



A weekly email update for the Conestoga Valley School District Community

April 23, 2026



Calling All Fritz Community Members!

Come help us celebrate 50 years of memories at Fritz! 💙💛

Back in 1976, Fritz students and staff put together a time capsule with instructions for it to be opened in 50 years - that's this year!

We are now inviting all current and former Fritz students, staff, volunteers, etc., to help open the time capsule!

Date: May 22, 2026

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Where: Fritz Elementary, 845 Hornig Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601

RSVP below!

RSVP



Photo of the Week

On Monday, Fritz Elementary fourth and fifth grade students competed in the annual Fritz Math 24 tournament!

The winners were...

- Third runner-up: Braden Keim
- Second runner-up: Pranavi Malla Thakuri
- First runner-up: Lucas Schloski
- 2026 Fritz Math 24 Champion: Carter Johnson

Congratulations to all of our participants!

(Pictured L-R: Braden Keim, Carter Johnson, Pranavi Malla Thakuri, Lucas Schloski)

Donations Still 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](#)

Checking in with the Art Department



Students in art classes across the district have been busy this month.

Click the button below to check out the Art Department Report for the month of April! 🎨

[Art Department - April Report](#)

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](#)

Mark Your Calendars!



Renovations to Leola Elementary are nearing an end and we are excited to announce an Open 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 earlier this month - T-J'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.

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

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.

Come celebrate the last day of school with East Lampeter Township and their FREE [Cones with a Cop event!](#)

Information was also added about [Upward's Flag Football Fall League](#).



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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