



Committee looks for land

The Facilities Committee is searching for property within the school district that might work for athletic fields and a bus garage.

The property would need to be buildable and a minimum of 20 acres. Anyone who has property that they think might work should send information about it to Superintendent Josh Meyer at jmeyer@boquetvalleycsd.org.

The committee is currently looking at options to renovate Mountain View Campus in

Elizabethtown to include space for elementary school programming. That would move all educational programming to one site, which would consolidate costs. Committee members have reviewed other available properties that could fit a new school building, but none of the sites have been viable options.

For more information on the committee's work including meeting notes and recordings, go to boquetvalleycsd.org/facilities.

LVC tries out new student council

Elementary students are developing leadership skills, gaining confidence and learning about school processes with the new Student Council at Lake View Campus.



each homeroom in grades 2 and 3. The younger cohort doesn't have a vote and only observes meetings, while the older students are each given a vote to

make decisions.

LVC Principal Lee Kyler decided he wanted his students to have a student council this year because he's a big believer in shared ownership and shared decision making.

He asked teachers to recommend students from their homeroom to join the council. For grades 4-5, homeroom teachers recommended two students, and one student was chosen from

When he first gathered the council, Mr. Kyler asked the students what they would like to focus on. They came up with three priorities: the cafeteria, the playground, and supporting the school's PBIS efforts. At that first meeting, Zoe Glanda was voted president of the council, and Daniel DiBartolomeo was voted vice president.

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Superintendent Message: Dr. Joshua R. Meyer

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

As we move into the second half of the school year, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued support and commitment to our school district.



This school year, our students are making great strides. Our teachers and staff remain dedicated to providing a positive and enriching learning environment. We appreciate your partnership in supporting our efforts.

I encourage all of our parents and other caregivers to stay engaged with your child's education and reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for being a vital part of our school community. Together, we can continue to provide our students with the best possible education and prepare them for success.

Sincerely,
Dr. Joshua R. Meyer

Mountain View Top 5

1 PSET Week

We kicked off our new Positive School Environment Team, or PSET, with a PSET week Jan. 13 through 17. The week began with an assembly and continued with opportunities for various positive actions, such as writing positive messages on a collage, giving out stickers and giving compliments to classmates. This is just the beginning for PSET - look for more info about this team in the future!



2 Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our middle schoolers who participated in this year's spelling bee, which was held on Jan. 7. About 20 students participated between grades 4 and 8. Sixth grader Mason Peck is the district champion, and Elianna Soriana is the district's runner up.



3 Guest Speaker from Clarkson

Ashley Hooper's science class benefited from a visit by a regional expert this month. Dr. Xiaocun Lu, an assistant professor in Clarkson University's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, visited Ashley Hooper's chemistry class in January. He worked with Mrs. Hooper's students to create and observe chemical reactions.

4 New Vision Experience Day

MVC Griffins had the opportunity to learn about CV-TEC's New Visions programs this month through two New Visions Experience Days. New Visions programs are academically rigorous one-year programs for seniors. On Jan. 16, MVC hosted the New Visions Medical Careers South High School Experience Day, where students learned about the program aimed at those who are planning to pursue a post-secondary degree program in the field of health care. On Jan. 27, Griffins visited CV-TEC's Mineville Campus for the Applied Engineering Experience Day to learn about the program for those who are planning to pursue a postsecondary degree program in the field of engineering. New Visions applications are due Feb. 28.

5 Alumni Panel

Career, college, military, oh my! We invited alumni from a variety of fields to visit with students. The alumni participated in a panel discussion, and they also had time where students could visit with them at stations throughout the auditorium. The visitors talked about their career paths, and they encouraged students to ask questions as they start planning for their futures.



Lake View Top 5

1 Student Teachers

we have welcomed three student teachers from SUNY Plattsburgh to our school community! Each of them is pursuing a master's degree in education with dual certification in childhood and special education, and I know they will greatly benefit from and contribute to our collaborative work.



2 Spelling Bee

On January 7, the annual district spelling bee returned to BVCS for the first time since January 2020. About 20 students in grades 4-8 participated. This year featured multiple spell-offs, including the longest spell-off in BVCS history between 4th graders Finley and Jadon, who each spelled more than 15 words before a grade-level champion was declared. Thanks to our judges, Shannon Baumann, Katie Cutcher, and Samantha Meachem; behind-the-scenes supporters Mrs. George and Mrs. Zimmerman; and pronouncer and “words of encouragement” provider Dr. Meyer.

3 Middle-of-the-Year Benchmark Assessments

Our students completed middle of the year benchmark assessments using iReady and DIBEL's. Overall, our students showed incredible growth in both reading and math. We're excited to share that the number of students reading at or above grade level grew from 22 to 34, and those reading early on grade level increased from 17 to 29. Even better, the number of students reading significantly below grade level dropped from 6 to just 3. What an amazing accomplishment! Our math progress has been incredible! The number of students performing at or above grade level tripled, growing from 5 to 15, while early grade-level placements jumped from 18 to 31. We also reduced the number of students two grade levels below in math from 35 to 17. Great job, everyone!



4 OASIS

Our after school programming through OASIS continues to thrive! I would like to highlight great accomplishments of having a high number of student participants in its programs: swimming, theatre and puppets, drama and Magic the Gathering, wellness club, and pottery. We have also begun planning for summer enrichment focusing on math, ELA, and social/emotional learning. Stay tuned!



5 Schoolwide Behavior Expectations

Our students are exceeding our behavioral expectations this school year. So far in this school year we have seen a 38% decrease in behavioral referrals and 52% decrease in classroom incidents. This highlights the importance of shared behavior expectations and a positive behavior intervention program. Families, thank you for your support in this process!

Lake View Principal Message: Lee Kyler

This month, we are thrilled to share the incredible results from our recent benchmark assessments, showing significant growth in both reading and math across all grade levels. This success is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, families, and teachers. Our staff has done an exceptional job implementing our new curriculum with fidelity, ensuring high-quality instruction that meets the needs of every learner. We are so proud of the progress our school community is making and look forward to continued growth as we work together to support our students' academic success!



Mountain View Principal Message: Elaine Dixon-Cross

As we enter the winter months, it's normal to feel the effects of shorter days and colder weather. This time of year can bring extra challenges, especially when it comes to staying motivated and taking care of ourselves. Now more than ever, it's important to prioritize both our mental health and our physical well-being. Whether it's the latest cold virus, or the winter blues, we are seeing it negatively impact attendance. Simple things like sticking to a daily routine or making time to get moving—even if it's just a short walk outside—can have a big impact on our overall mood and energy. Just as we care for our bodies with hygiene practices like washing our hands and staying hydrated, we must also care for our minds. Taking a moment to reflect, breathe deeply, or check in with someone else can make a world of difference. Once a student stays home for a day, it can be even harder to re-engage. Winter can sometimes feel isolating, but we are all part of this supportive community. Please remember, it's okay to reach out for help when you need it, whether it's a friend, a teacher, or a counselor. We are here for one another. Let's make our next quarter one of growth, connection, and care for both our minds and bodies.



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Students said that being a part of the Student Council made them feel proud and important. They said they feel mature when given the chance to help make decisions, advise adults, and find ways to compromise.

Members of the Student Council met with Cook Manager Stevi McCann and then School Lunch Manager Julie Holbrook to request new menu items. They learned about compromise when some of their requests had to be rejected and some were approved.

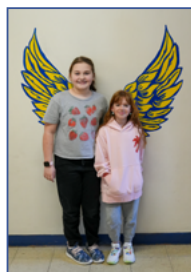
The council has also been working with Jason Fiegl on plans for the playground. They gave him some ideas, and he helped them talk through what options might be possible.

The school is

holding monthly Positive Behavior Interventions and Support assemblies this year, and LVC Student Council members have started helping out with those in various ways including putting on skits, telling classmates about major initiatives and giving updates on what the council has been working on.

Members of Student Council have attended Board of Education meetings

to give updates about what they've been working on, and Mr. Kyler expects these updates to continue regularly throughout the school year.



LVC Student Council

Levi Worrell, grade 5
Lucy Wilson, grade 5
Kayson Simpson, grade 5
Arianna Crandall-Otis, grade 5
Finley Markwica, grade 4
Tillie Kullman, grade 4
Zoe Glanda, grade 4, President
Daniel DiBartolomeo, grade 4, Vice President
Daphne Adamson-Dwyer, grade 3
Aria Goff, grade 3
Forrest Cockerline, grade 3
Adelyn Drummond, grade 3
Adelynn Mitchell, grade 2
Scarlett Ostroski-Hanley, grade 2