



WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

School and Community Working Together

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APRIL 2026

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SPRING RECESS**
4/3 - 4/10
- PTO MEETING • 4/13**
- COMMUNITY ED: RUBBER STAMP MAKING • 4/20**
- BOE MEETING • 4/21**
- COMMUNITY ED: SMARTPHONES 101 • 4/22**
- COMMUNITY ED: STAINED GLASS • 4/23**
- SPRING INTO FUN DANCE**
4/24
- VOLLEYBALL CLINIC • 4/25**
- COMMUNITY ED: CYBERSECURITY • 4/28**
- 8TH GRADE TRIP TO DC**
4/26 - 4/29
- FARM MARKET EVERY SATURDAY FROM 10:30 - 11:30 AM**



SCAN TO VIEW EVENT CALENDAR



100 Days of School Celebration

Our first grade class had a lot to celebrate this year! On Friday, February 13, before heading out for Winter Break, students showed off two special projects in the auditorium.

The first was our annual 100 Day project. Created at home with parent help, these projects gave children a chance to practice their counting and skip-counting skills — and the results were a creative mix that was fun for everyone to see.

The second was our animal project. This year, instead of a written report, students used voice-to-text to record their findings, then added a picture and printed them. We also built our animals out of play dough, painted them, and drew and colored a picture of each animal in its habitat in Art class.

On the actual 100th day of school, February 25, we celebrated with 100 Day crowns and centers. The children had a blast showing off their work!

Scan the QR code to see a video of Mr. Amodeo interviewing each child about their 100 Day project.





CAPITAL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

BY MR. DANIEL AMODEO, SUPERINTENDENT

Throughout the last few newsletters, we have been providing updated information regarding the development of our 2026-27 budget. We are now moving into the month of April with several important dates upcoming.

April 1 is the date New York State has set to pass the state budget. With the passing of the state budget, we are hoping West Valley and all “save harmless” school districts receive an increase in aid above the initial 1% that was proposed by the Governor.

We are also hoping that the collaborative work between our Town Supervisor John Pfeffer and the school will lead to an increase in the PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) our town and school receive for the West Valley Demonstration Project. The amount the town and school receive has remained the same since 1996, not even being adjusted for inflation over time.

We know through our budget process that costs continue to rise. Our electricity and heating costs have increased 32% and 48% respectively from the prior school year. Health insurance rates will increase 8% for the next school year. In addition, there are increases in costs for our BOCES services, services to our students with disabilities, contractual expenses, equipment, and maintenance.

West Valley strives to provide the highest quality education for our students while maintaining a tax levy that has not kept pace with the rising costs of the present or throughout the last 14 years. During this same time the total assessed value of property in the school district has increased nearly 90%.

- Since the 2012-13 school year, **the average tax levy increase has been 0.5%.**
- Since the 2012-13 budget the tax levy (total taxes collected) has **remained the same or decreased in 8 of 14 years.**
- Over the same 14 years the **total amount of taxes collected (tax levy) has decreased by almost \$4,000 dollars.**

For the 2026-27 budget, we are working diligently to develop a final budget that will provide our students with the opportunity to meet our mission and realize our vision. Our budget will be responsible to our community and will not negatively impact the future of our school. The Board of Education will adopt a final budget at our meeting on April 21. This will be followed by our Budget Hearing on May 12 and our annual Budget Vote on May 19.



HERE COMES SPRING!

BY MRS. MYCHAJLUK, PRINCIPAL

Dear Wildcat Families,

As we head into April, we are entering an important and exciting stretch of the school year. State testing for students in grades 3–8 will begin this month and continue into May. Please be sure to review the testing schedule included below so families can plan ahead and help students arrive at school rested, prepared, and ready to do their best.

These New York State assessments in ELA, Math, and Science provide valuable insight into student learning and growth. The ELA assessments measure students’ ability to read, analyze, and write about texts, while Math focuses on problem-solving and mathematical reasoning. Science assessments give students the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of scientific concepts and critical thinking skills.

The information we gain from these assessments helps us identify student strengths and areas for growth, guide classroom instruction, and determine supports such as AIS services or enrichment opportunities. While these tests are just one measure of student learning, they play an important role in helping us ensure all students are on track and supported.

Spring Break is also just around the corner, and I hope it provides our students, staff, and families with a chance to relax, recharge, and enjoy some well-deserved time together.

When we return from break, we will begin the final quarter of the school year. This marking period is especially important for students in grades 7–12, as final quarter performance will play a major role in determining whether students successfully complete their courses. Students who are not successful will be required to attend summer school.

We encourage all students to stay focused, keep up with assignments, attend extra help when needed, and finish the year strong. Let’s continue working together to support every Wildcat’s success!

COMPUTER-BASED TESTING (CBT) FOR ELA, MATH, AND SCIENCE WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

ELA 3–8

April 21 & 22: Grades 3–4
and Grades 7–8
Makeups: April 23 & 24

Math 3–8

May 5 & 6: All Grades
Makeups: May 7 & 8

Science (Grades 5 & 8)

April 28 & 29: Grades 5–6
Makeups: April 30 & May 1

May 12
Makeups: May 13



ASSESSMENTS VS. TAXES

Throughout the last four years in the Town of Ashford, we have seen a full property revaluation and reassessments each year thereafter. The Town's commitment to maintaining property assessments at full market value has allowed our community to realize significant growth in property values, a lower tax rate, and an equitable distribution of the tax burden.

Generally, the more assessed value there is, the more the amount of taxes collected can be spread across that total value. This can often lead to no increase or even a decrease in the amount of taxes paid by a property owner. In the graphic below from the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance (2026) you can see examples of how assessments could impact the tax rate and the amount of taxes paid.



PERSONAL REGISTRATION

Registration to vote in county and/or school elections will be held in the district office on **May 5th - 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Please bring personal identification and proof of address with you to register. County registration can be completed online at the Department of Motor Vehicles website at:

<https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>

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

If you have voted in recent years your name will be on the county or school registration list.

To qualify to vote, you must be:

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

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

West Valley Central School District is required by law to make absentee ballots available to qualified district voters for our May 19th, 2026 Annual Budget Vote. Call Carolyn Boberg, District Clerk at 942-3100 ext. 4102 for an application or questions.

A qualified district voter must request an application for absentee ballots in advance and select the reason you will not be able to appear in person on May 19th, 2026, to vote in person on this day.

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

The district clerk must receive the application at least seven days before May 19th, 2026, (if the ballots need to be mailed to you), this will give ample time to be returned to the district. Completed absentee ballots will be accepted by Carolyn Boberg until 5pm on May 19th, in the WVCS foyer.

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, WVCS Multipurpose Conference Room at 6:00 p.m.

WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL 2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

APRIL 2026

- Legal notice of school budget hearing and budget vote. Must advertise four times within 7 weeks of the vote with first publication at least 45 days before date of budget vote (3/31-4/4/26)
- Adoption of the 2026-27 budget by the Board of Education (4/21/26)
- Adoption of the Property Tax Report Card by the Board of Education (4/21/26)
- Deadline for school board nominating petitions to District Clerk (4/21/26)
- Property Tax Report Card due to NYS Education Department (4/22/26)
- Military ballots are to be mailed (no later than 4/24/26)
- Property Tax Report Card emailed to legal newspaper (no later than 4/27/26)
- Prepare absentee ballot applications, absentee ballot, related envelopes, and directions

MAY 2026

- Budget statement and required attachments available to public (no later than 5/5/26)
- Public Budget Hearing (5/12/26)
- Budget notice mailed to district residents (5/13/26)
- Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election (5/19/26)
- Board of Education meeting (5/19/26)

CHILD FIND NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all district residents with children between birth and age 21: **If your child is disabled or you suspect s/he may be disabled, you may be entitled to special education and related services, without cost to you.**

Please contact the Special Education office at 716-942-3100, extension 4149, to register your child or obtain further information.

Notice is in compliance with IDEA "Child Find" requirements Education Law 4402(l)(a).

REMINDERS FOR HOME INSTRUCTED STUDENTS:

Submit a quarterly report for your children.

Annual Assessments should be sent to the school with fourth-quarter reports.

If you intend to homeschool your child(ren) for the 2026-27 school year, send a letter of intent to Mr. Daniel Amodeo, Superintendent by July 1st annually.



Are you interested in running for **THE BOARD OF EDUCATION?**

Petitions to be a candidate for a Board of Education seat are available beginning March 11, 2026, in the district office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

There is one (1) seat open for election to the Board of Education.

- **Five-year term**, currently held by Jonathan Boberg (expires on June 30, 2026). If elected to this seat your term will start July 1, 2026.

The petition requires signatures and residences of at least 25 qualified voters. On the petition, the candidate's name and residence should be on each page of the petition.

The signed petitions must be filed with Carolyn Boberg, District Clerk, by 5:00 p.m. on April 20, 2026.

To qualify to be a board candidate you must meet the following criteria:

- 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

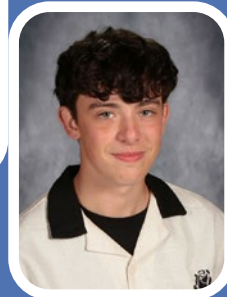
- The only member of his/her family (that is, cannot be a member of the same household) on the West Valley Central School District Board
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office, including, but not limited to superintendent, clerk, tax collector, treasurer or librarian, or an 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.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A BOARD MEMBER

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

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

WE ARE PROUD TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY AND NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY!



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES:
Karly Otto, Olivia Messina, and Sebastian Froland



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES:
Finley Ford-Grover, Abigail Tucker, Brody Lawrence, Emma Nunn, Delia Shoup, James Shoup, Quinn Spencer, Braydan Mitchell, Kolin Holstein, Ryan "RJ" Peace



WEST VALLEY GEOGRAPHY BEE

West Valley's 9th–12th graders recently took on the National Geographic Geography Bee, a computer-based challenge covering a broad range of geography topics. The top 9 students earned a spot in a live final round held in the Auditorium, where they competed for the top honors.

Congratulations to our top three finishers, each of whom took home a trophy and a Tim Hortons gift certificate — courtesy of the PTO:

1ST PLACE – Samantha Fisher

2ND PLACE – Soren DiGiorgio

3RD PLACE – Noah Klahn

Samantha will now advance to the National Competition.



WEST VALLEY OUTDOOR RECREATION CLUB VISITS ALLEGANY STATE PARK

The West Valley Outdoor Recreation Club recently went on a camping trip to Allegany State Park. Students had a packed schedule of both outdoor and indoor activities over the course of the trip.

One of the highlights came after dark, when NYS DEC Educator Jon led students on a nighttime owl expedition through the park — a memorable way to experience the natural environment up close. Jon returned the next day to guide the group on fat-tire mountain bikes through the park's trails. Students also kept things competitive with games of capture the flag and kickball, and wound down indoors with board and card games.

The Jamestown Audubon Society stopped by as well, bringing several animals and giving students a hands-on look at local wildlife.

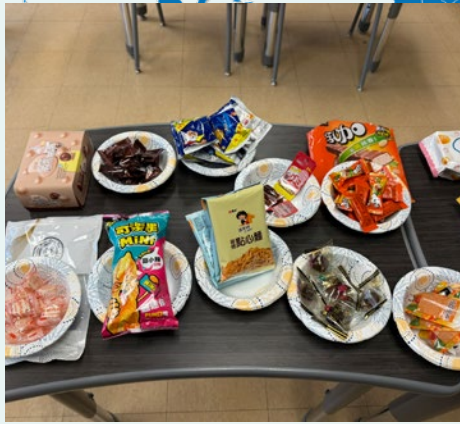
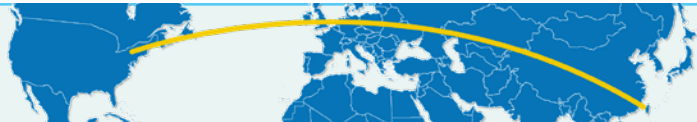
The trip was made possible in large part by NYS Ladders to the Outdoors, which covered lodging, programming, and some food costs. West Valley extends its thanks to Jon and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the staff of the Jamestown Audubon Society, and everyone who helped make the experience possible.



FROM WEST VALLEY TO TAIWAN

For the second year, West Valley Central School has been building a connection that stretches all the way across the Pacific. Students at Taipei Municipal Shilin Junior High School in Taiwan sent postcards to West Valley sharing their word of the year and a little about themselves — and this year, they included a surprise: Taiwanese snacks, key chains, and tote bags that West Valley students were happy to dig into.

Ms. Burgett and Mrs. Gang's classes responded in kind, writing postcards back and putting together a package of American treats and West Valley merchandise — shirts, bags, hats, and more — to send to their Taiwanese pen pals. Special thanks to Mrs. Boberg, Mr. Marino, and Mrs. Garthwaite for donating the WV gear that will make the trip overseas.



West Valley Students Compete at Regional Anatomy Tournament

West Valley students recently competed in a regional anatomy tournament at St. Bonaventure University with Dr. Scott Medler. The West Valley Funny Femurs — seniors Abby Pinkowski, Derik Schoepflin, Payton Ehnes, and Anna Proseus — earned third place in the competition.



WILDCAT ATHLETICS

WINTER SPORTS AWARDS

Congratulations to our athletes who were recognized at our annual Winter Sports Awards Night in February!



HEART OF A WILDCAT

Cullen Shaw (Modified Basketball); Ryley Foster (Varsity Basketball)



MODIFIED BASKETBALL

Coach Marino, Cullen Shaw, Hakeem McCarty, Nick Klahn, Braydan Mitchell, Dalton Otto, Jordan Swingle, Coach Harbison (not pictured: Liam O'Connell)



TRACK & FIELD

Nia Schoepflin, Makayla Richardson, Karly Otto, Noah Klahn, Brody Lawrence (not pictured: Madison Lawrence)



VARSITY BASKETBALL

Derik Schoepflin, Karson Heitman, Michael Yetter, Raymond Tharnish, Ryley Foster, Ryan Bartz, Coach Schoepflin, Coach Guagliardo (not pictured: Malachi Hickey)

SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Karly Otto, Noah Klahn, Brody Lawrence (not pictured: Lily Quinn and Olivia Messina)



COMMUNITY USE OF FACILITIES

Construction on our community approved 2024 Capital Project will begin this month. In addition to a new playground, we are adding ventilation to our weight room, renovating a space adjacent to the gym for a cardio center, and repainting the gym. West Valley Central School would like to provide expanded opportunities for community use of our facilities (BOE Policy 3280). Specifically, we would like to know the interest of our community to use the weight room, cardio center (when renovation is complete), hallways for indoor walking during the winter months, gym, and track.

1. What school facilities would you have interest in using? Choose all that apply.

- Weight Room
- Cardio Center
- Hallways (walking in the winter)
- Gym
- Track

2. How many days of the week would you use the weight room?

- 1 Day per week
- 2 Days per week
- 3 Days per week
- More than 3 days per week
- Not interested in using

3. How many days of the week would you use the cardio center?

- 1 Day per week
- 2 Days per week
- 3 Days per week
- More than 3 days per week
- Not interested in using

4. How many days of the week would you use the hallways or track for walking?

- 1 Day per week
- 2 Days per week
- 3 Days per week
- More than 3 days per week
- Not interested in using

5. How many days of the week would you use the gym?

- 1 Day per week
- 2 Days per week
- 3 Days per week
- More than 3 days per week
- Not interested in using

6. What activities would you use the gym for?

- Pick-up Basketball
- Pick-up Volleyball
- Pickle Ball
- Not interested in using
- Other

7. Community use of facilities could occur before or after the regular scheduled school day or after-school activities. What times of the day would you prefer to use the facilities mentioned in this survey?

- 6:15 am - 7:00 am
- 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
- 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
- Not interested in using

Other _____

Please return the form to the main office scan the QR code if you prefer



SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY MARQUIS BURTON AKA TEN THOUSAND

The 4th-7th grades PRESENT

POETRY

Out Loud

THURSDAY | APRIL 16TH | 1 PM

WVCS AUDITORIUM

FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Something for Everyone!

WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Book Fair

SCHOLASTIC BOGO (BUY ONE GET ONE)

MAY 11-15

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND

Serving buffet style from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church
9372 Rt. 240, West Valley

Everyone is welcome!

Join us for a hot meal, good conversation, and help build community. Dessert too! We host a community dinner on the 4th Wednesday of every month (except Nov. And Dec.) All are welcome to attend. Donations are accepted but not expected.

FOR GRADES 7-1 2

VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

APRIL 25TH-9-11AM
JUNE 6TH- 9-11AM

CLINIC IS FOR ANY ATHLETE WHO PLAYS VOLLEYBALL OR IS INTERESTED IN PLAYING VOLLEYBALL

COME JOIN
COACH GARTHWAITE
COACH SCHEFFLER
COACH FOX AND
WORK ON YOUR
VOLLEYBALL
SKILLS WHILE
PLAYING SOME
FUN GAMES.



WVCS CLASS OF 2027

HANGING BASKET FUNDRAISER!



GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR A
10" HANGING BASKET

AT

Jake's
GREENHOUSE



SALE DATES: **MARCH 20 - APRIL 20**

READY FOR PICKUP **MAY 5TH**



JUST IN TIME FOR

Mother's Day!



STAINED GLASS FOR BEGINNERS

Instructor: Melissa Pearl

Stained glass is a hands-on course in which participants will learn the fundamental techniques of stained glass, including assembling glass pieces to create beautiful designs. You will explore the basics of foiling, soldering, and the proper use of tools. By the end of the course, you will have crafted your own stained-glass project to take home and will have the skills to continue the exploration of this timeless art form. No prior experience is necessary — just a passion for creativity and learning! All supplies are included.



Multi-Purpose Conference Room, West Valley Central School

Date: April 23 and May 7

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$35 per class and all materials included

Maximum number of participants per class: 4

Registration deadline: One week prior to scheduled class.

SMARTPHONE 101 WITH ADOPT A GRANDKID

Instructor: Ken Dash

Whether you have an iPhone or an Android, this beginner-friendly class covers the fundamental skills you need to navigate the digital world. No question is too small. Key topics:

- Connecting to Wi-Fi and managing data.
- Using the App Store/Play Store safely.
- Video calling basics (FaceTime, Zoom, or WhatsApp).
- Managing notifications so your phone works for you

Multi-Purpose Conference Room, West Valley Central School

Date: April 22

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per class

Minimum number of participants per class: 5

CYBERSECURITY AND USING A.I. AGENTS

Instructor: John Pfeffer Jr.

Cybersecurity: Staying Safe Online and Identifying Threats (April 28 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.)

Join us for a practical session on how to stay safe in today's increasingly digital world. This program will help participants recognize common online threats such as phishing emails, scam messages, fake websites, and social engineering attempts. We'll also discuss simple steps anyone can take to protect personal information, secure devices, and build better online habits. Whether you use email, social media, online banking, or simply browse the web, this session will provide easy-to-understand guidance to help you confidently navigate the internet and protect yourself and your family.

Understanding and Using A.I. Agents (May 21 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.)

Artificial intelligence tools are rapidly becoming part of everyday life, from helping write emails to organizing information and solving problems. In this session, we'll explore what AI agents are, how they work, and how people can use them effectively in daily life, work, and learning. Participants will see practical examples of how AI tools can assist with research, planning, communication, and creative tasks. The goal is to demystify AI and provide a hands-on introduction that helps participants understand both the opportunities and limitations of this emerging technology.

Multi-Purpose Conference Room, West Valley Central School

Free Class

No minimum or maximum per class

Registration deadline: one week prior

RUBBER STAMP CARD MAKING

Instructor: Jody Enser

How would you like to impress your friends and family with handmade cards? Each class you will make 8 cards, 2 each of 4 different designs.

Multi-Purpose Conference Room, West Valley Central School

Date: April 20 and May 18

Time: 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per class and all supplies are included.

Minimum number of participants per class: 2

Registration deadline: One week prior to scheduled class.

WEST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Calendar

2026-2027



JULY 2026						
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Sept. 2 nd	Teacher Day 11:50-7pm Meet Teacher 5-7pm
Sept. 3 rd	Supt. Day-no students
Sept. 7 th	No School
Sept. 8 th	1 st day All Students
Oct. 9 th	15 min Early Dismissal
Oct. 12 th	Columbus Day
Nov. 11 th	Veteran's Day
Nov. 13 th	1 st quarter ends
Nov. 23 rd	½ day all students, Parent Conf. 12-7pm
Nov. 24 th	½ day all students, Parent Conf. 12-2:30pm
Nov. 25-27 th	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 23-31 st	Winter Recess
Jan. 1 st	Winter Recess
Jan. 18 th	M.L. King Jr. Day
Jan. 26-29 th	Regent exams
Jan. 29 th	2 nd quarter ends
Feb. 15-19 th	Mid-Winter Recess
Mar. 12 th	½ day all students Parent Conf. 12-2:30pm
Mar. 26-31 st	Spring Recess
Apr. 1-2 nd	Spring Recess
Apr. 23 rd	3 rd quarter ends
April 30 th	Supt. Day
May 31 st	Memorial Day
June 14 th	Last day 7-12 students
June 15-25 th	Regent exams
June 18 th	Juneteenth Observance
June 23-24 th	½ day-UPK-6 students
June 24 th	Last day UPK-6 students
June 24 th	4 th quarter ends
June 25 th	Rating Day

Total Student Days (7-12) = 181
 Total Student Days (UPK-6) = 180
 Total Teacher Days = 184

JANUARY 2027						
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BOE approved February 10, 2026



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Spring Into Healthy Habits

WVCS HEALTH CORNER

April brings warmer weather, blooming flowers, and plenty of excitement for Spring activities and Easter celebrations. As children spend more time outdoors and enjoy seasonal treats, it's a great opportunity to refresh a few healthy habits that help keep our school community feeling its best.

SPRING ALLERGIES

Spring also marks the beginning of allergy season for many children. Pollen from trees and plants can trigger symptoms such as sneezing, itchy or watery eyes, runny nose, congestion, and throat irritation. Unlike a cold, allergies typically do not cause fever.

If your child experience seasonal allergies, please make sure the school health office has any necessary medications, action plans, or updated instructions from your healthcare provider. Managing symptoms early can help students stay comfortable and focused in the classroom.

OUTDOOR PLAY & SUN SAFETY

As the weather improves, children naturally spend more time playing outside. Outdoor activity is wonderful for both physical and mental health. A few simple precautions can help keep children safe:

- Wear comfortable, well-fitting shoes for running and playground activities
- Apply sunscreen on sunny days, especially during longer outdoor events
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water
- Check for ticks after spending time in grassy or wooded areas.

BALANCED EASTER TREATS

Easter Baskets and Spring celebrations often bring plenty of sweets. While treats are part of the fun, balance is important. Parents may consider including some non-candy items such as:

- Coloring books or small craft kits
- Sidewalk chalk or bubbles
- Jump ropes or small outdoor toys
- Stickers or activity books

These items can encourage creativity and active play while keeping the holiday fun.

HEALTHY HABITS STILL MATTER

As we move into the busy spring season, continuing everyday health habits makes a big difference:

- Frequent handwashing to reduce the spread of illness
- Adequate sleep to support learning and growth
- Nutritious meals and snacks for sustained energy throughout the school day.

Spring is a season of growth and renewal, and it's a wonderful time to recommit to healthy routines that support our children's well-being.

If you have any health concerns or updates regarding your child's medical needs, please don't hesitate to contact the health office.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy spring!

~School Health Office

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