



*A weekly email update for the Conestoga Valley School District Community*

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## April 16, 2026

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### Stay Up to Date on Commencement Events!



Commencement for the Class of 2026 is just six weeks away!

The commencement page on the high school's webpage contains all the information students and families need regarding the ceremony, practices, etc. Click the button below to visit the commencement page.

[Commencement Page](#)



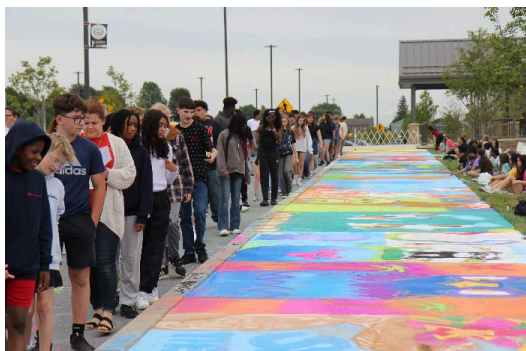
### Photo of the Week

Over the last few school years, thanks to a grant from the [Conestoga Valley Education Foundation](#), the Metal Lab at CVHS has gotten some serious upgrades, the last of which were just recently completed.

Check out more photos on our [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages!

Thank you, CVEF, for your continued support of CV!

## Donations Needed



The GHMS annual Sidewalk Chalk contest is fast approaching and we need your support!

For the past 22 years, GHMS has proudly held an annual sidewalk chalk contest where students submit original drawings for a chance to see their artwork come to life using professional-grade chalk.

Events like this thrive not only because of our students and teachers, but also because of the generous support of our community.

Ms. Stamm, the seventh grade art teacher at GHMS, is seeking prize donations for the event. Click the button below for more information and to sign up to provide a prize(s).

Thank you in advance for your support!

[Donation Information](#)

## Don't Miss Out! Kindergarten and PreK Registration Open!



Kindergarten registration **AND** applications for Pre-K Counts for the 2026-27 school year are now open!

The Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts program provides free pre-kindergarten services to three- and four-year-olds and offers full day services in CVSD. This program is held in all four of CV's elementary schools.

[Kindergarten Registration](#)

[Pre-K Counts Application](#)

## Fritz Renovation FAQs



Fritz Elementary is (temporarily!) moving while the building undergoes renovations. Fritz students and staff will be moving to "old" Smoketown Elementary (2426 Old Phila Pike) for the 2026-27 **and** 2027-28 school years.

## Mark Your Calendars!



**Leola Open House**

May 6

5-6 p.m.

11 School Dr.

SELF-GUIDED TOURS

DROP-IN EVENT

OPEN TO COMMUNITY

Renovations to Leola Elementary are nearing an end and we are excited to announce an Open

[Get more information online!](#)

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House on **May 6 from 5-6 p.m.!**

The newly-renovated building, located at 11 School Drive, will be open for informal/self-guided tours. This event is a drop-in event that is open to the entire community.

**And announced last week** - TJ's Ice Cream truck will be on site and a portion of all sales this evening will go to the Leola PTO!

We hope to see you there!

## Come Test Drive a Bus

Yes, You Can Drive a School Bus



**WHERE: CONESTOGA VALLEY SERVICE CENTER**  
160 Newport Road, Leola 17540

**WHEN: Saturdays May 2, 9 and 16, 2026**

**TIME: 10 AM to 1 PM**

Brightbill Transportation is holding several "Test Drive a Bus" days in May: May 2, 9, and 16 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Be sure to bring a valid PA driver's license. Instructors will be on hand to guide you through the process of driving a school bus.

These test drives are being held at CV's Service Center located at 160 Newport Rd., Leola, 17540.

## 2025-26 SAT, PSAT Info



CV will host the SATs on the following date:

- May 2 (*registration deadline: Apr. 17 - that's tomorrow!*)

Students create an account, register, and pay at [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org). Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and the exam begins at 8 a.m.

**Community BULLETIN BOARD**

Conestoga Valley's [online bulletin board](#) is designed to assist community nonprofit groups in the CV area to communicate important information in an environmentally-friendly and cost-effective way. Throughout the school year, we'll highlight new announcements, registration information, and more in this newsletter.



Did you miss a week (or several) of the Buckskin Blast? Don't worry! Archives of this school year's newsletters can be found by clicking the button below!

[Click Here](#)

## CV Cares



[CV Cares](#) is a decades-old program designed to recognize CV employees who have gone above and beyond to make our students,

parents and guardians, and community members feel welcome and supported. The recognition could be for a single extraordinary event or an ongoing pattern of positive interaction and support.

If you have had the opportunity to be on the receiving end of this type of engagement, take a moment to fill out the [online form](#) to recognize that special educator. Remember, an educator is anyone who has the opportunity to positively impact the life of a child. As such, an educator can be a bus driver, secretary, custodian, teacher, cafeteria worker, school counselor, administrator, or any other support or professional staff associated with CV.

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