

HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 2026

2026 CLASS VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN



OLIVIA BROADBENT **Valedictorian**

The West Canada Valley Class of 2026 valedictorian is Olivia Broadbent, daughter of Glenn and Michelle Broadbent. Olivia has been a standout member of West Canada Valley's music and drama departments and also a valued member of our varsity bowling team. Olivia is a member of jazz ensemble, small ensemble, and West Canadians, plays in the Ilion Civic Band, and has attended all-county, area all state, and solo festival. She is also part of drama club, international club, art club, Battle of the Books, yearbook club, and student council. Olivia represented West Canada Valley at the Empire Girls State conference in 2025 and has attended school board meetings as an ex-officio student board member. In the fall, Olivia will attend SUNY Potsdam to study music education and performance.



KATHERINE GORINSHEK **Salutatorian**

The West Canada Valley Class of 2026 salutatorian is Katherine Gorinshek, daughter of Frank and Cheryl Gorinshek. Katherine has been active in athletics and student government throughout high school. Katherine focused her athletic endeavors on basketball through tenth grade, then changed her focus to indoor and outdoor track, earning awards for rookie of the year and most improved athlete. Katherine has served as an ex-officio student school board member, class secretary, and student ambassador at Youth Summit, and also completed a six-month business internship at Herkimer County Next. Katherine will study business administration in the fall at SUNY Binghamton.





FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Jeremy Siddon

Dear West Canada Valley Community,

As another school year comes to an end, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all that we have accomplished together and express my sincere gratitude to everyone who makes the West Canada Valley Central School District such a special place.

First and foremost, thank you to our students for their hard work, resilience, and commitment throughout the year. Whether in the classroom, on the athletic fields, on the stage, or in our community, our students continue to make us proud through their achievements and dedication.

To our families, thank you for your partnership and support. Your involvement, encouragement, and trust are essential to the success of our students and our schools. We appreciate all that you do to support learning both inside and outside the classroom.

I would also like to extend my deepest appreciation to our teachers, support staff, administrators, and faculty members. Your passion, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our students create an environment where every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed. Your hard work each day does not go unnoticed.

To the Class of 2026, congratulations on reaching this important milestone. Graduation marks the culmination of years of hard work, perseverance, and growth. As you prepare to begin the next chapter of your lives—whether that includes college, military service, technical training, or entering the workforce—know that you will always be a valued part of the West Canada Valley family.

Finally, thank you to our community members for your continued support of our district. The partnership between our school and our community is one of our greatest strengths. Your support, encouragement, and investment in our students help ensure that West Canada Valley remains a place where students can thrive.

This school year brought both challenges and successes, and through it all, we worked together with a shared commitment to providing the very best opportunities for our students. We are grateful for the support shown throughout the year, including your support of our school budget and our continued efforts to strengthen the future of our district.

As we begin summer break, I encourage everyone to take time to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. Please stay safe and make the most of the opportunities that summer brings.

We look forward to welcoming our students back in the fall for another exciting school year. Thank you again for your continued support of the West Canada Valley Central School District. Have a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Siddon

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

CLASS OF 2026 HIGH HONOR GRADUATES

*Jacob Cornacchia
Hallie Fehlhaber
Reigan Foster
Madalyn Gross
Ellie Hayes*

*Brook Helmer
Matthew Lape
Nyssa Lopez
McKenna Maxwell*

*William Muthig
Kristina Ostapuk
Victoria Rozyla
Kaylee Usyk
Carmen Youngs*



CLASS OF 2026 HONOR GRADUATES

*Kilie Clark
Samuel Dunham
James Gates*

*Kyle Henzel
Lenora Johnston
Cheyenne Mayo
Hannah Reinhardt*

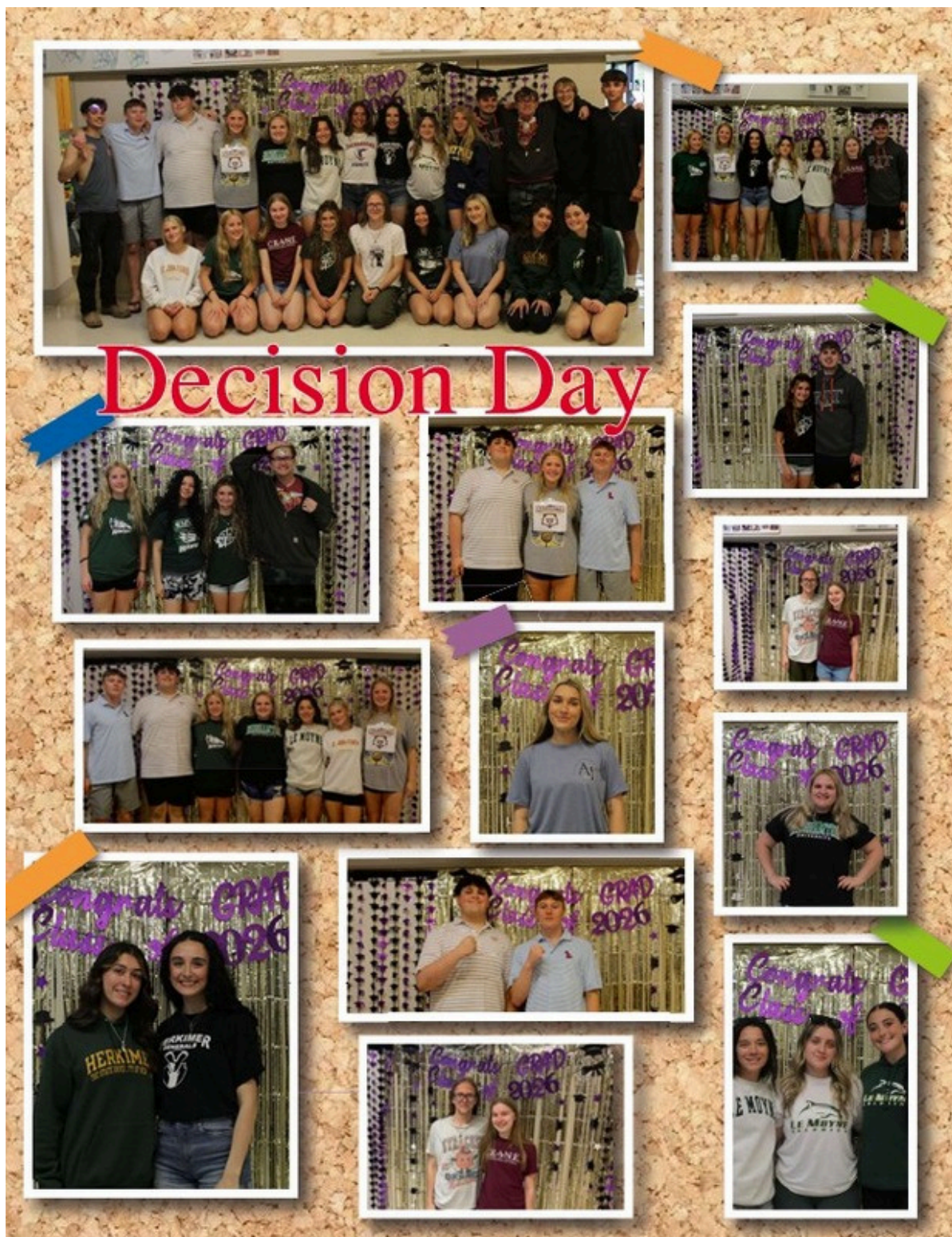
*Holly Reinhardt
Landon Rice
David Valasek*



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

CLASS OF 2026 DECISION DAY

Members of the Class of 2026 proudly celebrated Decision Day. Students donned their college and career apparel to mark the important choice they made for their future!



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

ATTENTION CLASS OF 2027!

Senior Photo Information:

It is time to think about your senior pictures! Many students take the opportunity to have their pictures taken over the summer for the 2027 yearbook. The following three photos are required:

- Formal photo: traditional head and shoulders (facing towards the camera, not a 'backward' glance), no hats, props, or logos, usually more 'dressed up'
- Casual photo- full length photo or props are acceptable
- Youth photo- anywhere from infant to around 5 years old

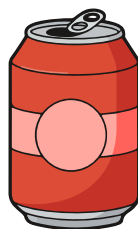
Digital photos are preferred and can be submitted via flash drive or by email. Photos can be given directly to Ms. Petro in Room 36, or by emailing vpetro@westcanada.org.

All photos must be submitted by October 23, 2026.

NATIONAL SR. HONOR SOCIETY VOLUNTEER DAY

Members of National Senior Honor Society recently spent the day volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House of Albany. The House is actually three beautiful homes that are connected, offering rooms for 25 families in need. Our students assisted staff members with organizational and housekeeping tasks. The group also delivered several boxes of donated aluminum pull tabs, which generate nearly \$3,000 per year for this specific House. Thank you to everyone in the WCV Community who contributed! Donation buckets for tabs are located at each school entrance, year round.

Thank you very much!



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

MARCH 2026 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS



Ryder Aldrich - Global History & Geography I, Mr. Sarus - Ryder comes to class each day ready and willing to learn. He is a polite and motivated young man. He is enthusiastic about school, he participates, he asks questions, he's competitive, and shows a genuine interest in the topics being presented. Ryder has a positive attitude and a great sense of humor. He is a pleasure to have in class.

Gabriel Bouchard - Health, Mr. Swiecki - Gabe brings a refreshing energy to first period. Most students stay quiet/ don't answer questions when asked, but I can always count on Gabe to at least try to answer things like our trivia, or other questions asked throughout the class!

Glenn Broadbent - English 10, Mr. Rogowski - Glenn is intelligent, diligent, and truly has an exuberance for learning in my classroom. He volunteers nearly every single day to read aloud, and he completes all assignments with effort and precision. Keep up the great work, Glenn!

Grace Dewey - English 9, Mr. Rogowski- Grace is intelligent, kind, and extremely hard-working. She always completes her assignments at a very high level, and she also gets along extremely well with the other students. She is truly an asset to my English 9 classroom. Keep up the great work, Grace!

Davin Kirchberg - Global History & Geography II, Mr. Sarus - Davin comes to class each day with a positive attitude. He participates in class discussions and demonstrates a good understanding of the topics being presented. He's a polite young man with a good sense of humor. Davin completes all of his work in a timely manner and does very well on assessments.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

MARCH 2026 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Izabella Mauldin - Life Skills, Mrs. Beach - Izzy always works hard to complete her work on a daily basis. She is a positive role model to her classmates and demonstrates her ability to be kind and helpful throughout the school day. She offers to help her teachers and classmates even if she is not sure of what needs to be completed. She is a great friend and student every day!

Natalie Morgan - Algebra I, Mrs. Santmier - Natalie has been a role model student in Algebra I class. She comes in with a smile, has a great attitude towards math, and she participates in class discussions often. Keep up the great work!

Kimberlee Patrick - Pre-Algebra, Mrs. Santmier - Kimberlee comes to class prepared and gets right to work. She is always participating in class discussions and offers help to her peers. Keep up the great work!

APRIL 2026 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS



Charlotte Allen - English 10, Mr. Rogowski - Charlotte is the model of consistency in my English 10 classroom. She puts maximum effort into all of her assignments, and each one is always well-done. She also volunteers to read aloud which further shows her excellence. Keep up the great work, Charlotte!

APRIL 2026 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Ashlaya Azzarito - Global History & Geography I, Mr. Sarus - Ashlaya has been terrific over the past several weeks. She has made a tremendous improvement to her average. She has been participating more in class discussions and doing well in our review games. She is also very pleasant and polite. Ashlaya is a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the good work!

Brooke Balash - Global History & Geography II, Mr. Sarus - Brooke is an outstanding student. She's very conscientious. Her assignments are always completed and well-prepared. She communicates effectively and possesses a very polite and welcoming demeanor. Brooke is a very reliable student that puts forth consistent effort. She's a pleasure to have in class.

Hope Clark - Math 8, Mrs. Smith - Hope consistently demonstrates outstanding character and dedication in the classroom. Her strong work ethic is evident in her commitment to always complete assignments on time and to the best of her ability. She takes pride in her work and cares deeply about her academic success which is reflected in the high quality of her performance on all assignments. Congratulations Hope! Keep up the great work!

Sophia Fee - Social Studies 7, Mr. Youngs - Sophia is a pleasure to have in class. She participates in class discussions and has a great sense of humor. She makes class more fun on a regular basis. Great work all year long. Keep it up!

Mallory Gauthier - Science 7, Mr. Dougherty - Mallory shows great dedication to get all of her work completed. She is a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the good work Mallory!

Brennen Lamphere - Social Studies 8, Mr. Pullman - Brennen has done a great job in social studies all year. He is extremely polite and puts forth tremendous effort. Brennen is a great role model for his peers. Congratulations, Brennen!

Isabelle Lyon - American Sign Language II, Ms. Chmielewski - Isabelle is a great asset to our classroom, she is always on task and puts forth great effort.

Tess MaLoon - English 9, Mr. Rogowski - Tess is an excellent student who always works to the best of her ability. She puts maximum effort into all of her assignments, and her diligence is second to none. She is also extremely well-mannered and polite which does not go unnoticed in my classroom. Keep up the great work, Tess!

Madeline McManus - Math, Ms. Beach - Madeline works hard to complete all of her work in class. She works through any challenges given to her and does her best to complete them on her own. She completes her daily problems and is willing to correct her work as needed. She is a positive role model in the classroom and helps her classmates by encouraging them to work hard and finish their work.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL 2026 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Natalie Morgan - Science 8, Mr. Dougherty - Natalie is a pleasure to have in class. Her assignments are always complete, she participates in class discussions, and she tries her best on exams. Natalie is having a terrific year in Science 8.

Nadia Soloyna - English 11, Ms. Blynt - Nadia is a wonderful asset to English class. She has been especially valuable during discussions about the current novel. She offers insights and a positive attitude. I greatly appreciate her contributions.

Oliver Williams - ELA 7, Ms. Murphy - Oliver consistently volunteers to read aloud, and he always has his homework and classwork completed. Despite temptations to fool around, Oliver doesn't give in; instead he encourages classmates to get to work. He sets a good example for others, and I enjoy having him in class!

MAY 2026 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS



Brooke Balash - English 10, Mr. Rogowski - Brooke is intelligent, kind, and has an excellent work ethic in my classroom. She often volunteers to both answer questions and to read aloud during our lessons. She is extremely helpful to her peers and can often be found helping other students to achieve to the best of their ability. Keep up the great work, Brooke!

MAY 2026 STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Keira Cornacchia – Health, Mr. Swiecki - Kiera brings a fun energy to class and is always available to have interesting conversation before class begins. She is always on top of her work and willing to go the extra mile!

Teegan Harvey - AP English 11 Language & Composition, Ms. Blynt - Teegan is a student who consistently gives her best effort and deep thinking toward English class. It's much appreciated, especially as the school year winds down. I look forward to her contributions to class discussions and her willingness to meet and exceed course expectations.

Daniil Karyagin - English 9, Mr. Rogowski - Daniil is a model student in my English 9 classroom. He consistently volunteers to read aloud and never hesitates to play roles during dramatic readings. Daniil is not only intelligent, but extremely helpful to his fellow students. Keep up the great work!

Liliana McCann – Geometry, Mrs. Smith - Liliana is an incredibly hard-working student who always puts forth her best effort in everything she does. She has exceptional mathematical abilities and approaches challenges with confidence, determination, and critical thinking. She is never afraid to ask questions when she needs clarification, showing a genuine desire to learn and grow. Liliana also consistently demonstrates kindness, respect, and politeness toward both her classmates and teachers making her a wonderful role model in the classroom. It has been a true pleasure having Liliana in class this year!

Congratulations to all of our Student Recognition Award recipients!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS CLUB MEMBERS VISIT AUTHOR

On May 21, middle school Battle of the Books (BoB) members had the opportunity to hear acclaimed author, John Schu, speak at Holland Patent Middle School. Schu wrote *Louder Than Hunger*, a book included in this year's BoB competition, in verse about his own childhood experiences. Schu spoke vividly and inspirationally and spent time signing books and chatting with each student after his presentation. The club will remember this incredible experience for years to come!



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

8TH GRADE KAYAKING EXCURSION



On Monday, May 18th, the 8th grade class went Kayaking in Forestport. The trip was sponsored by the Black River Outdoor Educational Program. The kids got to paddle up under an eagle's nest as they made their way to the Kayuta dam. They even saw some turtles along the way. It was a great day on the water!



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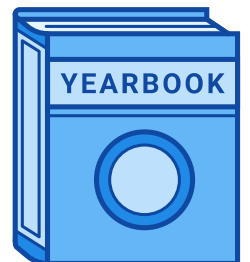
7TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES: WESTWARD EXPANSION

The 7th grade Social Studies classes recently concluded a unit on Westward Expansion. The students cast their votes for their favorite "wagons," and the top three winners were: Kole Johnson, Molly Carlesimo, and Andrew LaPorte Jr. Congratulations to everyone!



WECAVA YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

The 2026 WeCaVa yearbooks are here. A limited number of yearbooks are still available to purchase for \$65. First come, first served, cash or checks only. Please write checks to WCV Yearbook Club. Email Ms. Petro with any questions: vpetro@westcanada.org



MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

FFA CHAPTER ATTENDS 101ST NYS FFA CONVENTION

West Canada Valley FFA attended the 101st New York State FFA Convention. Nine FFA members participated in multiple tours, events, workshops and represented WCV. FFA President Holly Reinhardt, Sentinel Marissa Christiano, Olivia Bell and Emma Baker competed in the Veterinary Science Career Development Event. The contest consisted of 4 parts: a breed and tool identification, a math problem, general veterinary knowledge and a hands-on practical. Out of 60 teams and 230 members, the girls placed 45th in the state, with Olivia Bell finishing 116th. Great job!

Secretary Mackenzie Christiano and Miranda Reinhardt represented WCV FFA as official delegates. Their role is to represent our FFA chapters by attending FFA policy meetings and debates, and voting on matters to update New York FFA bylaws. FFA is completely student run; our State Officers run the meetings while each chapter is allotted delegates to participate in governing matters.

It wasn't all contests and meetings, the group enjoyed a tour of the city, learning about and experiencing sites around Buffalo. On Friday night, everyone attended a baseball game complete with a fireworks show. Our members were amazing leaders and great ambassadors for the West Canada Valley FFA!



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

WCV BANDS ATTEND SHERBURNE PAGEANT OF BANDS

The WCV Bands headed back to Sherburne on Thursday, June 4th and Saturday, June 6th. This year, the HS Wind Ensemble, MS Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, Colorguard, and Drum Line competed at the 77th Annual Sherburne Pageant of Bands. Schools were placed in classes according to their high school's student population. Classes ranged from AA (Norwich City Schools) all the way down to D (Laurens Central School). West Canada Valley was placed in Class B along with Bainbridge-Guilford, Dolgeville, Altmar-Parish-Williamstown, and Bloomfield.

The WCV Wind Ensemble (grades 9 - 12), under Mrs. Shane Bonney's direction, received third place honors in the high school Concert Band category. The Small Ensemble, under the direction of Mrs. Bonney, received first place honors in their respective category. The Color Guard was awarded first place, under the direction of Mrs. Bonney. The WCV Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Scott Bonney took fourth place in their category, performing three pieces of literature. The WCV Drum Line, under the direction of Mr. Bonney, received fourth place honors in their category. The Marching Band took first place in the parade competition. This (grade 7-12) band, which is 110 members strong, is under the direction of Mrs. Shane Bonney and was led this year by Drum Majors Kaylee Usyk and Reigan Foster. The Concert Band (grades 7 & 8), under the direction of Mr. Bonney, competed in the Middle School Class (an open class, regardless of school size) against nine other middle school bands and took fifth place.

The weather started a bit rainy in the morning, but cleared in time for the parade this year at the pageant and the number of parents and community members that flocked to Sherburne to see the bands compete was commendable. West Canada Valley definitely had one of the biggest fan cheering sections out of all the competing bands. The bands truly appreciate the support of everyone who attended, and the praise upon their return.

The directors are very proud of these accomplishments, as are the students who were involved. WCV is extremely pleased to announce that pride in the band program continues to reach new heights. Congratulations students, we're proud of you and the community should be as well!



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

SHERBURNE 2026



ART DEPARTMENT

NIGHTHAWKS HOST 3RD ANNUAL MS/HS ART SHOW

The WCV Nighthawks proudly hosted the 3rd Annual Middle & High School Art Show on May 12th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. This event showcased an astonishing array of artwork created by our talented students, including drawings, paintings, mixed media, sculptures, and much more.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended, supported our students, and helped celebrate the arts within our school community. We are immensely proud of all the student artists who showcased their work and participated in this event.

A special thank you to our three teacher judges for their efforts in selecting the winners for Best In Show, 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place. We also appreciate the community's involvement in voting for the People's Choice Award winner. **Congratulations to all of our award recipients!**

Best In Show

Jade Stokes

People's Choice

Carina Ostapuk

1st Place

Jade Stokes

Karina Parkhomchuk

Carina Ostapuk

2nd Place

Ellie Hayes

Amelia Lekki

Nevaeh Lowry

Sophia Petkovsek

Molly Carlesimo

3rd Place

Jade Stokes

Tucker Hopsicker

Taelyr Kipp

Lily Williams

Nevaeh Lowry

Karina Parkhamchuk

Sophia Petkovsek



ART DEPARTMENT

WCV NIGHTHAWKS 3RD ANNUAL MS/HS ART SHOW



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

SAFE BATTERY CHARGING POSTER CONTEST



Thank you to the Newport Volunteer Fire Department for sponsoring the Safe Battery Charging Poster Contest. We had 21 student participants, with six students selected to ride to school on a fire truck. All participants received a token of appreciation for their efforts in promoting battery safety. Congratulations to all who participated!

READING SAFARI NEWS

This Year's Theme: "Splash Into Reading"

A total of 250 WCV students will be enjoying a splashing good time at Water Safari this summer! To earn their ticket, students participated in a six-week program, committing to read for six hours or more. In celebration of Reading Safari, special guest readers made their way into classrooms. These guests brought along their favorite books to share with the students.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

In May, students in grades K-6 competed in the annual Science Olympiad completing tasks that required planning, communication and problem solving skills. Students were given a task to complete using limited supplies during a specific amount of time. Awards were given to the top finishers in each grade level.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

5TH GRADE HONORS PROGRAM: LEGO ROBOTICS

5th grade students attended the BOCES Honors Program in Robotics. The students spent the day learning to program Lego Education Robotics. Working together in pairs, students programmed the robots to complete different tasks and challenges.

This program is part of the BOCES Honors Program that hosts students in different grade levels throughout the school year to experience special events along with students from other component districts.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

3RD GRADE HEADS TO THE STARS



Our 3rd graders got to kick off their CKLA Astronomy unit with a “Big Bang!” BOCES paid us a visit with their portable planetarium to deliver an engaging, immersive journey through our solar system.

Each class got a chance to spend an hour mapping out planets and constellations; leading them to wonder about concepts like gravity and the effects felt on Earth as it rotates on its axis. This experience helped our young astronomers visualize what they would be reading about in class.

Ask your 3rd grader what they learned about the sun, moon, and stars!



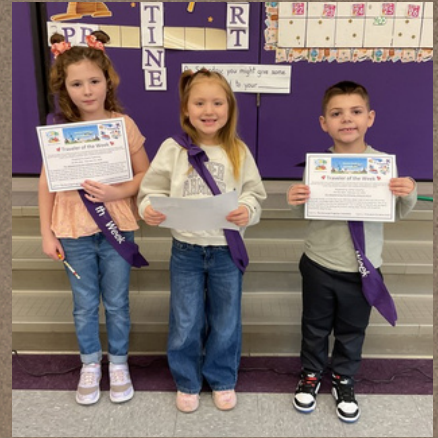
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

TRAVELERS OF THE WEEK

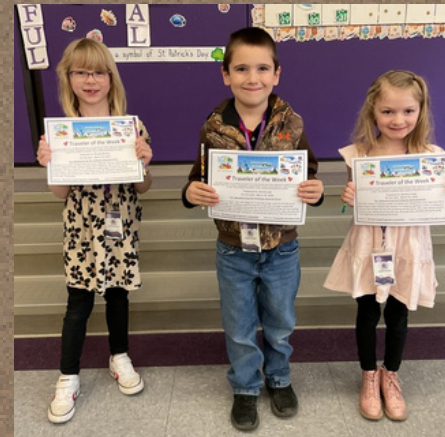
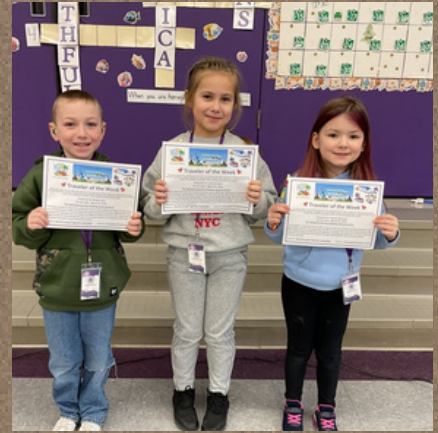
Each week, we recognize students who demonstrate outstanding character, responsibility, kindness, and growth throughout their school journey. Our **Travelers of the Week** are positive role models who help make our school a wonderful place to learn and grow. **Congratulations to all of our Travelers of the Week!**



FEBRUARY



MARCH



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

TRAVELERS OF THE WEEK

APRIL



MAY



ELEMENTARY ART SHOW 2026

West Canada Valley's Annual Elementary Art Show was held in May. Each student in kindergarten through grade six had a piece included in the show!

Kindergarten learned sheep get sheared each spring so they won't get too heavy from all their wool. We practiced making swirls, drew horizon lines, pulled apart cotton for fluff, and learned about wax resist style painting.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

ELEMENTARY ART SHOW 2026



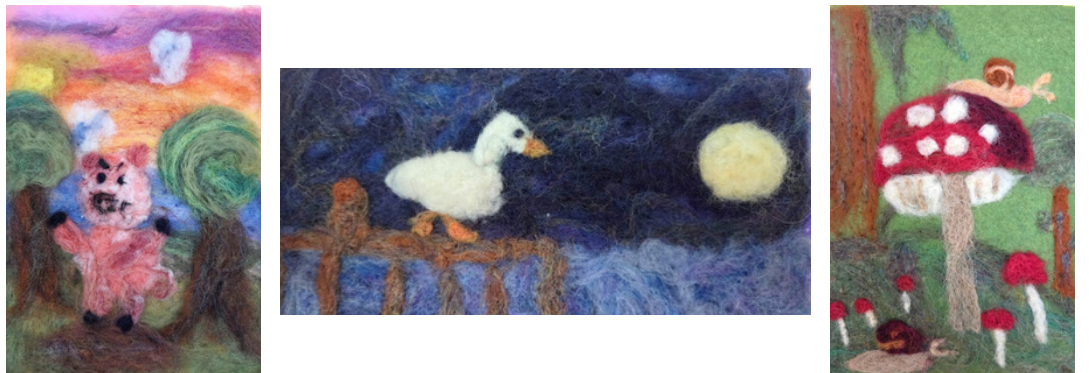
First Grade created cotton candy skies as the background for their branches of pussywillow flowers. We read the legend of why grey fuzzy buds grow on the branches; ask your first grader to tell you! Students used pompoms to print the buds and drew kitten faces on each one.

Second Grade looked closely at snails before creating 3-D sculptures. Students chose a secondary color to paint a large “shell” and used a primary color of model magic to form the snail’s body. They then pressed the “shell” into the model magic. The snails needed shelters, so we twisted lunch sacks, painted them and created mushrooms!



Third Grade learned about the artist, Laurel Burch. Ms. Burch created whimsical paintings of animals using bright colors and fun patterns. Students created cats in Burch’s style and, using construction paper crayons, mimicked the look of oil paint.

Fourth Grade painted with wool! Students learned there are many different types of fiber arts and then created their own felted “paintings” using wool fibers, felting needles, and felt.



ELEMENTARY ART SHOW 2026



Fifth Grade had a unit centered around a poem by Emily Dickenson, "Hope is a Thing with Feathers." We read her poem, discussed imagery, especially using metaphors and similes, and then created two different projects using a bird as the main focal point.

Sixth Grade learned about ancient art in Egypt. Students then designed and formed masks using limited color palettes and Egyptian styles.



TRANSPORTATION NEWS

ANOTHER “SAFE & SOUND” YEAR FOR TRANSPORTATION

As a parent you watch your children leave home in the morning and return in the afternoon on the school bus “safe and sound” from another day at school. That’s just the way it has to be.

As your Transportation Supervisor I have the responsibility of overseeing the students that are transported every school day in a “safe and sound” manner using a fleet of 21 buses that travel close to 300,000 miles a year. Like you, I you, expect this to happen with all students being transported “safe and sound” every day. How do we accomplish this? It takes all of the following people and actions to make it work.

Every school day starts with the State, County, Township and Village highway departments making sure the roads are safe to travel on. Thank them for the great job they do.

The mechanics that maintain our bus fleet, they have obtained another year of success from New York State Department of Transportation for bus inspection. Each bus is inspected by a NY DOT inspector twice a year. Thank Shane Korniat and Eric Morse, our two mechanics, when you see them.

The bus drivers and monitors that are operating your children’s bus are probably the most important ingredient of all to the “safe and sound” ride your children deserve. It is their personal judgment and skills that will ultimately assure your children ride the bus in a “safe and sound” manner every day. Thank them when you see them.

A big thank you from me to all the parents and guardians that make sure their children are loading and unloading safely and behaving on the bus so that a safe bus ride can be assured for all.

Felix Ray
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FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

End of the Year Medication Pickup: Please contact the Nurses' office to arrange pick up of any unused medication by the end of the school year. Medications not picked up by June 25th, 2026 will be discarded. **Medications cannot be stored over the summer.**

Physical Examinations: New York State Law requires a physical examination for all students entering the school district for the first time and when entering Pre-K, K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grade. Physicals must be completed within 12 months prior to September 8th, 2026.

Sports: Any student that plans to play a school sport must have a current physical on file with the health office. Please keep in mind that if a student's physical was valid for one sports season it may not be valid for the next sports season. **Sports physicals** will be offered at school on 8/4/2026 and 8/11/2026, by appointment. These dates will also be posted on ParentSquare.

Immunizations: New York State requires the following immunizations for students entering specific grades. All required vaccines must be completed prior to the start of school unless otherwise noted. NYS does not accept scheduled appointment dates beyond the 14th day of school. **The deadline for compliance is September 22, 2026.**

- Students Entering Grade 6: Tdap vaccine. This vaccine is required at age 11. If your child does not turn 11 until after September 8th, 2026 you will need to provide a doctor's note with the appointment date that they are scheduled to receive this immunization.
- Entering Grade 7: Meningococcal (Meningitis) vaccine. Must be received prior to the 14th day of school 9-22-2026. Students will be excluded from school without the proper immunizations.
- Entering Grade 12: 2nd dose of the Meningococcal (Meningitis) vaccine unless the 1st dose was given at age 16 or older. The 2nd dose of the vaccine is to be given at age 16. If your child does not turn 16 until after September 8th, 2026 you will need to provide a doctor's note with the appointment date that they are scheduled to receive this immunization.

If for any reason you are unable to make an appointment with your child's primary care doctor, Herkimer County Public Health offers immunization clinics. All clinics are by appointment only; call 315-867-1176 to schedule an appointment.

We hope everyone has a great summer!

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CAFETERIA CORNER

As this school year winds down, I'd like to thank the community for their continued support in having your students participate in our Free of Charge breakfast and lunch programs. We've had a successful year with improved participation. Our goal is to assure each student is fed everyday and with the NYS government putting Universal Free meals into place this year, I believe we were able to achieve that goal.

Over the summer months, there are places for your children to obtain free meals. Hunger Free America operates the **National Hunger Hotline** on behalf of USDA. The hotline is a source for individuals and families seeking information on how to obtain food. The National Hunger Hotline staff connects callers with emergency food providers in their community, government assistance programs, and various social services. During the summer months, the hotline also serves as a vital resource connecting children 18 years old and under at approved sites in areas with significant concentrations of low-income children. To locate a summer meal site near you, please visit: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>. The hotline can be reached by calling **1-866-3-HUNGRY** or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (for Spanish), Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the Child Nutrition Program, please contact me at 315-845-6800 Ext. 3360, or send an e-mail to sbutler@westcanada.org.

The Child Nutrition Program staff would like to thank you all and wish you a safe and happy summer!

Shelby Butler
Food Services Director



////// DISTRICT NEWS

BEST WISHES TO OUR RETIREES

Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement! Thank you for your years of dedication, guidance, and hard work in shaping the lives of students at West Canada Valley CSD. Wishing you a relaxing, joyful, and fulfilling new chapter ahead!



**SHELBY
BUTLER**

**Food Services Director
5.5 Years of Service**



**DANIEL
CAPRON**

**Elementary Teacher
34 Years of Service**



**CAROL
LEON**

**Bus Driver
8 Years of Service**



**CYNTHIA
MAXWELL**

**Teaching Assistant
23 Years of Service**



**TINA
STERNBERG**

**School Secretary
25 Years of Service**



**PAMELA
TOMEI**

**Teaching Assistant
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