



# Griffin Spotlight Hooper and Lobdell reach 1,000 points

Boquet Valley's basketball season witnessed lots of excitement as two athletes hit their 1,000 career point. Jackson Hooper and Ella Lobdell earned the accolade in back-to-back evening games.

Despite both games being away, Boquet Valley fans showed up to the court to support and celebrate Hooper and Lobdell's great accomplishments.

On February 12, Hooper broke through into the 1,000-point club while playing against Crown Point. The



following evening, Lobdell hit her 1,000 point while playing against Seton Catholic. The crowd cheered loudly at each game with fans bringing posters and wearing Griffin colors or swag.

"I was really nervous going into the game, but my team was so supportive," Lobdell said. "They all were encouraging me, saying 'we believe in you.' They were super nice and understand about the whole thing. Their belief in me and the crowd's belief helped calm me down."

Hooper shared similar

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

*Dear Parents, Students, and  
Community Members,*

As we move forward from the recent failed capital project vote, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your participation and invaluable feedback in the referendum and exit polls. Your voices and perspectives are essential in shaping the future of our district's facilities. Over the next few weeks and months, we will be actively seeking new members to join our facilities committee. This committee plays a crucial role in exploring potential solutions, and ensuring that our facilities support the educational excellence we strive for. If you are interested in being a part of this important decision-making process, please keep an eye out for the upcoming announcements regarding committee member applications.

Additionally, we will be establishing a comprehensive plan to guide our facilities conversation moving forward. This plan will be developed with input from various stakeholders. We remain committed to seeking your feedback throughout this process. Your input is invaluable, and we encourage you to participate in upcoming community forums, surveys, and other opportunities for engagement. Together, we can ensure that our facilities support the highest quality of education for our students.

Sincerely,  
Joshua R. Meyer



# Mountain View Top 5



## World Culture Club

1. World Culture Club has been busy recently with several amazing projects, led by Advisor Mrs. Jackie Chang. The Lunar New Year, also called Chinese New Year, was February 10th. The students made over 200 paper lanterns. The lanterns were then attached to garland lights and used to decorate the main entrance. We kept the lanterns illuminated during the day. The celebration culminated with the Lantern Festival on February 24th. To celebrate the Year of the Dragon, a group of students made colorful Dragon masks. And in celebration

of Mardi Gras, the French classes traditionally make masks to celebrate Mardi Gras. The masks of the students are displayed in the hallway.

## Harvard Model United Nations

2. The Boquet Valley Central School District's Harvard Model United Nations Delegation traveled to Boston, at the end of January for HMUN 2024. HMUN provided eight delegates from BVCS with an exciting and rewarding opportunity. Ella Lobdell, Emily Hickey, Scarlett Faber, Grace Kullman, Emma Conley, Trenton Lyon and Andrew Denton did an excellent job representing the nation of Costa Rica in the various committees at HMUN, while discussing topics such as human rights, refugees, conflicts and environmental issues. Senior and Co-Head Delegate Sofie Fiegl was recognized at closing ceremonies for winning an Honorable Mention award for successfully representing her character in the Futuristic Security Council.



## Griffin Girls Play Hard

3. On March 2, the Girls Basketball team rose victorious against Chazy Rural School District for the title of Section VII Class D Champions. It was an intense game with a close final score of 40-38. Congratulations to the team for their dedication and hard work this season!



## Spirit Week/ Pep Rally

4. With the anticipation of Section VII championship games, Boquet Valley CSD built up the energy and excitement throughout the week. The Spirit Week consisted of fun-themed outfits, like pajama day, red,

white and blue day, decades day, beach vs snow and dress like a BVCS teacher. The end of the week concluded with a pep rally before Saturday's big game.

## FASFA Night

5. Career, College, Military, oh my! During the FAFSA event, CFES Brilliant Pathways came to discuss and walk guardians of senior students through the FAFSA process as many of them are first time families experiencing sending kids to college. This year it changed quite a bit. They were given handouts prior to the event to come prepared, then they filled the form out with the CFES staff and were able to ask any questions they may have regarding this information.

# Lake View Top 5

## Winter Concert

1. Mrs. Mero, accompanied by some staff volunteer helpers, entertained a packed auditorium for the K-2 winter concert. Each grade performed three songs, showing off their vocal and instrumental skills. The students were so attentive, and the audience was incredible.

## Scholastic Book Fair

2. We held a scaled-down version of a Scholastic Book Fair the week before break. Thanks to the generosity of local donors, almost all students were able to pick out an item. The fair sold nearly \$4,000 worth of books!



## Prevention Team

3. Administration and the counseling team met with Prevention Team and are excited to welcome a new member to the Lake View team, Casey King. Mr. King comes wearing multiple hats supporting both prevention and recovery efforts in Essex County and will be in the building each Tuesday.

## Partnerships Continued

4. This month our administration and counseling team continued monthly meetings with key stakeholders including the Essex County

Department of Social Services and Essex County Mental Health. These meetings are an opportunity for all parties to share information regularly, not just in times of immediate need or crisis. These open, trust centered conversations allow us to collaborate and serve our students and families emerging needs.

## Professional Development

5. On February 14th, all district staff met at the Mountain View Campus to receive professional development in collaboration with Essex County Mental Health, BRIEF, and Prevention team, on trauma-informed practice. This was day one of a two-day training that is intended to support all staff not only of the implications of trauma on children, but the next step educators should take to support students in all areas of the district.



## Lake View Principal Message: Lee Kyler

It feels like we just returned from the Holiday break, and yet February has swiftly passed by. Our campus was alive with events last month, and now, ironically, our attention is turning to end-of-year activities. The period between winter vacation and spring break always presents its challenges. Nevertheless, we remain dedicated to prioritizing academics, ensuring that our students are engaged in curricula that foster knowledge expansion. We are also committed to addressing the issue of chronic absenteeism among students. Furthermore, we persist in upholding school-wide behavioral expectations and implementing a tiered PBIS model to recognize and reward all students.



## Mountain View Principal Message: Elaine Dixon-Cross

As we come back from February Break, I want to continue to emphasize the importance of attendance during the remainder of the school year. As end-of-the-year testing quickly approaches, being present in the classroom is key factor to success. If any students need assistance, homework club and tutoring are great options to stay on track.

Griffins can also earn Gold Cards for excelling academically and within the BVCSD community. Acts of kindness and good are things we are also looking for in our students, and they can be rewarded for this exceptional behavior with a Gold Card.

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



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feelings to Lobdell.

"It was really nerve-wracking, but at the same time, I just had to have confidence in my training and skills," Hooper said. "I relied on my work and focused on winning the game."

Hooper and Lobdell celebrated and supported each other. They were at each other's 1,000-point career games.

"The energy was high all around, and it was super

fun being able to cheer him and the rest of the team on," Lobdell said.

Their accomplishment will be remembered at Boquet Valley for years to come, along side other 1,000-point careers.

"It feels good that all of my hard work has paid off, and the ball now rests in the trophy case," Hooper said.

The honor of ending their senior season by hitting the 1,000-point club resides with them. While they didn't start off their basketball careers planning to reach this accomplishment, Hooper and Lobdell hope to inspire younger athletes.

"Being an influence for younger girls, like those on modified, is pretty cool," Lobdell said. "They'll come up and talk to me about the game, and I think it's something they can aspire to accomplishing in their future athletic careers."

Lobdell and Hooper worked hard on and off the court. They have spent countless hours training and participating in AAU basketball to be prepared for their in-season competition. And it has paid off for them.

