

BLACKLICK



VALLEY

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October Newsletter

Each month will highlight outstanding Viking accomplishments, important news, and opportunities for students and families.

Empowering all students to make meaningful contributions to the world!

MISSION STATEMENT:

BUILD A COMMUNITY OF STAKEHOLDERS WHO
VALUE EDUCATION AND GRADUATE
STUDENTS WHO ARE COLLEGE/CAREER READY AND ARE
DEDICATED TO LIFE-LONG LEARNING.

The 2026–2027 school year is off to a strong start. It has been wonderful to see our students and staff return with enthusiasm, energy, and a commitment to making this year a success.

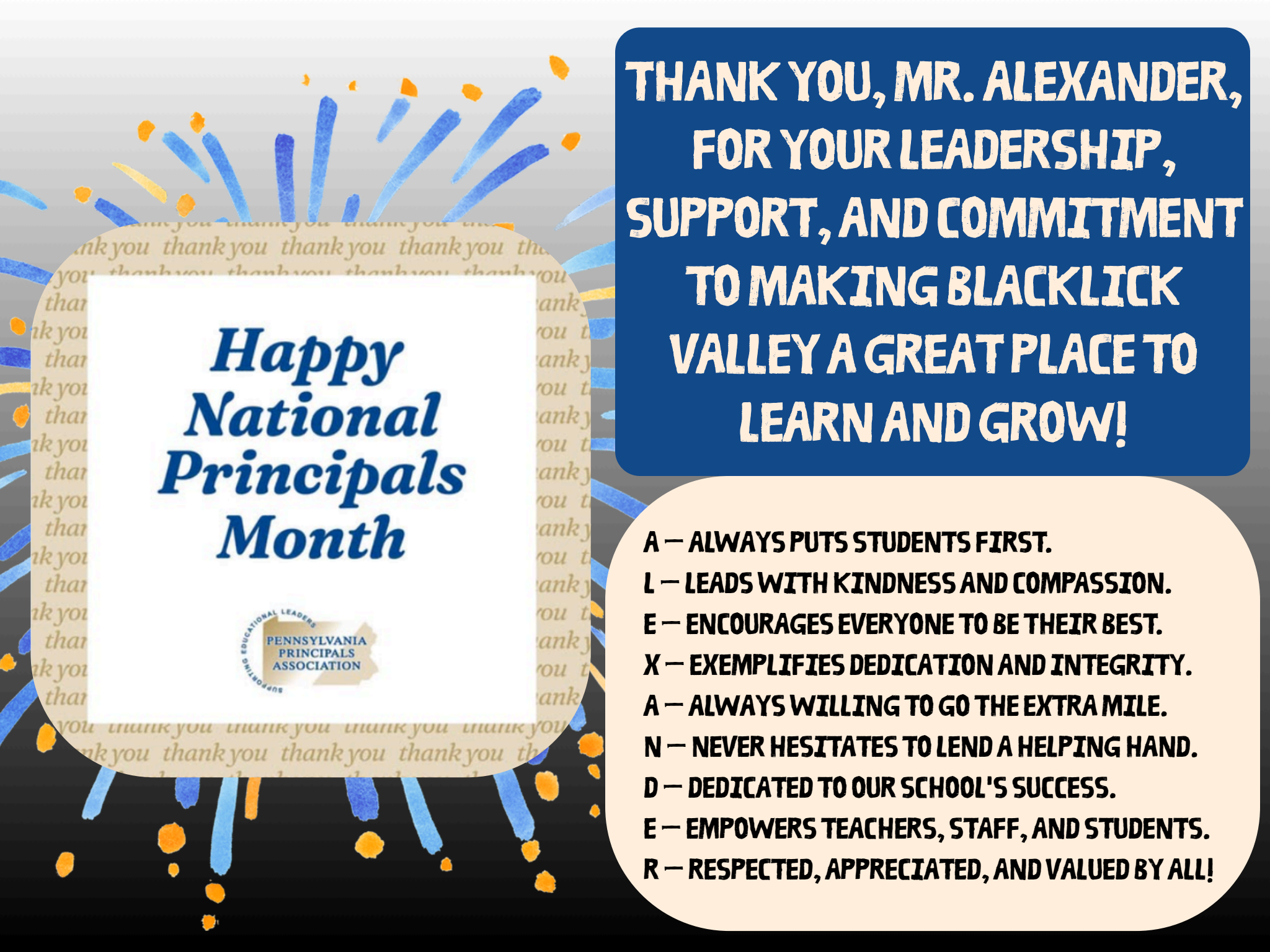
As we move forward, our focus remains on meeting the academic, social, and emotional needs of every student while providing opportunities for growth, achievement, and success. We also encourage our students to become more involved in school activities, clubs, athletics, and events. These experiences help build friendships, develop leadership skills, and strengthen our school community.

Together, we can continue to foster a positive school culture built on respect, kindness, Viking pride, and a shared commitment to excellence. I look forward to all that we will accomplish this year!

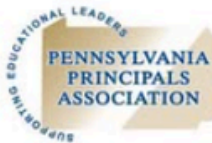
Proud to be your principal,
Edward R. Alexander



PRINCIPAL'S
perspective



Happy National Principals Month



**THANK YOU, MR. ALEXANDER,
FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP,
SUPPORT, AND COMMITMENT
TO MAKING BLACKLICK
VALLEY A GREAT PLACE TO
LEARN AND GROW!**

**A — ALWAYS PUTS STUDENTS FIRST.
L — LEADS WITH KINDNESS AND COMPASSION.
E — ENCOURAGES EVERYONE TO BE THEIR BEST.
X — EXEMPLIFIES DEDICATION AND INTEGRITY.
A — ALWAYS WILLING TO GO THE EXTRA MILE.
N — NEVER HESITATES TO LEND A HELPING HAND.
D — DEDICATED TO OUR SCHOOL'S SUCCESS.
E — EMPOWERS TEACHERS, STAFF, AND STUDENTS.
R — RESPECTED, APPRECIATED, AND VALUED BY ALL!**



The Challenge Program encourages students to strive for excellence in academics, attendance, and personal achievement while preparing for future success. Through partnerships with local businesses, students have the opportunity to earn cash awards in five categories: Attendance, STEM, Community Service, Academic Improvement, and Academic Excellence. The program recognizes students for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to reaching their full potential!



The Upward Bound Program helps eligible high school students prepare for success in college and beyond. Through academic support, college and career exploration, and enriching educational experiences, the program empowers students to build confidence, develop valuable skills, and achieve their goals for the future.

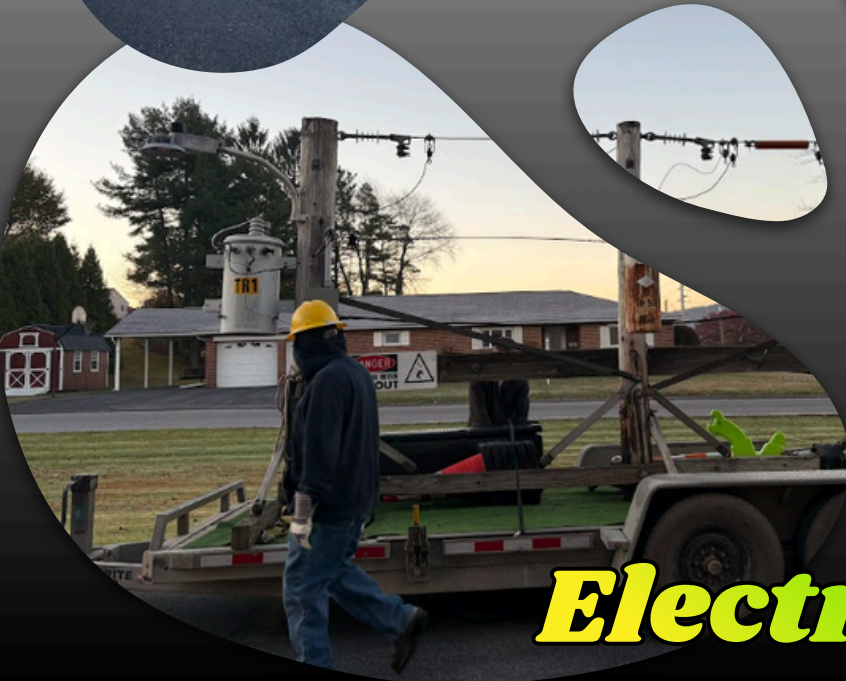
Need information on colleges, careers, counseling, summer programs, financial aid, or the military? Visit Ms. McGhee in the guidance office and check out the bulletin boards in the social studies hallway!

Financial Aid and College Planning

On October 27, a representative from Penn Highlands Community College visited Mr. Haveners' Personal Finance classes and Mrs. Strazisars' College Composition classes to discuss financing college and financial planning after high school.



REA Energy presented a live wire demonstration for all of our students on Friday, October 23rd.



Electrical Safety

FROM THE

Social Studies Dept.

FREE OF CHARGE

12th Annual Veterans Appreciation Breakfast & Assembly

Honoring our community veterans and service members

WHEN

Friday, Nov 6, 2026

8:00 AM — Breakfast

Assembly to follow
(approx. 9:15 AM)

WHERE

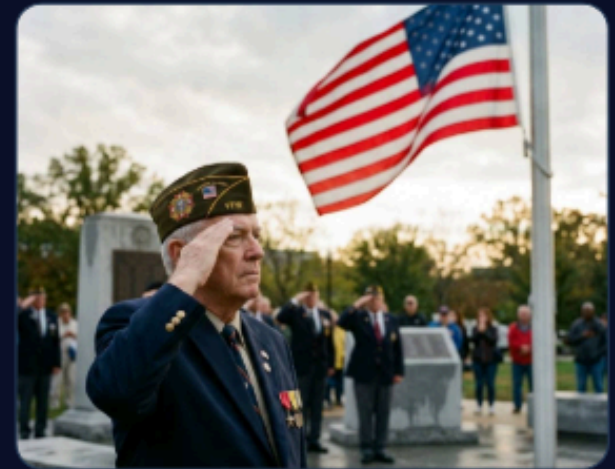
Blacklick Valley Jr Sr High
Cafeteria / Auditorium

RSVP

Mrs. Bezek

749-9211 ext. 203

By October 28, 2026



Invite a veteran to join us in our annual appreciation breakfast and assembly. They may be a relative, a neighbor, a family friend, community member, etc.

Thank You! — The Blacklick Valley Social Studies Department

FIELD OF FLAGS

Honor Our Veterans • Support Local Veterans

\$5

PER FLAG

Flags on sale through FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Purchase from:

- Any NHS member
- Any student currently taking Civics
- The Main Office



All proceeds benefit the Johnstown Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).



HONOR A VETERAN • SUPPORT A VETERAN • FILL THE FIELD OF FLAGS!



***Congratulations to the September
students of the month!***

Homecoming 2026



Sophomores



Juniors

SENIORS



*Congratulations,
Averi Yewcic!*



A big congratulations to BV's very own Averı Yewcic, who earned the prestigious honor of First Runner-Up in the Cambria-Somerset Outstanding Young Woman Scholarship Program!

This wonderful achievement is a testament to Averı's hard work, dedication, talent, and commitment to excellence. We are incredibly proud of the way she represented Blacklick Valley and showcased the outstanding qualities that make her such a remarkable young woman.

Congratulations, Averı! Your BV family is proud of you!

Conemaugh Career Day

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors interested in pursuing careers in healthcare recently attended Healthcare Career Day at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, accompanied by Ms. McGhee and Mrs. Lieb.

Throughout the day, students explored a variety of healthcare professions through presentations by professionals in nutrition and dietetics, ultrasonography, nursing, respiratory therapy, medicine, emergency medical services, and social work.

Following the presentations, students participated in rotations highlighting Conemaugh's medical programs, including histology, nursing, medical laboratory science, and radiology.

This experience provided students with valuable insight into the many career pathways available in healthcare and an opportunity to explore their interests as they consider their future educational and career goals.



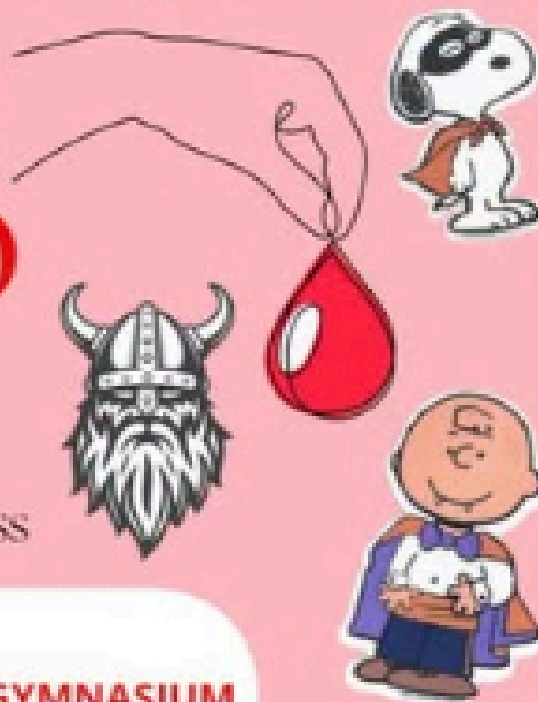
BE COOL DONATE BLOOD

SAVE A LIFE GIVE BLOOD



JOIN US FOR OUR
BVHS BLOOD DRIVE

AS WE TEAM UP WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS



WHEN: OCTOBER 29TH 2026

WHERE: BLACKLICK VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

TIME: 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

DID YOU KNOW?

JUST 1 BLOOD
DONATION CAN SAVE
UP TO 3 LIVES.
DONORS ARE LIKE
HEROES TO THOSE IN
NEED. TAKE A FEW
MINUTES TO HELP
SAVE A LIFE!



REGISTER NOW! [CLICK HERE](#)

BLACKLICK VALLEY Jr/Sr High School

TRU NEWSLETTER

HIGHLIGHTS

Upcoming Events

Red Ribbon Week: October 26-31

Monday : Pajama Day Sleep instead of Smoke

Tuesday : TRU Tuesday wear Blue & White

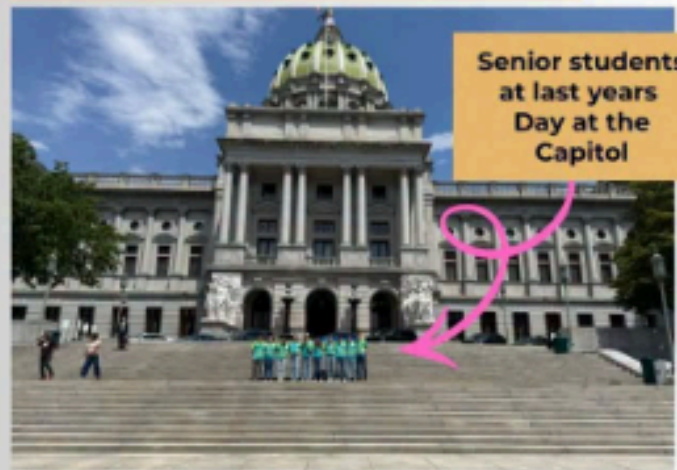
Wednesday : Western Wednesday Give drugs the boot

Thursday : Freeze Pop Day "Freeze out" Drugs

Friday : Costume Day "Scare out" Drugs

October Challenge

Get some fresh air by going on a weekly walk!



Senior students at last years Day at the Capitol

DO YOU
KNOW?

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death and disease worldwide, harming nearly every organ in the body.



TOBACCO FREE FACILITY



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