

BOE Report - November 12, 2020

Faculty/Staff/Students started off the year remotely, Our PD for faculty started with Model Schools and Google training and all teachers and students were required to have or be in Google Classrooms and Google Meets. We sent parents video guides in all things Google as well... a silver lining in this play book is we've all honed our technology skills.

We were fortunate to be able to start our soccer and cross country programs on September 21 and the runners and players were and continue to be ecstatic to be able to have these active teams.

We were able to begin in-person learning on October 5 and started smoothly with everyone adhering to the safety guidelines our dedicated reopening committee established.

The CFES committee met frequently to hand in their comprehensive k-12 plan, which was due on October 9 and includes activities for our K-12 students in the three pathways of Essential Skills, Mentoring and College and Career Pathways

Our senior boys and girls soccer players were recognized with halftime ceremonies in their "senior" home games on October 14 and October 16th.

We held a spirit week the week of 10/26-10/30, with different themes each day, ending the week on 10/30 with fall themed games and activities during the last 3 periods of the day.

On 10/27 our staff was trained in the foundational and introductory skills of our MTSS (Multi Tiered Systems of Support program), which umbrellas our RTI and PBIS programs into one comprehensive plan for our district.

These trainings are paid for by our Title II ESSA Grant and the Title I, II and IV ESSA grants were approved this week. We will continue to use Title I and IV to extend and improve our overall programming and add a Social Emotional Wellness training piece to MTSS with Title 2 funds.

In addition to these grants, we continue to reap the benefits of the robotics grant that was awarded last year and Mrs. Lackey secured an additional grant through SUNY Oswego, generously funded by National Grid, which provided us with over \$1500 in robotics equipment and 18 hours of professional development. Our K-12 student population utilizes this grant and these robots or the older Lego NXT robots. STEM is alive and well!

October 27 - 29 our CFES team and student Scholars had an opportunity to attend the virtual CFES National Conference - College and Career Readiness in a New World. Examples of student sessions include how to be successful in virtual interviewing and virtual college tours

and examples of faculty sessions include Cultivating Active Antiracism in educational spaces and changing life trajectories.

Here we are in November - Students in our Participation in Government class held a "Mock Presidential Debate" and 82 of our students participated in BVCS's mock election, practicing participation in our democratic process.

We had our initial meeting with Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Lackey and NERIC to begin to initiate our Griff'IT's student tech team and will begin by having them be peer mentors in navigating the Google platform for struggling peers.

We will be inducting 14 new members into the BVCS Excelsior Chapter of the National Honor Society on November 18th. Our band members will be playing at the induction ceremony held in the gymnasium following all of our safety guidelines and protocols.

Lastly, Mr. Meyer started a November Thanksgiving project, which is simply thanking our colleagues for their hard work and sharing a note of appreciation. With Mr. Payne and Mrs. Peck's help, we've decided to extend this to our students in a way. Starting next week we will be having a Turkey hunt. Students will find paper turkeys around the building and in turn win prizes, as a way for us to show our appreciation to them for everything they're doing to stay safe and follow protocols.

We're also going to turn our Griffin into Turkeys until December 4. Students will be able to win CFES Essential Skill Feathers by displaying one of those characteristics (teamwork, leadership, agility, networking, perseverance, and goal setting), also to win prizes.