



A bright holiday trip

Middle school students traveled to Tupper Lake on Dec. 20 to see Wild Lights at the Wild Center. Wild Lights is a beautiful outdoor installation of lights sprawling across the museum's campus. The Wild Walk, a boardwalk that rises from the ground to the treetops, and Stickwork, an immersive sculpture made of sticks and saplings, are adorned with white lights. Another area features a loop of trees wrapped in colorful lights with music playing all around, creating a whimsical forest atmosphere. Students absolutely loved this magical experience!



Focus narrows to single site

At their December meeting, the Facilities Planning Committee made several decisions to focus their work moving forward.

Committee members decided to focus on a single site for Pre-K through 12 classrooms moving forward rather than considering schools at multiple sites.

The committee also decided that they will not consider using the Thrall Dam site, which was the location included with the last capital proposal.

For more information on the committee's decisions, work and next steps, please visit boquetvalleycsd.org/facilities-committee.

Superintendent Message: Dr. Joshua R. Meyer

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

Happy New Year! As we start the new year, I want to express my gratitude for the support and dedication of our school community. This past year has been full of challenges, but also many moments of growth, resilience and success. Our students continue to amaze us with their hard work and enthusiasm, and it's because of your support at home that they are thriving.



In 2025, we look forward to more opportunities for learning and connection. Whether it's in the classroom, on the sports field, or at community events, we are committed to creating a positive and supportive environment for all our students.

Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. Together, we will continue to make this a great year for our students and our district.

Sincerely,
Dr. Joshua R. Meyer

Mountain View Top 5



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Holiday Messages

Each year, each student at MVC gets a handwritten holiday card, along with a candy cane. Each card is written by a teacher or staff member, then they are hung from decorations throughout the upstairs hallway.



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Holiday Concert

Band and chorus students got families into the holiday spirit with a lineup of festive songs at the Winter Concert on Dec. 19. The sixth-grade band, middle school band and chorus, and high school band and chorus played and sang holiday hits including “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,” “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” and “Sleigh Ride.” Lynn DeWalt, who is subbing as the long-term band director, was really happy with how well the concert went and said she was proud of all the performers



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Winter Solstice Celebration

Student Council and their advisors once again organized a packed day of fun activities for Winter Solstice. On Dec. 20, students got to go sledding, play board games, create holiday crafts and treats, and challenge their teachers in the annual Reindeer Games, where staff and students competed in a string of silly and entertaining



holiday-themed activities. Great job, once again, to all who were part of organizing this amazing annual event!



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Holidays Around the World

French Teacher Jackie Chan-Seng worked with juniors and seniors to decorate the hallway with holidays around the world. Students learned about and then created decor for Christmas, Kwanzaa (the annual celebration of African culture), Las Posadas (a Christmas tradition celebrated by many Latin American countries), and Hanukkah (a Jewish Holiday).



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CV-TEC Mineville tour

Career, college, military, oh my! Interested sophomores traveled to Mineville to visit the CV-TEC campus there and learn about the Career and Technical Education programs offered there. Next up is a visit to CV-TEC's Plattsburgh campus in January.

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Kindergarten Gingerbread Activity

The kindergarten team welcomed families to the auditorium to hear a reading of “Gingerbread Baby” by Jan Brett. Afterwards, students and their families made gingerbread houses that are proudly displayed in the kindergarten hallway.



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Project We Care

This month we partnered with Champlain National Bank to provide holiday presents for families in need. The Westport branch of CNB has been a great partner in providing support to the school and local community.



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Enlisted for Life

Our school raised donations for Enlisted for Life, which is dedicated to empowering and uplifting veterans in their journey toward stability, dignity, and self-sufficiency. Our mission is to provide comprehensive support to veterans in need, ranging from those experiencing homelessness to those facing physical and financial challenges. Veterans

came to the Lake View campus to speak to grades 4 and 5 and to accept the donations.

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Holiday Festivities

Last two weeks before break, the Lake View Campus celebrated a Decemba' to Rememba'. With events like holiday drink day, festive sweater day, and dress like an elf day, the spirit was alive throughout the campus. We continue to emphasize our theme for the year: “Climate of Celebration, Culture of Accountability.”

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Monthly Character Theme

Last month, we started incorporating a monthly character theme for students and staff to embrace. In November, students were tasked with expressing their gratitude. This month, the theme was selflessness. Students were given Griffin Grams to give to someone important to them, and challenged to pay it forward. Next month, our theme will be empathy.



Lake View Principal Message: Lee Kyler

As we wrap up the holiday season, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your partnership and support. This time of year is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the joy and growth we've seen in our students. Their smiles, curiosity, and achievements inspire us daily. May this season bring your family warmth, peace, and togetherness. Let's cherish these moments and look ahead to the new year with hope and excitement. Thank you for being such an essential part of our school community. Wishing you and your loved ones a happy and safe holiday season!



Mountain View Principal Message: Elaine Dixon-Cross

I hope this message finds you all rejuvenated by a fresh new year. As we step into the second half of the school year, I want to note that our students, their academic and personal growth, their well-being and their social-emotional wellness are at the heart of everything we do at Mountain View Campus. New Assistant Principal Kelly Zimmerman is leading some amazing efforts to help invigorate our students and the school community, and I'm grateful for her focus on these important initiatives. Our goal as a team at MVC is to inspire a love of learning while preparing students to face challenges with resilience and confidence. Together with families and the community, we can create an environment that fosters not just academic excellence but also emotional growth. Let's resolve to make 2025 a year of growth, collaboration and success for our entire school community.



Enrichment across the Atlantic

Hallo! Ariya, Sam, William and Noadiah are all bursting at the seams to share their knowledge about the Netherlands. Hallo is how they say "hi" there.

In their enrichment class with Robyn Lepage, these four second-graders at Lake View Campus have been spending their Friday classes learning about the Netherlands - testing out Dutch food, learning Dutch words, and exploring their holiday celebrations and other cultural cornerstones.

They love that Christmas starts early for Dutch children, who set out wooden clogs on Dec. 5. Sinterklaas, Santa Claus's name in Dutch, visits on his horse and fills the clogs with treats. Then the Dutch get to celebrate again on Christmas day, when they exchange presents with loved ones and enjoy special time with their families.

The 2nd-grade Griffins have learned about Dutch history, discovered details about the importance



of windmills, and tried a handful of different Dutch foods. The most popular ones include Gouda cheese; stroopwafels, a cookie-type pastry filled with syrup; and speculoos, a spiced shortbread cookie from the Netherlands.

Mrs. Lepage's daughter Cassie lives in the Netherlands, so the students get postcards sent to the class from there, and they have even video chatted with Cassie a few times.

As they continue through the school year, the students are making books about the Netherlands to gather all the information they are learning. Doei means "bye"!

