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On April 18, 2023, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to formally commemorate the completion of the new secure entrance and administrative office suite. West Valley staff, Board of Education members, and representatives from Campus Construction and Young + Wright Architectural were on hand to celebrate the culmination of the project.





Pictured from L to R: Vaughn Maracle (Project Executive from Campus Construction), Ashley Jewett (Associate from Young + Wright Architectural), Heather Klahn (WVCS Board President), and Dr. Taweepon Farrar (WVCS Superintendent).





MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

BY DR. TAWEEPON FARRAR

The board approved the budget for the 2023-24 school year at the April 18th board meeting. Our focus continues to prioritize using resources to build and improve our academic program, extra-curriculars and athletic programs, in addition to our facilities. A separate newsletter will be sent out with specific details related to the budget. We need community support on the budget to continue to move our district forward for our students, so please come out and vote. The evening of our budget vote (May 16) we

will be having an art show, chorus concert, and hot dog sale. This will be a great day to show your support for our students plus visit the new renovations from the capital improvement project.

Before our board meeting on April 18th, we had a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the capital improvement project. My first day at West Valley as Superintendent was March 7, 2021. My second day was obviously March 8th, but a pivotal day because it was the Community Vote for the 2021 Capital Improvement Project. What a nerve-wracking way to start your new job! Thankfully, it was a successful vote. For those that may not know AND for those that do know...a Capital Improvement Project in a district is a long, long process that includes many stakeholders' input, work, and dedication. This Project started with meetings and input in 2021 with the interim Superintendent, Mark Ward. Mr. Ward pushed to get this project

off the ground. So, I want to thank him for that along with his other efforts such as the flagpole renovation. He also was pivotal in the implementation of our cycle of Capital Outlay Projects. Thank you again to Mr. Ward.

Campus Construction worked very closely with Young + Wright Architectural during this project. I can't even begin to tell you how many revisions they have done to make every last detail matter here on this project. RB Mac, Danforth, and Frey Electric also worked on this project. Thank you to these organizations for their contributions.

A huge thank you needs to go out to our district and business office for all the behind-the-scenes work; thank you also to our building and grounds crew, which includes our maintenance and cleaning staff. They were AMAZING and worked exceptionally hard for our community, staff, and students. Thank you to our administrators, Mr. Amodeo and Mrs. Behringer along with Tech Coordinator/Athletic Director Bryan Hansen. Their input has been so valuable. We have a powerhouse of a leadership team by the way!

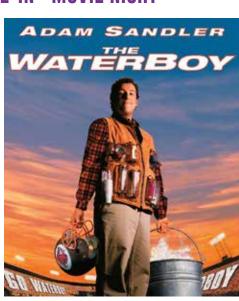
I want to thank our staff and students. They have been very patient while this project was happening. It did take a little longer than we expected due to labor shortages and material shortages. Most importantly, I want to thank the Board of Education and the community for supporting this district. Your continued support is truly appreciated.

#WEAREWESTVALLEY



THIRD ANNUAL SADD / REALITY CHECK "DRIVE-IN" MOVIE NIGHT

The WVCS SADD Chapter, along with Reality Check, will be sponsoring a movie night for grades 8-12 on Friday, June 9th starting at 8:30 p.m. (Rain location: AUD). We will have pizza, snacks, pop, and water for sale. Bring your trucks, blankets, lawn chairs, and sense of humor! Come support our SADD Chapter and laugh a little!



WEST VALLEY PTO PLANT SALE

The PTO would like to thank everyone that participated in our plant sale this year. The money we raise is used to support the students, teachers, and other school-related activities.



Plant Sale Pick Up:

Where: Fox Valley Greenhouse, 5790 Fox Valley Rd, West Valley

When: May 22nd and 23rd

Time: 3:00-7:00 p.m.



If you have any questions, please call the greenhouse at 716-942-3710 or Jody Thiel at 716-942-3100 ext. 4139.



	West Valley Central School 2023 - 2024 Budget Development Calendar		
May 2 – 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.		

BOARD CORNER

Responsibilities of a Board Member

With school children always their ultimate focus, school board members act officially at the board table, working with other board members to serve students and accomplish the following:

- Create a shared vision for the future of education.
- Set the direction of the school district to achieve the highest student performance.
- Provide rigorous accountability for student achievement results.
- Develop a budget and present it to the community, aligning district resources to improve achievement.
- Support a healthy school district culture for work and learning.
- Create strategic partnerships with the community stakeholders.
- Build the district's progress through continuous improvement.
- Adopt and maintain current policies.
- Hire and evaluate the superintendent.
- Ratify collective bargaining agreements.
- Maintain strong ethical standards.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

West Valley Central School District is required by law to make absentee ballots available to qualified district voters for our May 16th, 2023, Annual School Budget, purchase of a 65-Passesger Bus funded by the Transportation Reserve Fund, and board members election. Call Carolyn Boberg, District Clerk at 942-3100 ext. 4102 for an application or questions.

A qualified district voter must request in advance an **application** for **absentee ballots** and select the reason you will not be able to appear in person on May 16th, 2023, to vote in person on this particular day.

- (a) are/or will be a patient in the hospital, or unable to appear personally at the polling place on such day because of illness or physical disability or.
- (b) duties, occupation, business, or studies will require him/her to be outside of the country/ county or city of their residence on such day, or
- (c) on vacation outside the country/county or city of his residence on such day; or,
- (d) absent from his voting residence because detained in jail awaiting action by a grand jury or awaiting trial or is confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony.

The district clerk must receive the *application* at least seven days before May 16th (if the ballots need to be mailed to you. This will give ample time to be returned to the district). Completed absentee ballots will be accepted by Carolyn Boberg until 5pm on May 16th, in the gymnasium.

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, WVCS Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

PERSONAL REGISTRATION

Registration will be held in the district office on May 4th from 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Please bring personal identification and proof of address with you to register. You may also register online at the Department of Motor Vehicles website at:

https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voterregistration-application

If you are not registered, you may not cast a ballot. Please take the time to register—everyone's vote is important. If you are in doubt, call Carolyn Boberg, District Clerk at 942-3100 ext. 4102 to determine your status.

If you have voted in recent years your name will be on the list.

To qualify to vote, you must be:

- 1. a citizen of the United States,
- 2. eighteen (18) years of age or older,
- 3. a resident within the district for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the next meeting at which he/she offers to vote,
- 4. a college student whose legal residence is in the school district,
- on the Personal Registration of Voters list for West Valley Central School District which is provided by the Cattaraugus County Board of Elections.

BUDGET PROPOSITION

PROPOSITIONS FOR THE
ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET,
PURCHASE OF A 65-PASSENGER
SCHOOL BUS (AND RELATED
EQUIPMENT) FUNDED BY THE
TRANSPORTATION RESERVE FUND,
AND BOARD MEMBERS VOTE will
be held on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023,
from noon until 9 p.m. in the WVCS
GYMNASIUM.

The district will again rent electronic voting machines from Cattaraugus County.



FINISHING STRONG

BY MR. AMODEO, PRINCIPAL/CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

The final quarter of the year has certainly come quickly. We have less than 8 weeks left in the school year with much to do. Students and teachers will continue their preparations for end of the year assessments, while at the same time planning for the next school year. The 4th quarter is a very busy time for students and staff. It is also a time for tremendous growth as we persevere through the end of the year to finish strong.

We are in the planning stages of a summer enrichment program for students currently in kindergarten through 9th grade. The focus of our summer enrichment program will be to continue building student skills through a variety of experiences and projects. The program will be open to all students in grades K-6, with a more selective framework for students in grades 7-9.

In the meantime, we have many upcoming events through the month of May.

- Our 8th grade students will be attending their Close-Up Washington D.C. trip May 7-10.
- On May 16 we will have our annual school budget vote. This
 day will feature an Art Show, Chorus Concert, and a hot dog
 sale sponsored by the class of 2026.
- On May 8 we will begin our annual PARP celebration that will culminate with our PARP carnival during the day on May 19.
- Finally, on May 20 our Marching Band will perform at the Pageant of Bands and parade held locally in Springville. We are looking forward to all these events and the opportunity for our community to support our students and school.



PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have a child who is eligible for either Pre-K or Kindergarten for the 2023-24 school year, please call Mrs. Dana Westfall at 942-3100 ext. 4170 to make an appointment for registration. Registration appointments will be held during the summer months. In order to be eligible for Pre-K your child must be four years old before 12/1/2023.

For kindergarten, they must be 5 before 12/1/2023.

BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

May is recognized nationally as Better Hearing and Speech Month (BHSM). This month is dedicated to raising awareness of Hearing and Communication Disorders. The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's website provides information regarding Speech and Language Development, Hearing, and Communication Disorders. The website can be accessed at www. asah.org/public.

Respectfully,

Your West Valley Speech Therapy Team *Ilene P. Simon, M.S. CCC/SLP | Jennifer L. Marchese, M.A. CCC/SLP*

HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAM COMING TO WEST VALLEY

West Valley Central School District will be a host site for the Healthy Kids Program beginning in September of 2023. This program will provide a 3-year-old Pre-K to the district along with a before and after school extended day program. Healthy Kids is hiring four staff members for the program: Lead Teacher/Site Director, Program Assistant, School Age Group Lead, and School Age Assistant.



WE'RE HIRING

Healthy Kids Programs is hiring

Childcare Assistants
Site Supervisors
& Childcare Directors

in your school building!

About us

Healthy Kids Programs is one of the largest childcare providers in New York State and has been providing Before and After School, Summer Camp and Early Learning Programs for over 15 years.



Why work for us

- Part time, flexible hours
- Get paid to make a difference in kid's lives, create lifelong bonds and have fun!
- 401(k) for eligible employees
- Tons of room for financial and career growth
- 5 A unique and fun company culture

Get in touch

- 845-568-6100 ext 1045
- shantelle@healthykidsprograms.com
- healthykidsprograms.com







AZTEC MASKS

During their Early Peoples unit, fifth graders learned about the Aztec civilization and their unique culture to the Central American region. Students cut, painted, and decorated recycled milk jugs to create masks to either represent an ornament, a god, or even a death mask. We were so impressed with the outcome of their creations!









EASTER EGG HUNT

Our Pre-K through third graders were able to celebrate Easter in PE this year! The students participated in an Easter egg hunt where they had a goal of collecting two eggs each. There was also a golden egg hidden for one lucky student in each class to find. The second and third graders were able to search for their eggs outside on the playground. Due to the rain, the other classes needed to search for their eggs inside. We can't wait to do this with the kids again next year. We all had an amazing time!







ART CORNER

So many exciting things are happening in the Art Department! We will be having a school wide Art Show on May 16th. Stay tuned for more details. Congratulations to Isabella Gibson and Lauren Frascella! Their work was chosen by Saint Bonaventure University to be hung in the regional high school art exhibition. The opening ceremony was held on April 11th at Regina Quick Arts Center. Congrats, ladies!

Mrs. Lechner's students have been busy creating projects for Spring! The Pre-K kids created bright colored tulips and the Kindergarteners drew rabbits and sponge painted the background with bright colors. The 5th graders' assignment was to create their rabbit using their own style. Some of them used watercolor, colored pencil, and pencil. The 6th graders had to pick their favorite candy and incorporate their candy with their own sneaker choice. They were a big hit at school. The 7th graders learned how to weave on a loom as part of our textiles unit.

On the high school end, Mrs. Mazzuto's students have

been working very hard. Her animation class finished up a paper cut animation and is now working on Claymation. They're creating titles, transitions, and adding audio to their videos. Sculpture students just finished making monsters out of Monster cans. They used air dry clay and plaster for their creations. Studio in Art class finished learning about balance and made large, symmetrical mandalas. Painting and Drawing students learned about the artist CJ Hensel and are painting gemstones. They focused on color theory and realism.

Our Artist of the month is Jayne Bieber. Jayne is in 5th grade and is the youngest of three. Some of her favorite things are creating Alt Art. She has two favorite colors, orange and black. Her favorite movie is "Jurassic World" and she loves mushrooms. During her free time, she likes to draw. During COVID she was inspired by the Tiktoker home worm. She he has many followers on her own site (@chainsawy). Jayne has always loved cats. She has one cat. When she grows up she would love to be an illustrator.







REMINDER TO PARENTS OF HOME INSTRUCTED STUDENTS:

Just a reminder to submit quarterly reports for your children. Annual Assessments must be filed with fourth quarter reports.

Parents of students who intend to educate their children at home must provide a written notice to the superintendent annually by July 1st of each school year.



WEST VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

The West Valley Food Pantry is open by appointment only. 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. Most orders will be filled on normal food bank days which are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 1-4:00 pm. If you need emergency food please call and we will arrange a pickup or delivery time. The Food Pantry is located on 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

THARNISH SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS ENSEMBLE

Congratulations to Jack Tharnish, a 10th grader at WVCS, for earning a place in the All-County Senior High Band of Erie County. Jack scored 100% on his solo audition and was one of six alto saxophonists from Erie County selected to this prestigious ensemble. (Over 3,000 students in total auditioned for the band.) The concert was held on the University at Buffalo campus on March 25.



CLOTHES CLOSET

St. John the Baptist Church has a Free Community Clothes Closet located behind the church in Bingham Hall every Wednesday from 1:00 to 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 have access to fulfill a need of furniture items.

If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, please call Jacque Conrad at 716-942-3836.

MYTHS AND LEGENDS TRIP

On March 22nd, 2023, the Myths and Legends elective class went on a field trip to the Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center, also known as the Seneca Iroquois National Museum, in Salamanca. Students were guided through the exhibits by a Seneca tour guide and were told a traditional story



by a Seneca storyteller. They learned about the interconnectedness between the Seneca's ancient stories and their culture today. They also learned about the history behind the Seneca Nation's current location in Salamanca.







MAY 2023 - GRADES PREK-12 - BREAKFAST MENU				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assorted Pop Tarts OR Cereal	Cinni Mini OR Cereal	Sausage-n-Cheese Sandwich OR Cereal	Strawberry Mini Bagel OR Cereal	5 Apple Frudel OR Cereal
Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk
Raspberry Churro OR Cereal	Mini French Toast OR Cereal	Donut OR Cereal	Chocolate Crescent OR Cereal	Sausage-n-Cheese Sandwich OR Cereal
Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk
Bagels w/ Toppings OR Cereal	Cinni Mini OR Cereal	Maple Mini Waffles OR Cereal	Apple Frudel OR Cereal	Assorted Pop Tarts OR Cereal
Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk
Strawberry Mini Bagel OR Cereal	Sausage-n-Cheese Pizza OR Cereal	Assorted Muffins OR Cereal	Raspberry Churro OR Cereal	26
Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	NO SCHOOL
29	Cinnamon & Sugar Donut OR Cereal	Bagels w/ Toppings OR Cereal		
NO SCHOOL	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk	Juice, Fruit, Non- or Low-Fat Milk		

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGES

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

MAY 2023 - GRADES PREK-12 - LUNCH MENU				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BBQ Chicken Strips w/Buttered Noodles Or Turkey Sub Baked Beans, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit	Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza Or Chicken Salad Wrap (8" or 10") Corn, Steamed Carrots, Fruit	Chicken Tenders W/Pasta Salad (9-12) Or Ham and Cheese Sandwich Broccoli, Sliced Cucumbers	8" Beef Burrito w/Rice (9-12) Or Turkey Sandwich Romaine Salad, Fresh Baby Carrots	Sloppy Joe on a Bun w/Noodles (9-12) or Buffalo Wing Sub
Hamburger or Cheeseburger on a bun Or BLT SandwichSteamed Broccoli, Romaine Salad	Chicken Nuggets w/Seasoned Pasta (9-12) Or Ham and Cheese Sandwich Black Beans, Corn, Fruit	BBQ Pork on a Bun w/Seasoned Rice (9-12) Or Chicken Bacon Wrap 	Meatball Submarine w/Mozzarella Cheese Or BLT Sandwich Romaine Salad, Carrots, Fruit	Hot Chicken and Gravy Sandwich Or Ham Sandwich Fresh Carrot Sticks, NY Chips, Fruit
Chicken Patty on a Bun w/Seasoned Pasta (9-12) Or Turkey Submarine Baked Beans, Fresh Sliced Cucumbers, NYS Apple	Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza Or Sloppy Joe on a Bun Broccoli, Steamed Carrots, Fruit	BBQ Pork on a Bun w/Seasoned Rice (9-12) Or Chicken Bacon Wrap 	Meatball Submarine w/Mozzarella Cheese Or BLT Sandwich Romaine Salad, Carrots, Fruit	Hot Chicken and Gravy Sandwich Or Ham Sandwich Fresh Carrot Sticks, NY Chips, Fruit
Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza Or Buffalo Wing Submarine Green Beans, Broccoli, Fruit	Chicken Parmesan on a Bun Or BBQ Hamburger on a Bun NYS Chips, Black beans, NYS Apple	8" Taco w/Seasoned Rice (9-12) Or Turkey and Cheese Sub Carrots, Romaine Salad, Fruit	Sloppy Joe on a Bun w/Pasta Salad (9-12) Or Chicken Salad Wrap Seasoned Tomatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit	NO SCHOOL
NO SCHOOL	Chicken Nuggets w/Seasoned Pasta (9-12) Or Grilled Cheese Sandwich Baked Beans, Broccoli, NYS Apple	BBQ Oven Chicken w/Seasoned Rice Or Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrot, Green Beans, Fruit		



SPORTS IN ACTION











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SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

JV SOFTBALL			
Date	Time	Opponent	
5/2/23	4:30 p.m.	vs. Allegany-Limestone CS	
5/5/23	5:00 p.m.	@ Frewsburg CS	
5/6/23	11:00 a.m.	vs. Bolivar-Richburg CS	
5/10/23	5:00 p.m.	@ Westfield CS	
5/13/23	10:00 a.m.	vs. Cattaraugus-Little Valley CS	
5/13/23	12:00 p.m.	@ Cattaraugus-Little Valley CS	

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Date	Time	Opponent
5/1/23	5:00 p.m.	@ Ellicottville CS
5/3/23	5:00 p.m.	vs. Salamanca CS
5/5/23	5:00 p.m.	vs. North Collins CS
5/8/23	4:30 p.m.	vs. Franklinville CS
5/10/23	5:00 p.m.	@ Cattaraugus-Little Valley CS
5/12/23	5:00 p.m.	vs. Portville CS
5/15/23	5:00 p.m.	vs. Panama CS

WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

SPORTSMANSHIP CREED



AT WEST VALLEY, SPORTSMANSHIP
IS AN EXPECTATION!

LET THE PLAYERS PLAY
LET THE COACHES COACH
LET THE OFFICIALS OFFICIATE
AND MAY THE SPECTATORS ALWAYS BE POSITIVE

SPRING SPORTS AWARDS NIGHT

Thursday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium

TRACK & FIELD

	THE CONTRACT LEED			
Date	Time	Opponent	Location	
5/2/23	5:00 p.m.	Catt LV & West Valley	Allegany-Limestone	
5/5/23	4:15 p.m.	Golden Falcon Invite	Falconer	
5/9/23	5:00 p.m.	Salamanca & West Valley	Catt LV	
5/12/23	TBD	Salamanca Super 8's	Salamanca	
5/17/23	5:00 p.m.	Catt LV & Franklinville/ Ellicottville	West Valley	
5/19/23	5:00 p.m.	CCAA League Meet	TBD	
5/26/23	4:00 p.m.	Class D Section 6	Randolph	
6/2/23	12:00 p.m.	Section 6 State Qualifiers	West Seneca	
6/3/23	10:00 a.m.	Section 6 State Qualifiers	West Seneca	

For updated schedules, please visit our website at: www.wvalley.org





WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dr. Taweepon Farrar, Superintendent Daniel Amodeo, Pre-K-12 Principal Danielle Behringer, Assistant Principal, CSE/CPSE Chairperson

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Close communication and supportive relationships between parents/guardians and the school are essential. The West Valley Central School District supports these efforts through effective and appropriate visitations to school. Visitors to the school are subject to the following guidelines:

- 1. A visitor to the school is an individual who does not attend as a student, is not employed by the district, and/or is not regularly providing educational services to students.
- 2. Visitation will occur in a way that avoids or minimizes disruption to the normal learning process and the ordinary classroom routine.
- 3. All visitors must have a legitimate reason to visit the school

- 4. All visitors must use the main entrance.
- All visitors must sign in at the main office and state the purpose of their visit.
- 6. Visitors who are permitted to enter the building will conduct only their intended business. Business or visits outside of the purpose of the initial visit are not permitted.
- 7. Unannounced visits to school are not permitted.
- 8. The Superintendent or his/her designee reserves the right to limit or end any visitation.
- 9. All visitors to the school are subject to the "Public Conduct on School Property" provisions of the West Valley Central School Code of Conduct.

