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April 2019



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In the last edition of the newsletter we were trying to showcase our student's artwork. A drawing of the Marvel superhero character named Venom appeared on the cover and we did not include any explanation. We realize that this was not the best location for this in our newsletter and we apologize if we offended anyone. We will do our best to see that future newsletter covers are more appropriate and have descriptions of the artwork and give credit to the artists.

## Superintendent's Corner April 2019 Mr. Eric Lawton

April is a short month this year with the Spring Break taking up a large portion. We will have no students in school from April 17 through April 26. Our April Board of education meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. This is scheduled on Tuesday so that we can vote on the BOCES budget and BOCES Board elections.

I had the opportunity to meet with Joe Giglio and Cathy Young in Albany last month and I wanted to publicly thank Senator Young for her support of our school district over the past 20 years. She has consistently put in for additional funding of the PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) from the West Valley Demonstration Project. Last year she was successful in getting our town and district a double payment. Our intention is to use the money to lower and then maintain the tax levy for the next several years. Cathy has been a champion for the Southern Tier and we appreciate all of her years of service. We wish her well as she continues to support our area through her new position at Cornell University.

Our students have been hard at work with many different activities. Ski Club finally wrapped up in the middle of March, Trap club is in full swing, our Girls on the Run and Boys on the Right Track programs are up and running (pardon the pun), and our school musical *Shrek* will be performed on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> with a special Free Senior Citizen Matinee performance on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

Community Day has been scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have some work that needs to be done and we can accommodate, please let us know. Our entire school will be working together to improve and beautify our school and community. Special thanks go out to Gerry Stead and Bryan Hansen whose hard work make our community day a success.

We have been hard at work putting together a budget that meets the needs of our students and is fiscally responsible to our taxpayers. Please come out to the Budget hearing on April 16<sup>th</sup> if you have questions about the budget for next year.

#### **TOPS in Education**

At TOPS Friendly Markets, we are committed to helping



the communities we serve. Schools are a big part of those communities. That's why we are excited to bring you TOPS in Education, a program that makes it easier to get additional money for school improvements and programs. TOPS contributes up to 5% of your purchase to the school(s) you have chosen. The more you shop, the higher percentage we donate! **Here's how it works:** Whether you are new to this program or currently participating, *you need to register your bonus card every new school year* at TopsMarkets.com/Education and follow the prompts.





Principal's Corner April 2019 Mr. Daniel Amodeo

We are just about three quarters of the way through the school year as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter will end on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to our 10 students in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade that were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society in a ceremony held at West Valley on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. We are very proud of their achievements and look forward to all of their future accomplishments.

I would also like to recognize Eve Niesyty and Maggie Parish (Erie County Elementary All-Chorus), Kyree Meppen (Jr. High Erie County All-Chorus), and Kasper Heitman (Jr. High Erie County All-Band) for their All-County music selections. Kyree and Kasper both went through a rigorous audition, competing with thousands of students from across Erie County. They did an outstanding job competing against and performing with around 6,000 other students in total.

To continue to highlight our students' talents, our 2019 Jr. Musical "Shrek" will open on April 12<sup>th</sup> with an additional viewing on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Students have been working very hard under the direction of Mr. Cole, Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Niesyty; putting in extra time after school and on the weekends in order to be ready for "Shrek's" opening.

At our March 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting a calendar changed was approved to make March 22<sup>nd</sup> a student attendance day and April 17<sup>th</sup> a staff development day. On April 17<sup>th</sup> CA BOCES will assist in facilitating a training on Restorative Justice. Restorative Justice is being adopted in schools across the country as a way to build positive and healthy student to student relationships as well as providing practices for adults to use to assist us in building stronger relationships with our students. Overall, Restorative Justice aims to assist schools with continuing to improve their positive school climate.

Finally, I would like to address the cover of our last newsletter. Recently, we have been trying to showcase our students in our newsletter. Last month's newsletter included a drawing of a Marvel superhero named Venom that was created by one of our students. While our students' interests are important, we recognize that this piece of art work was not the best selection for the front of the newsletter. We can assure you that in future newsletters we will ensure that the cover is being utilized in the best way possible to showcase our school to the community.

#### **Emergency School Closings**

West Valley Central School District uses the Blackboard Connect system to send an automated message regarding school closings and cancellations of activities. The message will be 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, 4, 7	WPIG 95.7	FM	WYRK 106.5	FM
	WBEN 930	AM	WSPQ 1330	AM

## West Valley Community Day

On **Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>**, students and staff will be participating in service activities throughout the day. The school staff wishes to continue a positive relationship between the school and the community, and teach our students the importance of giving back with their hands and hearts through volunteer service in our town and to residents in need of help.

If you or someone you know is in need of any help around the house and in the yard, please fill out the form that is in this newsletter and return it to school. West Valley Community Day is a great chance for our staff and students to lend a helping hand in making our community a better place and provide our citizens with help where needed. Take care and let's hope for sunshine and warmer weather in spring!



## West Valley Community Service Day

Please fill out as much information as you can regarding the work you would like completed and we will do our best to meet your needs. Please understand that work needed should be limited to small jobs or tasks that can be completed during the community day by student and teacher volunteers.

\*\*Please complete and return to West Valley Central School no later than April 15th\*\*

Contact Information:	
Name:	Age:
Address:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
Please provide as much detail as you ca	n and describe what you would like done at your residence on May 10th.
The more information you can provide t	he better we can try to meet your needs. Please understand that by
completing this form, it does not mean t	hat we are guaranteeing your request will be fulfilled. We will certainly
do our best to help in any way we can w	ith the time and resources we have that day. I would like help with
If you have any questions about the Wes	st Valley Community Service Day, please contact Bryan Hansen at
bhansen@wyalley.org or (716) 942-329	3 ext. 4108 or Gerry Stead at gstead@wvalley.org or (716) 942-3293

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ext. 4114.

**WEST VALLEY, NY** – West Valley Central School Principal, Daniel Amodeo, announced the following students in grades 7-12 have been named to the honor roll for the second quarter.

#### High Honor Roll

Grade 8 – Christopher Amodeo, Benjamin Fisher Grade 10 – Chloe Chai, Makenze Hurtubise

#### Honor Roll

Grade 7 – Jordan Manaher, Kyree Meppen, Nicholas Peters, Bethany Stanier

Grade 8 - Jacob Coluci, Janay Ghani, Kasper Heitman, Gabrielle Hickey, Nolan Spencer, Samantha Stock

Grade 11 – Caitlyn Cizdziel, Morgan Drake, Sandra Hebdon

Grade 12 – Travis Dusterhus, Samuel Klahn, Madylee Lux, Delaney Neuman, Camryn Phinney, Lillian Shanley, Madison Shanley

#### **Merit Roll**

Grade 7 – Mara Campanella, Gabriela Chesebro, Ronni DuFrane, Carson Finn

Grade 8 – Tristan Ehnes, Lauren Frascella, Samantha Herbst, Colleen Keller, Zander Smith, Zachary Westfall

Grade 9 – Lucas Proseus

Grade 10 – Isabella Draine-Soto, Kyle Hickey, Aaron Ignatowski, Leah Seltzer, Alyssa Smith

Grade 11 - Adriana Roblee, Justin Seltzer

Grade 12 – Brandon Blackmon, Michael Boberg, Nathan Dash, Desiree Gillis, Cassandra Morton, Brian Reed, Aaron Schenne, Becca Smith

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.



## ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

Monday, May 13, 2019 WVCS Auditorium 7:00 pm

## **ANNUAL BUDGET, VEHICLE and BOARD MEMBER VOTE**

The budget vote, vehicle purchases and election will be held on **Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from noon until 9pm** in the **WVCS GYMNASIUM**.

#### The district will rent the electronic voting machines from Cattaraugus County.

There is one seat open for election to the Board of Education. The seat is currently held by George Kazmierczak, is a 5-year vacancy resulting from the term expiration on June 30, 2019. Petitions may be obtained from the district office during school hours and require at least 25 (signatures) and (residence) of qualified voters. On the petition, the candidate's name and residence should be on each page of the petition. It must also identify the seat for which the candidate is running, including the name of the incumbent and the length of the term of office. Petitions must be turned in to the district office by Monday, April  $22^{nd}$  by 5pm.

#### To be a qualified, board candidate:

- \* A citizen of the United States;
- \* Eighteen (18) years of age or older;
- \* Able to read and write;
- \* A legal resident of the District for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one (1) year prior to the election;
- \* Cannot be an employee of the West Valley Central School District;
- \* The only member of his/her family (that is, cannot be a member of the same household) on the West Valley Central School District Board;
- \* May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office, including, but not limited to Superintendent, clerk, tax collector, treasurer or librarian, or an employee of the Board.
- \* In union free and central school districts, however, a Board member may be appointed clerk of the Board and of the District.
- \* Must not have been removed from a school district office within one (1) year preceding the date of appointment or election to the Board.

## West Valley Food Pantry

The pantry is located at the Ashford Town Barns on Fox Valley Road. It services the families of the Town of Ashford and the West Valley School District. If West Valley Central School closes due to inclement weather, the food pantry will close.

It is open the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 1-4pm. For emergency needs, call Kris Aldrow at 942-6690 or Corky Miller at 716-257-3651.

Donations are always welcome. We are always in need of the following items; juice, cereal, macaroni, toilet paper and paper towels.

## Thank you!

West Valley Central Schools 2019-2020 Budget Development Calendar



April 6, 2019	1 <sup>st</sup> Publication of Legal Notice for Budget Hear-
	ing, Vote, and Election (Subsequent publications on April 20 <sup>th</sup> , May 4th and May 18 <sup>th</sup> )
April 22, 2019	Board candidate petitions due to District Clerk
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April 16, 2019	BOE Meeting 7:00 PM – Final Budget Review,
	Adoption of 2019-2020 Budget & Property Tax
	Report Card/Adoption of BOCES Admin
	Budget
April 17, 2019	Submission of Property Tax Report Card to
	SED
May 7 – May 21,	Copies of the budget must be available to the
2019	residents upon request
May 9, 2019	Voter Registration Day 3:00 -7:00 pm, school
	foyer
May 13, 2019	Annual Budget Hearing 7:00 PM
May 14, 2019	Budget Notice mailed to district residents
May 21, 2019	Annual Budget vote and Board of Education
	Election from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m./ BOE
	Meeting 8:00 p.m.

\*\*\* Last business day on which BOE can adopt a budget- Monday, April 22, 2019 (must be adopted 21 days before prior to date of annual meeting)\*\*\*

## **Absentee Ballots**

West Valley Central School District is required by law to make absentee ballots available to qualified voters for the May 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Budget Vote, School Vehicles Vote and Board of Education Election. Call Carolyn Boberg, District Clerk at 942-3100 ext. 4102 for an application or if you have any questions.

An individual who is unable to appear to vote in person on the day of the school district election may submit an application for an absentee ballot. Such person is eligible to vote by absentee ballot if he or she is, or will be: (a) a patient in a hospital, or unable to appear personally at the polling place on such day because of illness or physical disability or (b) because his duties, occupation, business or studies will require him to be outside of the county or city of his residence on such day, (c) because he will be on vacation outside the county or city of his residence on such day; or, (d) absent from his voting residence because he is 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 <u>application</u> for absentee ballots at least seven days before the election (if the ballots need to be mailed to the voter). Completed absentee ballots accepted until 5pm on May  $21^{st}$ , in the District Office.

## **VOTER REGISTRATION**

Voter registration will be held in the district office on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 3pm - 7pm.

## Please bring personal identification with you to register to vote.

<u>If you are not registered, you may not cast a ballot.</u> Please take the time to register. If you are in doubt, you may call the District Clerk, Carolyn Boberg at 942-3100 ext. 4102 to determine your status.

#### To be qualified 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 registered voter with the school or the county. A college student whose legal residence is in the school district is eligible to vote.

## **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 2018. 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.





# Dinner and a Shou!

## Pizza, Salad, Drink and Dessert for ONLY \$5!!!

### Dine In or Take Out WVCS Cafeteria Add any extra items of food for \$1 each

## Friday, April 12th 2019 5:00 to 6:45 PM Presale tickets for sale or buy at the door

#### Contact Rachel Mychajluk 942-3100 x4135 with questions

For presale tickets please detach the form below indicating the number of meals you would like to purchase. Please include payment, cash or check (checks payable to WVCS) and the slip below in a sealed envelope and write your family name, Mrs. Mychajluk and Pizza Meal on the outside. Students can turn it in to their Homeroom/ Classroom teacher. Please return by **Wednesday, April 10th**.

Number of Pizza Meals	X \$5 =	Total

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number to be reached if any issues \_\_\_\_\_\_









## Show some "bunny" how much you care!

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Chocolate Easter Suckers for Sale in Lunch \$1 April 11, 12 & 15th Delivery Tuesday April 16th Grades 7-12

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West Valley Central School-Class of 2021

# Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 7th, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Church, Bingham Hall 5381 Depot Street, West Valley 14171

All you can eat! Pancakes, Eggs, & Sausages \$8 adults, \$5 Kids 6-12 & Seniors 60+ Also enjoy: Basket Raffle and Bake Good Sale

Please see a WVCS Sophomore for tickets!



## Wellness Program **Annual Blood Analysis** coming to your area!



Sponsored by WEST VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

Date MAY 18, 2019

6:30 AM - 9:30 AM Time

WEST VALLEY MEMORIAL HALL Place 9085 ROUTE 240

WEST VALLEY, NY 14171

Call to make your 1-800-234-8888 reservation today

Operators are available Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. Please have your doctor's name and address available when you call. Personal physician authorization is required.

## AMBA Panel

Coronary Disease Cholesterol

**Kidney Disease** 

HDL Cholesterol Cholesterol/HDL Ratio Triglycerides LDL Cholesterol

Blood Urea Nitrogen Creatinine BUN/Creatinine -Ratio (GFR)

#### Anemia

Red Blood Indices (MCV, MCH, MCHC, RDW) Hemoglobin Hematocrit Red Blood Cell Count White Blood Cell Count

Note: This screening is not covered by Medicare and most other insurance companies. Check or money order only will be accepted the day of the program and should be made payable to AMBA Wellness Programs.

Sponsor group may charge a separate handling fee.

PHI forms required for patient copies. Photo ID required.

#### Liver Disease Albumin Calcium Chloride. Globulin Albumin/Globulin Potassium Ratio Sodium AST Carbon Dioxide ALT Total Bilirubin **Total Protein** Alkaline Phosphatase

Diabetes Glucose

#### AMBA Panel

includes all tests listed above - \$40.00

#### **Optional Tests**

Test Code		
5363	Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA)	\$25.70
899	TSH	\$12.00
17306 •	Vitamin D - 25	\$25.00
496	Hemoglobin A1C	\$12.00
11290	Insure Colon Rectal Kit	\$20.00

A separate physician order is required for any of the optional tests. Please present a separate physician order at the time of the testing if you elect an optional test. There will be no exceptions at the program.

## Eldred World War II Museum Field Trip

On Wednesday, March 13th, 8th, 10th and 11th grade Social Studies students attended a field trip to the World War II Museum in Eldred, PA. The museum was built in the small town of Eldred because a munitions factory operated in the area during the war. Students enjoyed a presentation led by Sergeant First Class Steven Appleby, the curator



and director of the museum and then toured the facility. Upon their return students culminated the WW2 field trip by watching The Book Thief, the story of a young girl growing up in Nazi Germany.



Middle School Night Out: Holiday Valley Tubing

On Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students had a tubular night at Holiday Valley Tubing Company! The weather was perfect, the slopes were fast and we all had a blast!





## Library News

March was a busy month in the library. We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with our high school students volunteering to be guest readers in our elementary classes. The high school students read a Dr. Seuss book and took a treat to the elementary classes. The 1<sup>st</sup> graders read If I Ran the Zoo and create crazy zoo animals for their zoos. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders developed a Dr. Seuss dictionary by defining the made-up words in

Dr. Seuss' stories. As part of the celebration each class received a surprise book from another class in our You've Been Booked initiative.

Mr. Miller from BOCES came to the library and showed our  $2^{nd}$  graders how to create a video game character using Bloxels. Mr. Miller also introduced the kindergarten class to coding. The class played the Code Hopper game which allows students to learn about coding by following directions on the floor tiles.

The middle schoolers had an opportunity to create flashlights at the library makerspace table. The students used copper wire, copper tape, and LED bulb, a wooden stick, and a binder clip to design a working circuit that would make the lightbulb shine. BOCES also sent a Q-BA-MAZE for our students to explore. The students have tried building the marble run in several different ways. Each time the creation is different.

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are working on I Spy books. Each student is creating a page for the book. They are designing a page and writing the story for their page. We will then be using a green screen to add their picture to their page and then photographing the pages to make the book. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders are working on researching a woman that made a positive impact on the world. This is a collaborative project involving Ms. Pfeffer, Mr. Hasen, Mrs. Lechner, and Mrs. Thiel. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about research in library while developing their informative writing skills in ELA. Students will also be creating a media presentation for their woman in computers and designing an artwork that represents their woman in art class.

Mrs. Green's class worked hard on their leprechaun traps, but the leprechaun was not tricked! Better luck next year!







#### West Valley Ski & Board Club 2019

Although the first month of winter was rather warm and rainy, by mid-winter right through to

the end it was great conditions with plenty of fresh snow each week. This season our club had 18 students from Elementary right up to seniors that will be graduating in the near future. It was a great season and we finished with no injuries which is always a plus. If you would like to receive any information regarding our club and how you can register your child, please contact Gerry Stead at school. Thanks again to my club members and their parents. 2019 Ski & Board Club Members:



Michael Boberg Lucas Proseus Rodney Boberg Eve Niesyty Nicholas Peters Tristan Ehnes

- Travis Dusterhus Justin Seltzer Brandon Blackmon Sam Herbst Kyree Meppen Payton Ehnes
- Nicole Blackwell Brian Reed Nathan Niesyty Samantha Stock Ronni DuFrane Joshua Auman

#### Family S.T.E.A.M Night

For March's Family S.T.E.A.M. Night, 25 students and their families were trying to keep the mischievous leprechaun from causing too much trouble. Students had to build a bridge for the leprechaun to cross with his gold. The leprechaun was also in need of a new hat and a pot for his gold. Students created rainbows from Fruit Loops and drew coded maps for Ozobots to find the pot of gold. Leprechaun launchers were made to help the leprechaun escape the traps that were built. Thanks to our high school science students Abby Proctor and Aaron Schenne and their teacher Mrs. George-Baker everyone was able to make shamrock ice cream and attend the leprechaun campfire. The night was full of fun and learning!



## 2019 PTO Plant Sale

Name

Phone Number\_

Students will also be bringing order forms home before break

Plants may be picked up at the school on Tuesday, May 21 between 3pm and 6pm OR arrangements may be made to pick orders up at Fox Valley Greenhouse (942-3710)

On Monday May 20 or Wednesday May 22 during business hours.

Please mail order forms and payment (checks payable to West Valley PTO)

<u>by April 12, 2019</u> West Valley PTO c/o Amy Butler 5378 Williams Ave West Valley, NY 14171

#### Or give to a PTO member or WVCS teacher

Please note if you'd like a WVCS student to receive credit for your purchase; prizes will be awarded to the top 5 sellers in the school! This year we offer flats of mixed colors (red, pink, white) for impatiens and petu-

nias.

#### **Important Notes:**

\*<u>Mixed flowering annuals include</u>: 6 plants of each; giant zinnia, tall snapdragon, pansy, marigold, wax begonia, petunia, impatiens, coleus
\*<u>Vegetables include</u>: 4 cukes, 4 winter squash, 2 zucchini, 2 summer squash, 4 hot peppers,
4 sweet peppers, 4 cherry tomatoes, 4 cabbage, 8 tomato, 4 lettuce, 4 broccoli, 4 cauliflower
\*<u>Herbs include</u>: thyme, oregano, lavender, basil, parsley, tarragon, rosemary, dill or marjoram or substitutions if there are adverse growing conditions.
\*<u>Mixed hanging basket</u> (5 varieties/colors minimum): lobularia, bidens, verbena, calibrochoa, verbena, hanging petunia, etc.
\*<u>14</u>" patio pot is mixed plant material and colors and comes in a 14" terra cotta pot.

Any special ordering questions, contact Coutures at the Greenhouse.

## Thank you for your support!

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## West Valley heARTbeat

Spring is in the air, as we continue to learn and grow in the West Valley art rooms. Our primary students in kindergarten through 2nd grade are learning all about self-portraits. Mrs. Lechner has been reviewing facial features, placements, and proportions of the face, as students learn to draw themselves. 3rd grade has been learning about warm and cool colors, creating beautiful name designs. 5th grade students have been practicing using watercolor by painting a sun or the Earth. The background was completed with Zentangles, a structured, repetitive pattern that is fun and relaxing and increases focus and creativity.

We have been working on some fun collaborative projects in the 6th and 8th grade! Sixth graders learned about artist Rube Goldberg and his popular cartoons that showed complicated inventions which performed simple tasks. Students drew their own inventions and then headed to the library with Mrs. Thiel to try and create their own real-life inventions. Mrs. Thiel has such a great background in STEAM, and of course, the fun gadgets that the students couldn't wait to tinker around and come up with something of their own. Our eighth grade students worked together in a team to create one large grid drawing of a celebrity of their choice. This activity brought out a lot of problem solving and great conversation including constructive criticism. It was wonderful to hear the students, as a team, discussing areas in their drawings that needed improvement, and how to go about correcting any issues.

Art Club finished their beautiful owls directed by Mrs. Butcher. The students really enjoyed their project and how they turned out. Stay tuned for our next meeting!

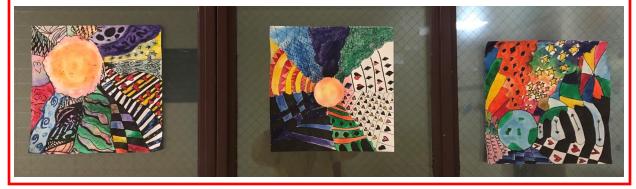
Studio in Art students are just about finishing up learning about the Elements of Art, which are the basic concepts used when artists create work. They will continue their foundational knowledge and learn about the Principles of Design. Sculpture students created taxidermy heads of a chosen animal and they have turned out amazing! They are now working on carving candles for a low-relief project.

Nathan Dash's artwork was showcased at the Western New York Regional High School Exhibition at the University of Buffalo and will also have his work displayed at the St. Bonaventure Juried High School Art Exhibition. The exhibit will be open until Monday, April 22.









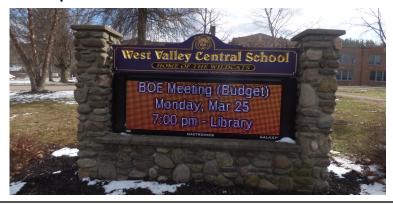
## Artist of the Month

This month's Celebrity Artist at West Valley is Eve Niesyty. Eve is in the 6th grade and is a wonderful art student. Her favorite food is ice cream, she enjoys softball, and the series "Heartland." She loves to paint and aspires to be a dentist. This summer, Eve and her family have plans to go to Arizona and go white water rafting with her grandma.



Do you want another way to see what is going on at WVCS?

Drive by the school and check out our new full-color sign board. We even have the capability to change the message without physically being at the school so emergency school closings can be posted.





#### ANIMAL PROGRAMS

Once again this month we had Mike Morton from Sundance Kids Farm come to teach us about an animal. This month Mr. Morton brought Sparky, one of a twin lamb born on the farm. Sparky's sister, who is white, stayed home. Sparky is only about three weeks old. Mr. Morton told us about how Sparky was having difficulty nursing and was not thriving like his sister was. In addition, it was very cold at the time and he was having difficulty maintaining his body heat. As a result, Sparky moved into their house and will remain there "until he does something wrong", as Mr. Morton put it. We learned all about where Sparky comes from, what he eats, how big he will grow and the things that we, as people, get from lambs. We even got to pet Sparky! All in all, it was an excellent learning experience for our elementary students!



## Senior Citizens Brunch

Tuesday, Apríl 30th from 9:00 AM until 10:30 AM School cafetería

Please come and enjoy ... a complimentary brunch including breakfast sandwiches, danishes, juice and coffee. An update on the state of the school and entertainment from the students.

Please call Carolyn Boberg at 942-3100 ext. 4102, by Tuesday Apríl 16<sup>th</sup> to make your reservation.

Thank you

## Updates from Student Council (Middle School/ High School) Mrs. Mychajluk & Mrs. Mazzuto

Student Council sold Chocolate Rose Candygrams for Valentine's Day during the week leading up to February break. It was a great success and sold out in the first two days! Roses were delivered to surprised students during Homeroom on Valentine's Day. On Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> students celebrated the last day before break with a sweet treat and decorated their own cupcakes in 7-12 lunch. Also, throughout February and March we have been raising money and supplies for EARS animal rescue. We had a Hat Day and Pajama Day, which students and staff donated \$1 to support animals in need. Whoever is the winning Homeroom will win a Splat Ball Night on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7 in the Gym. Every Friday in March is a Spirit Day! March 8<sup>th</sup> was March Madness, March 15<sup>th</sup> was Greens and Jeans, March 22<sup>nd</sup> was Silly Sock Day and the 29<sup>th</sup> was WVCS Pride! Student Council is sponsoring a few events leading up to Spring Break in mid-April. In April we will have a Staff v. Student Volleyball tournament after school. On Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a Spring Fling Dance from 7-10 pm for grades 7-12. Presale cost is \$5; \$7 at the door. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Also, we will be selling chocolate bunny suckers in 7-12 lunch and they will be delivered in Homeroom on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for all of your support with all of these fun events!



# MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Friday	Mini French toast OR Cereal w = a Bagel Chiled 100% Juice Cup Fresh or Prepared Fruit Non or Low Fat Milk	12 Mini French Toast Or Cereal w/ ½ a Bagel Chilled 100% Juice Cup Fresh or Prepared Fruit Non or Low Fat Milk		28	
Thursday	4 Girramon Toast Crunch Pastry Or Cereal w/ <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> a Bagel Chilled 100% Juice Cup Fresh or Prepared Fruit Non or Low Fat Milk	11 Cirramon Toast Crunch Pastry Or Ceredi w/ ‡ a Bagel Chilled 100% Juice Cup Fresh or Prepared Fruit Non or Low Fat Milk	3 BREAK NO SCHOOL	25 25 25 25	
Wednesday	Blatbread Breakfast Pizza Or Cereal w/ ‡ a Bagel Chilled 100% Juice Cup Fresh or Prepared Fruit Non or Low Fat Milk	10 Flatbread Breakfast Pizza Or Cereal w/ <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> a Bagel 	17 SPRING	24 BREAK NO	
Tuesday	Cinni-Minis Or Cereal w/ ½ a Bagel Chilled 100% Juice Cup Fresh or Prepared Fruit Non or Low Fat Milk	9 Apple or Cherry Frudel Ceredi w/ ½ a Bagel 	16 Or Or Cereal w/ ½ a Bugel Chilled 100% Juice Oup Chilled 100% Juice Oup Fresh or Prepared Four	23 SPRING	30 Apple or Cherry Frudel Or Cereal w/ ½ a Bagel Chilled 100% Juice Cup Fresh or Prepared Fruit Non or Low Fat Milk
Monday	1 Sourange, Egg & Cheeses Breekfrast Sondwich Or Cereal w/ ‡ a Bagel Chilled 100% Juice Cup Fresh or Prepared Fruit	8 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Breekfrart Sendwich Or Cereal w/ ‡ a Bogel Chilled 100% Juice Cup Fresh or Prepared Fruit Non or Low Fat Milk	15 Sourange, Egg & Cheeses Breedidart Sondwich Or Caread w/ ± a Bogel Chilled 100% Juice Cup Fresh or Prepared Fruit	22	29 Sousage, Egg & Cheese Breakfart Sondwich Or Cereal w/ ½ a Bagel Chilled 100% Juice Cup Fresh ar Prepared Fruit Non or Law Fat Milk



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Attention Parents!!!

to start a day of learning and achievement. the day and provides the necessary energy Breakfast is the most important meal of Children who eat breakfast at school:

- Score better on Standardized Tests •
  - Have Fewer Health Issues
    - Behave Better in Class

Take the worry out of paying for Breakfasts:

order. Make checks and/or money orders payable to Prepay for your child with cash, check or money West Valley Central School or pay online at myschoolbucks.com



Students may choose one item from each three items to constitute a full breakfast. section. Students must choose at least

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One item must be a Fruit

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	Offerend deily	<u>Uth all School Lunches:</u> <u>With all School Lunches:</u> Fresh or Prepared Fruit (Must take ½ cup of Fruit or Vegetable - may take up to 1 cup)	Non or Low Fat White or Non Fat Chocolate Milk available daily	<u>In addition to the Entrée</u> of the Day we also cenve	the following Items Daily:	Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich	Julienne Salad with a Dinner Poll	Start with a:	<ul> <li>Vegetable</li> <li>Fruit (ortake both)</li> <li>Choose whole grains</li> <li>Pick a lean protein</li> <li>Add serving of milk</li> <li>Take at least 3</li> </ul>
Touch	Friday	5 Grilled Cheese or Grilled Turkey and Cheese W/Tomato Soup Mam & Cheese Sub Green beans	12 Campfire Pizza Sandwich W/Tomato Soup Or	Ham & Cheese Sandwich  Sweet Carrots 🗦 cup	19	SCHOOL	26	JOL	
	Thursday	4 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Turkey & Cheese Sub Broccoli	11 Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza Or Turkey & Cheese Sub	Brocoli	18	BREAK NO		NO SCHOOL	
April 2019	Wednesday	3 French Toast Sticks and Syrup W/Sausage Or Chicken Salad Wrep  Sweet Carrots $\frac{1}{2}$ cup	10 Chicken & Gravy Over Rotini Or	Ham & Cheese Sub Green Beans	17	SPRING	24	BREAK	
ntral School K-8 <b>\enu</b> hange.	Tuesday	2 Burrito W/Seasoned Rice Or Turkey & Oreese Wrap  Baked Beans Salsa % cup	9 Taco Salad Or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	Baked Beans Salsa ≩ cup	16 Taco In A Bag Made with Nacho Doritos	Turkey & Or 	23	SPRING	30 Chicken Fajitas W/Sassoned Rice W/Sassoned Rice Urrkey & Cheese Sandwich  Baked Beans Salsa ≩ cup
West Valley Central School Grades K-8 Lunch Menu <sup>Menu is subject to change.</sup>	Monday	Hot Ham & Cheese On A Bun Or Chicken Saldwich French Fries	8 Burger OR Cheeseburger On A Bun Or	Chicken Salad Wrap Tater Tots	15 Hot Ham & Cheese On A Bun	Chicken Salad Sandwich French Fries	22		29 Burger OR Cheeseburger On A Bun Or Chicken Soliad Wrap Tater Tots

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## WVCS Calendar of Events for April

April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	AYI softball 6-8pm gymnasium
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	PTO meeting 6pm library
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Fling Dance 7-10pm auditorium
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Class of 2021 Pancake Breakfast Bingham Hall 9-2pm
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sundance Farm Animals 1pm auditorium
April 10th	Senior Citizen Matinee @ 4:30pm
April 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Musical 7-9pm auditorium
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	ACT Exam 8am
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Education meeting 7pm
	library conference room
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Superintendent Day – no students
April 18-26 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	PTO meeting 3pm library conference room
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Citizen Breakfast 9-10:30am cafeteria

Please send all newsletter articles to: aleonard@wvalley.org. Articles should be in MS Word or MS Publisher or saved as a JPEG. <u>The deadline for the May Newsletter is April 15, 2019 at 3 PM</u>.

\*\*\*\*PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE GRAPHICS IN YOUR ARTICLES-THANK YOU!\*\*\*\*