



# Genesee Valley Central School

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## Homecoming 2021



Genesee Valley held its annual Homecoming Weekend on October 1st & 2nd, preceded by Spirit Week September 27 – October 1. To start off the weekend’s activities, students gathered outside on Friday for a pep rally, including tug of war against different classes. Several events took place including soccer games, volleyball matches, alumni soccer game, Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony, family fun fair and Homecoming dance. Class/Club tents with fun activities were available. Thank you to everyone who made this weekend a big success!



### Homecoming Court

L-R Lexi Burrows, Addison Herring, Paige Cochran, Aissata Diabate (Queen), Gerald Gage (King), Nathan Slawson, Trent Scott, Joe Ward



## GENESEE VALLEY / BELFAST SPRING SPORTS BANQUET

JUNE 8, 2022 @ GV

**MISSION:** GVCS shall champion education, a healthy lifestyle and community involvement by incorporating resources to inspire and empower all to be successful in life.

**VISION:** GVCS will achieve global recognition as a model for innovative learning and excellence.

# FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

GVCS will achieve global recognition as a model for innovative learning and excellence.



Dr. Brian Schmitt,  
Superintendent

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Dear Genesee Valley Community,

The Board of Education continues to charge the district to become more community focused with the ultimate goal of becoming the “hub” of the community. As a full-service community school, GVCS offers a great variety of support to students, families, and the community, including the following:

- GVCS is a Community Eligibility School that offers free breakfast, lunch, and snack to all students.
- GVCS offers free after school and summer enrichment programs that focus on improving academics, physical activity and a structured, safe environment for students. Activities include Lego League, Girls on the Run, Ski Club, and Fitness Club. For more information on these and other after school activities, please contact Mackenzie Edmister at (585) 268-7940.
- GVCS collaborates with Mobile Telemed and Mosaic Health to provide telemedicine and dental care to students. Telemed services connect students with a licensed practitioner and offer COVID, Flu, Strep, and other lab tests. Contact Anne Campbell with questions about these programs at (585) 268-7933.
- GVCS, with the financial support of the Genesee Valley Teachers Association, provides weekly backpacks of food for families who are in need. Counseling staff also connects families in need with community resources to provide additional food, needed shelter, and household items.
- The GVCS Fitness Center is open to members of the community and costs a one-time \$20 fee. Please contact Tory Rounds at (585) 268-7900 for more information.

I sincerely believe that the purpose of a school is to build future citizens who are able to excel in and contribute to society. Genesee Valley CSD builds great citizens through a rigorous academic program and a wide variety of extracurricular and support programs. If you have any questions or need any of the above services, please contact the Welcome Desk at (585) 268-7900.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Schmitt  
Superintendent

## Stay Tuned for Closings and Delays

GVCS will use the School Messenger phone system to notify parents with a recorded phone call when school is closed or delayed. The district uses the current student information in Power School. If your phone number recently changed, please contact Denise Baker at (585) 268-7937 or e-mail [dbaker@genvalley.org](mailto:dbaker@genvalley.org) with changes.

We also announce closings and delays on TV Channels 2, 4, 7 and Spectrum, along with local radio stations: WZKZ 101.9 FM, WLSV 790 AM, WJQZ 103.5 FM and WPIG 95.7



# PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

## *Elementary:*

November 8-12 by appointment – may be via Zoom, TEAMS, email, phone, or in person  
No conferences November 11th as it is Veterans Day.

## *Grades 7-12:*

Conferences will be held during the week of November 8th. Please reach out to your child's teachers to schedule a time to come to the building, talk on the phone or video conference on Microsoft TEAMS.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES



- Thursday, November 11 – **Veterans Day Observed – School Closed**
- Friday, November 12 – Parent/Teacher Conferences/Superintendent Conference Day  
**Grades PK-12.....NO School**
- Tuesday, November 23 – **11:00 a.m. - All Students Dismissed**
- Wednesday, November 24 – **Thanksgiving Break – No School**
- Thursday, November 25 – **Thanksgiving Day – Building Closed**
- Friday, November 26 – **Thanksgiving Break – Building Closed**
- Wednesday, December 22 - December 31 – **Christmas Break/New Year's Holiday – No School**  
**Building Closed Dec. 24 & Dec. 31 – (Students return Monday, January 3, 2022)**

## THANK YOU BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS!

### **School Board Recognition Week - Observed Oct. 18th – 22nd**

School board members take on one of the most important citizen responsibilities – overseeing the education of the community's youth. Boards of Education guide their local school systems and ensure public schools are flexible and responsive to the needs of the community. School Boards are comprised of volunteers who do not receive any compensation for their service. They are individuals within the community who dedicate their time to improving public education.

With children their primary focus, school board members:

- Create a shared vision for the future of education
- Set the direction of the school district to achieve the highest student performance
- Provide accountability for student achievement results
- Develop a budget and present it to the community
- Align district resources to improve achievement
- Support a healthy school district culture in which to work and to learn

Board members complete mandatory courses for Board membership. They attend GVCS Board meetings, committee meetings, NYS School Boards Association meetings/conventions, Allegany County School Boards Association meetings and various school events.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Board of Education for their dedication to our school: Tim Hand, (President); Heath "Buddy" Gordon, (Vice-President); Josh Shannon, Fred Grusendorf, Don Baker, Bev Evans, and Eric Knapp.

# THANK YOU!



# NEW EMPLOYEES WELCOMED TO GVCS



**Brooke Seitz** was hired to be our fourth-grade teacher this year. She attended school at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign where she majored in Elementary Education. Brooke

grew up in the suburbs of Chicago and started her career there working with a third-grade class. Brooke stated, "I wanted to experience something new and was impressed by the views in Allegany County, so we decided to move here. I am thrilled to be a part of the Genesee Valley community and look forward to the school year here." Brooke is currently living in Wellsville. Her hobbies include traveling to new places, reading, and hanging out with her cats.



**Chelsea Dunham** is our newly hired Math Intervention Teacher. Chelsea obtained her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from St. Bonaventure, and Master's from Capella University

in Reading. For the past five years she was an Elementary Special Education Teacher at Friendship Central School. Chelsea writes, "I am excited to continue my teaching career here at Genesee Valley and I am looking forward to meeting everyone." Chelsea currently resides in Belmont with her husband and two sons. Her hobbies are spending time with her family, reading, and crafting.



**Halley Kasperski** was hired in April to help in our Kindergarten classes and this year moved to 2nd Grade. Halley obtained her Bachelor's of Science in Psychology from

Edinboro University, and her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Liberty University. Before coming to GV, Halley completed her student teaching in the 4th grade at Bolivar-Richburg and has also worked as a long-term substitute in Kindergarten and 1st grade. She currently resides in Richburg with her husband

Tyler. Halley's interests include reading and hiking. Halley writes, "I am so excited to join the GV family! This school and community already made a huge impression on me by showing the love they have for their students. I cannot wait to get to know my students, the faculty, and the staff at GV."



**Bridget Makeley** is starting a new position this year as a full-time Teacher Aide. Bridget worked as a long-term Teacher Aide last school year. Prior to coming to GV, she was the Produce

Manager at Save-a-Lot in Wellsville. Bridget currently resides in Wellsville, has been married for 18 years and has a 15-year-old daughter. Her hobbies include bowling and reading; she is a member of the Wellsville Fireman's Auxiliary, volunteers during the Christmas holiday at the Wellsville Salvation Army, and enjoys helping children smile whenever possible. Bridget has a favorite quote: "Smile - It Increases Your Face Value."



**SueAnn Lindquist** is our newly hired Spanish Teacher. She currently resides in Bolivar. Her children Rachel (24) and Jaager (20) are now successful adults. She earned a Bachelor of Arts

degree in Spanish, a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies at St. John Fisher, and her Master's of Science in Education in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) at Nazareth College. SueAnn's previous work experience includes teaching at Rochester City Schools, Churchville-Chili School and Olean High School. Her hobbies include traveling, hiking with her dogs, camping, music, reading, and nutrition.



**Kristin Fuller** is one of our new School Registered Nurses. She earned her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Sports Medicine from the University of Pittsburgh and Associate's Degree in

Nursing from Alfred State College. Kristin currently resides in Wellsville with her husband Adam and children Kaylie and Kamden. She previously worked at the Allegany County Department of Health for 11 years as Immunization and Family Planning Clinic nurse; St. James Mercy Hospital for 4-1/2 years; OB/Labor and Delivery/Nursery RN; Jan and Bev's Home Health Care for 8 years; BOCES as a one on one aide. Kristin's interests include downhill skiing, traveling, and spending time with family.



**Amanda McKinley** recently returned to Genesee Valley as one of our new School Registered Nurses. She earned her Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN) from Monroe Community College.

Amanda currently resides in Arkport with her husband JP, and sons Aiden and Ryan. She previously worked on the Pulmonary Unit at Unity Hospital in Greece, New York, then worked as a case manager/RN for University of Rochester Hospice. Amanda writes: "I am excited to be back at GV where I graduated high school in 2003."



**Michael Mead** is our newly hired long term sub in Special Education. He currently resides in Wayland. Michael has a son in college attending Susquehanna University and a son

attending Wayland-Cohocton Central School as a 10th grader. His schooling includes North Central University – MSED in School Leadership; St. Bonaventure University – MSED in School Administration and MAT in Education; and St. John Fisher College in Human Resources Management. His previous work experience includes School Administration, Middle School Social Studies and Alternative/GED Education, Certified School Administrator, and Business and Social Studies for grades 7-12. Michael's interests are spending time with his sons, family and friends, as well as reading, fishing, hunting, and wood-working.

# Virtual Learning During Quarantines

We have teamed up with A+ Virtual Learning and the Salamanca City School District to provide virtual classrooms for students who are out of school for an extended period of time due to illness, behavior, or quarantine.

## What is the purpose of the Virtual Classroom?

The goal is for students to receive instruction to minimize the learning loss due to absence and to lessen the ongoing challenge of student absences from classes.

## Who are the Virtual Classrooms for?

The virtual classrooms are grouped as follows:

- K-2nd grade
- 3-4th grade
- 5-6th grade
- 7-8th grade

## How does the Virtual Classroom work?

Instruction will be delivered by a NYS Certified Teacher and will provide the following:

- A full day of lessons in ELA, Math, Social Studies, STEAM, and individual assistance with assignment completion. (8:15-2:30 daily)

- Instruction directly aligned to grade level curriculum maps
- Relief from the challenge of missing assignments for students (student work should be excused during enrollment)
- Minimize the stress students and families feel from the great deal of work upon return

## What is the process?

When we learn of a quarantine or extended illness, students will be enrolled, emailed general information, and a link to the virtual classrooms.

## Is an Internet connection required?

Yes. The classrooms are all online, so access to the Internet is necessary.

## What if I have questions?

Please call the main office with any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

## SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS DINNER - DECEMBER 14TH

The annual Christmas concert and dinner to honor our district's senior citizens is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14th. *As of the date of this publication, we are unsure if this will take place in person or virtually. We plan to make a decision by mid-November. Please look for more information on our website or feel free to call Pam Winterhalter towards the end of November.*

*If in person*, the high school band and choir will perform in the Auditorium starting at 4:00 p.m. Immediately following the concert, you will be guided to the cafeteria to enjoy a Christmas dinner prepared by our cafeteria staff and served by our National Honor Society students and GV staff.

*For reservations, call Pam Winterhalter at (585) 268-7909 by Tuesday, December 7th.* We look forward to sharing this evening with you.



## From Mrs. Donlon, 7-12 Building Principal



The school year is off to an exciting start! Our students had fun showing their school pride during spirit week and Homecoming weekend. We had great weather for the dance and games which were all well attended.

All first quarter report cards will be mailed home on Friday, November 5th. There will be no in-person report card pick up at the school building. Parent/Teacher conferences for grades 7-12 will be held during the week of November 8th. Please reach out to your child's teachers to schedule a time to come to the building, talk on the phone, or video conference on Microsoft TEAMS.

As we settle into fall and look forward to the holiday season, I am filled with gratitude for the Genesee Valley school community. I am thankful for the students, faculty and community members who make up our district. Thank you for the part you play in making our community a wonderful place to live, learn, and grow!

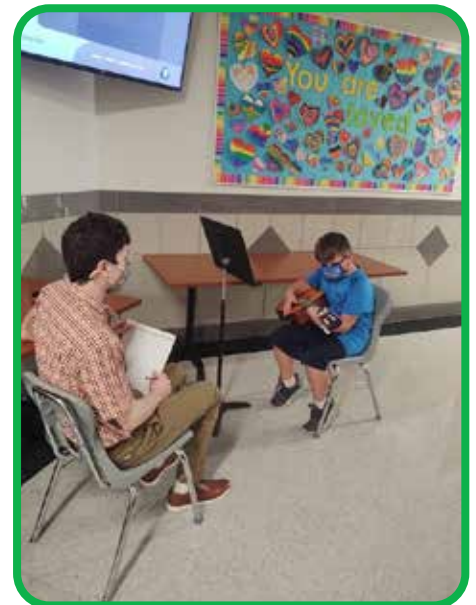
## From Mr. Ed, Elementary Principal



Ms. Faller is reading the One and Only Bob to her class. They are enjoying every second!



Fire Safety Week was October 4-7 this year. Our student firefighters came into elementary classrooms to show students how to plan ahead to be safe if a fire ever happened at their home.



Mr. Durant, Student Teacher with Mr. Musingo, is working with Finn Hunter learning guitar.

# #GVCARES

Community • Acceptance • Respect • Embrace • Support





## GVCS ADVENTURE CLUB

Adventure Club provides students the opportunity to participate in a variety of outdoor activities that will stretch them outside of their comfort zones. By participating in a certain number of activities, each student can earn free hiking boots and an Adventure Club jacket.

### *Potential activities may include:*

- Sky High Aerial Adventure (Ellicottville)
- Central Rock Gym – indoor rock climbing (Buffalo)
- White water rafting (Letchworth State Park)
- Ski/Snowboard Trip (Adirondacks or Vermont)
- Kayaking
- Geocaching
- Hiking in state parks
- Cross country skiing
- Backpacking trip

### **Who can participate?**

Students in grades 8-12. Participation is free!

### **Club Meeting**


Adventure Club meets every Tuesday from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in Room 1107

### **Club Advisors**

Mrs. Newton, [snewton@genvalley.org](mailto:snewton@genvalley.org)  
Mr. Bradt, [dbradt@genvalley.org](mailto:dbradt@genvalley.org)

### **Learn more**

[www.genvalley.org/adventure](http://www.genvalley.org/adventure)



# Community Flu Clinic!

(Ages 3 and up)

# VOTE<sup>®</sup> & VAX

## Tuesday, November 2nd

*Provided by:*



\* 2015 SPARC, by permission

Genesee Valley  
1 Jaguar Drive  
Belmont, NY  
(Rear Parking Lot)

**4:00-7:00pm**  
Bring insurance info



## FITNESS ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT GVCS

Fitness Center Hours:

- Monday-Friday 5:00-8:00 a.m. and 3:00-9:00 p.m.
- Saturday and Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- If the school building is closed (holidays, snow days, early dismissals, etc.) the Fitness Center will be closed

**Cardio, Core, Strength & More**  
Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.,  
Saturdays at 9 a.m. in room 1170  
*Instructor Pat Presutti,  
Call 716-860-8287 for info.*

**Open Indoor Walking Track** – Weekdays 7-8 a.m., 5-8 p.m.  
*(except during athletic contests & holidays)*

**Zumba Fitness Classes** – Wednesdays at 7 p.m.  
in room 1170  
*Instructor Linda Presutti.  
Call (716) 474-0761 for more info.*



# 2021 ATHLETIC WALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

**Jeff Danaher** was a 1995 graduate of Belmont Central School. Jeff was a three-sport athlete at Belmont playing four years of soccer and tennis at the varsity level while playing 3 years of varsity basketball. After an excellent high school career, Jeff continued participating in athletics and competed at SUNY Cortland on the Swimming/Diving team from 1995-1999 as well as the Track & Field team from 1997-1998.

The **2003 Genesee Valley Central School Baseball Team** was a Triple Crown Team here at GVCS, with sectional titles in Soccer, Basketball and Baseball in the same year. This is only the second time this has happened in New York State history. This baseball team ended the year with a 16-3-1 record. Team roster included:

*Zach Scholla, Casey McNinch, Michael Heaney, Nick Tucker, Erich Zlomek, Hans Zlomek, Jacob Presutti, Toby Spinks, Matt Bliven, Chad Coombs, Max Evans, Matt Trowbridge, Ryan Sandlas, Nick Kelley, Dustin Kelley, Cory Presutti, Joe Gehl, Ryan Aylor, Mark Willson, Coach Paul Furlong, and Assistant Coach John Zlomek.*



**Tyler Zlomek** is a 2015 graduate of Genesee Valley Central School. During high school, he played four years of varsity baseball and was a three-year starter for both soccer and basketball. After an excellent high school career Tyler went on to Alfred State College where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

**Cooper Weinman** is a 2016 graduate of Genesee Valley Central School. Cooper was a three-sport athlete at GVCS playing four years of soccer, basketball, and baseball; he also played one year of golf. Following graduation Cooper continued his career playing soccer at Alfred State College before moving on to SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse where he played soccer and basketball.

**Roger Graham** is a 1963 graduate of Angelica Central School. Roger was a three-sport athlete competing in soccer, basketball, and baseball. He was a three-year member of the varsity soccer and varsity baseball teams while playing varsity basketball for two years.

**Carter Schneider** is a 2016 graduate of Genesee Valley Central School. Carter was a multi-sport athlete at GVCS competing in soccer, basketball, and baseball. He was a four-year member of the soccer and basketball teams. Following graduation Carter played basketball at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



**SIGN-UP BY DECEMBER 15!**

Questions? Contact Mrs. Edmister at  
[medmister@genvalley.org](mailto:medmister@genvalley.org). or (585) 268-7940  
VISIT [GENVALLEY.ORG/SKICLUB](http://GENVALLEY.ORG/SKICLUB) FOR DETAILS

## GVCS SKI CLUB AT SWAIN SKI RESORT

Ski Club meets on the following Tuesdays: January 4, 11, 18, and 25; February 1 and 8.

The bus will leave the school at 3:30 p.m. from the pool vestibule and return around 7:45 p.m. with drop-off available at the Park Circle in Angelica by request.

Please complete the following forms found on [www.genvalley.org/skiclub](http://www.genvalley.org/skiclub):

1. Waiver on the Swain website
2. Medical Authorization & Emergency Contact
3. Helmet Disclaimer and Release Form
4. Rental Form

The Medical Authorization, Helmet Disclaimer, and Rental Forms must be returned to Mrs. Edmister.



## Corban Concert

We celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with two concerts featuring the Corban band. Their upbeat and energetic music provided an exciting cultural experience for our students. They performed for grades 7-12 on October 5th and then for the community on October 6th.

## CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

**NOVEMBER - GRATITUDE:** Gratitude is to show that you are thankful for what others have done for you.

**DECEMBER - COMPASSION:** Compassion is having sympathy and concern for sufferings or misfortunes of others. When you have learned compassion for yourself, compassion for others is automatic.

## UPCOMING CONCERTS

### Veterans' Recognition Concert:

Genesee Valley would like to invite everyone to a special Veterans' Recognition Concert at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10th. The High School Band is excited to recognize the veterans with a musical tribute. Please come and support this musical celebration.

### Winter Concerts:

- \* *Thursday, December 9*
  - 6:15 p.m. – Gr. K-1
  - 6:45 p.m. – Gr. 2-4
- \* *Tuesday, December 14*
  - 4:00 p.m. – Senior Citizens  
Concert & Dinner (*in person*  
*or virtually – TBD*)
  - 6:30 p.m. – High School
- \* *Thursday, December 16*
  - 6:30 p.m. – Gr. 5-8



## UPDATES FROM THE CSE OFFICE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Special Education Department would like to maintain communication throughout the school year by providing up-to-date information and strategies that will develop your knowledge of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) Process. As a result, for the months of November and December, please see below for more information on the difference between an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and a 504 Plan.

An IEP is a blueprint or plan for a child's special education experience at school. An IEP provides specialized instruction and related services to meet a child's unique needs. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act applies to IEPs. This is a federal special education law for students with disabilities. In order for a child to become eligible, they must meet the following requirements:

1. A child has one or more of the 13 disabilities listed in IDEA, which could include a learning disability, autism, or ADHD.
2. The disability must affect the student's educational performance and/or ability to learn and benefit from the general education curriculum. The child must need specialized instruction to make progress in school.

A 504 Plan is a blueprint or plan for how the school will provide support and remove barriers for a student with a disability. This plan will provide services and changes to the learning environment to enable students to learn alongside their peers. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 applies to the 504 Plan. This is a federal civil rights law to end discrimination against people with disabilities.

*\*Both are provided at no cost to the parent/guardian.*

# November 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 -General Election, pool vestibule	3	4 -Last day to register for 12/4 SAT Test	5 -Last day to register for 12/11 ACT Test -Jr. High Area All State Music Festival Rehearsal at Hornell, 12-8:00pm	6 -SAT Test (register by 10/8) -Jr. High Area All State Music Festival Concert at Hornell, 2:00pm
7 PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE	8	9	10 6:30pm - Veterans Recognition Concert	11 School Closed - Veterans Day Observed	12 -Parent-Teacher Conferences/ Superintendent Conference Day -NO School Gr. PK-12	13
14	15 -5:30pm - Board of Education Meeting, Room 1121	16	17	18	19 -Sr. High Area All State Music Festival Rehearsal at Southside Elmira, 12-8:00pm	20 -Sr. High Area All State Music Festival Concert at Southside Elmira, 2:00pm
21	22	23 -11:00am - All Students Dismissed	24 School Closed - Thanksgiving Break	25 School Closed - Thanksgiving Break	26 School Closed - Thanksgiving Break	27
28	29	30				

## CALENDAR OF CENTRAL SCHOOL EVENTS

# December 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 -SAT Test (register by 11/4)
5 PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE	6	7	8	9 Winter Concerts: -6:15 p.m.-Grades K-1 -6:45 p.m.-Grades 2-4	10	11 ACT Test (register by 11/5)
12	13 -5:30pm - Board of Education Meeting, Room 1121	14 -4:00pm-Senior Citizens Concert & Dinner -6:30 p.m.-Grades 9-12 Winter Concert	15	16 Winter Concert -6:30 p.m.-Grades 5-8	17 -Progress Reports available online/mailed, Gr. 5-12	18
19	20	21	22 School Closed - Christmas - New Year's Holiday Break	23 School Closed - Christmas - New Year's Holiday Break	24 School Closed - Christmas - New Year's Holiday Break	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
26	27 School Closed - Christmas - New Year's Holiday Break	28 School Closed - Christmas - New Year's Holiday Break	29 School Closed - Christmas - New Year's Holiday Break	30 School Closed - Christmas - New Year's Holiday Break	31 School Closed - Christmas - New Year's Holiday Break	



# RAM CLINIC

Genesee Valley Central School served as host site for a Remote Area Medical (RAM) Clinic over Columbus Day Weekend, October 9-10. Throughout the weekend, 316 patients received medical, vision, and dental care—all free of charge.

Setup for the clinic began on Friday, October 8 and by 6:00 a.m. the next morning, 60 cars were already in line when the clinic doors opened to welcome patients.

“The energy at the RAM clinic was amazing,” shared GV Wellness Director Anne Campbell. “Volunteers were ready to help with whatever task was needed. So many people from various locations throughout New York attended, even some from other States. When we saw patients come through the door and give a sigh of relief, we knew this clinic was needed for our community.”

Over the two days of the clinic, \$93,095 in medical services were provided to the community. Services included 121 eye exams, 116 prescription glasses made on site, 31 dental cleanings, 71 dental procedures, and 56 dental x-rays. Other services included physicals, flu shots, lab work, behavioral health, and COVID vaccines.

In addition to the administrative team and core volunteers from RAM, over 200 individuals volunteered in a variety of roles, including setup, general support, nursing staff, as well as dental, vision and medical providers. Volunteers came from near and far, including students from SUNY



College of Optometry in New York City, dental students from Stony Brook University, nursing staff from SUNY Delhi, 29 students from Penn State’s RAM Chapter, as well as volunteers from in and around Allegany County.

Numerous community organizations, agencies, schools, and churches provided financial assistance, volunteers, and donations of food and supplies to support the two-day clinic. Alfred State College housed 35 out-of-town volunteers free of charge, Brandy’s Cup of Joe traveled back and forth 11 times from their Hornell store to keep the coffee hot and fresh all weekend long. All told, over \$25,000 in financial donations were received from over 20 organizations.

“I want to thank everyone that helped make this clinic a success,” concluded Campbell. “This could not have happened without the support of our planning team: Nikki Medler, Jeff Babbitt, Erika Scott, and Jenn Ross. I want to give a very big thank you to Chris Graham and the custodial staff for all their help. And finally, a big shout out to Kelli Zenoski and Amy Halbert from the GVCS cafeteria who nourished us with the most delicious food all weekend!”



## P-EBT Food Benefits

New York State is providing Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) food benefits to all households with children who are eligible to receive free school lunch under the National School Lunch Act and whose school was closed or operating with reduced in-school attendance due to COVID-19 during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Every child in grades 3PK-12 who attended GVCS last year should be receiving these benefits. If your child already has a card or was issued one during the last round, the funds will automatically be uploaded to that card. A new one will not be sent. If your child is eligible and has not received their P-EBT benefit by November 2021, you may fill out the P-EBT Information Form at that time.

For more information, visit: <https://otda.ny.gov/SNAP-COVID-19>.



# STEAM at Genesee Valley



## Innovation Center Grand Opening

An official grand opening for the GVCS Innovation Center was held on August 25 during Meet the Teacher Night. Students, parents, and community members toured the center, which included a hands-on display of various equipment and technology available to GV students.



## STEAM in the Library

STEAM in the Library began in September. Grades K-3 had a deep dive into butterflies, exploring the cocoons they have been watching with Mrs. Norasetaporn and observing the resulting butterflies! Students explored life cycles and butterfly parts and even did some coding with color! Grades 4-6 completed FlipGrid activities from Rick Riordan, author of the Percy Jackson series. Students put their writing hats on and brainstormed how to use different objects and art as inspiration for writing.



PK4 students learn coding!

## AFTER SCHOOL STEAM OPPORTUNITIES



### Minecraft Club

Tuesdays: 2nd and 3rd grades  
Thursdays: 4th grade and up



### RoboJags

VEX Robotics competition team

## Follow the STEAM Action

Follow GVCS STEAM on Instagram!



**Steam at GV**  
[www.genvalley.org/steam](http://www.genvalley.org/steam)





### Fifth Graders

Fifth graders performed a hands-on activity to take a look at the salt water and fresh water we have on our Earth!



### First Grade: What is Sound?

First graders finished a fantastic unit exploring sound! Beginning with a sound walk outside in nature, students learned that sounds are made from vibrations and create invisible sound waves! They spent some time in the Innovation Center with Ms. McKeown, Mrs. White, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Norasethaporn, and Ms. Burger completing sound centers observing different types of sounds, creating instruments, and using technology to see sound waves by making their own audio books!



### Sixth Grade Archaeological Dig

Students created a grid of their location and then dug carefully to find artifacts, which were recorded on data sheets. Partners worked together to piece together their artifacts. Lastly, the archaeologists inferred what the artifacts taught us about the culture of the group of people that once lived in this location.

### Digital Literacy Class

Ashley Auman and Sabrina Wesche are teaching students in Pre-K4 through sixth grade how to effectively and safely use technology in the classroom. The class covers the basics of keyboarding, from learning where the keys are on the keyboard to proper finger placement when typing. Students are also taught how to be good digital citizens, including how to stay safe online. A large component of the class is coding! Students will work on sequencing, looping, programming, and building apps. "The students are catching on so quickly," commented Mrs. Auman. "I have high expectations for this class and love the excitement from the students!"



### Third Grade STEAM Challenge

Third graders talked about working together, choosing materials, and engineering! Congratulations to our two winning teams! (It was a tie at 27.5 inches tall.)



# Building Trades Program

Mr. Grisewood's Building Trades students recently completed sandwich board sign holders for the SPCA as well as a picnic table for use at the school. The new Building Trades program provides a unique opportunity for our students in grades 9-12 to learn a skilled trade. In conjunction with the Allegany County Land Bank, our students will be renovating homes and working on other projects to benefit our community.



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## Careers Class

The GV Seniors have been given some important life lessons so far this year in Mr. Horton's Career & Independent Living class. Officer Tory Rounds walked students through a traffic stop, explaining the do's and don'ts of what to do when you get pulled over. Transportation supervisor Mr. Weaver gave students a demonstration on how to change a tire and jump start a vehicle. These seniors are going to be well prepared for life after GV!



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for information on sex offenders living in the GVCS District



**GV's Mediterranean Tour**

Wouldn't it be nice to escape to one of the most beautiful places on Earth? Join us for our next GV Europe trip and spend Spring Break with a great group of students, faculty, staff, and community members exploring the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. Check out the view from our hotel in Nice, France! Nice is known for its fantastic climate, fabulous beaches, and beautiful coastline with mesmerizing views. We will have the opportunity to explore Nice, and many other unique places in Spain, France, and Monaco. Anyone interested? Start planning and saving for our next GV excursion! Contact Mrs. Sarah Horne, [shorne@genvalley.org](mailto:shorne@genvalley.org), with questions.

**JAG SWAG SALE!**

The Jag Design class organized our annual clothing sale. JAG SWAG is available to purchase online and by paper order form. Look for the link on the Genesee Valley and PJC Facebook pages and [www.genvalley.org](http://www.genvalley.org). Please keep in mind this is run through one of our high school classes that meets daily for 40 minutes. We will do our best to get orders out as soon as possible, but we do not work full time on just this sale. All items must be paid for in advance; exact cash or check if using paper order form or electronic payment if ordering online. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Marciano or Mrs. Babbitt at [jagdesign@genvalley.org](mailto:jagdesign@genvalley.org). We hope you enjoy some of our sample items and we look forward to creating items for the Genesee Valley Community.

**New this year...PET SHIRTS!**



**Sample Items with MORE TO COME!!!**



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