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### A message from the Superintendent:

At the January 23rd, 2020 Regular Meeting, the Boquet Valley Central School District Board of Education passed the following resolution with a 7-0 roll call vote:

**Resolved upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the relocation of all Kindergarten through grade 5 classes to the Lake View Campus and all grades 6 through 12 classes to the Mountain View Campus effective with the 2020-21 school year.**

Beginning with the 2020-21 school year, all K-5 BVCS student will attend the Lake View Campus, and all 6-12 BVCS students will attend the Mountain View Campus. No decisions have yet been made about transportation or arrival and dismissal times. The Administrative

Team will be working over the next several months to determine instructional and non-instructional assignments as well as a master schedule. The Director of Facilities will be working with the Administrative Team to determine any adjustments to current bus routes. Arrival and dismissal times will be determined based on related transportation decisions. The Prekindergarten classroom locations will be determined by the superintendent and ACAP in the upcoming weeks. The District Office location will be determined by the superintendent based on available space. There will be several more updates related to this change to our configuration in the upcoming months. I encourage you to check the district website for the most current information.



# MOUNTAIN VIEW CAMPUS

*A message from Elaine Dixon-Cross,  
the Mountain View Principal*



Dear Boquet Valley Families and Community,

I'm delighted to have been chosen as your Principal of the Mountain View Campus. I have been working as an educator in the North Country for the past 20 years in a variety of education roles. One thing that doesn't waiver with those past roles as a principal or a teacher, is my commitment to children and providing them with the best education possible. We will continue to review and develop our academic programming, which will create students with high standards. We will look closely at our PBIS and CFES programs to understand where we are able to capitalize on providing additional opportunities for our students and equip them with the essential skills necessary in life.

I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the winter concert on Wednesday, December 18th and love seeing your children in this light. I look forward to immersing myself in this community and watching them shine in additional ways, whether in art, drama, sports, or a tradition that I will come to value as my own.

It is with a strong commitment that I am joining you and this district, and will embrace being on this journey with you. I'm delighted to work collaboratively with the faculty, staff, and students of Boquet Valley, together we will watch our children grow in the most positive ways possible.

Sincerely,

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Mountain View Campus Principal  
Boquet Valley Central School District







We've started out 2020 with a hustle and a bustle, and our second quarter is coming to a rapid close! In my 3 short weeks with everyone together, we've accomplished a great deal thanks to the collaboration of our team. We're finishing up January Regents, and continue to progress monitor and benchmark at the elementary level. Academically, we're meeting with our grade level Instructional Support Teams (IST) teams to understand where and how to best serve our students. Our district wide Response to Intervention (RTI) team is continuing to meet to solidify a sound plan, implementing policies and procedures, to benefit our students academically and socially.

To that end, the Social Emotional Wellness of our children is a priority. These conversations have continued with our counseling department, RTI team, and through our Restorative Justice practice that we're beginning to introduce to faculty and staff.

Mentors from Middlebury College spent a day with us to discuss their college and career path. It's our hope to help each Griffin identify their passion, and through experiences like this one, they'll be introduced to multiple possibilities in college or career. Seniors are looking ahead to graduation in 5 short months, and we're meeting regularly to plan their special day. The first graduating Griffins are also in the planning stages of some fun, too! They're discussing the idea of a senior banquet, senior legacy, and a senior trip. Once votes are in, and decisions are made, we'll keep everyone apprised of our plans.

We're looking forward to a productive and rewarding third quarter, as our students enthusiastically prepare for their drama production, and the senior talent show!



“ Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. ”

- Nelson Mandela

# LAKE VIEW CAMPUS

*Growing Stronger with each opportunity!!*

Our second quarter included great opportunities for community involvement. The community food drive was a successful venture organized by the High School Student Council and supported by both campuses.



7th and 8th grade students had the opportunity to participate in inaugural Boquet Valley Spelling Bee. Students from grades 4-8 participated in the Spelling Bee. The events culminated with the top spellers from each grade level competing on the Lake View stage to determine who was the districts best speller. These champions will have the opportunity to challenge local schools in the next stage of the competition.



“ The mind once enlightened cannot again become dark. ”

- Thomas Paine







At Boquet Valley we are working with outside agencies to ensure our students have access to great opportunities. Our students have experienced introductions to yoga, STEM programs including robotics and virtual reality goggles. During December the music department had a chance to show off their skills with wonderful performances lead by Mrs. Heather Olson and Mrs. Amy Nelson.

Boquet Valley continues to join the experiences of each town and district to for the betterment of our students. In the fall we experienced the Halloween program here at the Lake View Campus, this winter allowed students from Lake View to experience the Winter Solstice at our Mountain View Campus. The blending these experiences will continue throughout the year and include educational trips and Adirondack experiences.

Elementary students at Lake View are working with technology to grow their 21st Century skills. Below - Students work with robotics and programing. Below Right - Students worked on building projects with toothpicks and marshmallows.



**GRIFFIN NATION**



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# PRE KINDER GARTEN

## Early Bridges Registration

It's time to think about Preschool!

The *Early Bridges* program is a collaborative partnership between Boquet Valley Central School and Adirondack Community Action Program Inc. Head Start. We have combined BVCSD and Head Start staff to provide a unique program that focuses on the whole child and his/her family. Early Bridges is available free of charge to District and/or Head Start eligible three and four-year-old children who are registered at Boquet Valley Central School District. Any child who will be three or four years old on or before December 1, 2020, that live within the merged school district is eligible for registration.

We are beginning to register for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications are available online or can be picked up in both the Lake View and Mountain View Campuses. Upon the return of the application. The Early Bridges Family Worker, Mrs. Jolene Sayward, will review it and schedule an Early Bridges screening appointment.



### What is needed to register:

- Child's Birth Certificate or Baptismal Certificate
- Immunization records
- Income verification

### What will be required before entering in fall:

- Completed physical form
- Completed dental health form

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Student Support Services at 518-873-6371 or Jolene Sayward, Head Start Family Worker at 518-225-5162.





**T**hroughout the last few months, Boquet Valley teachers have participated in numerous professional development opportunities in the efforts to improve our programming and instruction. The half-days of staff development have provided our instructional staff, specialized instructional support staff, and paraprofessionals with the opportunity to grow and learn as a team.

In October, we focused on the different areas of programming. Teachers were provided with the opportunity to receive professional development in merging technology with instruction in the classroom, how to read and collect data using the K-8 assessments, in particular, the I-Ready program. Teachers were also instructed on how to use the EngageNY website as a resource as the New Generations standards become the focus of the skills being taught in the classrooms. To ensure all staff members were provided professional development on district-wide programming, paraprofessionals were provided professional development on data gathering and best strategies for the classroom and instructional support. The specialized instructional support staff had the

opportunity to also work on programming by working within their department on administrative set objectives.

In November, PreK-12th grade teachers actively participated in a 2-hour book study focused on Explicit Instruction through Effective and Efficient Teaching. The book was read in small groups and as a large group, they shared their experiences and take away from the instructional strategies learned.

Paraprofessionals continued in their development of best strategies for the classroom and instructional support by focusing on classroom and student management strategies. The specialized instructional support staff had the opportunity to continue working on programming by working within their department on administrative set objectives.

Our time working as a team on the programs of Boquet Valley Central School has been essential.

Our focus during professional development times is to support our

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instructional staff and support staff in their continual efforts to improve instruction, programming, and school culture. Our objective is to have the best environment so that each student may achieve at their highest level.





# GRIFFIN ATHLETICS

**Fall Sports Wrap-up: 85 Griffins** participate in Soccer (81) and Cross-Country (4). The Cross-Country team was a merged effort with Moriah and they won the Section VII class D crown by beating Seton Catholic, Lake Placid and Ticonderoga. The Girls Varsity Soccer team made a return trip to the Section VII Championship, losing to Chazy 2-1. Matt Pribble was selected as a First team All-star and Analise Burdo was selected as first Team All-star and Second Team All-state.

The Winter season is well underway with our Student-Athletes going in many directions in their training and competing. We have 102 Student-Athletes taking part in our athletic program.

**Archery** has begun in earnest with 15 students in grades 7-11 participating. Mr. Smith is their coach and they will seek competition preparing for a possible visit to the state championships in March.

**The Weightlifting team** is made up of 14 Boys and 1 Girl and will compete in its second record lift on 1/10. They are competing with students from Coxsackie-Athens, Queensbury and Ballston Spa. We have three lifters exceeding 300# Back Squats and five lifters with a 300+ Deadlift.

**The Cheer squad** has 4 members and they are anxious to make their debut but some illness to the team has hampered their efforts. They are hoping to cheer at a

game next week.

**Indoor Track and Field** has 2 members as part of a merger with Moriah. They have been competing once a week at PSU Fieldhouse.

**The Basketball teams are continuing to improve.**

**New uniform purchases** were made and the uniforms look good. The old scorer's table from ELCS was re-fitted with new Griffin graphics and Navy padding. We are preparing a new design for the MV Gym lobby.



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