graders are busy writing small moment stories. We are practicing how to use dialogue and internal thinking to elaborate.

Our geckos have arrived and we are busy learning how to take care of them. We are learning about their natural habitat as well.

5th graders are also exploring and practicing how to multiply larger numbers. We are becoming masters at this!

Ms. Getman
Mrs. Wright





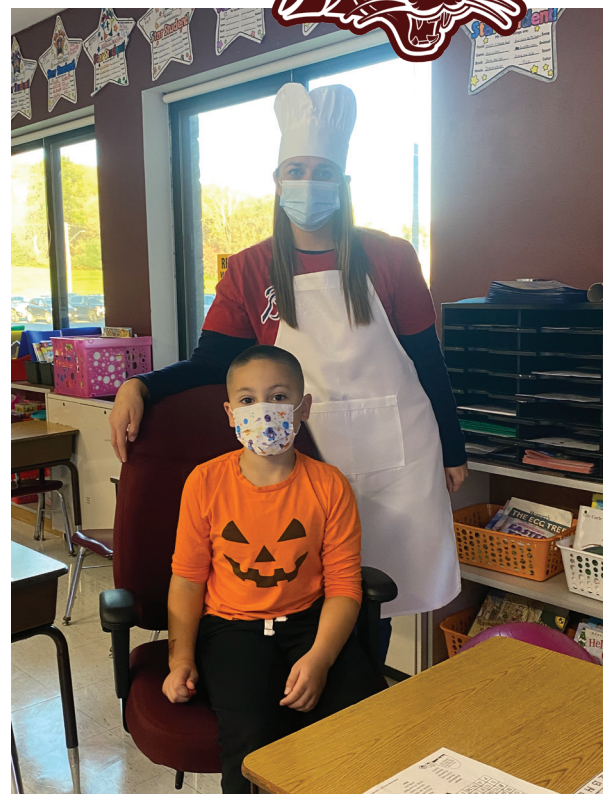
To end the 2021 Stockbridge Youth Soccer season we had a "Come Celebrate Our 6th Graders" event like the varsity senior nights.

Pictured are our 6th grade soccer players along with their coach and parents.

Front Row: Teagan Grom, Ernie Moot, David Smith
Back Row: Jason Moot, Chris Grom, Brittany Grom, Ern Moot, Katrina Moot, Tiffany Lighthall and Jessica Smith



Students line up for the Halloween parade.



Bryce Laraby, second grader won the chance to sit in the principal's chair for the day for being a Courageous Cougar!

THANK YOU STAPLES!

Staples applies a concept of Strategic Pillars to facilitate success for their customers. Learning 2.0 and Healthy and Safe are the categories applicable to educators and students. Our donation endeavors help parents and teachers outfit students for effective learning no matter where it happens while keeping them healthy, clean and safe. These tenets bridge the gap that occurs during social changes and establishes long term community relationships. Store 1285 is proud to assist the Stockbridge Valley PTSO and we look forward to being there in the future!

Pictured right:
The Hofmeyer Family with Jon Ryczek,
Staples Operations Supervisor



Staff Halloween Spirit!



And why not a firewomen costume to tie into Fire Safety Month!



You can find Expo markers at Staples and also on staff who dressed up for Halloween!



Art Club Co-Presidents and art interns sorted through art supply donations that were collected in memory of Art Teacher, Sarah Bennati. Pictured: Abby Fisher, Sarah Hofmeister, Brooke Gillespie, and Grace Bump.

Let's 'Band' Together

Show your support and unity to SVCS by purchasing a silicone wristband being sold by the Junior Class of 2023!

Below is a sample of what each bracelet looks like. They come in both youth and adult sizes and cost \$1.00 each! These will be on sale all year! We are taking pre orders now for delivery in late October, early November.

50 cents of every bennatiSTRONG bracelet will be donated to the Sarah Bennati Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Thank you for your support!

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Child's Name:		
Homeroom Teacher:		
SIZES	# OF BRACELETS	COST
Youth		
Adult		
Total		

cougarPRIDE		
Child's Name:		
Homeroom Teacher:		
SIZES	# OF BRACELETS	COST
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Please turn in order form above with payment to your child's homeroom teacher upon purchase. Make checks payable to: SVCS CLASS OF 2023.

HOLIDAY SIP AND SHOP

DECEMBER 5TH

CRAFTS & HOME PRODUCTS NOON TO 4PM

NO CHARGE TO ATTEND

50/50 RAFFLES

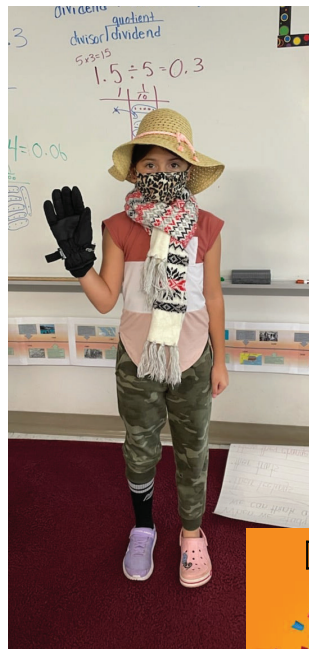
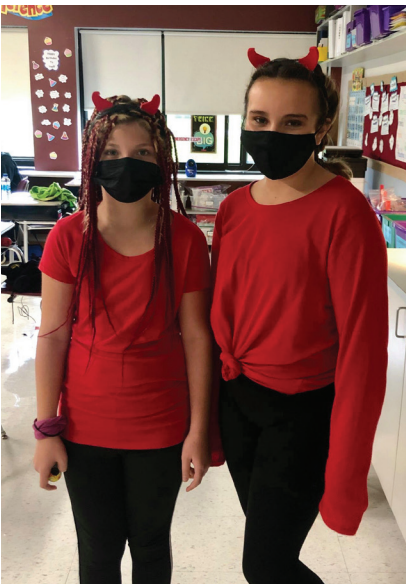
Proceeds from booth rental & 50/50 Raffles will go towards the Hometown Heroes Banner Program

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Art Teacher, Mrs. Thomas had elementary students color in their hand prints for this Reaching for the Stars bulletin board!

SPIRIT WEEK!



CLASS OF 1970 "Fiftieth + 1"

The graduating Class of 1970 from Stockbridge Valley Central School District held their "Fiftieth + 1" reunion on Saturday, August 21 at the Foothill Hops Farm Brewery in Munnsville. Of the original 37 graduates, 15 came that day for the celebration. Sadly, since graduation the class has lost eight members, and fourteen others could not attend for various reasons.

The fiftieth anniversary of the class's graduation had to be postponed until this year due to COVID. Those that attended were happy to have come and enjoyed each other's company.

Stockbridge Valley's new Superintendent, Corey Graves was invited to attend, and it was a pleasure to hear him speak of his vision for the District under his leadership.



L-R Front Row: Bunny Snell, Beth Ann (Griffin) Bobay, Sandy (Bump) Hollingsworth, Diana (Munz) Wilson, Pat (Meacham) White, Anne (Meade) Golley, Rick Miller. **Back Row:** David Burke, Mike Virgil, Holly (Cramer) Palmer, Gene Lewis, Mike Wilson, Doug Eddy, Dana Blau, Bob Putman



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SAVE THE DATE:

SVCS Open House

Thursday, November 18

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

We are excited that this year it will be held in person—more information coming soon!



DAGER LEADS WAY AT CONCORDIA BULLDOGS SPORTING INVITATIONAL

Brainard, NE- The Hastings College shotgun sports team competed in the Concordia Bulldogs Sporting Invitational this past weekend as the Broncos

finished fourth out of 11 teams. Concordia won the event with a team score of 1338 while Hastings finished with a team score of 1292.

Tanner Dager (FR/Oneida, NY) earned S/S Collegiate Male with his performance in super sporting where he finished first with a score of 98-of-100. He finished second in HOA for Collegiate Male with a total score of 276-of-300. In sporting Clays, Dager also led the way with a score of 178-of-200 targets

Article provided by the Hastings College Website

If you have alumni news to share, please contact Pam Mennig at 315-495-4400 or pmennig@stockbridgevalley.org



SUNY COBLESKILL'S WYATT REED NAMED NORTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE MEN'S SOCCER DEFENSIVE-PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK

Waterville, Maine: The North Atlantic Conference (NAC) announced today that SUNY

Cobleskill first-year goalkeeper Wyatt Reed, Stockbridge, N.Y., Stockbridge High School, has been named NAC Men's Soccer Defensive-Player-of-the-Week for the week ending on September 26, 2021.

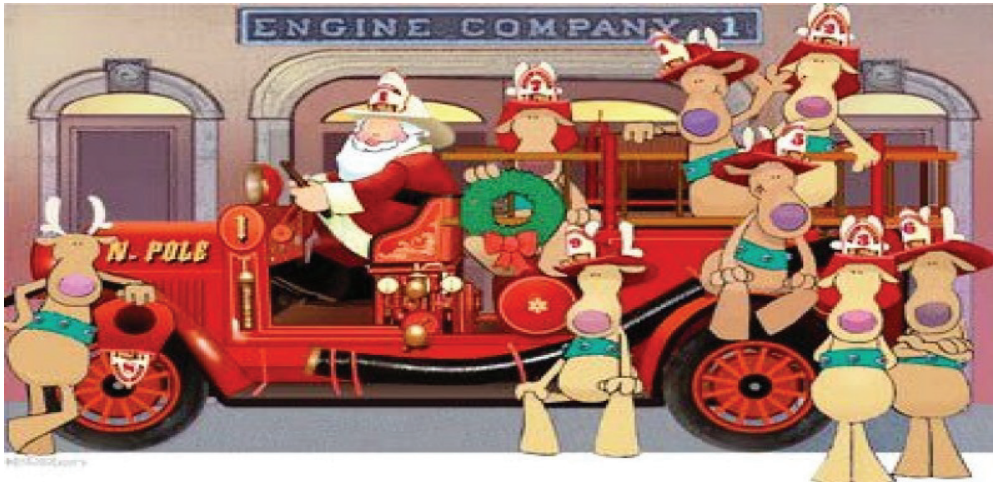
The first-year Fighting Tiger goalie posted a pair of victories during the week shutting out the Bobcats of Paul Smith's College 3-0 on the road on Wednesday evening making nine saves to secure the victory and end a Cobleskill five-game losing streak. Reed then picked-up a win in relief on Sunday in the team's 2-1 conference win over the visiting Hornets of Northern Vermont University-Lyndon allowing no goals over the second half to secure the victory.

Article provided by fightingtigers.cobleskill.edu

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE AROUND THE CAMPUS



The 11th Annual Village of Munnsville
FIRE TRUCK
PARADE & TREE LIGHTING
Hosted by the Munnsville Volunteer Fire Department



Saturday *December 4, 2021*
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 WAITING AT THE TREE TO
HEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS DREAMS & WISHES!**



Breakfast
With
Santa

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH **COST: TBD**
8:00 TO 11:30 AM

American Legion Post 54
6311 East Hill Rd, Munnsville

Join Santa and his helpers for a pancake breakfast and some holiday fun. Be sure to bring the whole family and get your picture taken with Santa before heading out to do your Christmas shopping.

Watch our Facebook page for a flyer and more details.

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Happy Holidays!

FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT

Stockbridge Valley Central School District

REMINDER:

Thanksgiving Recess: November 24 -26, 2021
Winter Recess: December 23-31, 2021

