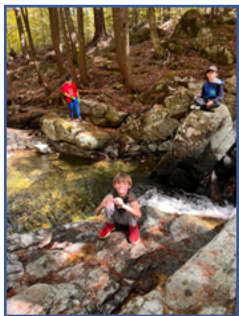




Griffin Spotlight

Interdisciplinary Hiking

The intersection of science and social studies may be found somewhere in the Adirondack woods. The sixth-grade class hiked Owl Head Lookout, a 5-mile trek in the Giant Mountain Wilderness, in October as part of a lesson on mapping



skills. Students learned to use topographic maps to plan their trip. They figured out

the terrain and landmarks for the hike using maps. They also calculated the mileage of the trip and the elevation gain. What a great way to combine social studies and science skills into a hands-on learning experience - all with some truly stellar autumn views of the Adirondacks!

Facilities Committee

The next Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 21. It will be held at the Lake View Campus, 25 Sisco Street in Westport.

This public meeting will start with a building tour at 5 p.m. We ask attendees to please

show up at 4:50 p.m. so we can prepare appropriately. The meeting portion of the evening will begin at 5:30 p.m.

To learn more about the work of the Facilities Committee, go to boquetvalleycsd.org/facilities-committee

Superintendent of Schools Message: Joshua R. Meyer

Dear Parents, Students, and
Community Members,



As we start November, I am reflecting on how grateful I am for our supportive community, dedicated staff, and hardworking students. Together, we're navigating this school year with resilience and a shared commitment to learning and growth.

So many people have an impact on creating a positive culture in our school community - from carpooling parents to those who like and share our social media posts to the people maintaining our buildings and serving our lunches. I hope you all understand how much your efforts have a positive impact on our students.

Let's continue working together to make our schools a warm, welcoming place where all students can thrive. Thank you for your partnership, and best wishes for the season ahead!

Sincerely,
Joshua R. Meyer

Mountain View Top 5

1

SUNY Canton visit

Sixteen high school students from grades 9 through 12 visited SUNY Canton on Oct. 9. Students participated in a Q&A session, went on a campus tour, and spent two in-depth sessions learning more about their future fields of interest. Whether investigating crime scenes or studying hacker behavior, learning about funeral services administration or identifying different animal skulls, students had the unique opportunity to engage in hands-on learning alongside SUNY Canton faculty. The trip was sponsored by CFES Brilliant Pathways.



2

Model UN

Thirty Griffins headed to Beekmantown on Oct. 24 to participate in the Beekmantown Model UN event under the guidance of Social Studies Teacher Peter Castine. Trenton Lyon, who debated nuclear energy as a representative of Belarus, was presented an Outstanding Delegate Award for doing such a great job with the debate. The event is a wonderful learning experience that teaches students to use facts to develop reasoned arguments, and helps them open up to new perspectives as they consider the global community.



3

Spirit Week

This year's Spirit Week, Sept. 30 through Oct. 4, was a blast! Each day, we had a different theme for students to dress up as: Monday was Pajama Day. Tuesday was Rhyme Without a Reason, where people picked a partner and dressed up as pair of things/people that rhyme. Wednesday was Flannel Day, Thursday was Country vs. Country Club, and people wore Griffin gear on Friday.



4

Homecoming

After Spirit Week came Homecoming. Homecoming weekend started with a spirit bonfire on Friday evening. A parade Saturday morning included themed floats created by each class. Throughout the day on Saturday, there were four soccer games, followed by the Homecoming Dance.

5

Health Careers Fair

Career, college, military, oh my! On Oct. 8, we held a Health Careers Fair. Representatives from a variety of medical fields and training programs set up hands-on activities and discussed education and career opportunities.



Lake View Top 5

1

First Literacy Challenge

The first literacy challenge of the school wrapped up earlier this month as students completed BINGO cards with various challenges. We look forward to continuing these challenges throughout the school year and hope to involve families to bridge literacy gaps.

2

Elementary Student Council

The Lake View Campus officially convened its first meetings of the newly formed elementary student council. There are representatives from grades 2-5. They meet weekly under the guidance of Mr. Kyler. The student council has identified goals of speaking with representatives from the cafeteria about breakfast and lunch options and improving involvement in the monthly assembly planning.



3

Amplify Professional Development

On the half-day in October, classroom teachers and interventionists participated in professional development related to our ELA curriculum, Amplify. The curriculum places a great burden on our teachers to be strategic in planning and preparation. It is a heavy lift but our staff is rising to the challenge and we are already seeing growth in student data

4

Halloween

Halloween is a big deal at an elementary school, and this year we offered a fall field day to connect the activities. Students in K-2 visited residents at the Essex Center in Elizabethtown before parading through the Mountain View Campus. In the afternoon, students participated in potato sack races, pumpkin ring toss, face painting, and other fall activities before the school gathered for the annual Halloween parade.



5

Fire Safety Week

Our students had the luxury of visiting the Westport Hose Company in alignment with Fire Safety Week. Students were taught the core principles of fire safety, given a tour of the new fire station, and even left with some swag. Our community is lucky to have dedicated volunteers who serve, and often take time to educate, our youngest citizens.



Lake View Principal Message: Lee Kyler

As we enter November, our focus remains on providing a strong foundation in literacy with the Amplify CKLA ELA curriculum. Teachers and students are working hard to ensure consistency and fidelity to this curriculum, fostering critical skills that will support lifelong learning. We are excited to see the growth happening in classrooms! October also brings fun events like Fall Field Day, offering chances to build school spirit and celebrate together before the snow flies. We look forward to seeing families at parent/teacher conferences next month and thank you for your ongoing support in helping all students succeed.



Mountain View Principal Message: Elaine Dixon-Cross

I'm excited for parent-teacher conferences, which are scheduled for the end of the month. I hope all parents and guardians will attend, or to reach out if you can't make it so we can set up another time to meet. This is a valuable chance to talk about your child's progress and make a plan to help your child through any challenges. By working together, we can better understand and meet each student's individual needs. Our teachers are dedicated to helping each student achieve their potential, and when we all collaborate, we can make a meaningful difference in your child's education.



Sports Seniors

Our varsity soccer teams honored their graduating seniors and their families in October during Senior Nights. Congrats to all, thank you for representing Boquet Valley so well over the years, and good luck in the next chapter!



November Events

Monday, Nov. 11: No school - Veterans Day

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6 p.m. : Fall Athletic Award Ceremony at MVC

Thursday, Nov. 14

- 5 p.m.: Winter Athletic Code Night at MVC
- 6 pm: Board of Education meeting at MVC

Thursday, Nov. 21, 5:30 p.m.: Facilities Committee Meeting at LVC

Monday, Nov. 25:

- Early Release Day
- 5 p.m.: GGA Meeting at MVC Library

Tuesday, Nov. 26: Early Release Day - Emergency Evacuation Drill

Wednesday, Nov. 27 to Friday, Nov. 29: No School - Thanksgiving Break