



Genesee Valley Central School

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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH & GOVERNMENT



After two months of preparation, nine middle school students travelled to Albany for three days in November where they experienced how state-level government functions first-hand. Two groups debated their bill proposals in front of over 200 middle school students from across the state. We were lucky to have GV Senior, Sophia Gugino, on the High School Resource team to assist with the running of the program as well as GV Alumni, Nathan Slawson, to assist in training the High School Resource team. The conference is sponsored by the YMCA, and we look forward to taking our High School delegation in March.

Junior High Area All State

Congratulations to Whitney Young for performing with the Junior High Area All State Festival this fall. The top student musicians from across our region were selected into this prestigious festival. We're proud of you, Whitney!



High School All State

Congratulations to Raygen Haggstrom for earning a place at the recent High School Area All State Festival held at Elmira High School.



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

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Dr. Brian Schmitt,
Superintendent

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Dear Genesee Valley Community,

Happy New Year! As we approach a New Year with a refreshed enthusiasm and a clean slate, I would like to take this opportunity to share Genesee Valley CSD's New Year's Resolutions.

Resolution #1: GVCS will continue to improve the frequency and effectiveness of communication with all constituents

I am very proud of the quality of education students receive at Genesee Valley. As we move into the New Year, I am committed to improving the way we communicate about our events, accomplishments and opportunities. I am committed to over-communicating with students, parents, faculty, staff, and community members. The Leadership Team will continue to emphasize differentiating the way that we communicate with families and encourage a continued dialogue between school and home.

Resolution #2: GVCS will prepare students for the jobs of the future

The students of Genesee Valley CSD deserve the best education. We are committed to providing increased opportunities that prepare students for the jobs of the future. We are committed to offering courses and activities that align with a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) emphasis. We will continue to offer opportunities to solve real world problems as a part of multiple content areas, so students will better understand the connections between the disciplines. For too long, Math, Social Studies, Science and English Language Arts were taught in isolation. This resolution will enable students

to break down the walls between the content areas and be better prepared for the world of the future. Through developing improved communication, critical thinking, problem solving, communication and media literacy skills, students will be prepared to take on any new challenge beyond the school's walls.

Resolution #3: GVCS will grow as a Full-Service Community School

I am very proud of the many new opportunities to "champion a healthy lifestyle" here at GV. I encourage everyone to participate in a fitness class or use the GV Fitness Center to work out. We continue to support the medical needs of students through our Mobile Tele-Med Program and Dental program. We will build new socioemotional supports and strengthen school/home partnerships through increased access to mental health supports.

All in all, students, faculty, staff and the community continue to gain access to innovative technology and new instructional practices designed to incorporate "resources to inspire and empower all to be successful in life." Unlike most New Year's resolutions, I am confident we will accomplish ours.

Happy New Year!

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 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





From Mr. Ed! Elementary Principal

As we end this calendar year at Genesee Valley, I want to wish each of you a wonderful holiday time. There are so many awesome things happening here at GV. We are blessed to have the families and children we do, the teachers that love your children like their own, and a school that offers so many advantages for all. This year the Fact Fluency Frenzy and Reading Incentives joined our PBIS Awards and have added another layer of enjoyable learning for kids. If you are ever in need, please reach out and we will see what we can do to lend support! In short, GV cares!



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES



- Friday, December 23 - January 2 – **Christmas Break/New Year’s Holiday – No School**
Building Closed Dec. 23, 26, 30 & Jan. 2 – (Students return Tuesday, January 3, 2023)
- Monday, January 16 - **Martin Luther Jr. King Day Observed - School Building Closed**

HONORING OUR LOCAL VETERANS

On the evening of November 9th Genesee Valley hosted a concert in honor of our local veterans, with the high school band playing a few songs led by band director, Alva Robbins.

Veterans, we can’t thank you enough for your dedication and selflessness for our freedom!

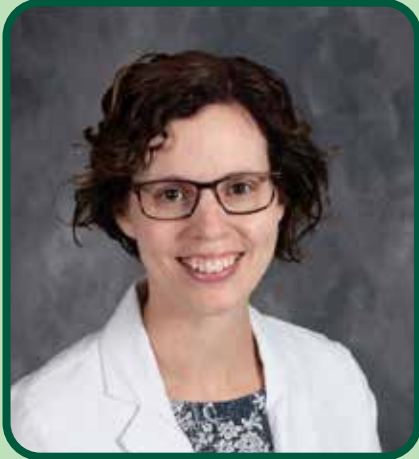
CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

JANUARY - ACCEPTANCE: the action of consenting to receive or undertake something offered.

FEBRUARY - TRUSTWORTHY: the worthy of confidence; dependable; reliable.



From Mrs. Donlon 7-12 Building Principal



Our building has been bustling with activity as many wonderful things have been happening at Genesee Valley in recent weeks! We held our annual Academic Awards Banquet at the Angelica Hotel for students who have been on honor roll for four consecutive quarters. We recognized our fall senior athletes at their senior nights, welcomed parents to the building for parent/teacher conferences, and enjoyed student and community member performances at our Veterans Day concert. Winter sports practices and games are well underway. Students pictured below were honored by their teachers and peers for outstanding effort and exemplary behavior.

As we bid farewell to 2022 and look forward to 2023, I am grateful for the many ways our students and school community have adapted to meet new challenges and overcome obstacles. Thank you for your continued support as we move forward into the New Year.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

NEW EMPLOYEES WELCOMED TO GVCS



Deborah Auman started a new position this year as a Teacher Assistant, after working the past 5 years as a Teacher Aide. Deb stated “In my new role at GV I will be working as a Job Coach for the new Work-Based Learning Program. I will be traveling with our Life Skills students to local businesses, assisting them as they learn various job skills. These skills will help prepare them for work after they complete school. We are very excited about this new program and anticipate great success for our students and their future ventures in the working community.” Prior to coming to Genesee Valley, Deb worked at The L.C. Whitford Company for 19 years. She also earned her Associate’s Degree in Liberal Arts. Her interests include spending time with family, spoiling her grandbabies, puzzles, and listening to audio books.

Cassidy Mountain was hired as our High School Art Teacher this year. She previously worked at Scio Central School as a Substitute Teacher. Cassidy earned her Associate’s Degree in Fine Arts from Fingers Lakes Community College, and is working on her Bachelor’s Degree in Art & Design with a minor in Art Education at Alfred University. She also has an Associate’s Degree in Therapeutic Massage/Integrated Healthcare from Finger Lakes Community College. Cassidy is a Genesee Valley Central School graduate. She is excited to return to GV and to get to know her students. Her hobbies/interests include art, music, and the great outdoors.



WHEN TO KEEP A CHILD HOME WITH ILLNESS

It can be hard to know when to send children to school if they tell you that they do not feel well. Usually, the best place for them is in school, but there are some times when keeping them home to rest or call for an appointment with your health care provider is recommended.

Please keep your child home and/or contact your child's doctor for:

- Fever greater than 100.4° (taken by mouth)
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Severe sore throat along with fever and feeling ill for more than 48 hours, or after exposure to Strep throat infection
- Honey-crusted sores around the nose or mouth or rash on other body parts
- Large amounts of mucous (liquid) from their nose, with face pain or headache
- Severe ear pain or fluid coming from the ear
- Severe headache, especially with fever



The graphic features the Genesee Valley Central School logo (a leopard head) in the top left corner. The main title 'GVCS VIRTUAL URGENT CARE' is in large white letters on a green background. Below the title, it says 'Call 268-7914 for an appointment'. To the left, a dark grey box contains three questions: 'Is your child sick at home?', 'Do they need a COVID test to return to school?', and 'What can you do if your child is ill at school?'. Below these questions, a white box states: 'At the GVCS Virtual Urgent Care, your child can receive treatment for ear infections, pink eye, allergies, and testing for COVID-19, influenza, and strep throat.' To the right of this box, a dark grey box says 'OPEN 8-3 When school is in session'. At the bottom left, a green box says 'SIGN-UP ONLINE' with the website 'www.genvalley.org/urgentcare' and 'Enter PIN #: 287111'. At the bottom center, a white box says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ANNE CAMPBELL, GV WELLNESS DIRECTOR 585-268-7933 | ACAMPBELL@GENVALLEY.ORG'. An illustration of a clipboard with a red cross is on the right side.

If your child has a fever, it is not a good idea to give them medicine like Tylenol or Advil and send them to school because as soon as the medicine wears off, the fever may return and you will be called to come and pick up your child.

Your child should be fever free without the use of fever reducing medication for 24 hours and free from Vomiting/Diarrhea for 24 hours.

If you find your child is frequently asking to stay home from school, if they are falling behind or appear anxious about school, or if there does not appear to be any physical symptoms, contact your school nurse and your health care provider to discuss your concerns.

Remind children to throw away used tissues, cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze, keep their hands away from their face, and to wash hands often with soap and warm water will help keep everyone healthier.

Please call us with any concerns or questions.

Kristin Fuller RN
Rita George LPN
585-268-7914/7915



FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLLS LISTED FOR 2022-23

The administration of Genesee Valley Central School announces the following students, grades 9-12, have been named to the Honor Rolls for the 1st quarter of the 2022-23 school year. A student named to the Principal's Honor Roll recognizes students who have an average of 93 and above. The High Honor Roll recognizes students whose average is 90-92 and the Honor Roll recognizes students whose average is 85-89.

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Aria Barnes, Kiri Bogle, Zachary Bourne, Coltin Brown, Shelby Bulkley, Ashley Burrows, Sophia Gambino, Lealah Greene, Adison Grusendorf, Sophia Gugino, Lauren Haggstrom, Raygen Haggstrom, Brooke Hutchison, Kylee Lorow, Alessandro Marotta, Clelia Parla, Max Wedge

Grade 11: Clayton Babbitt, Kimimela Ball, Morgan Bentley, Kendra Bigelow, Caleb Bliven, Molly Hannon, Dakota Hemphill, Fisher Herdman, Karlee Jones, Chrystal Larson, Alivia Marra, Emilyya Mejia, Alexander Osborn, Jacob Rizzo, Ellaina Scholes, Jamie Szalay

Grade 10: Emily Brown, Kallie Burdick, Liberty Clarke, Brayden Cooper, Ryan Daciw, Hope Ford, Daphne Gugino, Ty Hutchison, Marah Mellinger, Evan Turybury

Grade 9: Ayeron Bentley, Cole Cochran, Jacey Davis, Mason Fanton, Nolan Hunter, Rylee Ordway, Kenton Shultz, Cody Webster, Whitney Young

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Elden Aquila, Ethan Bigelow, Landon Burdick, Hayden Burnell, Jonathan Ford, Payton Grantier, Killian McKnight

Grade 11: Haylee Blake, Riley

Edwards, Cassidy Hand, Erin McIntyre, Hunter Nickens, Jade Rounds, Lance Vohs

Grade 10: Haelyn Clark, Salvatore Gambino, Makayla Hutchison, Mackenzie Marciano, Hunter Newman, Keanna Sands, Seanna Stocking, Madison Tarar, Gavin Weaver, Tyler Wedge

Grade 9: Graham Bradt, Logan Callahan, Bryce Davis, Izak Hutchison, Ian MacKenzie, Tristan Metatos, Lannden

HONOR ROLL

Grade 12: Harland Geffers, Dominic Marra, Thai Norasethaporn, Tyler Ralyea, JasLynn Shipman,

Grade 11: Johnathon Baker, Malakhi Coish, Christian King, Madison MacKenzie, Liliana Porter Long, Evan Yeaples

Grade 10: Logan Burrows, Reagan Butler, William Edwards, Aubrey Geoppner, Charisma Metatos, Ryan Snyder, Zachary Thomas

Grade 9: Cree Bulkley, Zachary Davis, Byron France, Ryker Holmes, Kaden Huffer, McKenna Jefferds, Meara Kelley, Christina McAuley, Charlotte Mejia, Logan Rice, Riley Rogers, Jade Sallazzo, Madolyn Young

Honor Roll list for students attending BOCES:

HONOR ROLL:

Grade 12: Elden Aquila, Hayden Burnell, Ashley Burrows, Colton Cowburn, Jonathan Ford, Bryce Lewandowski, Killian McKnight, JasLynn Shipman, Jessie Sweet, Elizabeth Tronetti

Grade 11: Johnathon Baker, Haylee Blake, Malakhi Coish, Riley Edwards, Wyatt Gleason, Erin McIntyre, Kolton Moore, Connor Otero, Jamie Szalay

HIGH HONOR ROLL:

Grade 12: Zachary Bourne, Coltin Brown, Landon Burdick, Payton Grantier, Sophia Gugino, Lauren Haggstrom, Thai Norasethaporn

Grade 11: Clayton Babbitt, Kimimela Ball, Morgan Bentley, Dakota Hemphill, Fisher Herdman, Karlee Jones, Alexander Osborn, Lance Vohs



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
 THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
 Office of State Assessment
 Albany, NY 12234

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JANUARY 2023

Students must verify with their schools the exact times that they are to report for their State examinations.

JANUARY 24 TUESDAY	JANUARY 25 WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 26 THURSDAY	JANUARY 27 FRIDAY
9:15 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	9:15 a.m.
English Language Arts	Geometry	Global History & Geography II	Physical Setting/Earth Science Physical Setting/Chemistry
1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	Uniform Admission Deadlines
Living Environment	Algebra I Physical Setting/Physics*	Algebra II	Morning Examinations – 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations – 2:00 p.m.

* Available in Restricted Form only. Each copy of a restricted test is numbered and sealed in its own envelope and must be returned, whether used or unused, to the Department at the end of the examination period.

SCHOLASTIC CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT

One of our Genesee Valley teams won the Scholastic Challenge tournament on December 3rd for the entire Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES region!

The winning team was comprised of Kiri Bogle, Lealah Greene, Ethan Bigelow, and Gavin Weaver. They answered questions about classic literature, history, sports, math, science, and a host of other topics. Our GV Team went head-to-head in the final championship round against Whitesville's senior team, and we won by 30 points. It was great to walk away with a well-earned win! Our other GV team, made up of Karlee Jones, Alex Osborn, Ryker Holmes, and Jamie Szalay, performed very well, too! Thank you to our advisors, Mrs. Horne and Mrs. Douglas, for helping guide our team to victory!

Phone Number and/or Address Changes?

Please contact Denise Baker in the Guidance Office at (585) 268-7937 or email her at dbaker@genvalley.org if you or your children have phone number, email address, emergency number/contacts, or address changes that need to be made in our student information system. This information is very important for contacting our families about days off, cancellation of activities, mailings, etc.



Look for the Class of 2026 table at some upcoming GV home basketball games. The 9th grade students will have a donation table. Stop by with a donation and receive a wooden Jag paw or basketball ornament.



UPDATES FROM THE CSE OFFICE

Special Education refers to specially designed individualized/group instruction or special services or programs to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities. Special education services and programs are provided at no cost to the parent.

There are several steps within the Special Education Process.

1. The first step is the initial referral for special education services. If students are suspected of having a disability, they are referred to a multidisciplinary team called the Committee on Special Education (CSE) or Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE). The school official may start the process with an initial referral, or another individual may make a request for a referral.
2. The next step is the completion of an individual evaluation process to evaluate a student's abilities and needs.
3. The third step is meeting as a committee to review the evaluation results and determine if the student is eligible to receive special education services. If so, the Committee will develop and implement an appropriate **Individualized Education Program (IEP)** to meet the needs of the student.
4. The fourth step is asking parents/guardians for written consent to provide the special education services and programs that were listed on your child's IEP.
5. The final step is to meet as a Committee once a year during an **annual review**. A **reevaluation** must be completed once every three years to review the student's need for special education programs and services and to revise the IEP. A reevaluation may also occur when conditions are warranted or when requested by a parent or a teacher.

Parents are an important part of this process, and your involvement is encouraged!

Work Based Learning Program




Our work-based learning program students completed their experience at the Island Style Bar and Grill. They celebrated their last day with a party—complete with pool, games and food! Thank you to the Island staff for welcoming our students and providing them with some practical workplace experience!



BLOOD DRIVE

January 6th marks our sixteenth blood drive through ConnectLife. Since our first drive in March of 2020, we have collected 268 units of blood which has helped 804 patients in local hospitals! Thank you for the continued support that helps our local community of Western New York!





ConnectLife
BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, January 6
10am - 3pm
Genesee Valley Central School

Auditorium • 1 Jaguar Dr.
Belmont, NY 14813

All January blood & platelet donors will receive a pair of Buffalo Bills zubaz socks.



To make an appointment visit ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org, call 716.529.4270 OR Scan the QR code

1. Click "Donate Now"
2. Select "Check Out These Other Options"
3. Enter sponsor code **000602**

Walk-ins are also welcome!

COMMUNITY BOOK READ

We are excited to announce that GVCS is participating in another upcoming Community Book Read! We will be encouraging the community to read *Matilda*, by Roald Dahl. The Book Read will begin on January 3rd and end on March 2nd. Books will be available for pick-up near the Jaguar, starting on Monday, December 12th. Magnets will be available for pick-up, which will contain detailed information about our book study! We will follow the schedule below:

- January 3-7: Chapters 1-3**
- January 8-14: Chapters 4-6**
- January 15-21: Chapters 7-9**
- January 22-28: Chapters 10-11**
- January 29-February 4: Chapters 12-14**
- February 5-11: Chapters 15-17**
- February 12-18: Chapters 18-20**
- February 26-March 2: Chapter 21**

On Friday, March 3rd, Students in Grades K-6 will participate in a Movie/Pajama Day to watch *Matilda*. Families are also encouraged to attend the GVCS Theatre Production of *Matilda* as well on March 10-12!



ROTARY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the GV/BC Boys, winners of the 1st Annual Belmont Rotary Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament. They defeated Andover/Whitesville 68-43 in the title game. This tournament was held Friday, December 2nd and Saturday, December 3rd at Genesee Valley Central School.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FALL ALL STARS!



D1 Girls Soccer All-Stars

Mary Hamer
Adison Grusendorf
Hannah Southwick-Powers



D1 Boys Soccer All-Stars

Justin Hill
Thai Norasethaporn

Allegany County Girls Soccer Senior Game Selections:

Ashley Burrows, Anna Drozdowski, Kylee Lorow, Adison Grusendorf, Harley Protor

Allegany County Boys Soccer Senior Game Selections:

Justin Hill, Thai Norasethaporn



7th Grade Identity Portraits

7th graders in Ms. Buchholz's art class drew "Identity Portraits," depicting their personality and interests in a creative way. Good job, students!



High School Art

Drawing students recently completed portraits using the grid method that artists used back in the Renaissance. Can you identify any of the famous people depicted here?



Spring Musical

The GVCS Drama Club is proud to announce Matilda as our Spring Production. Mark your calendars for March 10th, 11th & 12th. You won't want to miss it!

GENESEE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL'S 2022 ACADEMIC HONORS DINNER

On November 8, 2022, Genesee Valley Central School celebrated its 6th annual Academic Honors Dinner at the Angelica American House & Hotel. The purpose of this event was to recognize our high school students who achieved honor roll status or above for all consecutive quarters throughout the school year, as well as previous high school years. Dean of Students and Curriculum Coordinator, Paula Mighells, organized and hosted the event. She congratulated student honorees in her speech by saying, "Students, you have earned this honor through your hard work and dedication to school and to learning. You deserve this recognition and we honor you for your academic accomplishments. Congratulations to our students and families!"

One-Year Academic Honors Recipients

Honor roll or above for 4 quarters in a row during the 2021-2022 school year

Elden Aquila, Ethan Bigelow, Caleb Bliven, Coltin Brown, Emily Brown, Shelby Bulkley, Kallie Burdick, Brayden Cooper, Ryan Daciw, Hope Ford, Salvatore Gambino, Payton Grantier, Daphne Gugino, Makayla Hutchison, Ty Hutchison, Karlee Jones, Chrystal Larson, Ethan Lombardo, Mackenzie Marciano, Killian McKnight, Emilyya Mejia, Marah Mellinger, Alexander Osborn, Ellaina Scholes, Seanna Stocking, Madison Tarar, Evan Turybury, Max Wedge, and Tyler Wedge.

Two-Year Academic Honors Recipients

Honor roll or above for 4 quarters in a row during the 2021-22 and 2020-21 school years

Kimimela Ball, Morgan Bentley, Kendra Bigelow, Ashley Burrows, Cassidy Hand, Molly Hannon, Hunter Nickens, Jacob Rizzo, and Jade Rounds.

Three-Year Academic Honors Recipients

Honor roll or above for 4 quarters in a row during the 2021-22 and 2020-21 school years, and for quarters 1, 2 and 4 during the 2019-20 school year

Aria Barnes, Kiri Bogle, Sophia Gambino, Lealah Greene, Adison Grusendorf, Sophia Gugino, Lauren Haggstrom, Raygen Haggstrom, Brooke Hutchison, Kylee Lorow, Dominic Marra, Thai Norasethaporn, and JasLynn Shipman.



At this year's Academic Honors Dinner, we also honored our 2022 Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame Inductees, Paul Robbins, Tracie Bliven, and Rev. Zachariah Presutti.

Paul Robbins is a graduate of Angelica Central School, Class of 1972. Paul's sister, Patty Robbins Whitney, accepted Paul's award and delivered Paul's speech on his behalf.

Tracie Bliven is a graduate of Belmont Central School, Class of 1984. Tracie accepted her award and delivered a speech to student honorees.

Reverend Zachariah Presutti is a graduate of Genesee Valley Central School, Class of 2003.

Rev. Presutti accepted his award and delivered a speech to student honorees.

Student honorees and Wall of Fame Inductees were each presented with an award for their accomplishments. A great time was had by all!

For those in the community who would like to watch the Class of 2022 Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame inductee speeches, check out the GVCS YouTube Channel.



STEAM at Genesee Valley



Superheroes!

Mrs. Webb's 8th Grade ELA students had an exciting couple of weeks getting creative with their writing! Students were tasked with developing origin stories for their very own superheroes. Once their writing was complete, they visited the Innovation Center to bring their superhero to life by designing a 3D model or creating an Augmented Reality (AR) experience. Students used a variety of maker supplies at the Innovation Center (yarn, silhouette machines, 3D pens, clay, paint, etc.) for their model and explored iPad applications such as Adobe Fresco to create their Augmented Reality experience.

STEAM Field Trip

6th grade traveled on a STEAM field trip to St Bonaventure's Quick Center for the Arts for an amazing performance by Condition Blue: The Acoustics of Aquatics! During the performance, they had the opportunity expand their knowledge on sound energy transfer and how different objects can be used to create some really amazing music!



Innovation Center Spotlight

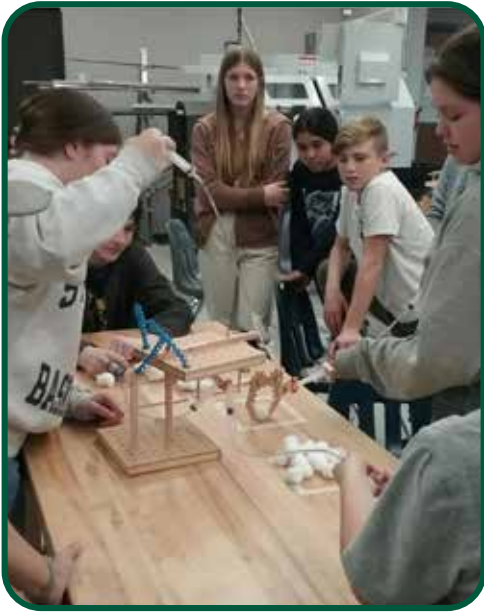
The Innovation Center has been a hub for innovation and creativity! Mrs. Marsh and the Kindergarten Team have been using the space to apply the skills they have been learning in their class in fun and exciting ways. In a recent last activity, students were given a variety of materials to build a bridge and save their bears from lava! Students and adults had a great time and cannot wait for their next adventure in the Innovation Center.



Lego League

The 2022-23 GV Lego League has been challenged to improve the energy journey in our community. They are using science, technology, engineering, and math to gain real-world solving skills. As a team they are expected to present their core values, a robot design to complete robot games, and an innovation project. In mid-January they will join local teams to compete and show off what they have learned and invented.

GV 8th Graders Shine at the 1st Annual Wellsville Tech Challenge



By Carolyn Wright, Technology Education 8-12

On November 4th several 8th graders competed in the first annual Wellsville Tech Challenge. Students had the option to enter four different take home challenges: 3D printing, logo design, cardboard furniture, and trebuchet building. GV had representation in 3 out of the four challenges. Kylee Christensen, Addison Middaugh, Chilaleah Ormsby, and Maks Stocking created logos, the team of Dorian Barnes, Addison Bradt, and Trenton Whitsell built a cardboard nightstand and lamp (that actually lit up), and Derick Grantier, Landyn Burrows, and Damon Davis worked together to build a trebuchet designed to launch golf balls. Each student worked hard to create amazing submissions and their hard work paid off. Dorian, Addison and Trenton received high praise for their cardboard nightstand and lamp earning them first prize, and Derick launched his way into first place with his trebuchet.

In addition to their take home challenges, 7 students competed in the on-the-spot problem solving challenge the day of the competition. Students worked in groups with an industry mentor and were given 2 hours to design and build a device to move cotton balls from one location to another. At the end of the design and build process, students tested their machines and then competed against other teams to see which machine could move the most cotton balls within a time limit. The GV team of Addison Bradt, Dorian Barnes, Kylee Christensen, and Trenton Whitsell took first over two Wellsville and two Canisteo-Greenwood teams. Great job to everyone who participated. Way to make GV proud!



Family and Me Cooking Class



Cornell Cooperative Extension and GV partnered together in creating a Family and Me cooking class this past November. Five families made a very healthy meal which consisted of veggie stuffed chicken breasts, honey roasted butternut squash, asparagus, and fruit salad! Be on the lookout for more classes being offered this winter!



COMMUNITY FITNESS

CARDIO, CORE, STRENGTH, & MORE

MON & WED 4:00-5:00PM

SATURDAYS 9:00-10:00AM

ROOM 1170

CONTACT PAT PRESUTTI AT
716-860-8287 FOR ZOOM ACCESS

WEDNESDAYS 7:00-8:00PM

ROOM 1170

LINDA PRESUTTI

716-474-0761

ZUMBA



COMMUNITY YOGA



THURSDAYS UPSTAIRS IN

ROOM 2108 -AGES 18+

3:55-5:00PM \$5 DONATION

KRISTIN BUCHHOLZ

WEEKDAYS

7:00-8:00AM & 5:00-8:00PM

(EXCEPT DURING ATHLETIC

CONTESTS & HOLIDAYS)

IN-DOOR TRACK

FITNESS CENTER

MONDAY-FRIDAY 5:00-8:00AM

AND 3:00-9:00PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 7:00AM-3:00PM

CONTACT TORY ROUNDS TO REGISTER



January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH -ACCEPTANCE	PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE					
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 No School Building Closed Christmas/New Year's Holiday Break	3	4	5	6 -Last day to register for 2/11 ACT Test	7
8	9	10 -5:30pm - Board of Education Meeting, Room 1121	11	12	13 -Allegany County Music Festival Rehearsal at Cuba-Rushford School, 12-6:00pm	14 -Allegany County Music Festival Concert at Cuba-Rushford School, 2:00pm
15	16 No School Building Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18	19	20	21
22 29	23	24 -Regent Exams -5:30pm - Board of Education Work Session Only, Room 1121	25 -Regent Exams	26 -Regent Exams	27 -Regent Rating Day -End of 2nd Marking Period, Gr. 5-12	28
	30	31				

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CHARACTER WORD OF THE MONTH -TRUSTWORTHY	PLEASE NOTE - SPORTS SCHEDULES WILL BE ON GV WEBSITE		1	2	3 -Report cards available online/ mailed home Gr. 5-12 -Allegany County Solo Festival at Fillmore	4 -Allegany County Solo Festival at Fillmore
5	6	7	8	9	10 -Last day to register for 3/11 SAT Test	11 -ACT Test (register by 1/6)
12	13	14	15 - 4-6:00pm JAM Beef on Weck Dinner	16	17	18
19	20 No School Building Closed President's Day Observed	21 No School Offices Open Mid-Winter Break	22 No School Offices Open Mid-Winter Break	23 No School Offices Open Mid-Winter Break	24 No School Offices Open Mid-Winter Break	25
26	27	28 -5:30pm - Board of Education Meeting, Room 1121				



Genesee Valley Central School

1 Jaguar Drive
Belmont, NY 14813



Central Administration:

Dr. Brian Schmitt, Superintendent
Brian Edmister, PreK-6 Principal
Sara Donlon, 7-12 Principal
Megan Retchless, Director of Special Education and
CSE/ CPSE Chairperson
Paula Mighells, Dean of Students and
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VISIT THE SEX OFFENDERS WEBSITE – <http://www.watchsystems.com/ny/allegany> or <http://www.familywatchdog.us>
for information on sex offenders living in the GVCS District



Babysitter Training

January 19, 2023
3 PM - 5 PM

Genesee Valley Central School
1 Jaguar Dr, Belmont, NY 14813

**PLEASE CONTACT ANNE CAMPBELL AT
585-268-7933 OR ACAMPBELL@GENVALLEY.ORG
TO REGISTER.**

Class will include child care and development, health and nutrition, business of babysitting, and basic review of CPR and basic first aid.




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IT'S TIME TO GO SKIING!

Grades 5-12 sign up for GVCS Ski Club. Starting Friday, January 20th, 2023 until Friday, March 3rd, 2023.

SKI CLUB WILL BE EVERY FRIDAY FROM 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
STUDENTS MUST MEET AT THE POOL VESTIBULE. THEY WILL LEAVE AT 3:30 PM AND WILL RETURN TO THE SCHOOL AT 7:45 PM.

SIGN UP BY JANUARY 3RD
ALL FORMS CAN BE TURNED INTO PAYTON WATSON

PLEASE CONTACT PAYTON WATSON WITH ANY QUESTIONS.
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