# BOQUET VALLEY



CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monthly Newsletter: March 2023

# Griffin Spotlight





## **OASIS** provides enrichment, fun

Our students and teachers accomplished copious amounts of academic enrichment, tutoring and fun through the Opportunities and Supports in School (OASIS) after school program!

Since the start of the 2022-2023 school year, we have offered programs including drama, mural club, simple engineering, pottery, water explorations, board game club, indoor soccer, archery, genealogy and weightlifting. We invited community volunteers to teach in areas of their expertise, like powersports mechanics. This exposes students to various career possibilities and how it relates to their education.

In addition to community members, we partner with local community organizations such as Cornell Cooperative Extension of Essex County, who provide unique learning opportunities like Agriculture in the Classroom and STEAM experiments. Our middle and high school baking clubs are led by a member of the Substance Abuse Prevention Team of Essex County, which instills



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# Superintendent of Schools Message: Joshua R. Meyer

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

I hope you were able to enjoy the February Break and the winter weather. As we near the end of the

winter sports season, I am proud to share with you the successes of our Boquet Valley Central School District athletic



teams, including our boys' and girls' basketball teams and indoor track team. Our weightlifters and archers have also been active, along with students participating in our many clubs and other after school opportunities for students. Our musicians have been performing and our Model UN Team has been active.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to providing our students with the best educational experience possible. We have exciting initiatives and projects planned to help them thrive academically, socially and emotionally. We are grateful for the continued support of our parents and community members, and we look forward to working together.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely, Joshua R. Meyer

## Mountain View Top 5

#### **Mardi Gras Celebration**

1. Leave a little sparkle wherever you go! The DEI committee celebrated Mardi Gras by making face masks and learning about the cultural rituals around the world with their classes.

## **Tapping Maple Trees**

2. Did you know that a maple tree needs to be about 45 years old before it is tapped for syrup making? Our Adirondack Science students know this, and they've begun the sugaring process. They have stacks of pancakes and waffles in their future!

#### **CV-TEC Visits**

3. "What the hand does the mind remembers." - Montessori - February was National CTE Month. Our CV-TEC students invited us to see their programs in action. We are so proud of all of our CV-TEC students and enjoyed seeing them in action.

## **Girls Basketball Places Second**

4. "Working together is success." - Ford - Congratulations to the Girls' Varsity Basketball team on their season, which carried them to second place in Sectionals. We are so proud of you and thank you for an outstanding season and final game.

## **Teacher Training**

5. College, Career, Military, oh my! This time teachers were trained in College and Career Readiness from CFES Brilliant Pathways. Teachers learned pathways, mentoring and readiness tricks of the trade.



## Lake View Top 5

#### **Read Across America**

1. Welcome to National Reading Month. We will be supporting students' thirst for knowledge and empowering their imaginations. We encourage 20 minutes of enjoyment reading a night with students. Students will have a reading card to bring home. When students read or are read to, please initial and date in the box. For every 10 boxes, students will earn a treat.

## **Spring Hikes**

2. As the snow melts and the weather warms, our students will continue their outdoor experiences with various grade-level hikes. Last year, our District Hiking committee organized hikes based on skill and age across the Boquet Valley. We are excited to see our students engaged in these outdoor experiences. Students were able to witness the change in the forests as they shifted into their dormant state. This spring students will be able to witness the woods come alive again.

## Trip to Mt. Van Hoevenberg

3. Our 4th grade students took a trip to Mt. Van Hoevenberg to learn more about the great history of the Adirondacks, and the importance the area has played to the Olympics, as well as the opportunities the site offers us today. It is great to see our students learning about our local attractions and historic venues.

### **Art Around the Building**

4. Through OASIS and our art classes, Mrs. Barber has been working with our students as we add a bit of Griffin personality to our walls. Griffin Wings, Students making their marks, and the Boquet Seal and Mascot are just a few of the items we have around campus.

## **Positive Behavior - Griffin Grams**

5. Our teachers and staff enjoy catching our students doing the right thing. Students are recognized for their positive behavior and living the Generous and Kind, Ready to Learn, Owning our Actions and Working Together (GROW). We love the positive support our students show each other.

## Lake View Principal Message: Daniel Parker

I hope you all had a revitalizing break in February. As we continue to enjoy the snowy Adirondack weather, we have continued to grow our opportunities for students. Our 4th graders have had opportunities to grow their knowledge of our local history with visits to Mt. Van Hoevenberg and to Heart Lake. The Essex County Department of Soil and Water has generously loaned the Campus their erosion table, offering a great learning tool. We continue to enjoy the support of our great community partners like the Youth Commission's basketball season. 4H and the Girls Scout.



## **Mountain View Principal Message: Elaine Dixon-Cross**

As our 2023 summer registration is coming to a close, be sure to sign up for our summer programming.

We're offering opportunities in academics, exploration and discovery. March has us packed with some Irish Dancers, a Career Fair and our Electives Fair. 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.



## **Griffin Spotlight continued...**

confidence and feelings of autonomy in our students all while learning the valuable life skill — cooking! In College for Every Student (CFES), Brilliant Pathways covered topics such as the expectations of being a college athlete, popular up-and-coming career paths, financial literacy and introductions to the various departments on campuses including SUNY Canton, North Country Community College and Champlain Community College. In our Lake View Campus, CFES is teaching students about team building and skill enrichment through fun games emphasizing the best ways groups work together to develop future leaders and team members.

We are excited to share that we have over 200 students participating in OASIS after school programs, and we are only half way through the year. It has been a pleasure watching Boquet Valley students experience new things and achieve academic success.

## **Scenes from Boquet Valley**













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