



WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

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STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

MISS KAZMIERCZAK, FOURTH GRADE TEACHER

My 4th grade class spent a couple of days reflecting on Martin Luther King Jr. We went over his life and why he made such an impact on the world. Then we talked about our own lives and how we can be just like him. We discussed the difference between a change and a dream. A change is something they can make happen regularly. Some examples were recycling, donating food and being kind. A dream is

something we want to happen but do not have the power to physically make happen ourselves. Examples were: every child having shelter and food, a clean earth, etc. Finally, we took those thoughts about the things that we can do to change "our" worlds and what dreams we have and transferred them to a display in the hallway. I am so proud of these kiddos and the dreams that they have.



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

BY DR. TAWEEPON FARRAR

As we embark on the new year, we have some exciting changes and additions to our district.

DISTRICT DESIGNATION

Back in 2020, West Valley was designated by the New York State Education Department as a Target school in the areas of math and English language arts for students with disabilities. In the last newsletter, Mr. Amodeo and I talked a lot about the work the school and teachers have been doing to become better for our students. I can officially say that we no longer have that designation and are deemed to be a district and school in good academic standing. One of our goals is to continue that work and to increase our student achievement.



NEW STAFF

We have filled almost all the vacancies we recently had open. We welcome a new science teacher, maintenance mechanic, two laborers, and a bus driver. Please meet our new staff in this newsletter.

FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS/UPDATES

Capital Improvement Project

We are coming close to the completion of the capital project of 2021. The original completion date was by Christmas, but because of material delays and labor shortages, it was pushed to a February Break completion.

Smart Schools Bond Act

This project of upgrading our infrastructure related to technology has recently started. In addition, we are adding a new alarm and security system.

Capital Outlay Project 2021-2022

This project involved door replacements for all of the second floor and some of the first-floor doors. We are waiting for two replacement doors and one magnetic stop for stairwell doors which were on back order. Once they arrive and are installed, this outlay project will be complete.

Capital Outlay Project 2023

Due to the delay of the previous outlay project, this project will be completed during the summer of 2023. This outlay project will focus on the current gym entrance.

Federal Funding Grant

We will be replacing the windows in the front of the main building with this grant. We are hoping for a summer 2023 or fall 2023 installation.

COMING SEPTEMBER 2023!

I am excited to share that we will be a host site for the Healthy Kids Program to have a full day 3-year-old program and an extended before- and after- school program. This will be open to all West Valley community members as well as the surrounding communities if space is available. Thank you to all the families that completed the survey for extended care. More information will be forthcoming from the Healthy Kids Program about registration, times, and rates.

#WEAREWESTVALLEY

THE 2ND SEMESTER BEGINS!

BY MR. AMODEO, PRINCIPAL/CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

February is the beginning of the second semester and although it is a shortened month because of the Mid-Winter Break, there is a lot packed into a short period of time. The REV Theater group will be performing for our 1st graders on February 1st. First grade students will also be working on their 100-day projects to be presented on the 100th day of school in February. I am excited to interview students about their projects. We will have our 9-12 Winter Ball on February 10th followed by a Kindness Week with themed dress days and activities for students. Ski Club will continue to run through February and our Winter athletes will be working hard to finish their seasons strong.

In addition to participating in athletics and extra-curricular clubs, several of our students have also been and will continue rehearsing for this year's musical, School House Rock, Jr. The show's performances will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11.

There is much to be proud of—many accomplishments and acknowledgments our students and staff deserve for their efforts throughout the 1st semester. Just like in many sports, where contests are divided into halves or periods, the school year is much the same. We have had a successful half of the school year with overcoming adversity and persevering toward success. But the game (or school year) is not over. The 2nd half gives us the opportunity to build on the successes of the first, adjust, and continue to work toward improving our skills.



West Valley Central School 2023 - 2024 Budget Develop.m.ent Calendar



January 17, 2023	Budget Develop.m.ent Calendar presented to Board of Education for adoption
February 13-27, 2023	Develop.m.ent of building and department level budgets
February 28, 2023	BOE Meeting 6:30 p.m. – State Aid and Revenue Review-Bus Purchase/Capital Reserve Discussion
March 1, 2023	Property Tax Cap Submission due to the NYS Comptroller's Office
March 21, 2023	BOE Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Budget Review & Update-Instructional and Athletic Updates
March 21, 2023	Petitions available for Board of Education Candidates from District Clerk
March 31, 2023	1st Publication of Legal Notice for Budget Hearing, Vote, and Election (Subsequent publications on April 14th, April 28th, and May 12th) (1st Publication occurs at least 45 days before annual meeting, no sooner than 49 days before annual meeting)
April 17, 2023	Board candidate petitions due to District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. (No later than 30 days before annual meeting)
April 18, 2023	BOE Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Final Budget Review, Adoption of 2023-2024 Budget & Property Tax Report Card/ Adoption of BOCES Admin Budget
April 19, 2023	Submission of Property Tax Report Card to SED (by the end of the business day following budget adoption/no less than 21 days prior to annual meeting) Submission of Property Tax Report Card to local newspaper
May 21 – May 16, 2023	Copies of the budget must be available to the residents upon request (during the 14 days before the vote and on the day of the vote)
May 4, 2023	Voter Registration Day 3:00 -7:00 p.m., District Office (no more than 14 days, nor less than 5 days before vote)
May 9, 2023	Annual Budget Hearing 6:30 p.m., Auditorium (7 to 14 days prior to annual meeting) BOE meeting following hearing
May 10, 2023	Budget Notice mailed to district residents (at least 6 days prior to annual meeting)
May 16, 2023	Annual Budget vote and Board of Education Election from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (3rd Tuesday in May)/ BOE Meeting 9:00 p.m.

THE WEST VALLEY CLASS OF 2023 PRESENTS

SNOWBALL SEMI-FORMAL

For Grades 9-12

Friday, February 10th
7 – 10 p.m.

Tickets \$5 presale; \$7 at the door

*Pre-sale tickets will be sold the week of
February 6-10 during lunch.*

*Pizza and drinks will be available for
purchase.*

WVCS Spring Musical

March 10-11 at 7:00 p.m.

**The 7th and 8th
grade will be
sponsoring a
spaghetti dinner
on March 10 in
conjunction with
the musical. More
details to come!**



WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEES



Marc Gentner
Bus Driver

Marc is a 1982 graduate of West Valley. His wife, Cheryl, works at the school and both of his children are alumni. Marc enjoys spending time with his grandchildren; he also serves as the fire chief in Springville.



Joseph Guagliardo
Science Teacher

Joseph will be teaching 7th and 8th grade science and Earth Science at West Valley. He attended Niagara University for his undergraduate degree and the University at Buffalo for his master's degree. His hobbies/interests include Fishing, hiking, hunting, kayaking, camping, skiing, and snowshoeing.



Michael Kawka
Laborer

Prior to coming to West Valley, Mike worked as a union iron worker (15 years), a UPS driver (2 years), and a laborer for numerous companies (2 years). His hobbies and interests include skiing, wood working, and animals.



Samuel Klahn
Laborer

Samuel previously worked at Gernatts and as a substitute cleaner at WVCS. He attended Alfred State College for Heavy Equipment Operations. His hobbies and interests include helping out in the community and playing guitar.

SKI CLUB UPDATES

Ski Club is officially underway. While the conditions have been more reminiscent of the springtime, the slopes are full of snow thanks to Holiday Valley's awesome snow making capability. We have many returning students to the club as well as a few new participants.

Hope Niesity has been skiing with her family for a while now but joined the club this year and has been helping KylieAnn Fleming to learn the ropes. KylieAnn stepped on skis for the first time ever in January and within the first day was going down any run she could with confidence. Bryson Bluhm decided to take up snowboarding this year and has shown incredible growth in just two days' time. By his second day he was linking turns and riding Mardi Gras "The Big Lift." Brian Moreland also joined ski club this year and as a seasoned rider he has been getting some good video footage with his GoPro.

Ski club will continue Tuesdays through the beginning of March.



CLOTHES CLOSET

St. John the Baptist Church has a free Community Closet located behind the church in Bingham Hall every Wednesday from 1 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

We accept clothing, shoes, kitchen, household items and books for Cattaraugus County residents.

We are in dire need of twin sheet sets, full sheet sets, blankets, bath towels and washcloths, kitchen towels, and wash cloths.

Donations of gently worn undamaged, clean, and seasonal items are welcome.

Upon request, we have access to fulfill a need of furniture items.

If you have any questions, please call Jacque Conrad 716-942-3836.



Community Library is Back

The school library will be open to the community 1 Wednesday a month. The library will be open 6:00 p.m.-7:30pm.

Community members may check out books, DVDs, and use the library's resources.

MYSTERY

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Dates: 2/1/23, 3/1/23, 4/12/23,
5/3/23, 6/7/23

Time: 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

WOZ ED/STEM

During the months of November and December, students in kindergarten, 5th and 6th grade have been studying robots and how they impact our world. Students discovered that all robots sense, think, and act. After learning about how robotic engineers use biomimicry when developing robots, the 5th, and 6th graders used Cublets (block style robots) to replicate certain animal behaviors. The kindergarten students learned the difference between humans and robots. They also used Cublets to create different types of robots. To end the unit, the 5th graders used what they learned to create a robot that would help Santa's sleigh deliver presents faster.



ART CORNER

The New Year is well under way and the art room is buzzing with creativity. Our elementary students have been inspired by the winter season. First graders have been making mixed media polar bears and second graders designed wonderful hot cocoa cups with oil paste. Third grade experimented with watercolor and salt, making folk art trees, while fourth grade learned about Snowflake Bentley and created their own snowflakes. Our seventh graders made beautiful landscapes with oil pastel, featuring the Northern Lights.

Mrs. Lechner also got in the Buffalo spirit by having students decorate mugs with a Bills theme

and write thoughtful cards that were sent to Bills safety Damar Hamlin.

At the secondary level, our photography students are learning about artist David Hockney and his style of cubist collages. Graphic Design is wrapping up their semester creating their own stickers which will be professionally printed for distribution! We've had a very motivated ceramics group this year, where students have had the flexibility of creating objects ranging from gargoyles, gnomes, and independently researched ideas. The variety of projects has been very inspiring and refreshing to see. Students

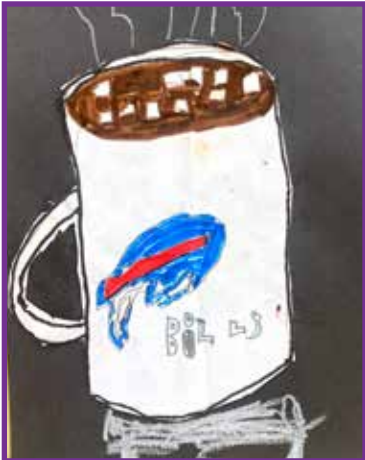
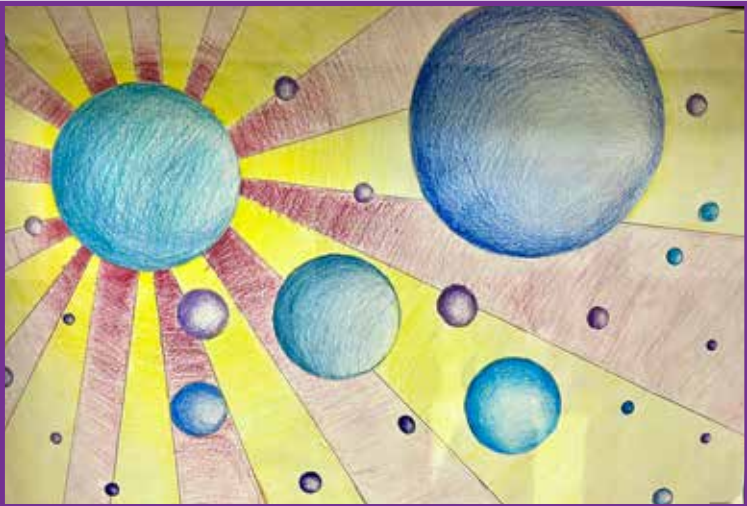
in Studio in Art are wrapping up learning about the elements of art, focusing on value and texture, and will continue to learn about the principles of design. These principles are a set of ideas that guide students in incorporating the elements of art successfully in their work. Lastly, our drawing and painting students just finished creating portraits in a style of their choice and are now working on a legacy project, painting book ends for the library inspired by famous literary works.

Art Club painted their own watercolor designs on pillow covers and are looking forward to having a guest speaker as well as a field trip this spring.

Celebrity Artist of the Month

Our featured celebrity artist this month is ninth grade student, Tucker Fleming. Tucker's favorite song is "It Wasn't Me" by Shaggy, his birthday is November 16, and he has 11 siblings! His passion is snowboarding and racing and he wants to race quads when he grows up. Tucker's favorite four-wheeler is a YFZ 450 and he says his New Year's resolution is to exercise more. In the art room, Tucker has really shown dedication and progress in his ceramic work. He has truly found his niche with the medium and his ideas and designs have really taken off. "It's been wonderful to see how focused and engaged Tucker is with his ceramic pieces," says art teacher Mrs. Mazzuto. Congratulations, Tucker!





WEST VALLEY ATHLETICS

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration for spring sports on Final Forms will start on Feb 13. Parents will need to update health history prior to the spring sport start date

Varsity Softball
Varsity Track & Field
Baseball (7-12, SGI)*

*Sign up through SGI's website (sign-up date: TBD)

WINTER SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT

March 2, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.
Winter athletes and family members
are encouraged to attend!

WEST VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

The West Valley Food Pantry is open by appointment only. If you are need of food, please call Kris Aldrow 716-942-6690 or Amy Frank 716-942-6657 to set up a time/day. Most orders will be filled on normal food bank days which are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 1-4 p.m. If you need emergency food please call and we will arrange a pickup or delivery time. The food pantry is located at Ashford Town Barn
Fox Valley Rd.

If WVCS is closed for weather, the Ashford Food Pantry will also be closed

The food pantry is in need of the following items:

Canned Fruit
Soup
Side Rice/Noodle Dishes
Spaghetti Sauce
Salad Dressing
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper

GIRLS BOWLING (Coach Harbison)



BOYS BOWLING (Coach Harbison)



The Varsity Boys and Girls team started this season with experience on their side. Even though we were short-handed in a number of our games, we battled through the struggles. The seniors on this team show a strong work ethic, love for the game, and compassion for each other. The younger players on this team bring a zeal for the game and strive to get better every day while having fun. Their improvement has been outstanding. We look to earn our way into sectionals.

Sports Team Photography by:
Sarah Wood

SeeSaw Photography, East Aurora, NY

CHEERLEADING (Coach Kaz)



Our WVCS cheerleaders have been working very hard the last couple of months. The love that they have for this sport is so inspiring. They want to improve and refine their old skills and are continually asking me if we can try new skills! We have been training new flyers for mounts, learning new cheers each week, and trying out some new tumbling stunts. I am so lucky to be their coach and I can't wait to see everything that this group will accomplish.

BOYS JV BASKETBALL (Coach Marino)



The Boys JV Basketball team has shown incredible growth and spirit throughout the season, and I could not be any prouder to be their coach. We've had some tough stretches of games where a normal team would give up, but even months into the season I still have players wanting to stay after practice because they want to keep playing and improving. They pick each other up when the going gets tough, and they do everything that is asked of them, which is all a coach could hope for.

GIRLS JV BASKETBALL (Coach Crum)



The Girls JV Basketball team has grown immensely throughout the season. They have become better at dribbling and have improved their overall basketball IQ. They are continuing their season with a winnable stretch of games. I am excited to see our growth show and hopefully pick up a few W's. The girls have a lot to be proud of this year!

BOYS MODIFIED BASKETBALL (Coach Hansen)



The Boys Modified basketball season is off to a fast start. The team has shown tremendous improvement already in just the few short weeks we have been playing. From passing and shooting to dribbling and rebounding, the team has grown together! The season is already winding down—come out and check out the Wildcats as they finish up the season.

BOYS MODIFIED BASKETBALL IN ACTION



FEBRUARY 2023 - GRADES PREK-12 - BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Breakfast Sandwich OR Cereal w/ Graham Cracker ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Mini Waffles OR Cereal w/ Graham Cracker ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Raspberry Churro OR Cereal w/ Graham Cracker ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk
Donut OR Cereal w/ 1/2 Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Pop Tarts OR Cereal w/ Graham Cracker ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Mini Pancakes OR Cereal w/ 1/2 Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Breakfast Pizza OR Cereal w/ Graham Cracker ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Chocolate Filled Crescent OR Cereal w/ 1/2 Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk
Strawberry Mini Bagel OR Cereal w/ Graham Cracker ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Breakfast Sandwich OR Cereal w/ 1/2 Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Bagel OR Cereal w/ Graham Cracker ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Cinni Mini OR Cereal w/ 1/2 Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Apple Frudel OR Cereal w/ Graham Cracker ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk
NO SCHOOL MID-WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL MID-WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL MID-WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL MID-WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL MID-WINTER BREAK
Assorted Muffins OR Cereal w/ Graham Cracker ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Breakfast Pizza OR Cereal w/ 1/2 Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk			

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGES

REMEMBER, if you are approved for free Lunch, you are automatically approved for Breakfast!

FEBRUARY 2023 - GRADES PREK-12 - LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Lazy Lasagna/Roll OR Ham-n-Cheese Sandwich ----- Steamed Broccoli, Green Beans, Fruit	BBQ Chicken Strips Over Rice OR Buffalo Wing Wrap ----- Maple Glazed Carrots, Peas, Apple	Nacho Fries w/ Taco Meat and Cheese OR Egg Salad Wrap ----- Baby Carrots, Baked Beans, Fruit
Chicken Patty/Bun OR Ham Wrap ----- Steamed Broccoli, Romaine Salad, Fruit, Sun Chips (9-12)	Twin Beef-n-Cheese Tacos/Rice OR Egg Salad Sandwich ----- Corn, Baby Carrots, Fruit	Pizza OR Grilled Cheese Sandwich ----- Carrots, Cucumbers, Fruit	BBQ Pork/Bun OR Turkey Sandwich ----- French Fries, Green Beans, Fruit, Noodles (9-12)	Oven Baked Chicken w/Roll OR Ham-n-Cheese Sub ----- Baked Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit
Sweet-n-Sour Chicken w/Rice OR Turkey Bacon Wrap ----- Maple Glazed Carrots, Tator Tots, Apple	Pizza OR Chicken Ranch Wrap ----- Corn, Black Beans, Fruit	Nacho Grande w/Rice OR Ham Sandwich ----- Green Beans, Cucumbers, Fruit	Meatball Sub OR BLT Sandwich ----- Steamed Broccoli, Baby Carrots, Fruit	8" Chicken Fajita OR Egg Salad Sandwich ----- Roasted Potatoes, Romaine Salad, Fruit, Seasoned Noodles (9-12)
NO SCHOOL MID-WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL MID-WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL MID-WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL MID-WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL MID-WINTER BREAK
Chicken Nuggets OR Ham-n-Cheese Sub ----- Baked Beans, Steamed Broccoli, Apple, Chips (9-12)	Italian Dippers OR Buffalo Wing Wrap ----- Carrots, Corn, Fruit			

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