



Griffin Spotlight

Mason Peck dubbed 5th Grade Spelling Champion

Mason Peck won 5th grade spelling champion at this year's Regional Spelling Bee, hosted by Beekmantown Central School District. The winners from each school district went on to compete against grade-level winners from other schools. Peck competed against 44 students from 18 school districts in the CVES BOCES region.

Peck won as the 4th grade spelling champion last year. However, this year he had to compete in a spell-off against another 5th grader. In the

spell-off, the two students spell words one after the other until a champion is determined. Peck won by correctly spelling "tropical."

"When I got out, I wasn't super sad because I had gotten further than last year. When I saw the other girl winning, I thought she was probably going to win. She did a good job," Peck said. "But when she got a word wrong, I had to get it right because I could still win."

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Superintendent of Schools Message: Joshua R. Meyer

*Dear Parents, Students, and
Community Members,*

As we transition into the vibrant days of spring, I am thrilled to share the exciting happenings at our school.

Our recent field trips have been an incredible success, providing our students with enriching experiences that

extend beyond the classroom walls, fostering curiosity and a love for learning.

I want to commend our students for their dedication and hard work following the rejuvenating spring break. It is wonderful to see their commitment to academic excellence and personal growth as the school year continues.

As a reminder, the budget vote and Board of Education election are approaching. Boquet Valley CSD will be sharing more information to the community within the coming weeks.

I encourage everyone to stay engaged with our school community through for the remainder of the academic year. Together, we can continue to create a nurturing and empowering environment for our students to thrive.

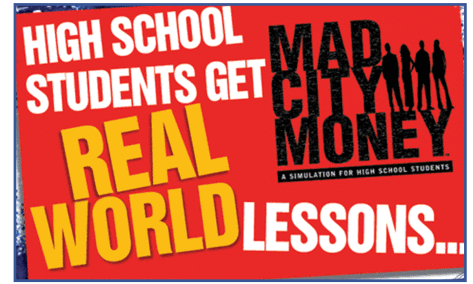


Sincerely,
Joshua R. Meyer

Mountain View Top 5

Mad City Money

1. Seniors had the opportunity to practice real-world financial situations in a safe, controlled environment. Mad City Money is a hands-on simulation that gives students a taste of the real world - complete with career, salary, spouse, debt and insurance payments. During the simulation, they must select housing, transportation, food, clothing, child care - all while building their budget. Students



visited Moriah Central School, which hosted the event. Seniors were able to work alongside other school districts to gain a better understanding to budgeting and financial literacy.

Irish Dancers for St. Patrick's Day

2. Mountain View students experienced true Irish heritage in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The Morse Academy of Irish Dance performed for the Mountain View Campus. Morse Academy of Irish Dance had a variety of dancers including nationally and regionally ranked Irish dancers.



Their performances include traditional Irish Dance music, in addition to classic Irish tunes.

ECHO STEM Night

3. Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, also known as ECHO, visited BVCS D for an evening of fun, STEM-based stations and activities. Kids and families had a hands-on learning experience. There were stations that focused on powering a blow-up balloon by biking, racing lego cars and many more fun activities. While the event was geared toward younger children, families of all ages came to enjoy the evening and learning something new.



Principal Day at CV-TEC

4. For the second year, CV-TEC hosted Principal Day for school administrators.

Principal Elaine Dixon-Cross visited the Plattsburgh campus on March 22. This is a great experience for Mrs. Dixon-Cross to see what her students are learning in their CTE programs. She learned about different animal skulls, properly pruning tomatoes and tapping maple trees. Students have to teach their principal different skills that they have learned through the program.

Repping College Gear

5. Career, College, Military, oh my! With the fun and excitement of March Madness happening, faculty and staff are wearing college apparel on Fridays. This is in conjunction with College For Every Student (CFES). Through the visuals of different college apparel, students are exposed to different colleges and can learn about the different opportunities that each campus has.



Lake View Top 5

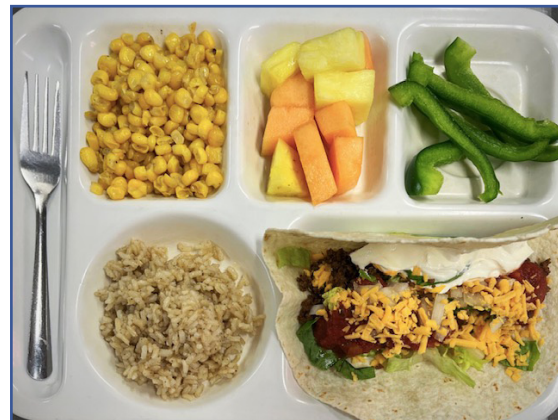


Kindergarten Reading

1. Kindergartners have been working hard at advancing their reading levels. They have been improving on how to work through words and short sentences. They are great at buddy reading, where one person reads aloud at a time.

Yummy Food

2. Our lunch and breakfast program prides itself on from scratch cooking and local, dye free, ingredients. We know



that raising young minds requires exceptional nutrition that is still kid friendly! The example lunches include beef from Lillie Valley Farm, yogurt from North Country Creamery, and eggs from Essex Food Hub along fresh fruits and vegetables. It's great to see our staff take such pride in their hard work.

Sweethearts & Heroes

3. LVC was pleased to welcome Sweethearts & Heroes back to Boquet Valley CSD. Sweethearts & Heroes is a social



and emotional wellness and

youth leadership team focused on student empowerment and empathy activation. After the presentation, LVC students ran Circle, a secure space created to invite the sharing of stories, perspectives and emotions.

Innovative Schools Summit

4. Six BVCS D educators traveled to Orlando, Florida, for the Innovative

Schools Summit (ISS). This incredible opportunity, funded by OASIS, highlighted innovative teaching strategies, at-risk students, social-emotional learning and counseling strategies. Our educators were also able to network with internationally-known speakers.



USA Skeleton Field Trip

5. On March 22, first and fourth grade students traveled to Lake Placid Olympic Center. They were able to watch skeleton racing, where athletes race on an ice track while laying belly-down on a sled. Students have been learning in social studies about different countries and the Olympics. This was a great first-hand experience to connect what they were learning about to our local region. Students had so much fun in the process!



Lake View Principal Message: Lee Kyler

As we embark on the final stretch of the school year, we have much still to accomplish. For example, we are on the eve of New York State testing. It is important that as a school community we stay focused, stay positive, and continue to work together to create an environment where every child feels valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential. Wishing you all a fantastic return from Spring Break and a successful end to the school year ahead!



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 BVCS 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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Peck felt better about going into this year's competition because the words were from Old English while last year was French words. Last year, Peck was eliminated on the second round because he was "brand new to the spelling bee."

Peck also spent a lot of time studying. He would work on memorizing a line of words a day.

"I studied really hard for the school spelling bee, but for regionals, I could have studied more," Peck said. "I tried my hardest, but I didn't study as much as I could have."

However, his studying paid off. He made it through the three rounds and into the written round. The written round can be challenging and get several spellers out. But Peck aced his test.



Peck wants to continue practicing spelling words over the summer in hopes to expand his memorization list. A list is compiled of 4,000 words, and Peck's goal is to memorize half before the next school spelling bee.

"My dad and I are going to start by doing two lines a week because it will be really helpful if I already know most of the words," Peck said.

His next goal is to win Regional Grand Champion.

"Winning regionals would be super big for us because then Boquet Valley would be able to host the following Bee," Peck said.

