



Monthly Newsletter: October 2024

The OASIS experience



Our after school OASIS programs are up and running, and students are having a great time with the fun round of activities that make up Session 1.

From Extreme Hide and Seek

to Debate Club, photography to making jewelry, OASIS activities broaden students' horizons and give them a wide range of useful skills and experiences.

Session 2 starts Oct. 15. To learn more or register, go to boquetvalleycsd.org/oasis.

Facilities Committee

We're encouraged by the growing community engagement in our facilities planning process. Our Facilities Committee had its first meeting on Sept. 26, which included a tour of the building at Mountain View Campus.

Committee members met with Joe Dragone, Capital Region BOCES, who facilitated a discussion on the committee's purpose, last year's defeated referendum, and plans for moving forward.

"With increased public participation and the valuable guidance of an external facilitator, we're confident in developing a comprehensive, long-term plan that will serve our students and community well," said Superintendent Josh Meyer.

Our next Facilities Committee meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 21, at the Lake View Campus. We'll tour the building at 4:50 p.m., and the meeting will start at 5:30.

Superintendent of Schools Message: Joshua R. Meyer

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

As we kick off the 2024-2025 school year, I'm excited to share our goals and focus areas.



Building on what we've achieved, we want to continue improving our ongoing programs. We'll put a strong emphasis on student achievement, especially in literacy.

We're also working on a long-term facilities plan to ensure our school buildings meet our students' needs, in collaboration with our Facilities Committee and outside experts.

Your input is important to us. We plan to use surveys, focus groups and town hall meetings to hear from everyone in our community.

Together, we can create a supportive environment for our students. Thank you for your continued support as we embark on this promising year!

Sincerely,
Joshua R. Meyer

Mountain View Top 5

1 ASVAB Season
Our 10th-grade griffins took the ASVAB test in September. ASVAB stands for Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, and it includes questions on a wide variety of topics including science, reading comprehension, mathematics and more. The goal of the exam is to understand each student's strengths and weaknesses. This information helps students explore potential career opportunities based on jobs that best line up with their strengths.

2 Camp Dudley Trips

An annual event for 6th, 8th, and 10th graders at Camp Dudley in Westport, Dudley Days focus on building trust, improving self confidence, understanding strengths and weakness, explores willingness to leave comfort zones, practices reflection and mindfulness through the debriefing process, levels the playing field with athletes and non athletes, and have fun in the process. Students learn to be better communicators, more resilient students, better and more committed participants, and - above all - care for themselves and their fellow students.



3 Open House
Thanks to all who joined us for our Open House on Thursday, Sept. 26! We always enjoy the chance to meet families in person and give you a chance to see where your children spend their days.

4 Leadership and Peer Mentor Training
Chris Mazzella, from CFES Brilliant Pathways, came in on Sept. 18 to teach student volunteers in grades 10 through 12 how to mentor their younger peers through positive youth development games and interactions. The program gives middle school learners an additional support person to help guide them on the road to academic and personal success. The goal is to instill pride and the belief that any person can succeed.

5 Career Exploration Day
Career, college, military, oh my! On Sept. 13, 10th graders enjoyed a day at the CFES Brilliant Pathways building in Essex for Essential Skills Mentoring and Career Exploration Day. CFES counselors guided students through many fun and rewarding activities. These activities focused on developing leadership, teambuilding, and critical thinking skills which are all essential for life. The students were fully engaged throughout the day's activities. Griffins were able to leave their comfort zone and begin thinking about their future and stem activities.



Lake View Top 5

1 Welcome Back!
On the opening day of school, students were welcomed into the lobby with confetti cannons, music, and staff cheering. We also had a photographer on campus taking photos of families. What a fun, celebratory way to welcome students back to school and get them excited for the school year!



2 Food Drive
The Lake View Campus held a food drive to support the Westport-Wadhams food shelf. This was done in friendly competition with the Mountain View Campus who was supporting the Elizabethtown-Lewis food shelves. The Lake View Campus has started meeting with representatives from the Westport-Wadhams Alliance to collaborate on events and initiatives.



3 Family Training Nights
We will continue to offer family training nights on various topics of interest to families within the district. This month, Principals Lee Kyler and Elaine Dixon-Cross presented on the Dignity for All Student Act (DASA).

4 Fall Open House
On Thursday, Sept. 26, we held an open house for families. Featured in the auditorium were organizations for families to learn more information about services including Adirondack Community Action Program (ACAP), Essex County Department of Health, Prevention Team, and Essex County Mental Health.

5 Weather at your School
On Friday, Sept. 27, NBC5 broadcast live from the Lake View Campus. After the live broadcast, Meteorologist Marissa Vigevani stuck around to answer questions from the 4th and 5th grade.



Lake View Principal Message: Lee Kyler

The opening month of school has been vibrant and engaging, embracing our motto of “Climate of Celebration, Culture of Accountability.” Students and staff alike have been celebrating achievements, fostering a sense of community and belonging. Teachers have diligently focused on implementing the new CKLA curriculum, ensuring a smooth transition and enhancing literacy skills across all grade levels. This commitment to high standards promotes accountability among both students and educators, setting a positive tone for the year ahead. As the school year progresses, the school is a lively hub of learning, growth, and collaboration. We invite all families to be partners in this growth.



Mountain View Principal Message: Elaine Dixon-Cross

As we start a new school year, I am excited for the opportunity to help students find their future paths, whether that leads to college, the military, or a career. Our students recently completed the i-Ready assessments, which provide valuable insights into the support they need from our dedicated team. We are thoroughly analyzing this data to tailor our approach, ensuring that each student receives an individualized pathway to success. I look forward to collaborating with families and our community this year as we help our students grow into productive young adults.



New SSS director



We are pleased to announce that Dr. Daniel Marangiello

has joined the district as the new Director of Student Support Services.

Dr. Marangiello’s academic research focuses on the integration of AI and Blockchain technology to enhance operational efficiency in school systems, reflecting his passion for innovation and data-driven decision-making. He looks forward to collaborating with the administration, faculty, staff, students, and community members to build capacity across systems and ensure that all students receive the

support they need to thrive. With more than 20 years of experience in education, Dr. Marangiello specializes in special education and has held several leadership roles, including Director of Special Education, Principal, and Director of Site Operations. In these positions, he successfully addressed the various challenges faced by school leaders, such as enhancing student performance, ensuring equitable access to resources, and supporting a positive school climate.

We are excited to have Dr. Marangiello on board and look forward to the positive impact his leadership will have on our district.

Students see BMXers

Four students got the chance to experience the WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series at Mt. Van Hoevenberg in Lake Placid. They saw Olympic-level BMX riders, some of whom competed in Paris over the summer. The Olympic Regional Development Authority, which runs the Olympic site where the event was held, provided free tickets for the experience. The students, Jacob and Aiden Thompson, Wyatt Montville and Casey Marshall, had a great time making lots of noise to cheer on



the BMX riders and exploring the festival-like atmosphere of the event.

