

# STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY



## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Home of the Cougars November 2020

*Culture of Hope*

### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear SVCS Community,

It is hard to believe that it is already November! All things considered, the opening of the 2020-2021 school year went well. I realize there have been many changes this year due to the pandemic and I wish to thank all of you for your continued support and diligence. The students have been very understanding of the new regulations and I am sure that is because of your understanding of the situation. In person learning is very important to our students and it would not be possible without you.

#### A few updates:

**Capital Project:** The District has a few small projects to increase safety and provide general upkeep to our facility. In the spring of 2021 a window in the High School tunnel will be replaced and a pass through window will be installed. This will allow us to interact with visitors more safely.

**October was National Principals Month:** Our two dedicated principals, Mrs. Suber and Mrs. Smith worked tirelessly throughout the summer to ensure the school building was prepared for students to return this fall. Opening school this year in the face of COVID-19 and all of the new regulations brought on a challenge that no school leader has ever faced. Our principals faced these challenges with a positive, caring attitude each day. They both are dedicated to this district, our students, families, faculty and staff. The district benefits from their work. Thank you Mrs. Suber and Mrs. Smith for your tireless work.

**Board of Education Recognition:** October also marked a week to celebrate and recognize our School Board members. School Board members take time away from their families to serve the students of this district. They each do this willingly and graciously. They are often met with many challenges and need to make difficult decisions for the benefit

of all students. Our BOE works together to make decisions in the best interest of our students always. Thank you to our BOE for your commitment to our community and district.

**NYS Travel Rules Change:** On November 5, 2020, new travel rules went into effect. This will have an effect on students and staff in the coming weeks. The new guidelines for travelers to test-out of the mandatory 14-day quarantine are below. For more information, please read Executive Order 205.2.

#### **For travelers who travel to another state for more than 24 hours:**

- Travelers must obtain a test within 3 days of departure from the state.
- Traveler must, upon arrival in NY, quarantine for 3 days.
- On day 4 of their quarantine, the traveler must obtain another COVID test. If both tests come back negative, the traveler may exit quarantine early upon receipt of the second negative diagnostic test.

#### **For travelers who were in another state for less than 24 hours:**

- The traveler does not need a test prior to their departure from the other state, and does not need to quarantine upon arrival in NYS.
- However, the traveler must fill out the traveler information form upon entry into NYS, and take a COVID diagnostic test 4 days after their arrival in NY.

Please notify the school district if you plan to travel during the holiday season.

Happy Holidays,

*Cindy*

Mrs. Cindy Stocker  
Superintendent of Schools

@SvcsSuper

### 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,

Time seems to be flying by this school year! It is a wonder we have already closed the books on our first marking period of the 2020-2021 school year. I have been genuinely impressed with the resilience of our students, faculty, staff, and community. It takes a team, and everyone has worked together to keep our community safe. For that, I thank you! With the closing of the first marking period, report cards have been printed and mailed home. Please let us in the High School Office know if you did not receive one.

### Remote learning:

When your child is learning remotely from home, they must engage with their class as they would in school. Engagement is essential to their success. Please help your child create a good routine and workspace, get plenty of sleep, and communicate regularly with their teachers. If any tech or software is not working correctly, please reach out to the teacher or the office as soon as possible so we may address the issue with minimal impact on your child's learning. We will be sending home a Remote Learning Code of Conduct for more information.

### Important dates to remember:

Nov 13- End of MP1

Nov 25 - 27- Thanksgiving Break

Nov 30- Switching of remote and in-person learners

Dec 23 - Jan 1- Winter Recess

Jan 29- End of MP2

Sincerely,

Andrea Smith,  
7-12 Principal  
315-495-4450





# SVCS HONOR ROLL - NOVEMBER 2020

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Darren Beecher  
Nevaeh Bingel  
Lyla Cross  
Alex Cullen  
Macie DeMauro  
Eddie DeMenezes  
Greggory Eddy  
Alyssa Fisher  
Colton Kiehn  
Jade Nystrom  
Paislee Stevens  
Jacob Swain-Roher

### HONOR

BethAnn Mason  
Jacob Hadlock  
James Peterson, III  
Landon Youngkrans

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Kaiden Chapin  
Esther Claxton  
Nevaeh Colvin  
Rebekah Cullen  
Gabrielle Davis  
Evan Ellerbruch  
Rleigh Fuller  
Abigail Jantzi  
Maria Josephs  
Dylan LaFave  
Magavin Moot  
Ameera Panebianco  
Elizabeth Shaver  
Kiley Snow  
Lilly Stevens

## HONOR

Hayden Grow  
Tyler Phillips  
Mallory Tysco

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Marlie Brummer  
Emma DeMenezes  
Madison Greene  
Madison Hartle  
Marilyn Jones  
Serena Keville  
Robert Miller  
Emiy Mobbs  
Barbara Myers  
Ashley Scott  
Hanah Sherman

### HONOR

Hailey Beecher  
Levi Claxton  
Hayden Dye  
Kendra Genge  
Jadelyn George  
Shayden Tiffit

## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Edward DeMenezes  
Elizabeth Dungey  
Abigail Fisher  
Lily Kiehn  
Nicholas Smith  
Sophia Stevens

## HONOR

Mary Beecher  
Summer Boronow  
Dylan Nazel  
Madison Nolley

## 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Amanda Brown  
Rowan Cady  
Connor Clark  
Hannah Claxton  
Charles Cross  
Tristan Ellerbruch  
Connor Flagler  
Ava Genge  
Caeleigh Harrington  
Benjamin Jantzi  
Scott Josephs  
Myah LaFave  
Riley LaLonde  
Abigail Reed  
Eleis Roark  
Jayce Rood  
Abigail Smith  
Devin Smith

### HONOR

Seth McHugh

## 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Hailey Bernet  
Grace Bump  
Shirley Coe  
Alyssa Enslow  
Sarah Hofmeister  
Jillian Jacobs

Rachel Mennig  
Autumn Mills  
Lisa Powless  
Nevaeh Randel  
Dylan Skellham  
Ashley Wilson

## HONOR

William Douthit  
Tyler Fisher  
Nina Madill  
Alexandra Spring  
Devyn Wooden

## 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### HIGH HONOR

Rebecca Ax  
Toby Bonvicino  
Adriene Byron  
Camdyn Cross  
Tanner Dager  
Zachary Fleming  
Erin Marshall  
Thomas Meeker  
Austin Nolley

### HONOR

Emily Carey  
Dakota Crowley  
Hannah Greene  
Alexander Guinto  
Wyatt Reed



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 14



Go Cougars!

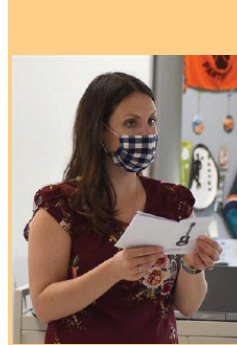


## UKULELE KITS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE SVCS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

On October 6, students in Mrs. Belanger's 10<sup>th</sup> grade music class assembled their own ukuleles, thanks to the SVCS Educational Foundation!

Each student in the class received a kit, which included the body, neck, frets, tuners and headstock, along with instructions. "Students will put the ukulele together, sand the body and will paint it," said Belanger.

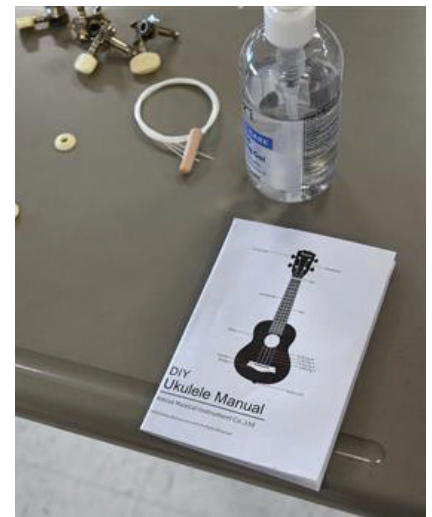
The ukulele is a member of the lute family of instruments and it generally has four nylon strings.



"I am grateful to the Educational Foundation for this funding to purchase the kits for my students"  
- Mrs. Belanger



Students in Mrs. Belanger's music class hold up their in-progress ukuleles



Instruction Manual



Students read the manual, sand, assemble and paint their ukuleles

## MESSAGE FROM THE K-6 PRINCIPAL

### Greetings from the Elementary Office!

We have been so busy in Pre-K-6 already this year! Students are busy learning and having fun at Stockbridge Valley.

### Character Education

At the end of October, we had our first virtual Character Education Assembly. We honored many students who exhibited our COUGAR trait of being courageous. Fifth grade introduced our November character trait of Optimism through a video presentation. Faculty and staff will be looking for students who are being optimistic for the month of November. These students have a chance to earn a COUGAR Paw as well as an award during our virtual November Character Education Assembly. During these times, it is easy to think about all of the things we cannot do. An optimistic cougar looks on the bright side and finds the positive side of what we are currently going through such as more family togetherness and an opportunity to slow things down.

### Halloween

Students enjoyed dressing in Halloween themed clothes and pajamas on Friday, October 31 and enjoying festivities in their rooms for the day. Although celebrations had to be different this year, students still had a chance to enjoy the holiday!

### Attendance

Please remember that school attendance is important whether your child is virtual or in-person. We want all of our children to enjoy coming to school and be a part of all activities. However, if your child is exhibiting any COVID-19 related symptoms, it is important that they not come to school. To return to school, we would need a doctor's note stating that he/she is cleared to return to school or documentation of a negative COVID-19 test. We have enjoyed being able to continue with in-person learning due to all of our collective diligence in following protocols and procedures. Thank you for all you do to support the school and your children.

### Student Pick-up and Drop-off

If you are dropping off your child after 8:15 am or visiting the school for any reason, please come to the elementary tunnel and ring the bell. 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. The numbers for regular parent pick-ups are working wonderfully. We are able to keep everyone safe while dismissing as quickly as possible.

### Cold Weather Wear:

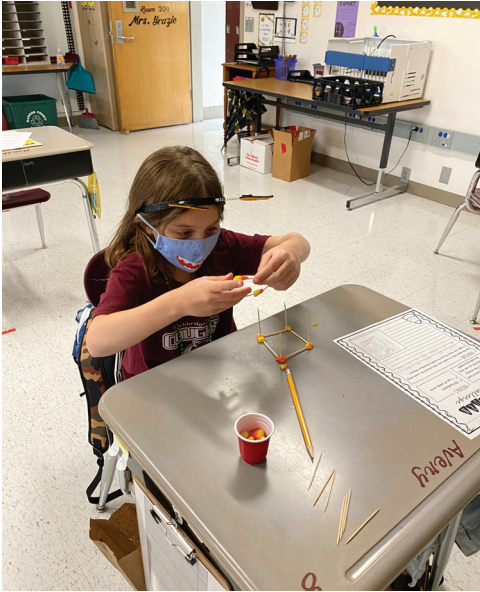
As the colder weather closes in, please remember that our elementary classes typically go outside every day unless the "feels like" temperature is below 20 degrees. It is very important that your child come to school prepared to go outside into the weather. Please be sure your child has a warm coat, 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 or email me: 315-495-4550  
jsuber@stockbridgevalley.org

Sincerely,

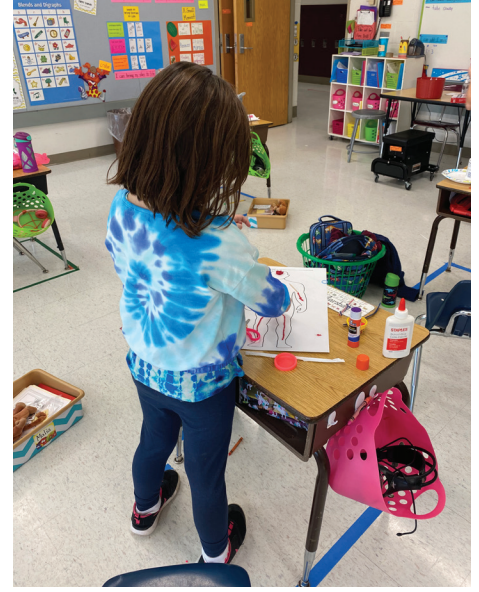
Mrs. Suber  
Elementary Principal  
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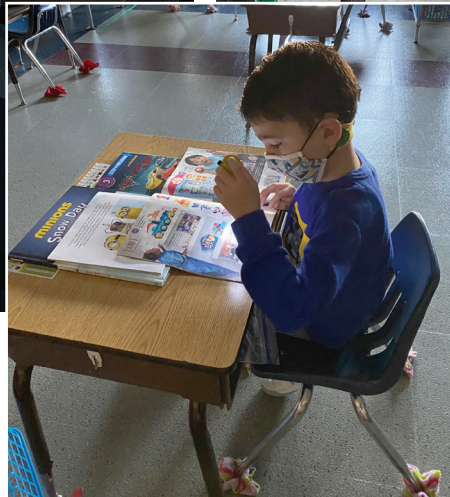
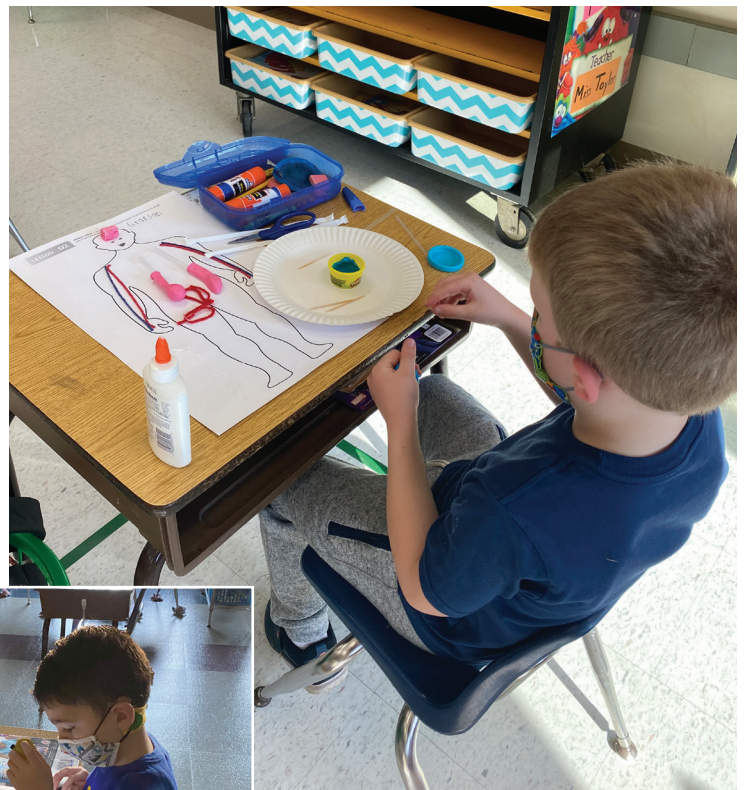
Candy Corn Tower Challenge



Identifying parts of the human body

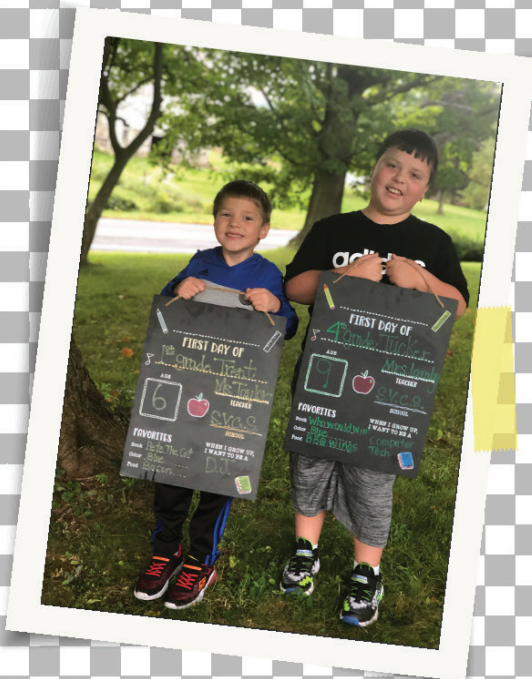


Reading lessons





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**Go Cougars!**



## Thank You, Veterans! November 11, 2020



"America: My Country Tis of Thee" featuring Mrs. Kramer's Kindergarten class singing and Mrs. Belanger's 10th grade students singing and playing the piano.



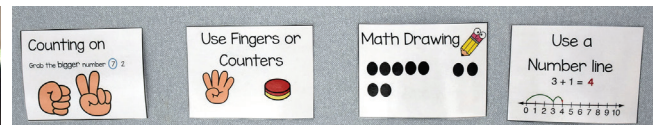
## PRE-K AND ELEMENTARY MATH LESSONS



Pre-K Teacher, Mrs. Hembach works on a math lesson with her students at SVCS on October 20. The Pre-K program is run by MOBOCES. The program's focus is on social, emotional, cognitive and physical development as well as literacy skills in preparation for school.



First graders in Ms. Arroyo's classroom at Stockbridge Valley work on a math lesson.



## MESSAGE FROM GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

### Hello Families!

I am so happy to be back in the building and seeing everyone everyday! This is definitely a school year like no other. This time of the year can often cause a lot of children to experience some anxiety and then add that we are still in the midst of this pandemic it can make things even harder. I am including this handout to assist you if your child is having any difficulty and as always, I'm available if you need anything at [cgleason@stockbridgevalley.org](mailto:cgleason@stockbridgevalley.org) or 315-495-1908.

Mrs. Gleason  
Guidance Counselor

### Juniors

Be sure to check your google classroom! I will post important updates that you may need regarding college visits and other opportunities to prepare you for once you graduate. Please look out for the Colgate SAT prep program. This is a great opportunity to prep for the SAT's you'll need to take in the Spring!

### Seniors

Keep working on your college applications, FAFSA, and scholarships. I post a lot in the Google classroom so keep an eye on that as new scholarships and opportunities arise.

**SAT Exam**  
**December 5, 2020**

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**ACT Exam**  
**December 12, 2020**



## TIPS FOR ANXIETY DURING TIMES OF CRISIS

## IDEAS FOR PARENTS:

- Explain the incident in age appropriate language. Start by asking what they already know about what is happening.
- Be available to support your child with their feelings and fears.
- Stick to the normal routine as much as possible.
- Limit your child's exposure to adult conversation about the topic. This includes the news if applicable.
- Allow your child to see you handling your own anxiety in a positive way.
- Talk to children about your plan to keep them safe.

## WHAT TO SAY:

- "How are you feeling?"
- "I know this is hard for you. How can I help?"
- "Here is what we are going to do to stay safe..."
- "Let's come up with a plan."
- "Would you like a hug?"
- "I'll keep you updated when I find out more information."
- "I'm here for you."

## WHAT NOT TO SAY:

- "This isn't a big deal."
- "We don't know how bad this will get."
- "I don't want to talk about this any more."
- "Nothing is going on. Everything's fine."
- "I don't understand why you are acting like that."
- "I don't know how we'll get through this."

## IDEAS FOR CHILDREN:

- Start a gratitude journal. Gratitude is a great way to combat anxiety.
- Practice deep breathing.
- Write or draw pictures about how you feel during this time.
- Remember that how you are feeling is okay!
- Find activities that help you feel calm like reading, drawing, exercising, or connecting with friends.
- Remind yourself that you are safe.

©Counselor Chelsey

## STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY FFA

This year the Stockbridge Valley FFA has done things a bit differently than previous years by being almost completely virtual. We have kept the normal meeting days (the first Wednesday of each month for senior high and third Wednesday for junior high.) We started off the new school year with the National Convention which was also held virtually. Students had the opportunity to attend workshops, listen to speakers and participate in chat rooms with members from across the nation. The national and state officers held nightly watch parties on October 27, 28, and 29 at 6:30 prior to the evening sessions. This gave many members a chance to interact with members from other districts within the state.

This year we were honored to have Megan Lamb, a 2018 graduate of Stockbridge Valley, represent New York as a National Officer Candidate. Although she was not elected, her journey allowed her to grow as a leader and she set an example for all the members of our chapter by taking advantage of the opportunities the FFA has to offer.

We also started work on our Living to Serve Grant written by one of our Vice Presidents, Adriene Byron. Adriene won the grant in August of 2019 to repair/replace the bridges and purchase information kiosks for the nature trails at the school. The process was pushed back due to COVID-19, but our FFA is very excited to finally have it started. So far they have taken out the old boardwalks to clean and paint the reusable wood. At the moment they are working on rebuilding and leveling the boards to have nice sturdy walkways, along with an informational website to go with the trail. Adriene says she hopes to have the project completed by spring of 2021.

As well as the Living to Serve Grant, the chapter has also been able to do their yearly fundraisers like the Apple and mum sale in September and the citrus sale in November. Due to COVID-19, these fundraisers have been online which has definitely changed the sales. The Stockbridge Valley FFA sends a huge thank you out to all those who purchased items from the fundraisers.

Respectfully submitted,

Rowan Cady  
Stockbridge Valley FFA Co-Reporter





## 2020-21 NEW STAFF



**Allyson Zangrilli**  
Second Grade Teacher



**Taylor Karst**  
Third Grade Teacher



**Rebecca Arroyo**  
First Grade Teacher



**Sara Getman**  
Fourth Grade Teacher



**Kelly Ryan**  
K-2 Virtual



**Kathryn Gallagher**  
7-12 Grade English



**Elizabeth Dlugosz**  
7-12 Grade Science



**Melissa McNamara**  
Teaching Assistant



**Kelly Tucker**  
Teaching Assistant



**Marylynn Price**  
Teaching Assistant



**Patricia Johnson**  
LT Spanish



**Valerie Hembach**  
Pre-K Teacher  
MOBOCES



**Ginger Kelsey-Engle**  
Bus Driver



**Ralph Jordan**  
Bus Driver



**Brittni Hull**  
Cleaner



**Kati-Jo Blackman,**  
Pre-K Aide, MOBOCES



**Juli Lillibridge, CSE**  
Secretary -MOBOCES

Not Pictured: MOBOCES  
Tina Brown, PT

## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

**Reminder:**

New York State law requires a health examinations 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. The examination must be completed by a New York State licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner. Please remember to send a copy in to the school if you have not done so already. If we do not receive a copy of their health exam, the exam will be done at school by the school's Medical Director.

**Also, please remember, your child cannot come to school if they are exhibiting ANY of the following symptoms that can be associated with COVID-19:**

- A temperature greater than or equal to 100.0° F (37.8° C)
- Feel feverish or have chills
- Cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue/feeling of tiredness
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headaches
- Nasal congestion/runny nose



In order for your child to return to school they need to be assessed by their pediatric healthcare provider. Call your child's HCP before going to the office or clinic to tell them about your child's COVID-19 symptoms. If your child does not have a HCP, call the Madison County Health Department at (315) 366-2361. It will be up to the healthcare provider to determine if a COVID-19 test is recommended. Please contact the school if your child is going to be absent. You can also submit an excuse for an absence on the homepage of the school website at [www.stockbridgevalley.org](http://www.stockbridgevalley.org).

Thank you for your continued support and understanding,

Mattie Shea, RN





## THANK YOU SCHOOL LUNCH STAFF FOR KEEPING OUR STUDENTS FED!

National School Lunch Week – October 12-16, 2020

A big shout out to our SVCS School Lunch staff for their hard work and dedication to keeping our students fed. When school shut down in March school lunches continued with grab and go lunches. “Food services employees have gone above and beyond to keep children fed during the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Madison-Oneida BOCES School Cook Manager, Kathy Carney. Students are back in school and staff haven't missed a beat!

Thank you, Stockbridge Valley cafeteria staff, Fran Peckham, Sharon Jones, and Kerri Enslow!

*MOBOCES provides cafeteria and food management services for five component school districts, including Stockbridge Valley.*



Food services staff left to right: Kerri Enslow, Fran Peckham, Kathy Carney and Sharon Jones.

## THANK YOU STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CUSTODIANS

October 2 marked National Custodial Workers Appreciation Day



SVCS Custodial staff left to right: Randy Mennig, Bob Maggolino, Steve Ingle, Jason Walters, and Dan Graves. (Individual photo: Brittini Hull). Bottom right, Steve Ingle in a classroom.



October 2 was an opportunity to take an extra moment to appreciate the women and men who spend each day working to ensure that our facilities are clean, operational, and safe. Anyone in the profession of education knows that we all learn from a young age that our custodians are the key to our daily success in schools. Without our Stockbridge Valley custodians working every day, often after hours and behind the scenes, we would not be able to complete other tasks related to educating children.

Since the pandemic in March they have been working even harder purchasing the right products to safeguard our school community, including electrostatic sprayers, wipes, hand sanitizers and N95 masks.

Custodians are the quiet heroes of our school and we rely on them for countless tasks throughout the day and evening. **Thanks for making our school sparkle!**

## STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Julie Suber, K-6 Principal  
Andrea Smith, 7-12 Principal  
Erin Belanger, Administrative Intern

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