



Committee recommends MVC renovation & addition

At their March meeting, members of the Facilities Planning Committee agreed to a set of recommendations to make to the district's Board of Education based on decisions the group has made over the past six months of fact finding and discussion.

Among the recommendations include renovating and building an addition at Mountain View Campus to move all academic programming there.

The group is also recommending that the Board of Education, as it moves forward with a capital project, strives to find a balance between the scope of the project and the local tax impact.

The Board of Education will review the recommendations at their meeting on April 10. For the full recommendation and other information on the committee's work, go to boquetvalleycsd.org/facilities

Griffin Spotlight

Art with Olympians

Olympic and Paralympic athletes have guided and inspired Boquet Valley students through art projects that focus on Olympic themes in recent months.

Three of Ms. Kristen Larkin's art classes were paired with different Olympic and Paralympic athletes who are also artists, and they worked together through Zoom video conference calls and by sharing art over digital channels.

The collaboration is part of an initiative led by Roald Bradstock, a javelin thrower in the 1984 and 1988 Olympics. He created an art genre he calls Olympism, and



it has inspired collaborations in local education.

Roald worked with a sixth-grade class of Griffins, and another sixth-grade class

worked with Beth Livingston, who was an art teacher who lost the use of her legs in a car accident and became a Paralympic skier using adaptive equipment. Ms. Larkin's 10th-grade class worked with Neil Eckersley, a double Olympian in judo who used the exercise and structure of training to manage ADHD and dyslexia.

Each class met with their athlete three times over Zoom video calls.

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Superintendent Message: Dr. Joshua R. Meyer

Dear Parents,
Students, and
Community
Members,



I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has

contributed to the Facilities Planning Committee over the last six months.

It's been encouraging to see people with such diverse opinions come together and find common ground. I know that our community values our children and wants what's best for their growth and the community's future.

I appreciate the hard work it has taken for everyone to come together and do the hard work to find compromises that will serve the district as best as possible.

Sincerely,
Dr. Joshua R. Meyer

Mountain View Top 5

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Schenectady Adventure

On March 20, 38 7th and 8th graders enjoyed a wonderful trip in collaboration with the Elizabethtown Social Center. They traveled to Schenectady and explored a variety of aquatic animals at VIA Aquarium. After that, they attended musical comedy "Shucked" at Proctor's Theatre.



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NCMUN

Boquet Valley's Model United Nations team did a fantastic job at North Country Model United Nations in March. Everyone represented the district well among hundreds of students from throughout the North Country. A huge congrats to our three delegates who brought home awards after the two-day event: Grace Kullman, Marguerite Hall and Nathan Sayre.



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Experiencing SUNY Adirondack

On March 11, 11th and 12th graders traveled to Queensbury to explore SUNY Adirondack. In addition to touring the campus, students were invited to Explore Stations, which focused in areas like culinary, IT and cybersecurity, and media arts.



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St. Patrick's Day Performances

On St. Patrick's Day, we were thrilled to welcome The Morse Academy of Irish Dance to both of our campuses. Dancers performed lively and energetic shows that had our students fully engaged and clapping along. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to experience Irish culture and tradition through music and movement. We're grateful to the performers for sharing their talent with us and making the day extra special for everyone.



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Essential Skills Workshop

Ninth-grade Griffins spent the day working on their Essential Skills at the College for Every Student - Brilliant Pathways Leadership Workshop on March 14. Through a variety of games and discussions, students learned about six Essential Skills such as leadership, teamwork and networking. They explored how to implement these skills into their lives now and how they can keep growing and developing them as part of their educational experience moving forward into the future.

Lake View Top 5

1 Scholastic Book Fair

We are thrilled to share that this year's book fair was a huge success—more than doubling our sales from last year! Thanks to your support, we're excited to announce that the book fair will be returning twice next school year. As a special bonus, every student left with a free book to take home and enjoy. Thank you for helping us grow a love of reading in our school community!



2 Monthly Character Theme: Perseverance

This month, we focused on the important character trait of perseverance—the ability to keep going, even when things get tough. Students received reminders on the morning announcements and had classroom discussions about staying determined, working hard, and not giving up. We encourage you to continue talking about perseverance at home and celebrate those moments when your child shows grit and determination.



3 Supporting Neurodiversity in Our School

This year, we've placed a strong focus on neurodiversity—recognizing and valuing the different ways students think, learn, and experience the world. Our staff has been working to incorporate inclusive practices and strategies into instruction to better support all learners. We're proud of the progress so far and remain committed to creating a learning environment where every student can thrive.



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4 School Goals Progress Update

We've set big goals this year to support student success, and we're excited to share some strong progress:

- Attendance: Our goal is to raise average daily attendance to 95% (up from a 3-year average of 91.4%). So far this year, we're at 94.0%—a great improvement!
- Behavior: Office referrals have dropped by 32%, from 81 last year to just 25 so far this year. Classroom incidents have decreased by 45%, from 143 last year to 69 so far.



Lake View Principal Message: Lee Kyler

There's a saying: "When the leader shines, everyone feels the warmth." I try to carry that mindset into each day at school, knowing the tone I set can impact students, staff, and families alike. As a distance runner, I often take unplanned routes—sometimes getting lost, but always discovering something new. This reminds me of leadership: not every path is clear, but the journey brings growth, perspective, and joy. Thank you for trusting me to lead alongside you. I may not always get it right, but I'll always lead with heart and hope.



Mountain View Principal Message: Elaine Dixon-Cross

As we prepare to head into standardized testing season, I want to emphasize the importance of both attendance and focused effort during this critical period. These assessments provide valuable insights into student progress and help shape our educational strategies. We encourage all students to approach these tests with determination and their best effort. Success comes from applying the knowledge and skills they've developed throughout the year. Regular attendance remains essential especially during testing. Please support students by ensuring they get adequate rest, arrive at school on time, and attend all scheduled test days. Let's work together to ensure students show their full academic growth and potential.



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In the first call, everyone learned about the project, and the athlete told students about their journey as both an athlete and an artist. During the second meeting, athletes looked at students' works in progress and gave feedback and guidance. The final meeting was a celebration of having completed the work.

Roald, Beth and Neil helped select five pieces of art from each of the classes, and those pieces were shown in an art exhibit in celebration of the Winter Olympics at the Olympic Center in Lake Placid. They joined hundreds of other students from Clinton, Essex and Franklin counties at a March celebration to share their work, learn from Olympic athlete artists, and enjoy an accompanying art exhibition from Olympian/Paralympian and internationally acclaimed artist LeRoy Neiman.

The show and the program were hosted by the AI Oerter Foundation/Art of the Olympians, the National Olympic Regional Development Authority, and the LeRoy Neiman and Janet Byrne Foundation.

Our artistic Griffins also collaborated on four mural panels that were assembled at the event along with 20 others sent out to other students across the North Country.

