



### A message from the Superintendent:

We have had an exciting opening to the 2021-22 school year. Thank you to our students, faculty, staff, families, and community members for continuing to adhere to the COVID safety procedures. Thank you for the tireless efforts of the Essex County Health Department for working together with us on vaccinations, contact tracing, and COVID testing. As we move forward together, we remain hopeful that our academic experiences and other opportunities return to "normal" very soon. Entering our third year as a district, we have taken steps to formalize a goal-setting process and to actively receive feedback from our stakeholders. The feedback received from surveys sent by the District is often used to modify or adjust our plans and procedures. Thank you for your continued participation in providing this necessary feedback. We look forward to seeing you at our events throughout the year.

#### District Goals:

The formalized goal-setting process for the 2021-22 school year was a result of the feedback received from the previous two school years. We are using the OKR's (Objectives and Key Results) in an effort to write better goals and to adequately measure our progress toward those goals throughout the year. We have four major district-level goals that we are working on this year.

**Establish the ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE for our PreK-12 students as measured by:**



- Aligning ELA curriculum PreK-12 by a developing a topic list per grade level
- Aligning Math Curriculum PreK -12 by developing a topic list per grade level
- Track elective offerings and participation

#### Streamline the COMMUNICATION at BVCS as measured by:

- Developing a clear Communication Plan for the District inclusive of type, method, and frequency of communication
- Distribute the plan throughout the school community
- Assign personnel responsible for creating/contributing to the communication
- Assign personnel responsible for distributing the communication
- Count and evaluate the following for on-time communications:
  - Annual-Budget Notice
  - Quarterly- Newsletters
  - Monthly- BOE Meetings and BOE Meeting minutes
  - Weekly- Griffin Gazette, TWIGS, and Bulleted List
  - Daily- Attendance Calls
  - As needed

#### Establish the CLIMATE AND CULTURE in the district for staff and students as measured by:

- Provide one off-campus experience per cohort of students per year.
- Provide two intentional assemblies and/or presentations for students per year
- Provide one meaningful professional development for Faculty and Staff per month as part of our long-term plan
- Host ten parent events per year with at least 25% parent attendance.

#### Establish OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPERIENCES for the students as measured by:

- Provide one off-campus experience per cohort of students per year.
- Provide two intentional assemblies and/or presentations for students per year
- Provide one meaningful professional development for Faculty and Staff per month as part of our long-term plan
- Host ten parent events per year with at least 25% parent attendance.

We are anticipating completing all of these goals by June 30th, 2022 and are starting to plan for 2022-23. If you have specific items that you think should be addressed in our 2022-23 district goals, please send that information to Superintendent Josh Meyer at [jmeyer@boquetvalleycsd.org](mailto:jmeyer@boquetvalleycsd.org) or provide that information in an upcoming survey.

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# LAKE VIEW CAMPUS

The Lake View campus joined our Mountain View campus during spirit week – you can see the excitement Pajama Day brought.

The opening of the new Westport Fire Hall allowed us to work with our community and provided us the opportunity to tour and be actively involved in demonstrations with the Westport Fire Department.

We have several district initiatives that are designed to provide our students with great Adirondack experiences. One of those initiatives is having our students actively involved in nature, organizing hikes and working with groups like the Adirondack Mountain Club.

One of our great efforts this fall is to reestablish some normalcy for our students. We feel that offering students a well-rounded education in the Adirondacks also means taking advantage of the great area we live in. Goals for this year include the development of opportunities and plans for student involvement. Those goals include items like organizing field trips and hikes for each grade level, providing dynamic speakers several times a year for students and providing opportunities for parents to attend school events. While some of the goals are still limited by COVID restrictions we have worked to find avenues early in the year to begin reaching these goals.

As part of these goals, we have been able to get students involved in a variety of field trips. During the fall, we had several classes involved in nature experiences with hiking, studying the science of Adirondack Mountain Club at Heart Lake, visiting local farms, excursions to pumpkin patches and enjoying nature walks and leaf collections around campus. We also recognized Veterans Day with age appropriate involvements that included writing letters and having a presentation by a local World War II veteran and the North Country Honor Flight.

Our Fallween celebration resulted in our students being excited for the afternoon of dressing up and our 5th grade students diving into the cultural study of the Day of the Dead. The awesome turnout of parents certainly brought great smiles to students' faces and I am sure led to way too much candy over the weekend.

The beginning of the year here at the Lake View campus has been full of exciting events and seen the development of many plans we hope to see our students continue to experience as we move forward.



## PAJAMA DAY



## WESTPORT FIRE HALL



## ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB







Dear Boquet Valley Families and Community,

We have all been adjusting to the “new normal”. The Boquet Valley’s special education school staff is determined to assist our families and students by maintaining relationships, offering routine and a sense of normalcy in the classrooms and therapy rooms. To ensure the safety of our students and community we continue to run our special education meetings remotely and thank all our families for their unwavering support as we continue to find the systems that maintain the balance of safety, family support and student growth.

Sincerely,  
The Special Education  
Department

## Early Bridges

This year in Early Bridges we have been learning a lot about cooperating with our classmates. In class the students are starting to recognize letters, letter sounds, and beginning sounds of words, along with rhyming words. They are working really hard on learning their high frequency words. They are super excited to be working with a new math program that is very hands-on and allows them to explore and learn math numbers in a new and fun way. Just this past week they learned how to mix colors and make snow during science time.

On October 27th the youngest Griffins attended their first school field trip. We went to Rulf's Orchard where they got to pick their own pumpkin from the field. We discussed how a small pumpkin seed grows into a big orange pumpkin in the farmers' field. We discussed when we returned to school all of the different things that you can make with a pumpkin and the children all shared what they were going to use their pumpkins for. It was a fabulous trip and they all had a wonderful time. We look forward to many more opportunities to take trips and explore the wonderful area that we live in.

Sincerely,  
The Early Bridges Program



# SPECIAL EDUCATION





# MOUNTAIN VIEW CAMPUS



Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year, Griffins!

We're thrilled that a large degree of normalcy has returned to our school environment. Our school community has been very active creating wonderful opportunities for students. During the month of September, we had our first ever return to school nights for middle school and high school students, with over 450 people (students and parents) coming in to check out their lockers, get their schedules and meet many of their teachers. We worked closely with local agencies to have them present at these nights and inform the community about their services. We kicked off our second week of school by participating in Essex County's Suicide Awareness Day and our sidewalks were donned with positive messages of support. Our student run help desk, The Griff "IT"s is in its infancy stages with 9 members. These students are working with Ms. Lackey and Ms. Morrow to understand the inner workings of computers and the internet. Our fall sports teams were very successful in cruising through their seasons in spectacular fashion.

During the ensuing months, our hallways were decked with school spirit and The Student Council held a fun themed spirit week. The seniors won the coveted spirit stick for homecoming. The next chance for a class to steal the spirit stick will occur during winter solstice festivities. Homecoming events were well attended with smiling Griffin faces everywhere, from the parade to the bonfire. The Sophomore class float won first place in the parade, with their viking theme. In collaboration with CFES and ECHO Leahy Center, we held a STEM night for PK- 8 grade students. Students enjoyed the many interactive activities on this fun filled evening.

Our students in 6-12 have all had an opportunity to attend a field trip and it's only November! We have Dudley to thank for the amazing team building activities that they facilitated with our 6,7,8, and 10th grade classes. Our 9th grade students were able to attend a trip with Mr. Castine and Mrs. Fielder exploring AuSable Chasm and The Underground Railroad in our region. Our 11th and 12th grade students were invited on a trip to Adirondack Extreme with Mr. Buehler. In addition, Ms. Lackey's digital photography class got out and took advantage of the beautiful Adirondacks and the fall foliage. Our 10th period clubs are set to begin on Monday, November 15 and we're looking forward to students being able to choose a variety of activities throughout the school year. We were able to offer a PSAT, a SAT and have the ASVAB scheduled on our campus for December 14.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to the many great things the winter season will bring.  
For now, happy fall!

Mrs. Dixon-Cross





## H.S. STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

So far in our 2021-2022 school year, our Student Council has been very busy. We are excited to share what we have done! We had a spirit week that our peers got to participate in. We enjoyed decorating the hallways and getting in the school spirit for homecoming! The students really enjoyed flannel/plaid day and pajama day. We also celebrated the flannel season with our fall festivities. We held a pumpkin painting contest along with a costume contest for students at the Mountain View Campus. Our second quarter activities for Mountain View students include Winter Solstice and Reindeer Games. We look forward to sharing our upcoming events that we are planning. Stay tuned!

### High School Student Council Members:

- Madison Kirkby
- Liz Poe
- Scarlett Behm
- Sydney Bisselle
- Jackson Hooper
- Ella Lobdell
- Sophie Pulsifer
- Emily Hickey

### Middle School Student Council:

- Emma Conley
- Grace Kullman
- Andrew Denton
- Sadie Burgess
- Olive Stewart
- Marah Bennett
- Ella Pulsifer
- Keir Furman
- Margo Hall



## M.S. STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

# GRIFFIN ATHLETICS

We were able to field athletes for a Boys Modified, Girls Modified, Boys Varsity and Girls Varsity soccer team. We continued our merged cross-country team with Moriah. Our Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer teams qualified for the Scholar Athlete Team Awards with team GPAs well over 90%. Both of our Varsity Soccer teams were selected for the Sportsmanship Award by their opponents and their Coaches. Jude Brearton qualified for the State XC Meet running 2.85 miles in 17:48. Soccer First Team All Stars from BV included: Oakley Buehler, Abbey Schwoebel, Abby Monty and Claire Reynolds. Soccer Second Team All Stars included: Aidan Lobdell, Jameson Fiegl, Ben Burdo, Scarlett Behm. We had a hugely successful Homecoming weekend, with a parade, 4 games, a bonfire and alumni game. The weekend was dedicated to Tom Matthews and the Matthews family. Each Griffin Student-Athlete has been assigned a "GSA" # to mark their part of the new history of BVCS athletics. The Griffin Cafe is very close to complete. The kids are utilizing it and loving it. Our new basketball scoreboards have arrived and have been installed. Our new sport banners are coming soon as well as a Griffin banner to cover the green mats.

A huge Griffin THANK YOU to Camp Dudley. Camp Dudley is a vital partner in our efforts to bring quality athletic experiences to our Student-Athletes.

Here are some of the generous tasks and favors they give the Griffin Nation.

1. Use of the sports fields
2. Lining and mowing of the sports fields
3. Use of the Leadership barn for team meetings and dinners
4. Cutting and maintaining a new Cross Country running trail so our runners can compete at home.
5. Providing and paying for porta potties on site.
6. Team building sessions with Dave Langston for our sports teams.
7. High ropes sessions for teams and the larger student body.
8. Supporting homecoming with the bonfire and time and space for night games.
9. Lending the use of sport and PE gear whenever BV requests it's use.

Again, Thank You

Our Griffins appreciate it and we cherish our partnership.





# FACILITIES UPDATE



**Welcome to our new Director of Facilities, Scott Farrell. Scott will oversee the Buildings and Grounds, and Transportation departments.**

## **Update on the New Facility:**

We submitted our plan for a new facility to The New York State Education Department (NYSED) 8-9 months ago. We were expecting, as per their website, a 6-8 week period to receive a response. It has clearly taken much longer than that and your patience is sincerely appreciated. NYSED employees have reviewed parts and pieces of the plan and have emailed follow-up and clarifying questions to myself and the architect over the past three months. When information is released to the district, it will be published on the schools website ([www.boquetvalleycsd.org](http://www.boquetvalleycsd.org)), and presented at a Board of Education meeting. There will be several public forums and an opportunity for community members to voice their opinions.

Based on recent estimates from the architect, and taking into account that we still have not gotten a response from NYSED, our

best case scenario for a voter referendum is likely in June of 2022. As we have seen, this could continue to be delayed. This is not confirmed, and no date has been officially set. This is simply an estimate based on the information that we have at this time. Once we have information from NYSED, we will be able to set a timeline including all the steps in the process through building completion.

An email address:

[facilityquestions@boquetvalleycsd.org](mailto:facilityquestions@boquetvalleycsd.org) has been set up. Please email your questions directly to this address. If you would like Superintendent, Josh Meyer to attend a meeting of your organization during the upcoming months for the purposes of answering questions about this project, please contact the District Clerk, Jana Atwell to set it up at [jatwell@boquetvalleycsd.org](mailto:jatwell@boquetvalleycsd.org), or at 518-873-6371.



Retrun Address:



District Office @  
Mountain View Campus

#### Employment Opportunities at BVCSD:

Bus Driver  
Driver/Cleaner  
Special Education Teacher  
Teaching Assistant  
Teacher Aide

We are always looking for:  
Substitute Teacher  
Substitute Teacher Assistant  
Substitute Teacher Aide  
Substitute Bus Driver  
Substitute Bus Driver Aide  
Substitute Clerical  
Substitute Food Service Helper  
Tutors (all grades/all subjects)

#### Robocalls-

If you would like to be added to the list for robocalls for district information, please contact Judy French at [jfrench@boquetvalleycsd](mailto:jfrench@boquetvalleycsd), or call the office at 518-873-6371



**Joshua R. Meyer**  
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