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WEST VALLEY SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Dear West Valley Community:

The West Valley Central School Board of Education has been carefully planning the process to fill the vacancy for Superintendent of Schools. As you know, our Board has sought out the assistance of CA BOCES District Superintendent, Scott Payne, to serve as the search consultant as we seek an experienced candidate for this role.

The search has been planned according to the tentative timeline below:

- Vacancy brochure published: September 24, 2020
- Application deadline: November 16, 2020
- Preliminary interviews: January 4, 5, & 6, 2021
- Final interviews: January 19, 20, & 21
- Board meeting for appointment: on or before February 9, 2021
- New Superintendent to assume duties: on or before April 5, 2021

There is a link on our website for all community members (students, parents, staff, residents, and business owners) to complete a survey providing input on the search for a new Superintendent. You may access the link on the District website: <https://www.wvalley.wnyric.org>. If you are unable to access the link, please call 716-376-8225 to receive a paper copy of the survey. The survey will be available until November 6, 2020.

In addition to this input, the Board will also be seeking interview teams to assist with the interview process. Information about this opportunity will be available soon. These teams will be involved in the final interview stage and will be required to attend a pre-interview training, as well as all final interview dates.

We will continue to provide updates on this process and look forward to your input.

Sincerely,

West Valley Central School District Board of Education

ALICIA DIX - TENURE RECOGNITION

On Tuesday, October 13, Alicia Dix was presented with a certificate from the Board of Education for achieving her tenure in elementary education. Mrs. Dix has taught fourth grade during her four years at West Valley. Previously, she taught first grade in North Carolina and was a long-term sub in Springville. She and her husband Andrew are proud parents of a son Hudson. The board intends to start a tradition of recognizing the hard work involved in achieving tenure—a significant career milestone for teachers. Congratulations Mrs. Dix for your continued support and dedication of West Valley Central School!



L-R: Heather Klahn, Brad Frank, Alicia Dix, Tim Ploetz, Gary Niesyty, Charlie Davis, Amanda Lawrence

LINDSEY DROZD - "EVERYDAY HERO" AWARD

The New York State Association of School Nurses honored our very own Lindsey Drozd with their "Everyday Hero" Award. Lindsey's award letter read: "Taking the time to make a difference in someone's life is why you are being recognized. We heard you are always there for your co-workers and are truly knowledgeable about the current pandemic situation and how to best manage it in the school setting." West Valley is truly blessed to have such a special person like Mrs. Drozd whose tireless efforts mean so much to our students, staff, parents and community!



Lindsey with Board of Education President Tim Ploetz

WHAT'S NEW AROUND THE BUILDING

BY MARK J. WARD, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Safety

We are pleased with the cooperation and teamwork we are experiencing between our families, students, teachers and support staff. It has truly been a "team effort" starting early in the morning with our bus drivers as they sanitize the buses and prepare each day to transport our students. The same steps are taken at the end of the day to ensure the buses are thoroughly clean.

Our cleaners are working additional time making sure high contact areas are cleaned several times throughout the day. This includes classroom desks, door handles, bathrooms, walls, counters, computers, phones, light switches and office areas. These areas are cleaned again at night by our night cleaners. Many of our teachers also chip in and provide additional cleaning in their rooms throughout the day.

With respect to wearing masks and social distancing again, I want to compliment all students and staff members for following our Covid-19 Plan. We also appreciate the support that is coming from home as well. By the time you receive this newsletter we will have conducted a modified lockdown drill that will allow administration and staff to review our plan and procedures. Shelter-in-place, Lockout and Evacuation procedures will also be reviewed.

Board Retreat

The Board of Education participated in a retreat that gave them an opportunity to learn more about and discuss some of the following areas:

- ◆ Roles and responsibilities of Board and Superintendent
- ◆ Self-evaluation
- ◆ Teamwork enables leadership
- ◆ Governance...success---failure
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Board/Superintendent relations
- ◆ Efficiency Study
- ◆ Strategic Planning
- ◆ District Mission/Vision
- ◆ Financial Strategic Plan
- ◆ Educational Strategic Plan
- ◆ Making sure high academic standards are met
- ◆ Capital Project
- ◆ Strategies for achievement and sound financial condition
- ◆ Financial analysis and evaluation

The Board is continuing to work on future financial planning, the development of District goals, the use of some district reserves to lessen the impact of taxes and to explore the need for a capital project.

Fire Safety

Mindi Mellon of the West Valley Volunteer Hose Company coordinated an outstanding fire safety program for all our students in grades Pre-K-8. The program was held in three separate locations with the younger students out front and the older students up in and on the track area behind the school. The program was divided into three separate sessions with Pre-K-2 centered around household safety, showing students the ambulance and related equipment. The members of the Fire Company asked questions and interacted with the students who thoroughly enjoyed the presentation.

The older students got a chance to roll hose, learn about fire extinguishers, examine turnout gear, wear helmets, participate in a relay event on the track and spray water at targets. The volunteer firepersons did a great job engaging with the students! I think the fire personnel had as much fun as the students!

We want to thank all the members of the West Valley Volunteer Hose Company who spent time with our students. The community is very fortunate to have such an active group of volunteers protecting the community from fire and dealing with all kinds of emergencies (ambulance and service calls). Thank you!!

Remote Instruction Drill

We soon plan to conduct a practice session for modified instruction. This will be done while students are regularly attending classes. This is only a practice to make sure we are prepared in the event we must go to remote instruction sometime in the future.

Future Capital Project

The Board will be reviewing the District's most recent Building Condition Survey as well as some preliminary work developed by the District's architects Young & Wright to determine what the scope of a potential project would look like. There are several items that need to be addressed and the Board will be going through the list, securing additional information and determining what will make the final cut.

I will continue to keep you informed in the newsletter of the Board's progress on this task. The Board's intention is to eventually present a project that has no impact on the tax levy (what you pay in school taxes).

Building Level School Safety Team

We are in the process of making plans for our Building Level School Safety Team to meet so we can review and update our plans and procedures. While we do not anticipate a lot of changes it is always important to review existing plans to make sure they fall in line with the best practices. The involvement of the area police agencies, West Valley Fire/Rescue, Cattaraugus County Office of Emergency Services, Ashford Town Officials as well as school administrators, teachers and staff members will provide us a broad range of input and experience. We may not always be able to communicate specific changes but rest assured, the safety and well-being of every student and staff member is our number one priority.



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

**MR. DANIEL AMODEO, PRE-K-12 PRINCIPAL
AND DISTRICT CURRICULUM COORDINATOR**



I would like to thank all our families, students, and staff for their continued focus on following the Health and Safety protocols we have put into place. These protocols, from At-Home Screenings to our daily practices of handwashing and physical distancing continue to make it possible for us to maintain In-Person instruction. Although we remain vigilant in our procedures, there remains the possibility that we may need to utilize our Remote Instructional model at some point. Considering that possibility we are having all students in grades 5-12 and all staff bring home their devices and necessary materials each night, to be as prepared as possible.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We will continue to plan our school year under the assumption that our school will remain open. Therefore, we are currently planning to hold our Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24. These two days are scheduled student half days where students will be released at 11:15 a.m. On Tuesday, Parent-Teacher Conferences will be scheduled from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the evening. On Wednesday, November 24 Parent-Teacher Conferences will be scheduled from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Elementary teachers (PK-6) will be contacting families to schedule a conference time. Mrs. Dana Westfall will be contacting families in grades 7-12 to schedule a conference time based on teacher or parent requests.

Our Nurse will be on site to screen and take temperatures of all who enter the building. The main doors will be the single point of entry. The use of masks and physical distancing will be required. We would like to request that only parents of the student attend the conference unless a student is requested to attend. Finally, the length of an individual conference will be a maximum of 20 minutes and it is important that each conference session starts and ends on time.

Improving Student Growth and Achievement

We continue to move forward with our plans for improving our student performance. To start, we have determined we will be using the NYS ELA and Math modules as the foundation of our instructional resources. To assist in the implementation of the NYS Modules we have partnered with CA BOCES to provide instructional coaches in the area of ELA for our teachers in grades K-8.

Utilizing the same foundational instructional resource across grade levels will provide a springboard for collaboration across grade levels with respect to understanding and addressing specific learning standards students are struggling with. It will help the alignment of our instruction and ensure students have the necessary skills as they progress from one grade level to the next. A common resource will also help to facilitate conversations using similar data to better identify learning gaps that may be occurring.

We have had the opportunity to engage our families by sharing our school's assessment data and listening to what parents say their children may need in addition to what we are providing. This information is valuable in assisting us in developing our improvement plans. Finally, in the very near future we hope to implement an academic based after-school program to provide additional support to our students. Our hope is that this additional time after-school will increase learning opportunities and growth for our students as we maintain our focus on improving student performance.

ASVAB ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT

Dear Parents and Guardians:

West Valley Central School will be administering the ASVAB assessment instrument, which is part of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP), to any **interested** students in grades 10 - 12 on **Thursday, December 3rd** from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please have your son/daughter sign up in the Guidance Office with Mr. LaBrake by **Friday, November 20th**. This test is an invaluable tool to help your child with his/her future educational and career plans.

The ASVAB CEP will help your child:

- To learn more about themselves and the world of work
- Explore occupations in line with their interests and skills
- Develop an effective strategy to realize their career and education goals

One of the scores of the ASVAB is the military services' entrance score which may be used by your student to explore career options in the military. Your child's name and ASVAB CEP Scores will be released to the military unless you choose not to have their name released. Even if your child's name is released to the military, by no means is your child obligated to the military service.

The ASVAB CEP's website: www.asvabprogram.com offers great information regarding the program to include a brief video summary explaining the process and benefits of the program. Please call me with additional questions, 716-942-3100, extension 4148. Thank you.

If you would rather not have your child's test scores released to the military, please sign and complete the information below and return to the Guidance Office.

I, (Parent/Guardian Name) _____
request that (student's name) _____
name and ASVAB CEP results not be released to the military
recruiting services.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

Sincerely,

Matthew LaBrake
School Counselor



LIL ART

Exciting things are happening in the art room. Our students have been creating so many beautiful pieces of artwork during the first two months of school. Kindergarten students have learned all about shape, color and lines. First grade has worked hard on creating black cats and pumpkins. 2nd grade has been creating zentangle cats along with fall projects. Our upper elementary students have worked hard on learning how to shade pumpkins and leaf designs using the scratch art technique, as well as leaf paintings. They have done an amazing job. Our 8th graders have been creating jack-o-lanterns with value. In Studio Art they just completed animal triptychs with zentangles which look amazing! The Ceramic students are creating sculptures that were inspired by their Zodiac Signs.

This month's artist of the month is Bella McCarty who is in fourth grade. She loves to create art all the time! She is always doing extra drawing and paintings. Her favorite things to create are random things that come to her mind and then she puts this on her canvas. Bella has three sisters and two dogs. She loves sports and her favorite sport is softball. She is also a cheerleader and has cheered for four years. When Bella grows up she wants to volunteer to be a fire fighter and an art teacher.



Kindergarten Black Cats



Riley



1st Grade Black Cat



Zentangle Cats



5th Grade Leaf Paintings



5th Grade Watercolor

PRE-K UPDATE

Pre-K students used their fine motor skills to create pumpkins using pony beads and pipe cleaners.



WEST VALLEY FOOD PANTRY NOVEMBER DATE CHANGES

The West Valley Food Pantry will be open by appointment only until further notice. To make an appointment call Kris Aldrow @942-6690. If you need emergency food please call and I will arrange a pickup or delivery time. Most orders will be filled on normal food bank days.

November food bank will be open:

Regular food bank Wednesday, November 11th from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving boxes will be given out:
Saturday, November 21st 10:30-noon
Monday, November 23rd 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Remember the blessing box located at St. Paul's United Methodist church in WV is available and open all day and evenings. The blessing box has many non-perishable items.

The food pantry is in need of the following items:

- Canned fruit
- Noodles
- Canned vegetables (no green beans)
- Cream soups
- Salad dressing including mayonnaise
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent

We would like to thank the community for their support during the pandemic.

Our needs have increased but your support is allowing us to serve 28- 30 families, 27 children, 36 adults and 17 seniors every two weeks.

STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS...



When: November 9th to November 20th

Location of Bottles: The Main Office

Who: Each class (7-12) have their own jug for collecting money.

RULES:

Gain points by adding **silver coins and bills** to your class jug.
Lower other classroom totals by adding **pennies** to their jugs.

Prize: Pizza Party for the winners and prize of their choice!
Winners decide which charitable organization they want to donate to!

Adding:

Nickels	+5 points
Dimes	+10 points
Quarters	+25 points
\$1 Dollar	+100 points
\$5 Dollars	+500 points
\$10 Dollars	+1000 points
\$20 Dollars	+2000 points

Subtracting:

Pennies	-1 point
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COMMUNITY CLOSET

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

Clothing, shoes, bedding, household items and books are available for Cattaraugus County residents.

Donations of gently worn, clean seasonal items are always welcome.

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

Thank you very much for the continued support and a successful year.

FIRE SAFETY

Kindergarten and first grades have been learning about fire safety throughout the month of October. On Friday, October 16th the local fire department visited our school to give demonstrations to grades Pre-K thru 8th grade. Our primary classes got to see the ambulance and learn about safety in the home and in the kitchen. Later in the day our kindergarten and first graders built fire trucks out of graham crackers for their snack and they talked about fire trucks and how to keep safe. A fun time was had by all!



USING ONENOTE IN MATH CLASS

BY STEVE KENWORTHY

For the past 18 years, I have been teaching math by using paper and pencil. I never saw any need to do otherwise, because my feeling was that my students are exposed to too much technology as it is. Why bother switching?

Because of the COVID pandemic, all teachers were forced to adapt to distance learning technology without too much time to learn how to use it well. I would share a PDF of my worksheet in Microsoft Teams, and students would have to copy down each problem on paper and send a picture of their work back to me through Teams. I did my best at the time, but realized I still had a lot to improve on.

Before I move on, I should give credit to my math partner, Mrs. Allison Kloepper. She has been using OneNote in her math classes for a few years now, and always talks about how wonderful it is. She is also one of five teachers at WVCS who have been honored with the title of "Microsoft Innovative Educators Expert." She was also instrumental in helping me learn the new technology. Even old timers like me can adapt to an ever-changing world!

To start this year off, things have changed dramatically from years past. Almost all teachers have classes with kids physically present, along with a few online learners. I could have stuck with my old ways, or I could provide the work digitally. I chose the latter. For the first week, it was not easy. I set up my Teams as I did last March and was able to provide a first day outline to every student in every class. However, providing material through OneNote proved to be an immense challenge at first.

Eventually I figured out how to upload a worksheet into OneNote and distribute a virtual copy of the worksheet to each student. Students have learned to go into their own homework folder, work on their homework,

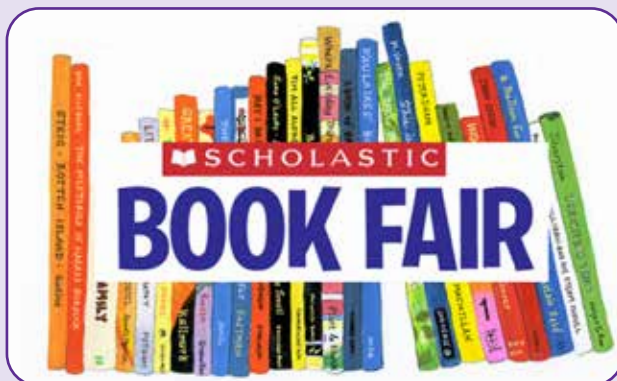
and submit it to me for review. Because I'm not spending my time making copies, I have more time to "tweak" assignments as necessary. I must say now that my students and I are functioning adequately in OneNote, things are simpler for all of us. As Principal Dan says, "technology should make our lives easier, not more difficult." No longer do I have to hear the sentence "I lost my homework." Just make sure you take care of that stylus, students!

If you have a child in grades 7-12 who is taking a math class, they are working on math homework in OneNote. Ask them to show you the similarities and differences between using paper and pencil vs. using OneNote for math work.



VIRTUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

This year's Scholastic Book Fair will be virtual! The book fair will start on November 9th and end on November 22nd. All purchases will be delivered directly to your home. Please be on the look out for more information. Thank you for always supporting the book fair and the West Valley Central School Library. If you have any questions, contact Jody Thiel.



You can still clip them and send them to school. Physical Box Top clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store. Send your clipped Box Tops, along with any unexpired clips you may have at home, to your participating school.

Families can earn cash for their school by scanning their store receipt with the Box Tops mobile app. All you need is your phone. Download the ALL-NEW Box Tops App, go to <https://www.boxtops4education.com/enHow%20To%20Earn>, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will automatically credit your school's Box Tops earnings online. Twice a year, your school will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs! If you aren't registered, please go to <https://www.boxtops4education.com/Consumer-register-page>



WV ATHLETICS

West Valley Central School is partnering with Springville-Griffith Institute for the Fall 2020 athletic season to provide our students with athletic participation opportunities. Our students are grateful for this opportunity to represent the West Valley community and school, work on their fitness, and improve their social and emotional health. We encourage all our students to explore the possibility of high school athletic participation.

Here are the West Valley students participating this fall.

Varsity Boys Soccer



Kasper Heitman

Kasper is a 10th grade student who will be participating in his first season with the Boys Varsity Soccer team. Varsity coach Marty Niefergold said, "Kasper brings a wealth of knowledge and hard work to the field each and every day." Kasper participated on the JV soccer team as a Freshman and is excited for the opportunity to participate at the Varsity level.



Girls Cross Country



Janay Ghani

Janay is a 10th grade student at West Valley who will be participating in Girls Cross Country this fall. Janay is a Track & Field star who looks to utilize the cross-country season to stay ready for a competitive Track & Field season. Her favorite memory is when she went to sectionals for Track & Field and hopes her off season training will elevate her to the next level.



Victoria Parish

Victoria is an 8th grade student participating in her second year of Girl's Cross-Country. Victoria also participates in Track & Field in the winter and spring. Victoria says her biggest influences are her coaches as they continue to push her to do her best and run faster. Her favorite athletic memory is finishing her race in 13:29. When asked to share one interesting fact about her, she states that "I just love to run."

Varsity Girls Swimming



Mara Swan

Mara is a 9th grade student in her first season with the Girls Varsity Swim team. Coach Komenda stated, "Mara's passion for swimming and her work ethic show up each day. She continues to work and get better." Mara has been swimming for many years but looks to make an immediate impact in her first season. Her teachers and coaches could not be prouder!



Magdalena Parish

Maggie is an 8th grade student in her second season on the Girls Varsity Swim team. Maggie swims year-round and looks forward to competing with the best on the team this year as only an 8th grader. Her biggest influences are Julia who pushes her each day at practice and Michael Phelps who has won 28 Olympic medals. Maggie hopes to qualify for ECIC's in the 500m free this year. She enjoys swimming because her teammates have become family and she enjoys pushing herself to her limits.

Boys Cross Country



Jack Tharnish

Jack is an 8th grade student, participating in his second season on the Boys Varsity Cross-Country team. Jack is a 3-season athlete, participating in both Winter Track & Field as well as Spring Track & Field. Jack had been a participant in the Boys on the Right Track program at West Valley and continues his career at the high school level. Jack's goal for the season is to finish his 5k race in sub 20-minutes. He enjoys running Cross-Country because he enjoys running and making new friends and memories. An interesting fact about Jack is that he can solve all different shapes and size Rubik's cubes. His personal best is 36 seconds.



Henry Frank

Henry is a 7th grade student participating in his first season of Boys Cross-Country. Henry is an experienced runner who has participated in West Valley's Boys on the Right Track program for many years. Henry enjoys running and continues to work on beating his best race time. Henry's coach had this to say about him, "Henry is a hardworking kid who shows up everyday

Henry Frank (cont'd)

and gives it his all." Henry's teachers had this to say, "Henry's leadership ability has taken off this year", "Henry's ability to balance his schoolwork and sports has displayed his commitment to athletics and academics."



Brendon Ghani

Brendon is a 7th grader in his first season on the Boys Cross-Country team. Brendon was an active participant for many seasons of Boys on the Right Track. Brendon stated that he runs because he is inspired by his cousin who is also a runner. Brendon hopes to run a sub 8-minute mile. Brendon's coach stated, "Brendon has great potential in Cross-Country not only because he is very athletic, but also because he has a good work ethic that will get him there." Brendon is excited for his races and working on his personal best time.

Girls Modified Soccer



Emily Quinn

Emily is an 8th grader in her second season on the Girls Modified Soccer team. Emily saw field action last year playing both offense and defense. Coach

Emily Quinn (cont'd)

Vanderbush had this to say about Emily, "She works every day to improve her footwork skill and her field vision. Her hard work is paying off during games." Emily continues to show off her Wildcat pride and looks to make a big impact on this year's soccer season.



Eve Niesyty

Eve is an 8th grade student in her second season on the Girls Modified Soccer team. She continues to play soccer out of pure enjoyment for the game. Eve's highlight of last season was scoring her first high school soccer goal and looks forward to continuing that success this season. Eve's coach said this about her, "Eve has such a fun personality on and off the field. She gets along with all her teammates and works to make them better. Eve's hard work is paying off this season and we love having her around." We are very proud of you Eve and wish you all the best.

West Valley's teachers are very proud of our athletes. They represent our school and community each day in the classroom and on the athletic field. These students are role models for their peers, and we look forward to sharing all their accomplishments this season. Continue to show off that Wildcat pride. Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat!



West Valley Athletics November Schedule

Varsity Boys Soccer

11/4/20 @ 7:00 p.m.
Springville/West Valley vs. Eden
@ Eden High School

11/6/20 @ 7:00 p.m.
Springville/West Valley vs. Frontier
@ Frontier High School

Varsity Girls Swimming

11/3/20 @ 4:45 p.m. vs. Holland
@ Springville High School

SKI & BOARD CLUB

Ski season will be here before we know it. Our club travels down to Holiday Valley each Tuesday after school beginning in January and ending in March. If good skiing conditions arrive in December, we may be able to get a night on the slopes in before our winter break. West Valley students in grades 7-12 are eligible, but I can accept students in 6th grade with parent/guardian permission and a phone call or meeting. If you would like to buy a pass through our club, please let me know and I can most likely provide you with the same prices as our club members. I am looking into that detail and will post additional information as it becomes available.

Skiing and boarding can get expensive during the winter months. Joining the club drastically reduces the overall cost of a student who participates in this outdoor sport. In addition to the cost savings, all members are provided free lessons on the nights that we go as a club. Another perk of the package is that students can ski/board any Tuesday evening that Holiday Valley is open even if the club does not go. Our club will travel by bus from the school for a total of 8 weeks. Student season passes are available through the club at a discounted rate.

If you have any questions regarding your child becoming a ski/board club member, you can email me at gstead@wvalley.org or call 942-3100 ext. 4114. I am looking forward to another great season on the slopes with the West Valley Ski & Board Club.



Thank You,
Gerry Stead

LITTLE ROCK CITY

Middle School students (7th and 8th grade) went on an after school field trip to Little Rock City in Salamanca/Little Valley, NY. This was a team building activity for middle school students to bond by getting out in nature. Rachel Mychajluk, Dana Lembke, and Natalie Galvin chaperoned, and Ruth Ann our bus driver hiked as well!



GIRLS ON THE RUN

This season, we were able to offer our 3rd-5th grade girls and our 6th-8th grade girls the opportunity to be part of a running club. Our Girls on the Run program, coached by Julie Baren and Alicia Dix, is meant for younger grades. The Heart and Sole program, coached by Julie Baren and Antonette Backert, is meant for the older grades. We were very excited to be able to create a Heart and Sole team at West Valley for this fall season.

Girls on the Run is a national organization that was able to adjust both programs to accommodate social distancing, and to ensure the safety of all members of our teams. Girls on the Run and Heart and Sole teach life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons, and running games. The season culminates with a 5k event which gives participants a sense of achievement, and a framework for setting and achieving goals. We will be having our own 5k on November 15th at West Valley.

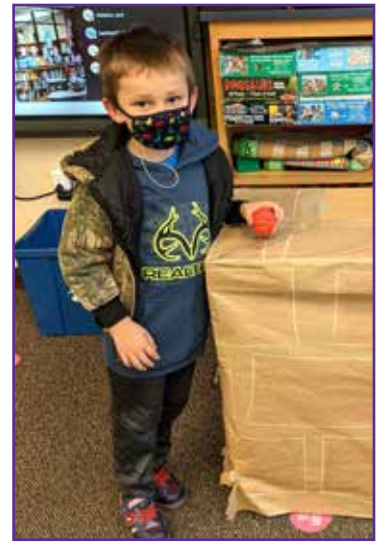


HUMPTY DUMPTY SURVIVES THE FALL

The kindergarten class has been traveling through Nursery Rhyme Land. They have met Jack and Jill, Little Miss Muffet, Little Boy Blue, and The Hey Diddle Diddle crew. The students enjoyed learning and acting out each of the rhymes.

They also learned about poor Humpty Dumpty and his fall. We decided to explore the rhyme of Humpty Dumpty a little bit more. The students learned how hard it is to put an egg back together by pretending that they were all the King's helpers. They also discovered what happened to Humpty Dumpty after the fall in the book *After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again* by Dan Sanat. They learned that Humpty Dumpty conquered his fear of heights and learned how to soar.

The kindergarten students then created their own fall resistant Humpty Dumptys. The King of all the Land came to the library to test the new Humpty Dumptys out. You will be happy to know that all the Humpty Dumptys survived their fall off the wall!



VETERANS DAY

In preparation for Veterans Day, we plan to assemble a Hero Wall with pictures of military Veterans related to West Valley students and staff. We hope that families are willing to send in pictures of relatives in uniform to be added to our Hero Wall. This will be an excellent way to show our support and honor those who have served our country or those who are serving.

If you are sending in pictures, we ask that it be a **copy** of the original. We don't want an original photo to be lost or damaged. If you don't have access to a copier, we can copy the picture here. Also, **please label the back of the picture with the name of the Veteran, the name of the West Valley student(s), and their teacher.** Please have all pictures in by Friday, **November 6th.** If you have sent in a picture previously it will be used again; there is no need to send in again. Thank you for your support!

And thank you to all of our veterans!

NOVEMBER 2020 - GRADES K-12 - BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
REMEMBER... If you are approved free for Lunch, you are automatically approved for Breakfast!	BREAKFAST WILL BE AVAILABLE DAILY WITH GRAB-N-GO ITEMS SUCH AS: MUFFINS; YOGURT CUPS; FRESH WHOLE FRUIT; FRESH CUT FRUIT; PANCAKES; CHEESE STICKS; CINNI-MINIS; BAGEL BITES; CEREAL & MILK <i>These selections may change based on freshness and availability.</i>			
2 Pillsbury Frudel Cereal or Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit, Non or Low-Fat Milk	3 Pillsbury Cinni Mini Cereal or Bagel ----- Juice, fruit, Non or Low-Fat Milk	4 Assorted Muffin, Cereal, or Bagel ----- Juice, fruit, Non or Low-Fat Milk	5 Sausage, Egg, & Cheese Brkfst Sandwich, Cereal, or Bagel ----- Juice, fruit, Non or Low-Fat Milk	6 Raspberry Churro, Cereal, or Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit, Non or Low-Fat Milk
9 Pillsbury Frudel Cereal or Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit, Non or Low-Fat Milk	10 Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Brkfst Sandwich, Cereal, or Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit, Non or Low-Fat Milk	11 Pillsbury Frudel, Cereal, or Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit, Non or Low-Fat Milk	12 Rich's WG Donut, Cereal, or Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit ----- Non or Low-Fat Milk	13 Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, or Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit ----- Non or Low-Fat Milk
16 Ham, Egg, & Cheese Brkfst Sandwich, Cereal, or Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit ----- Non or Low-Fat Milk	17 Pillsbury Cinni Mini, Cereal, Or Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit ----- Non or Low-Fat Milk	18 Raspberry Churro, Cereal, or Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit ----- Non or Low-Fat Milk	19 Pillsbury Frudel. Cereal, or Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit ----- Non or Low-Fat Milk	20 Assorted Muffins, Cereal, or Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit ----- Non or Low-Fat Milk
23 Pillsbury Frudel, Cereal, or Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit ----- Non or Low-Fat Milk	24 Pillsbury Cinni Mini, Cereal, or Bagel ----- Juice, Fruit ----- Non or Low-Fat Milk	25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	26 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGES

NOVEMBER 2020 - GRADES K-12 - LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NOTE: Daily menu selections are subject to change based on availability. Certain items due to Covid-19 may be out of stock or unavailable for a period of time. Thank you for your understanding.	OFFERED DAILY WITH ALL SCHOOL LUNCHES: <u>Fresh NYS Apples</u> from LyOaken Farms Fresh or Prepared Fruit (served by the ½ cup portion) Vegetables (served by the ¾ cup unless otherwise noted) Must take ½ cup of Fruit OR Vegetable (May take 1 cup) Skim, Low Fat White, or Low Fat Chocolate - <u>NYS Milk</u> from Upstate Farms			
2 Baked Chicken Patty On A Bun with choice of lettuce and tomato ----- French Fries	3 8" Soft Shell Taco W/Seasoned Rice OR Turkey & cheese sandwich ----- Corn / Salsa ¼ cup	4 Chicken Fajitas with sautéed peppers & onions and rice Ham & cheese sandwich ----- Broccoli	5 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza OR Turkey & cheese sandwich ----- Romaine Salad Mixed Veggies	6 Meatballs & Garlic Bread w/Rotini OR Ham & cheese Sandwich ----- Green Bean / Carrots
9 Sweet & Sour Chicken w/Rice OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich ----- Corn / Green Beans	10 Taco In A Bag with all the toppings OR ----- Buttered Corn Salsa ¼ cup	11 BBQ Chicken Strips & French Fries OR ----- Carrots ½ cup	12 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza OR Turkey & cheese sandwich ----- Romaine Salad	13 Open Face Chicken & Gravy Sandwich w/ Creamy Mashed Potatoes OR Ham & Cheese Sandwich ----- Peas
16 Wildcat Burger on a Bun OR Chicken Salad Sandwich ----- French Fries / Peas	17 Nacho Grande W/Tostito Chips OR Turkey & cheese sandwich ----- Corn / Salsa ¼ cup	18 BBQ Pulled Pork On A Bun OR Chicken Salad Sandwich ----- French Fries	19 Cheese or Pepperoni pizza OR Turkey & cheese sandwich ----- Romaine Salad / Carrots ½ cup	20 Thanksgiving Feast: Turkey n' Gravy w/ Homemade Stuffing & Creamy Mashed Potatoes ----- Green Bean Casserole / Warm Dinner Roll
23 HALF DAY OF SCHOOL	24 HALF DAY OF SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	26 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

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In addition to the entrée of the day, we offer:
 PB n J Sandwich (2M & 2G); Julienne Salad; Yogurt Parfait made with NYS Upstate Farms Yogurt; Pizza



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EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

West Valley Central School District uses the Blackboard Connect system to send an automated message regarding school closings and cancellations of after school activities. The message is sent to your household phone number and to the emergency contacts that you listed at the beginning of this school year. If this information has changed or you would like to verify what is on file, please call Dana Westfall at 942-3100 extension 4111. The District also contacts the following radio and television stations:

Channel 2
WBEN 930 AM

Channel 4
WPIG 95.7 FM

Channel 7
WYRK 106.5 FM



ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

In compliance with Sections 763.85 and 763.93 of the asbestos containing materials in schools rule, all facilities owned, leased or operated by the West Valley Central School District have been inspected for the presence of asbestos-containing building materials. Asbestos management plans have been developed for all facilities and submitted to the NYS Education Department. Copies of the management plans are available for public inspection during business office hours in the business office. For questions concerning the inspections and management plans, contact Bill Sloand at 942-3100 extension 4122.

Pesticide Use Notification

During the school year, it may be necessary for maintenance staff to use pesticides on school grounds to meet pest management goals. Any individual interested in registering to receive a written notification 48 hours prior to pesticide application, or who has questions about the integrated pest management program and pesticide use, contact Bill Sloand at 942-3100 extension 4122.

WEST VALLEY PTO

The West Valley PTO will be holding a Zoom Meeting for anyone interested in being part of the organization. The PTO is a great way to support our students and school. Please consider joining us on November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Jody Thiel at jthiel@wvalley.org to receive an invitation link.

