

WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

School and Community Working Together



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ISLAND OF MISFIT TOYS

Students in 5th - 12th grades competed in the library's Island of Misfit Toys Challenge. For this challenge, students had to create a new toy by taking apart old toys. The students had 2 weeks to complete their toy, and all the work had to be completed in the library. Their imagination and creativity were impressive. The top 3 Misfit Toys were The Bear Express by Brendon Ghani, Dinosaur Ride by Eve Niesyty, and Horsebear by Maggie Parish. Congratulations to our winners!



COMMUNITY LIBRARY

West Valley Central School's Library will be open to the community on February 12th and 26th 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM. Community members can check out library materials, use the computers, and explore the library's makerspace materials. Stop by and check out what the library has to offer.



West Valley Central School • 2020–2021 Budget Development Calendar
Detailed calendar located on page 3.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Near the end of January, the snow finally arrived. My hope is now that the temperature will drop to the high 20s and stay there through February or early March. If the groundhog is right, we will have six more weeks of winter. If he is like any other weatherman, he could easily be wrong. We will keep working here at school either way.

With one semester behind us, we are at crunch time. We have the next ten weeks to get into a working rhythm and gain the skills and knowledge to be ready for our finals in June. One way you can help is to provide a time and place for homework and study. Another, and maybe more important way is to limit screen time. Also encourage your children to get outside and play in the cold weather. It is all too easy to sit and watch Netflix all afternoon, but a healthy mind requires a healthy body and we all need our exercise.

As the father of four children already out of the house or in college, enjoy this time with your children, it will be gone before you know it.

Stay Warm!

Eric Lawton

Eric Lawton, Superintendent



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Congratulations to all our students' successes during the 1st semester of the school year. In order for students to meet their goals for the year the same work ethic, attitude and pride that allowed for their successes in the 1st semester will need to continue throughout the end of the school year. Our 4th-6th grade High Honor, Honor, and Merit Roll breakfast will be held on Thursday, February 13th. As a reminder there will be no school from February 17-21 as we will have our mid-Winter Break.

The beginning of the third quarter marks the time of year when we begin our student planning for next school year. Throughout the month of February, students will begin to meet with Mr. Labrake to determine course requests for the 2020-2021 school year. During these meetings students discuss their academic, post-secondary, and career plans. Students will also have an opportunity to share what courses or learning they would like to see at West Valley that is not already in our curriculum. Additionally, our 10th and 11th grade students will be taking the JCC Accuplacer tests to determine their eligibility to take JCC College courses offered at WVCS.

There are a number of co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities that will be provided for students during the month of February. On February 4th, the 5th and 6th grade students will attend a seminar at Fredonia State College, "How to Survive Middle School". On February 25th, our students in Syracuse University Biology will be attending a Genetics Conference at Sweet Home High School. Then on February 26th, our 5th grade students will host an assembly to kick off their "Pennies for Patients" drive to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Finally, our 7-12 Winter Ball will be held on Saturday, February 29th.

Dan Amodeo

Dan Amodeo, Principal



TOPS IN EDUCATION

At Tops Friendly Markets, we are committed to helping the communities we serve. Schools are a big part of those communities. Did you know that Tops has donated more than 1 **MILLION DOLLARS** to local schools over the past 7 years through Tops in Education? Tops in Education is a program that makes it easier to get additional money for school improvements and programs.

Here's how it works:

1. Register your Tops BonusPlus®.
2. Select your school(s) of choice (grades K-12) from the list of schools that have registered (you may select up to three schools).
3. Purchase participating TOPS Brand, Full Circle™, TopCare®, Tippy Toes, Paws™, Pure Harmony™, Simply Done™, Culinary Tours™, That's Smart, and Best Yet® products with your Tops BonusPlus® throughout the 2019-2020 Tops in Education program year.
4. Tops contributes up to 5% of your purchase to the school(s) you have chosen. The more you shop, the higher percentage we donate!



WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL 2020-2021 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

February 10, 2020	BOE Meeting 7:00 PM – Preliminary Budget Review (1st Draft) and Update
March 1, 2020	Property Tax Cap Submission due to the NYS Comptroller's Office
March 9, 2020	BOE Meeting 7:00 PM – Budget Review & Update
March 18, 2020	Petitions available for Board of Education Candidates from District Clerk
April 4, 2020	1st Publication of Legal Notice for Budget Hearing, Vote, and Election (Subsequent publications on April 18th, May 2nd and May 16th) (1st Publication occurs at least 45 days before annual meeting, no sooner than 49 days before annual meeting)
April 17, 2020	Board candidate petitions due to District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. (No later than 30 days before annual meeting)
April 21, 2020	BOE Meeting 7:00 PM – Final Budget Review, Adoption of 2020-2021 Budget & Property Tax Report Card/Adoption of BOCES Admin Budget
April 22, 2020	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 5 – May 19, 2020	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 7, 2020	Voter Registration Day 3:00 -7:00 pm, District Office (no more than 14 days, nor less than 5 days before vote)
May 11, 2020	Annual Budget Hearing 7:00 PM Auditorium (7 to 14 days prior to annual meeting) BOE meeting following hearing
May 12, 2020	Budget Notice mailed to district residents (at least 6 days prior to annual meeting)
May 19, 2020	Annual Budget vote and Board of Education Election from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (3rd Tuesday in May)/ BOE Meeting 8:00 p.m.
May 11, 2020	Annual Budget Hearing 7:00 PM Auditorium (7 to 14 days prior to annual meeting) BOE meeting following hearing
May 12, 2020	Budget Notice mailed to district residents (at least 6 days prior to annual meeting)
May 19, 2020	Annual Budget vote and Board of Education Election from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (3rd Tuesday in May)/ BOE Meeting 8:00 p.m.
*** Last business day on which BOE can adopt a budget - Tuesday, April 28, 2020 (must be adopted 21 days before prior to date of annual meeting)	

FREE COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSET

St. John the Baptist Church has a Free Community Clothes Closet located behind the church in Bingham Hall from 1-4pm 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.

BLESSING BOX

There is a blessing box located in the coat room entrance of St. Paul's Methodist Church. It is a box (cabinet) of food for people in immediate need. It is in addition to the food pantry and not intended to take its place. It services the families of the Town of Ashford and the West Valley Central School District. The items in the blessing box are free.

Stop in and take what you need.

We will always welcome donations and they can be dropped off at the same location but next to the blessing box (cabinet). Any questions call Kris Aldrow at 942-6690 or Jean Bond at 942-6570.

Thank you in advance.

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX CODE NUMBER

The New York State resident income tax returns (IT-200 and IT-201) require you to enter the name and code number of the public school district where you were a resident as of December 31 for the tax year 2019. The school district name and code for entry on state income tax forms are: West Valley Central School District code is 690. It is important to put this number on your tax return because it helps determine the amount of State Aid we receive for the school district.



WEST VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

Those of us serving the West Valley Food Bank would like to thank community members who contributed to Food Drive sponsored by the Junior National Honor Society through the WVCS. The Junior Honor Society collected over 250 pounds of food. The donations made to the Food Pantry were distributed to many families and individuals in the West Valley School District during and after the holiday season. With your help and support our pantry was able to provide over 5800 meals in our community this past year. Thanks for your continued support.

The West Valley Food Pantry
Kristine Aldrow, Pantry Coordinator

Located at Fox Valley Road, Ashford Town Barns
 Serving the Town of Ashford and the West Valley School District
 Open The Second and Fourth Wednesday each Month
 From 1:00pm - 4:00pm

For Emergency Needs Call:
 Kris 716-942-6690 or Amy Frank 942-6657

**If W.V. School is closed for weather,
 W. V. Food Pantry will not be open**



Dear Community,

I'm excited to tell you about a very special program I'm coordinating at our school in conjunction with Crayola. It's called Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing program devised to repurpose used markers rather than sending them to landfills!

The ColorCycle program has repurposed more than 70 tons of expended markers in the United States and Canada since 2013 and uses the most advanced plastic conversion technologies available today to make wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles as well as to generate electricity that can be used to heat homes, cook food, and power vehicles.

All around West Valley Central School, students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house- even non-Crayola brands! Highlighters and dry erase markers can also be included. Drop-off boxes will be located around the school for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can continue to keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Remember, don't throw out that used marker—*ColorCycle it!*

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn Mumbach

Jacquelyn Mumbach


FEBRUARY 2020 GRADES PREK-12 BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Bacon, Egg & Cheese On A Biscuit ----- Non or Low Fat Milk	4 Apple or Cherry Frudel ----- Non or Low Fat Milk	5 RICH'S WG DONUT ----- Non or Low Fat Milk	6 Breakfast Burrito ----- Non or Low Fat Milk	7 French Toast Sticks ----- Non or Low Fat Milk
10 Ham, Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich ----- Non or Low Fat Milk	11 Cinni- Minis ----- Non or Low Fat Milk	12 WG RASPBERRY CHURRO ----- Non or Low Fat Milk	13 Breakfast Pizza ----- Non or Low Fat Milk	14 Mini French toast ----- Non or Low Fat Milk
17 President's Day NO SCHOOL	18 Mid Winter Break NO SCHOOL	19 Mid Winter Break NO SCHOOL	20 Mid Winter Break NO SCHOOL	21 Mid Winter Break NO SCHOOL
24 Bacon, Egg & Cheese On A Biscuit ----- Non or Low Fat Milk	25 Cinni- Minis ----- Non or Low Fat Milk	26 WG RASPBERRY CHURRO ----- Non or Low Fat Milk	27 Breakfast Pizza ----- Non or Low Fat Milk	28 Mini French toast ----- Non or Low Fat Milk

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGES



FEBRUARY 2020 GRADES K-8 LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
3 Chicken Patty On A Bun Or BLT Sandwich ----- French Fries	4 Taco In A Bag With Nacho Doritos Or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich ----- Green Beans / Salsa ¼ cup	5 Hot Turkey Sandwich Or Ham & Cheese Sandwich ----- Sweet Potatoes	6 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Or Turkey & Cheese Sub ----- Romaine Salad	7 Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Tomato Soup Or Ham & Cheese Sandwich ----- Baked Beans
10 Hamburger OR Cheeseburger Or BLT Sandwich ----- Tater Tots	11 Nacho Grande With Tostito Chips Or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich ----- Corn / Salsa ¼ cup	12 Spaghetti & Meatsauce w/Garlic Dinner Roll Or Ham & Cheese Sandwich ----- Romaine Salad	13 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Or Turkey & Cheese Sub ----- Sweet Carrots	14 BBQ Meatballs W/Garlic Bread Or Ham & Cheese Sandwich ----- Baked Beans
17 President's Day NO SCHOOL	18 Mid Winter Break NO SCHOOL	19 Mid Winter Break NO SCHOOL	20 Mid Winter Break NO SCHOOL	21 Mid Winter Break NO SCHOOL
24 Hamburger OR Cheeseburger Or BLT Sandwich ----- French Fries	25 Soft Shelled Taco w/lettuce & tomato Or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich ----- Corn / Salsa ¼ cup	26 Sweet & Sour Turkey Over Rice Or Ham & Cheese Sandwich ----- Romaine Salad / Fortune Cookie	27 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Or Turkey & Cheese Sub ----- Sweet Carrots	28 BBQ Pork On A Bun Or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich ----- Baked Beans

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGES

FEBRUARY 2020 GRADES 9-12 LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
3 Chicken Patty On A Bun Or BLT Sandwich ----- French Fries / Peas	4 Taco In A Bag With Nacho Doritos Or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich ----- Green Beans / Salsa ¼ cup	5 Hot Turkey Sandwich Or Ham & Cheese Sandwich ----- Sweet Potatoes / Corn	6 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Or Turkey & Cheese Sub ----- Romaine Salad	7 Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Tomato Soup Or Ham & Cheese Sandwich ----- Baked Beans / Broccoli
10 Wildcat Burger Or BLT Sandwich ----- Tater Tots / Green Beans	11 Nacho Grande With Tostito Chips Or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich ----- Corn / Salsa ¼ cup	12 Spaghetti & Meatsauce w/Garlic Dinner Roll Or Ham & Cheese Sandwich ----- Romaine Salad	13 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Or Turkey & Cheese Sub ----- Sweet Carrots / Peas	14 BBQ Meatballs w/Garlic Bread Or Ham & Cheese Sandwich ----- Baked Beans / Broccoli
17 President's Day NO SCHOOL	18 Mid Winter Break NO SCHOOL	19 Mid Winter Break NO SCHOOL	20 Mid Winter Break NO SCHOOL	21 Mid Winter Break NO SCHOOL
24 Bacon Burger Or BLT Sandwich ----- French Fries / Green Beans	25 Soft Shelled Taco w/lettuce & tomato Or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich ----- Corn / Salsa ¼ cup	26 Sweet & Sour Turkey Over Rice Or Ham & Cheese Sandwich ----- Sweet Carrots / Fortune Cookie	27 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Or Turkey & Cheese Sub ----- Broccoli	28 BBQ Pork On A Bun Or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich ----- Baked Beans / Peas

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YEARBOOK SALES

The 2019-20 Vallian Yearbook is now on sale.

The last day to order a yearbook with be March 1, 2020.

There will be only a few extras ordered so please get yours soon.

The cost of this year's FULL COLOR yearbook is \$50.00. A deposit of \$25.00 will hold your yearbook. The final payment of \$25.00 will be due by March 1, 2020.

Name of Student _____
Homeroom _____ Amount paid _____
Date Ordered _____

Orders should be given to
Mrs. Mumbach or Mrs. Kazmierczak

WVCS StuCo/ MS Team Presents
Mid-Winter Spirit Week
February 10th to 14th

MONDAY 2/10
Comfort Day
Wear your favorite sweatshirt and sweatpants!

TUESDAY 2/11
Peace & Love Day
Spread the love and wear your Tie-Dye/ Hippie attire

WEDNESDAY 2/12
Presidents' Day
Dress like your favorite President!

THURSDAY 2/13
Sweetheart Day
Dress like your favorite couple!

FRIDAY 2/14
Valentine's Day
Wear Red, White and Pink!

TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS

The deadline for transportation requests to a non-public school for your student(s) outside of the West Valley Central School District is April 1, 2020. Parents are reminded that written transportation requests for non-public schools must be received by April 1, 2020 to be eligible for the 2020-2021 school year.

Send requests to:

Ann O'Brien, Business Official
West Valley Central School, 5359 School Street
West Valley, New York 14171

WINTER SPIRIT WEEK

Before Winter Break, West Valley students got in the spirit of the holidays with a spirit week and holiday related activities. From "Summer in December" to a "Long Winter's Night Nap" students dressed up for the theme of the day. Each day the best dressed boy and girl won gift cards to warm up at Tim Hortons or Dunkin. Candy grams were sold in lunches; students could decide who was naughty or nice and surprise friends and family with lumps of coal or candy canes. We had a gingerbread competition thanks to supplies that were generously donated by the WVCS PTO. Students in grades 7-12 had a great time "constructing" their houses and indulging in a sweet treat! Eve Niesyty was the winner!



Winner of the Gingerbread House Competition was Eve Niesyty!



Clockwise from Upper Left Ronni DuFrane, Nick Peters, Emily Quinn, Janany Ghani, and Nadia Tucker, show off their Gingerbread House designs.

ART CORNER

Hard to believe that the 2nd quarter of school is over. The elementary students have been focused on a winter theme. Students have learned about Snowflake Bentley. He was the first photographer to capture a snowflake using a camera. Some of the students painted with watercolor then used salt to create an Icy background. Other students created snowflakes using Q-tips, ribbon and fake snow.

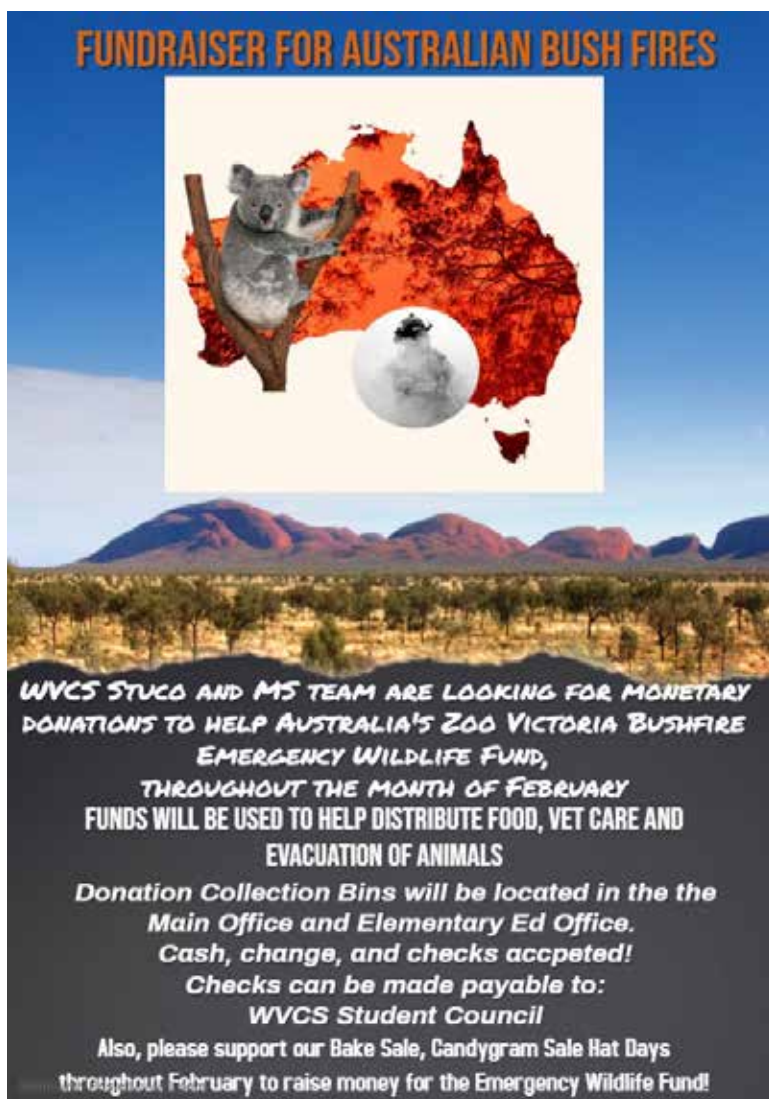
Just a friendly reminder that students in K-6 are currently creating the artwork for Square 1 Art. Be on the lookout next month for order forms coming home with your child.



CELEBRITY ARTIST

Gavin Kadel is the Celebrity Artist of this month. Gavin is currently in Kindergarten. His passion in art class is to create with watercolor or draw with a pencil. His favorite color is orange and his favorite foods are pizza and wings. Gavin has an older sister and a younger brother. Gavin wants to be a train conductor when he grows up.





WEST VALLEY ATHLETICS

Janay Ghani is January's West Valley student-athlete of the month. Janay is a 9th grade student representing West Valley, running for the Springville/West Valley Indoor Track and Field team. Janay had the opportunity to represent West Valley at the Spire Institute in Geneva, Ohio. This Olympic grade facility hosted the Spire Scholastic meet January 10th-12th.

At this event Janay set a West Valley and Springville school record. Janay ran the 200-meter race in 27.50 seconds. This time beat a West Valley 200-meter record that had been set by Deb Ford, 37 years ago. We look forward to Janay breaking more school records. Congratulations on being West Valley's student-athlete of the month.



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ATTENDANCE OFFICE MESSAGE

Please remember to call the attendance office (ext. 4170) on any day that your child is going to be either absent or late to school.

A written excuse note is also required when your child returns.

If you would like a preprinted excuse notepad, please contact Mrs. Westfall and one can be sent home with your child.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS	COLD	FLU
Symptom onset	Gradual	Abrupt
Fever	Rare	Usual
Aches	Slight	Usual
Chills	Uncommon	Fairly common
Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Usual
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes
Chest discomfort, cough	Mild to moderate	Common
Stuffy nose	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Headache	Rare	Common

#FIGHT FLU

CHILD FIND NOTICE

Attention Residents with children between birth and age 21: If your child is disabled or you suspect he/she may be disabled, you may be entitled to special education and related services, without cost to you. Please contact Shawna Gugino, Director of Special Education at 942-3100 extension 4149 or write West Valley Central School Attention Special Education Department 5359 School Street West Valley, New York 14171 to register your child or obtain further information.

WEST VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 3	Men's Basketball 6-8pm in the Gymnasium
Feb. 4	PTO Meeting 4-6pm in the Library
Feb. 5	Elementary Girl's Basketball 2:45-3:40pm in the Gymnasium
Feb. 7	Elementary Fun Night 6-7:30pm in the Gymnasium, Auditorium and Cafeteria
Feb. 10	Spirit Week - Comfort Day Men's Basketball 6-8pm in the Gymnasium Board of Education Meeting 7pm in the Library Conference Room
Feb. 11	Spirit Week - Peace and Love
Feb. 12	Spirit Week - Presidents Community Library 6-7:30pm Elementary Girls Basketball 2:45-3:40pm in the Gymnasium
Feb. 13	Spirit Week - Sweetheart
Feb. 14	Spirit Week - Valentine
Feb. 17-21	Mid-Winter Break - School Closed
Feb. 24	Men's Basketball 6-8pm in the Gymnasium
Feb. 25	Genetic Conference at Sweet Home 7:40am-2:20pm
Feb. 26	K-5 Pennies for Patients Assembly 8:30-9am in the Auditorium Community Library 6-7:30pm
Feb. 29	Grades 9-12 Winter Ball 7pm in the Auditorium