



WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

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JUNE 2024

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 5 | SPRING BAND CONCERT

JUNE 6 | SPRING SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT

JUNE 7 | PEP RALLY

JUNE 8 | VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

JUNE 10
ACADEMIC AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

JUNE 13
LAST DAY OF CLASSES (7-12)

JUNE 14 | COLOR RUN

JUNE 18
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

JUNE 19 | JUNETEENTH (NO SCHOOL)

JUNE 24 | EARLY DISMISSAL

JUNE 25 | LAST DAY OF CLASSES/
EARLY DISMISSAL (PK-6)

JUNE 28 | COMMENCEMENT

SCAN TO VIEW
EVENT CALENDAR



ART SHOWCASE



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

BY DR. TAWEEPON FARRAR

As we reach the end of this school year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude and admiration for the resilience, dedication, and enthusiasm displayed by our entire school community. This year has been marked by significant achievements, collective growth, and the support of our families and staff.

Academic Growth

Our students are improving in their studies, demonstrating a commitment to learning and intellectual curiosity. From their growth in statewide assessments to achieving honors in their academics, our students' hard work and perseverance have truly paid off.



Extracurricular Brilliance

This year, we witnessed outstanding performances in sports, arts, and various clubs. Our athletic teams brought home numerous victories, our artists and musicians showcased their talents in impressive displays, and our clubs and organizations made a substantial impact in our school community.

LOOKING AHEAD

Graduation Celebrations

We are thrilled to celebrate our graduating class of 2024. These students have worked diligently to reach this milestone, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. We look forward to honoring them at the graduation ceremony on June 28.

Summer Enrichment

To keep the spirit of learning alive, we are offering various summer programs designed to engage students in educational and recreational activities. Whether through academic enrichment classes, sports camps, or other workshops, there are numerous opportunities for students to explore their interests and continue their learning journey.

Preparing for the New School Year

As we look forward to the next academic year, we are already planning enhancements to our curriculum and facilities. Our aim is to provide an even more enriching educational experience for our students. We encourage families to keep an eye out for our summer newsletter to learn more about what's in store for the upcoming year.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Expressing Gratitude

I would like to personally thank our teachers, staff, and administration for their dedication and hard work. Their commitment to providing a nurturing and stimulating educational environment is truly commendable. To our parents and guardians, your partnership and support have been invaluable in helping our students succeed.

Wishing You a Wonderful Summer

As we transition into summer, I hope you all take the time to relax, rejuvenate, and enjoy quality time with loved ones. Stay safe, stay curious, and come back ready to embark on another exciting school year.

Thank you once again for being an integral part of our school community. Together, we have made this year a memorable and successful one.

WE ARE IN THE HOME STRETCH

BY MR. AMODEO, PRINCIPAL/CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

Yes, it is June, but it is not time to celebrate the end of the year just yet as we still have a couple of very important weeks of school left. Students will be taking their respective Regents exams: the Algebra I exam will be held on June 4; the remaining exams continue from June 14-25.

Throughout June our elementary students will be attending several field trips that will engage them in learning experiences that are connected to their grade level curriculums. Trips will be taken to the Buffalo Zoo, Maid of the Mist, Midway State Park, and the Challenger Learning Center.

Our Spring Sports Awards will be held on June 6 followed by our Academic Awards and Scholarship Banquet on June 10. The Spring Band Concert will be held on June 5. We will recognize our Spring athletes at our Spring Pep Rally on June 7. The annual 4th-6th grade Track and Field Day will be held on June 20.

The end of a school year is always a time to reflect and celebrate the achievements of our students throughout the year. The success of our students throughout their time at West Valley Central will be most evident at our senior graduation ceremony on Friday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m. in our auditorium. I would like to congratulate our seniors on their upcoming graduation and all their accomplishments during their time at West Valley Central School. They have persisted through many uncommon years during high school to achieve this milestone. I am proud of all of them and wish them all the best in their futures.

As this is our last newsletter edition for the 2023-2024 school year, I want to express how proud I am of our students, parents, staff, Board of Education, and community for making this a successful year. I am already looking forward to the start of a new school year, but before we get back to work in September, please have a fun and safe summer!



FEEDMORE WNY WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

If any family wishes to participate in our **Weekend Backpack Program**, please contact Mr. LaBrake anytime during the school year. The goal of the Weekend Backpack Program is to provide nutritious and easy-to-prepare meals for children to take home on weekends. This program is provided to you **completely free of charge!**

Each week your child will be provided with a bag of nutritious, non-perishable food to be eaten over the weekend. The food will be placed in your child's backpack at the end of the school day and is intended to be opened once your child is home. The program will continue throughout the 2023-24 school year. Participation in the Weekend Backpack Program **will not affect your family's eligibility for other food assistance programs (such as SNAP, WIC, or food pantry access).**



To enroll your child/children in the program, contact Mr. LaBrake. Please call with any questions at 716-942-3100, ext. 4148 or send an email to mlabrake@wvalley.org.

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MAKING WAVES IN READING WITH PARP!

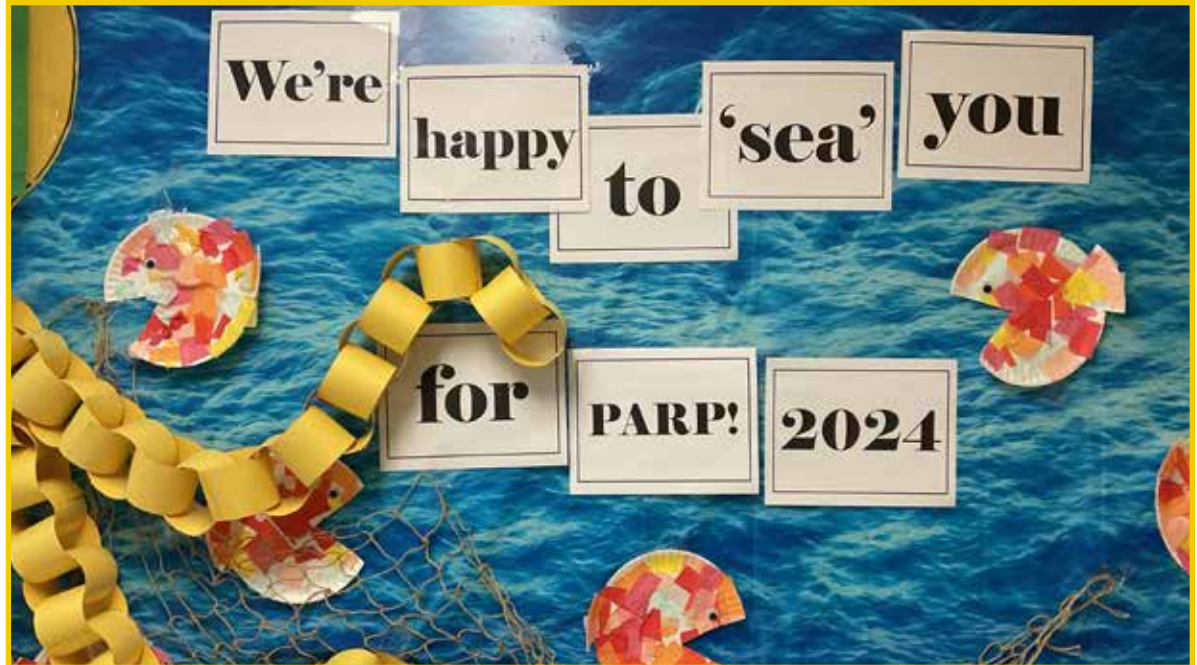
By Loreen Butcher and Michelle Pfeffer

The Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) program ran from May 6th until May 17th this year with the theme of *Under the Sea: Dive Into a Good Book*. Many activities took place such as “Dress in blue like our oceans,” “Sock it to a Good Book and wear crazy socks,” “Dress in Beach Clothes,” “Read to your pet or a stuffed animal,” and “Some ocean animals glow and shine—wear neon or sparkles.”

Students were challenged to read for at least 20 minutes each night. When they got their reading logs stamped each morning they received a raffle ticket to take a chance on a prize (books, stuffed animals, games, coloring kits, journals, and more). Students also earned tickets to spend at the carnival which was held in the gym at the end of the school day on Friday, May 17 to celebrate all that reading! Kids enjoyed games and fresh popped popcorn and lots of prizes!

Thank you to all the parents who read with their kids and who are instilling a love of reading and learning. Thank you also to our teachers and staff for always being supportive of the PARP program. And a big thank you to the 6th grade students and the high school students who did such a great job helping to set up, run games and help out at the carnival. We couldn't do this without such support! We are looking forward to next year!

Watch our PARP Carnival video at:



FREE COMMUNITY

CLOTHES CLOSET

St. John the Baptist Church
Location: behind the church in Bingham Hall
Wednesday from 1-4:00 p.m.
(or by appointment)

Besides clothing and shoes, we accept bedding, kitchen and household items, and books for Cattaraugus County residents. Donations of gently worn undamaged, clean, and seasonal items are welcome. Upon request, we can fulfill a need of furniture items.

For questions or to make an appointment, please call Jacque Conrad at 716-942-3836.



All ages are welcome for this colorful, fun-filled event!

Friday,
June 14th

WVCS Track

5-7 p.m.

Wear white! Sunglasses recommended.

Concessions available by WVCS Sports Boosters.

Registration is \$10: Payment is due at the event.

Fill out the online form by Monday, June 10th to get a white t-shirt included with your registration.

Online form for registration:
<https://bit.ly/wvcolorrun24> or scan QR code.



There will be no rain date scheduled for this event.



WEST VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

Location: Ashford Town Barn, Fox Valley Rd.

Regular food bank days:
2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 12-4:00 p.m.

We are also open the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 3-7:00 p.m. for anyone unable to attend the regular Food Pantry.

Individuals are allowed to attend 2 food pantries each month.

If you are in need of food, please call Kris Aldrow at 716-942-6690 or Amy Frank at 716-942-6657 to set up a time/day.

If WVCS is closed for weather the food pantry will also be closed.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned fruit
Side rice/noodle dishes
Spaghetti sauce

Canned vegetables
Salad dressing

Paper towels
Toilet paper

Your support is allowing us to serve 20-28 families, 25 children, 52 adults and 21 seniors every two weeks. Thank you!



We are now scheduling appointments for Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and new student registration for the 2024-25 school year. If you have a child who will be 4 years old before December 1, they are eligible for our Pre-K program. Students who will be 5 before December 1 are eligible for Kindergarten.

Please call our Registrar, Mrs. Dana Westfall, at (716) 942-3100 ext. 4170 to schedule an appointment. Registration will take place beginning the week of July 1.



3RD QUARTER HONOR/MERIT ROLL

West Valley Central School Principal, Daniel Amodeo, announced the following students in grades 7-12 have been named to the honor roll for the third quarter.

High Honor Roll

- Grade 8 – *Alayna Kinney*
- Grade 9 – *Samantha Fisher, Noah Klahn*
- Grade 11 – *Isabella Gibson, Magdalena Parish*

Honor Roll

- Grade 7 – *Ryan Bartz, Finley Ford-Grover, Kolin Holstein, Madison Lawrence, Julienna Robbins, Delia Shoup, Abigail Tucker*
- Grade 8 – *Jersie Czaplá*
- Grade 9 – *Isabella Mitchell*
- Grade 10 – *Olivia Harmony, Karson Heitman, Annabelle Proseus, Liliana Toms*
- Grade 11 – *Victoria Parish, Jack Tharnish*
- Grade 12 – *RyAnn Turner*

Merit Roll

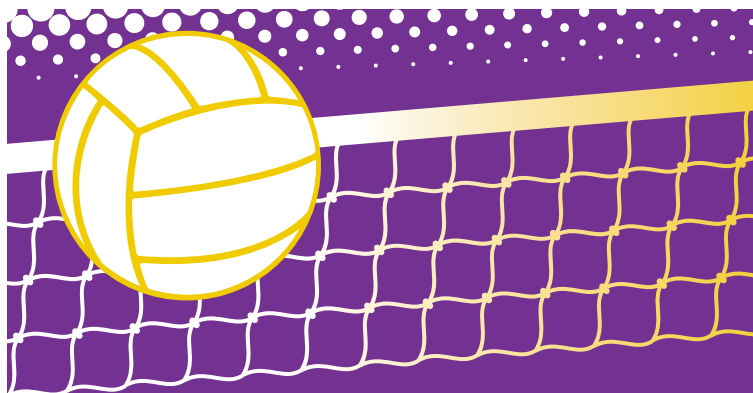
- Grade 7 – *Ryley Foster, Trynyty Osborne*
- Grade 8 – *Sebastian Froland, Karly Otto*
- Grade 9 – *Ezra Tingle, Kara Troutman, Elizabeth Winsor*
- Grade 10 – *Payton Ehnes, Brendon Ghani, Abigail Pinkowski, Lorna Voit*
- Grade 11 – *Justis Kapp, Joshua Kowalski, Emily Quinn, Slater Smith, Natalie Stanier, Tyler Trimm*
- Grade 12 – *Nicholas Peters, Jadon Schoepflin, Mara Swan, Nadia Tucker*

COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

We are planning to launch a Continuing Education Program for all members of the West Valley community!

Some examples of classes we might offer include exercise for senior citizens, yoga, knitting and/or crocheting, a defensive driving course to help reduce the cost of your auto insurance, candle making, stained glass, cookie decorating, and more. We're also looking into offering information sessions for social security and Medicare planning, as well as workshops for wills, trusts and estates.

Do you have ideas for classes or workshops? Are you interested in teaching? We'd love to hear from you! Please contact Kathie Solley, our District Treasurer, at ksolley@wvalley.org or call (716) 942-3104.



Dear Volleyball Athletes and Families!

We have some pre-season opportunities that we would love for you to take part in.

CLINIC

June 8 from 10:00 – noon

This is open to every athlete at every grade level. Join us if you are wanting to try it out but are not sure about playing. Or if you are planning on playing and want to get some extra practice in. We teach and practice every skill in the game of volleyball and also have a lot of fun! Come and stay for a part of all of it. Instruction will be tailored to each athlete's individual skill level.

CAMP

July 15-18 from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Franklinville Central School

August 5-9 from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. at West Valley Central School

We are offering two volleyball camps over the summer for athletes planning to play in the fall. These camps are more structured and will be focused on mastering skills. No matter how much experience you have, this is an opportunity to better prepare for the season. We will focus on one skill each of the days and then play some games at the end!

I am very excited to work with new and returning athletes and can't wait for our season to begin.

Register for the camps at:



If you have questions about the camp or the clinic please contact Coach Kaz at ekazmierczak@wvalley.org.

SPORTS BOOSTERS

Sports Boosters would like to extend a big thank you to the parents, community, and athletes for your help in raising money this year!

We started selling concessions at all home basketball games in the winter and have continued at track meets and other events throughout the year. With your help, we have purchased t-shirts for every athlete and coach on the track and field and softball teams. The money will also go toward extra equipment or supplies as needed. If you are interested in helping in the future, please reach out to Emily or Connie Kazmierczak for information on when we will be selling again. We will have a full concession stand at the Color Run on June 14 including hot dogs, nachos, drinks, chips, and candy.

Come on out and show your Wildcat Support!



SAVE THE DATE! SPRING SPORTS AWARDS: JUNE 6 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE AUDITORIUM.

Congratulations to our senior athletes!



Ronni DuFrane



Nick Peters



Emma Smith



Mara Swan Campanella

WEST VALLEY MENUS

JUNE 2024 - GRADES PREK-12 - BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cinnamon Roll 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 3	Breakfast Wrap 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 4	Frudel 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 5	Muffin W/4oz Yogurt 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 6	Pop Tart 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 7
Cinn Sugar Donut 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 10	Choc Filled Crescent 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 11	Bagel W/ Assorted Toppings 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 12	Cinnamon Roll 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 13	Bagel Breakfast Sandwich 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 14
Assorted Breakfast 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 17	Assorted Breakfast 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 18	Juneteenth No School 19	Assorted Breakfast 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 20	Assorted Breakfast 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 21
Assorted Breakfast 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup -Milk-8oz 24	Assorted Breakfast 100% Fruit Juice ½ Cup or Fresh Fruit ½ Cup Milk-8oz 25	Enjoy Summer Break No School 26	Enjoy Summer Break No School 27	Enjoy Summer Break No School 28

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGES

REMEMBER, if you are approved for free Lunch, you are automatically approved for Breakfast!
 If your child has a food allergy, please notify us at 716-257-3483, ext. 5950.



JUNE 2024 - GRADES K-6 - LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mozzarella Sticks W/ Sauce or Turkey Sandwich <hr/> Maple Glazed Carrots ¾ C Fresh Fruit -1 piece Milk-8oz 3	Taco In A Bag or Ham Sandwich <hr/> Corn ¾ C Fruit ½ C Milk -8oz 4	Meat lovers Pizza or Turkey Sandwich <hr/> Green Beans ¾ C NYS Apple-1Piece Milk-8oz 5	Popcorn Chicken or Ham Sandwich <hr/> Baked Beans ¾ C NYS Apple-1Piece Milk-8oz 6	Chocolate Ice Cream Day Meatball Sub w/Mozzarella Cheese <hr/> Steamed Broccoli ¾ C NYS Apple-1Piece Milk-8oz, Chocolate Sundae Cup 7
Chicken Nuggets or Ham Sandwich <hr/> Carrots ¾ C NYS Apple -1 Piece Milk-8oz 10	Nacho Grande or Turkey Sandwich <hr/> Black Beans ¾ C Fruit ½ C Milk-8oz 11	Assorted Pizza Day or Ham Sandwich <hr/> Steamed Broccoli ¾ C Fresh Fruit 1pc. Milk-8oz 12	Taco W/ Meat,Cheese, Lettuce,Tomato or Turkey Sandwich <hr/> Chef's choice Veg ¾ C Chef's choice Fruit ½ C, Milk-8oz 13	MeatBall Sub or Ham Sandwich <hr/> Chef's choice Veg ¾ C Chef's choice Fruit ½ C Milk-8oz 14
Chicken Patty On A Bun or Turkey Sandwich <hr/> Chef's choice Veg ¾ C Chef's choice Fruit ½ C Milk-8oz 17	Taco W/Meat, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato or Ham Sandwich <hr/> Chef's choice Veg ¾ C Chef's choice Fruit ½ C Milk- 8oz 18	Juneteenth No School 19	Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza or Turkey Sandwich <hr/> Chef's choice Veg ¾ C Chef's choice Fruit ½ C Milk-8oz 20	Mozzarella Sticks W/ Sauce or Ham Sandwich <hr/> Chef's choice Veg ¾ C Chef's choice Fruit ½ C Milk-8oz 21
½ Day Of School 24	½ Day Of School 25	Enjoy Summer Break No School 26	Enjoy Summer Break No School 27	Enjoy Summer Break No School 28

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JUNE 2024 - GRADES 7-12 - LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mozzarella Sticks W/ Sauce or Turkey Sandwich <hr/> Maple Glazed Carrots ¾ C Peas ½ C Fresh Fruit -1 piece, Milk-8oz 3	Taco In A Bag W/ Seasoned Rice or Ham Sandwich <hr/> Corn ½ C Sliced Cucumbers ½ C Fruit ½ C, Milk -8oz 4	Meat Lovers Pizza or Turkey Sandwich <hr/> Green Beans 3/4C Cauliflower 1/2C NYS Apple-1Piece Milk-8oz 5	Popcorn Chicken W/ Noodles or Ham Sandwich <hr/> Broccoli ½ C Carrots- ½ C NYS Apple-1Piece, Milk-8oz 6	Chocolate Ice Cream Day Meatball Sub w/Mozzarella Cheese <hr/> Steamed Broccoli ½ C 1C Romaine Salad= ½ C NYS Apple-1Piece, Milk-8oz, Chocolate Sundae Cup 7
Chicken Nuggets W/ Noodles or Ham Sandwich <hr/> Chef's choice Veg 1 c Chef's choice Fruit ½ C Milk-8oz 10	Nacho Grande W/ Seasoned Rice or Turkey Sandwich <hr/> Chef's choice Veg 1 c Chef's choice Fruit ½ C Milk-8oz 11	Assorted Pizza Day or Ham Sandwich <hr/> Chef's choice Veg 1 c Chef's choice Fruit ½ C Fresh Fruit 1pc. Milk-8oz 12	Taco W/ Seasoned Rice or Turkey Sandwich <hr/> Chef's choice Veg 1 c Chef's choice Fruit ½ C NYS Apple Slices 1/2C, Milk-8oz 13	Good Luck With Exams Regent Exams 14
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FROM WEST VALLEY, NY TO SYDNEY AUSTRALIA: MAGGIE PARISH REPRESENTS US NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS IN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Maggie Parish, a junior at West Valley, was selected as one of only four students nationwide to represent the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps in Sydney, Australia, for a two-week International Exchange Program. Maggie joined 10 Sea Cadets from various countries for training, exploration, and leadership development from April 10 to April 26 in Australia.

The application process for the Exchange Program was rigorous, comprising an extensive application and interview. Throughout her 15 days in Australia, Maggie immersed herself in a new culture, interacted with peers from around the world, tried new experiences (including surfing for the first time), and visited naval sites and memorials.

Reflecting on her journey, Maggie remarked, "Through this program, I experienced the satisfaction of trying new things even though I might be scared. There were definitely some moments when I wanted to opt out, but I kept going. I discovered that I have the ability to overcome my fears."

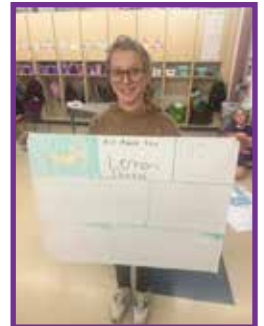
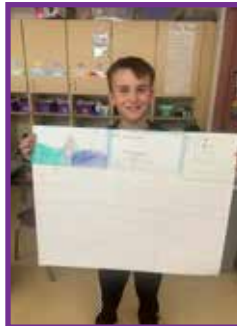
During their time in Australia, Maggie and her fellow cadets spent five days at Fleet Engagement Camp, where they visited navy bases, the New South Wales Maritime Police, and ships throughout Sydney Harbor. A meaningful highlight of the trip was marching in the Anzac Day parade in Sydney, honoring fallen soldiers from Australia and New Zealand during the First World War.

"Participating in this program was an amazing experience," Maggie commented. "It was wonderful to see the world in a different way and to meet people from the Cayman Islands, New Zealand, Australia, and across the U.S."



4TH GRADE OCEAN ANIMALS RESEARCH PROJECT

Our fourth graders recently completed a research project based on ocean animals. They used books, databases, and websites to find their research and facts. Their research was based around different topics including habitat, predators and prey, ocean lifestyle, appearance, special features, and population. Each student created a poster based on everything they learned. They all did fantastic job and their hard work really shows!



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your 2024 WVCS
Vallian yearbook**

There are only 22 extra!



2023 Vallian Yearbook

Send your name, homeroom teacher and \$50.00 to Mrs. Mumbach or the Main Office.