

## Monthly Newsletter: October 2023



## **Griffin Spotlight** New Staff to Boquet Valley

There are several new faces amongst the Boquet Valley Central School District halls. These welcomed additions to the BVCSD family will help continue to make the school a productive place to learn and grown for students. Their fresh perspectives, innovative ideas and unwavering commitment to education will undoubtedly enhance the learning experiences of our students.

Together, BVCSD will continue to foster a positive and nurturing environment where every student can thrive.

#### **Administration**

**Lee Kyler** - Lake View Principal **Megan Walls** - LVC & MVC Assistant Principal

#### **Mountain View Campus**

William Naper - English Teacher Brian Basile - Social Studies Teacher Steven Hudson - Foreign Language Teacher Ellen Saccone - Special Education Sarah Chandler - Building Sub

#### **Administrative Support**

Shannon Baumann - LVC School Counselor Rhonda Baker - Per Diem CSE Chairperson

#### **Lake View Campus**

Travis Mauro - K&2 Special Education Christina Durgan - Teacher Assistant Ryan Cave - Teacher Aide Danielle Criss - Building Sub

#### **CVES Support Staff**

**Reed Hoffman** - Physical Therapy

#### Superintendent of Schools Message: Joshua R. Meyer

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

Autumn is upon us and with it, the unmistakable sound of students filling our hallways and classrooms. It is great to have them back. As always,

we are committed to keeping you informed of the latest updates and happenings in the Boquet Valley Central School District. First and



foremost, I am thrilled to introduce some new members to Boquet Valley. Their presence adds a fresh perspective to our already dynamic team, furthering our mission to provide the best educational environment for our students. Please join me in welcoming any new faces that you see. We have full confidence that their unwavering commitment to education will uplift and inspire our students and staff alike.

We continue to focus on assessing our students' needs. I encourage all families to join for our events throughout the year. Music concerts, Athletic events, Family Nights, Board of Education Meetings, and Community Forums are just some of what we have to offer.

As always for Boquet Valley, this is a year of growth, commitment, and community. I'm humbled and excited about the journey ahead. Let's continue to support and inspire each other in making 2023-24 an unforgettable year!

Sincerely, Joshua R. Meyer

### Mountain View Top 5

#### Welcome back, Griffins!

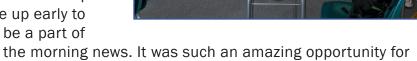
1. Students were welcomed back to campus on September 7. The hallways have felt empty without the laughter and energy of our amazing students, and there is such joy amongst staff to welcome students. Students quickly got back into the groove, and there are so many exciting opportunities and events to come in the 2023-24 year.

#### **My NBC5 Visits Campus**

2. Marissa Vigevani from My NBC5 broadcast the morning weather report from the Mountain View campus. Our Griffin mascot and fellow Griffins woke up early to



be a part of



collaboration within our community.

#### **Dudley Days**

3. BVCS students visit Dudley for a day during their 6th,

8th, 10th and 12th grade years. It's an opportunity for them to participate in a variety of team building activities, including a high ropes course

and cooperative problem-solving games. The activities are built over the years, and it's exciting to see the growth the students demonstrate over time. Dudley's facilitators have said they appreciate the opportunity to work with local students and to help them develop skills that transfer to





the classroom.

Yummy Food from Baking Club

4. OASIS clubs and activities have continued to flourish with the new school year. The Baking Club has received lots of traction amongst

students. Their recent skills and techniques focused on breakfast delights such as fluffy pancakes and crispy bacon. We can't wait to see the future foods they create.

**CV-TEC Courses** Start Up

5. College, Career, Military, oh my! CV-TEC New Visions Medical Careers program, operated out of BVCS, has begun. This academically rigorous one-year exploratory program is for selected college-bound seniors planning to major in a field of study such as pre-med, chemistry, biology or other allied health fields. The academic curriculum is combined with practical, applied work experience as students observe health care professionals at one of the area's medical facilities.



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#### Lake View Top 5



#### **Open House**

1. Parents and students were welcomed back to campus for an Open House. Teachers met their new students and showed them around their classrooms. Students were also picked up school supplies they needed. More than 50% of LVC parents participated in Open House, which is an amazing turnout. Students were ready and prepared for the first day of school, which followed two day later.

#### **ELA Benchmark Exams**

2. Students await their **DIBLES**, Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy

Skills, and i-Ready assessment scores. DIBELS is a set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of literacy skills, while i-Ready assesses students' reading skills. These tests are taken at different ages throughout elementary school. These benchmark tests assess students on their reading skills. These tests are important to determine where a student needs ELA support, and how to provide resources that best support them.



#### **New Playground**

3. Lake View students are enjoying the new playground installed.

There was a team effort to get the playground ready for play before the first day of school. Mountain



View Seniors volunteered their time to shovel the new mulch into the playground. The new playground gives students a great, safe play space for LVC students. **Student of the Week** 

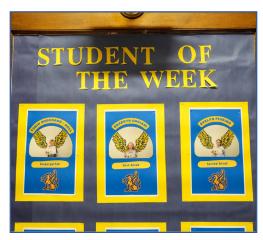
#### 4. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is an evidence-based, tiered framework for supporting students' behavioral, academic, social, emotional and mental health. As a part of LVC PBIS framework, students are being highlighted each week. Students who receive a "Griffin Gram" for being responsible, respectful, safe or a problem-solver can win Student of the Week. Those

students then have the opportunity to be

Student of the Month and celebrated for their positive work.

#### **Family Night**

5. The first Family Night was held Sept. 14. These are monthly opportunities for families within the community to collaborate and learn about local resources and programs. This past month's theme was "Resources Available." Organizations, like ACAP and the Cornell Cooperative Extension, visited LVC to share information, and other organizations talked about mental health resources. Pizza was provided to those who attended. The next Family Night will focus on "What is Intervention?" Families can come Oct. 12 to learn more about what invention means for a student and how it can help.



#### Lake View Principal Message: Lee Kyler

Hello Boquet Valley! It has been so nice having students back in the hallways of the Lake View campus, and we're all settling well into our new routines. While much of what we're doing has changed, the core of the district remains consistent and strong. Our school is committed to working with families to support all our students. In September, we focused on identifying needs for students in reading, math and social/emotional areas. We continue to offer ACAP and OASIS programming and opportunities for enrichment throughout the school day. It has been a pleasure meeting so many families and learning about the community, and I am looking forward to a continued great school year.



I am optimistic that you're relaxed, recharged and ready to begin another exciting school year. I have high hopes for a positive 2023-2024, with many educational milestones being met, and activities for students to participate in. I'm anticipating that this school year will be filled with increased academic rigor and exciting enrichment opportunities.

We will continue to participate in our OASIS programming, which extends our exciting enrichment and academic opportunities after school, on holidays and weekends. Our summer programming saw a tremendous increase in student participation and we're excited for that trend to continue through the school year.

The greater our participation numbers are throughout the school year, the more likely we are to be able to continue to offer these great programs for more years to come.

As a reminder, our teachers, counselors and administrative team are available to provide assistance.

# **OASIS Programming continues**

We hope this message finds you well and full of energy for the new school year! We're thrilled to kick off another exciting season of learning, creativity and fun at OASIS. We are currently offering baking, volleyball, mountain biking, archery and hiking at the Mountain View Campus.

Superhero club, debate, beading class, kindness club, running/walking club and so many other



valuable opportunities at the Lake View Campus. A few things have shifted at the Lake View Campus regarding scheduling. We added in a 30-minute academic enrichment program before students participate in an hour long program like superhero or debate club. Every



week, grades 3-5 will cycle through various games focusing on academic subjects like social studies, math, ELA or science. Students in grades 1-2 will have unstructured game time as well but there is less of a focus on an academic study for the week as it changes daily.

Session 2 will begin October 16, so be on the lookout for sign up announcements coming across Parent Square. Hard copies will be handed out to students in grades 1-5.