

# Monthly Newsletter: May 2024

# **Griffin Spotlight** LVC kindergartners love reading to Bo the Dog

Bo the Dog walks happily into Lake **View Campus** on Thursday mornings. He, and his owner Mrs. Susan Granfors, say good morning and hello to the excited faces of students and staff. Bo loves to



be pet and accepts pats from those walking past. He brings a calming presence to campus.

As they say hello, Mrs. Granfors and Bo make their way down to the kindergarten wing. Students know exactly what to expect when they see the pair.

A carpet and chair are brought into the hallway, along with their story books.

"We always look forward to seeing Bo," Kindergarten Teacher Rhonda Sloper said. "He calms students down and helps them focus on reading."

As students read, Granfors is there to help them through challenging words or sentences. Granfors is a retired speech language pathologist, so she quickly fit into the school environment.

"Bo and Mrs. Granfors acclimated easily to our campus," LVC Principal Lee Kyler said. "She is a natural here, helping the students

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# Superintendent of Schools Message: Joshua R. Meyer

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

As we transition into the warm summer months, there is a sense of excitement

and anticipation throughout our school district. This time of year brings a unique energy as we prepare to close out the academic year.



I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to our Class of 2024 valedictorian and salutatorian. We are incredibly proud of your achievements and know you will continue to shine brightly in all your future endeavors.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our community for your support and participation during the recent 2024-2025 Budget Vote. Your commitment to Boquet Valley CSD is truly appreciated and vital to our success.

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, I encourage all students, parents, and staff to stay focused and finish strong. This is a time to reflect on the progress we've made and to put in that extra effort to reach our goals. Let's support each other in making these last month productive and positive.

Sincerely, Joshua R. Meyer

# Mountain View Top 5

#### **Griffin Greatness**

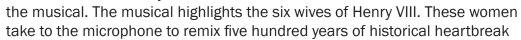
1. We are thrilled to announce Sophie Fiegl as the 2024 Valedictorian and Boden Buehler as the Salutatorian. Their outstanding academic achievements and dedication to excellence have made us incredibly proud. Graduating seniors with a cumulative average of 90% or above are to be recognized for their academic success at the Essex County Senior Honor Night, host at Willsboro Central School. The event, held on June 12 at 6

p.m., will recognize 10 BVCSD students, as well as other Essex school students.

## Proctors& miSci Field Trip

2. Seventh graders traveled to Proctors Theater in Schenectady to watch "Six,"





into a celebration of 21st century girl power. After the showing, students visited miSci, the museum of innovation and science. They were able to explore exhibits focusing on science, technology, engineering, art and math.

#### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

3. Teacher Appreciation Week occurred during the month of May. Teachers were celebrated for their hard work and dedication to teaching our students. Some amazing things that happened was student-made chalk drawing with kind messages, morning

donuts, a provided lunch and snack cart attended by students.

## **OASIS Summer Programming**

4. The final chance to sign students up for summer programs is

now! There is a plethora of amazing activities and opportunities students can participate in over the summer break. Some opportunities are soccer, swimming, tennis, Lego stop motion, tinkercad coding, beginner guitar, mountain biking and so many more. To learn more, please visit our website.

## North Country Community College Trip

5. Career, college, military, oh my! Students in grades 9-11 visited NCCC to learn more about the degrees and programs offered. They participated

in hands-on activities such as making vision boards, holding Birds of Prey on their arm, fingerprinting and learned how to massage a

hand. Students were able to talk with professors from the program and ask questions about what it is like to enroll in a class at their campus. Students were provided a delicious Mac-N-Cheese bar lunch and went on a tour of the campus. As a special treat, the NCCC Student Government students were gifted a variety of trinkets such as sunglasses, hand sanitizers, highlighters, chapsticks, and their favorite - an animal of their choice to stuff and keep.







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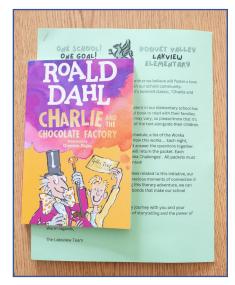
#### **Snack-A-Roo Cart**

1. Students in the special education class are working hard to earn a class pizza party. TA Serene Holland organized the Snack-A-Roo Cart, where students can sell snacks only to teachers. Students take turns twice a week during math class to sell different snacks and drinks to teachers. Part of this project is to work on learning math skills in a real-world

environment. Students are keeping track of money, as well as practicing adding and subtracting with decimals.

**One Book, One School** 2. Lake View Campus

introduced a special initiative designed to foster a love for reading and strengthening family bonds within the community. Every student in the elementary school was given a copy of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl to read with their families. Students will be rewarded based on the number of students who read the book and complete the questions. Some rewards are wacky hat day, Stewart's ice cream sundaes and taping Principal Kyler to a wall.



#### **State Testing**

3. Students in grades third, fourth and fifth participated and completed state testing this month. Students were tested on their

ELA, math and science comprehension. Testing is all computer-based, so results should return quickly. These results will help guide instruction for the following academic year.



## Westport Chair Trail

4. The Westport Chair Trail, a 2-mile walk around the town from chair to chair, takes a spot at Lake View Campus!

The trail is supposed to inspire drivers to move "slow with the flow" throughout the pedestrian-friendly town. Students in OASIS were able to work with Art Teacher Jen Barber

to paint a beautiful chair to incorporate in the trail. The LVC chair is painted with a nature theme.

#### **Baby Chicks**

5. First-graders in Mrs. Amy Welch's classroom have eight fluffy new classmates sharing the room. Each year, Welch's class takes care of chicken eggs until they hatch and are ready to head home. This year, eight chicks hatched and are enjoying the class. Throughout the process, students learn more about a chicken's life cycle and can connect science to processes happening in front of their eyes.



# Lake View Principal Message: Lee Kyler

First and foremost, congratulations to all our Grade 3-5 students for their outstanding performance on the state tests! As we approach the end of the academic year, we are gearing up for some exciting events, including moving up ceremonies for our Pre-K, kindergarten, and Grade 5 students. Stay tuned for details on these memorable occasions. Additionally, get ready for our much-anticipated field day! Furthermore, we'll soon be distributing a final family survey to gather feedback as we prepare for the 2024-2025 school year. Your input is invaluable to us. And remember, I'm always available for face-to-face



discussions with anyone who has questions or feedback. Let's finish this school year on a high note!

## Mountain View Principal Message: Elaine Dixon-Cross

As we approach the final stretch of school, I ask students to hang in there! It's the last push of testing and hard work before getting to enjoy the summer and end-of-year activities. Regents testing will begin on June 4. I encourage students to continue studying to finish on a strong note. Attendance during this last month is crucial to that success. If you or your child is struggling with course work or needs extra help, please ask! Students can come into school during Regents Week to get assistance from their teachers.



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

## Spotlight Continued...

with sight words. I never have to worry about them, and I couldn't imagine not seeing them on our campus."

Kindergartners have been making tremendous progress this school year with their reading abilities. They are given many opportunities to learn and improve, like reading to Bo.

"Being able to sit down and read to Bo really motivates and encourages the students to keep practicing," Kindergarten Teacher Kayla Dempsey said.

Once Mrs. Granfors and Bo are settled, she will pick sticks for who gets to read. Sloper and Dempsey truly appreciate her organization when



she comes to Lake View.

"She keeps track of which students read the previous week and who gets to during the current week," Sloper said. "It's a great help to me for students to get the extra practice in." Bo likes

to lay down

next to the

students as

they read.

He will lay



on his back for belly rubs or rest his head near their laps. He provides comfort and quiet support as the students practice reading.

"For students to have the chance to read to or walk with Bo, is something I love having at school," Kyler said. "I've watched students work through challenging books or work through

challenging emotions alongside Bo. He and Mrs. Granfors are wonderful assets to the LVC team."



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