



Monthly Newsletter: April 2023

Griffin Spotlight



Boquet Valley Celebrates World Down Syndrome Day

Tuesday, March 21, BVCS celebrated World Down Syndrome Day by rocking our socks! All over the world, people wore non-matching socks for World Down Syndrome day. This was to show that people with Down Syndrome are different but the same! A pair of socks may be a different pattern or color, but can still be worn together happily if we change our attitudes about having to wear matching socks.

So to wear non-matching socks is to remind us that the way we think is really important, and makes a difference to whether people with Down Syndrome feel included or not.

Why March 21st?

It's because people with Down syndrome have three chromosomes on chromosome number 21, instead of the usual two. (Also known as Trisomy 21). The purpose of this day was to raise awareness that we are more alike than different!



Superintendent of Schools Message: Joshua R. Meyer

*Dear Parents, Students, and
Community Members,*

Spring is finally here! As we welcome the warmer weather and longer days, I hope you were able to enjoy the winter months.

Our monthly newsletter is designed to highlight some of the exciting activities happening on and off



our campuses with our students.

As we move into the final stretch of the school year, we are committed to providing our students with the best possible educational experience. We have exciting initiatives and projects planned to help our students thrive academically, socially and emotionally. You will see the highlights in the upcoming newsletters.

We also want to express our gratitude to our parents and community members for your continued support. Your involvement in our schools is essential to our success, and we appreciate your partnership. We wish you a happy and healthy spring season!

Sincerely,
Joshua R. Meyer

Mountain View Top 5

Keep Calm and Get Your Jig On

1. The Morse Academy of Irish Dance gave us a great show to kick off our St. Patrick's Day and helped us celebrate Ireland. Did you know the word Rince is Irish for dancing?

Future Goals

2. What are your future goals? Try an elective to see if that's something you love. Students in grades 8-11 were able to attend an electives fair to pick classes that they're interested in for next year.



Model United Nations

3. Maintaining international peace and security, delivering humanitarian aid, protecting human rights.. Is there anything our North Country Model United Nations students can't do? Our students were at it again the first week in March, representing their country and bringing home some Griffin Gold at NCMUN.

Career Fair

4. Community — a group of people sharing a common space and goal. We loved collaborating with our Community Mentors for our Career Fair. Students in grades 6-12 were able to engage in presentations and conversations to learn about careers of people living right in our neighborhoods.



STEM Activities

5. College, Career, Military, oh my! In collaboration with ECHO and CFES Brilliant Pathways, our K-8 students enjoyed a night of hands-on STEM activities. STEM careers are growing exponentially. Let's get our young Griffins excited about it!

Lake View Top 5



Maple Syrup Lesson

1. How sweet it is...your first-grade students work with the Cornell Cooperative Extension to learn about creating maple syrup. Students were involved in an in-class lesson and later that day went out around campus to tap a couple trees with the support of our partners at the CCE.

A Different Type of Tap

2. Our students had the great opportunity to watch Irish Dancing. The Morse Academy of Irish Dance stopped in for a great demonstration. Last summer, our students also had the opportunity to attend Irish Dance Camp in Chazy. Keep your eyes out for this opportunity again this year.

The Sugaring Process

3. First-grade students will have the opportunity to learn about the sugaring process. We will visit a sugar house, and students will get to experience the process that goes into making maple syrup.

Art On Display

4. Student artwork will be on display in Lake Placid. We had several students recognized for their outstanding artwork, and their efforts were on display at the Lake Placid Center for the Art Gallery. Congratulations to these fine young artists.

CVES Regional Spelling Bee

5. Congratulations to our Mason Peck for his victory at the CVES Spelling Bee earlier this month. Mason was the 4th grade champion at the CVES Regional Spelling Bee.



9th grade visits CFES conference

We have so many activities happening after school such as Debate Club, Running/Walking Club, Bracelet Making, Archery and Genealogy, just to name a few. During mid-March, we switched into Session 5 leaving us with one session remaining. Session 6 is scheduled to begin the first week of May, so be on the lookout for sign ups this month! Recently, our 9th grade class took a trip to CFES - Brilliant Pathways for a conference to continue developing their leadership skills. The class broke into groups to work through a

Toward the end of the day, they came together to discuss different leadership styles and the pros and cons to each. At the end of the day, students and College & Career



Ready fellows discussed what leadership skills mean and how the students would like to use them when they return to Boquet Valley Central School. As they pondered this question, they came up with ideas they wanted to implement as young leaders in school. All of the groups had one common skill they wanted to work on more: communication.

Many laughs were heard and smiles seen, so it is safe to say all of the students enjoyed their experience. In fact, it was such a success that OASIS is hopeful to provide this opportunity for every upcoming 9th grade class.



variety of skills such as team building, agility and networking. Mixed in among those skills were things like public speaking, active listening and self reflection.

Lake View Principal Message: Daniel Parker

The sunny skies and warmer weather are producing some great excitement here at Lake View. We are looking forward to continuing our opportunities and partnerships throughout the Adirondack community. As we head into the direction of warmer days, we will first need to take care of our New York State Assessments. At Lake View, we will have ELA and Math sessions scheduled for the end of April and the beginning of May. We believe these are tools to help us understand how we can better serve our students. Our message to our students is, "Do your best, and forget the rest."



Mountain View Principal Message: Elaine Dixon-Cross

2023 has been off to a great start in grades 6-12. To date, our students have accomplished a great deal and have had some amazing experiences! Our 6-8 ELA, Math and Science exams are right around the corner. Taking these state tests is an important part of preparing for high school and the graduation requirements that require testing.

I'm looking forward to the remainder of the school year and all of the adventures that it will bring. Each day we will continue to explore ways to improve our academic success, strengthen our Griffin pride and traditions, and create meaningful middle and high school memories. As a reminder, our teachers, counselors and administrative team are available to provide assistance.



Scenes of Boquet Valley

