

VALLEY VIEWS

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

2012/2013 Budget and Propositions

I would like to begin this writing with a note of immense gratitude to the citizens of the Newark Valley School District. Putting together a budget that balances the needs of our students with the ability of our taxpayers to support those needs has become increasingly difficult. It would be difficult to overstate our thanks for your show of support in this year's vote. We will continue to work as hard as we can to do our best on behalf of the students, and our community.

New Director of Special Programs

On Monday, May 21st, Mr. Warren Harrold will assume a new post as Director of Special programs. With the retirement of Mrs. Suzanne Lachman, Mr. Harrold has agreed to assume control of this position. As you are aware, Mr. Harrold has a long history with the district as both a teacher and administrator. His presence as our Assistant High School Principal has benefitted hundreds of young men and women over the years. We are very excited that he will remain with us to provide this benefit to an even broader range of students in the years to come.

New High School Assistant Principal

Also on Monday, May 21, we will be welcoming a new addition to the Newark Valley family. Mr. Nicholas Fersch will be joining us as the new Assistant Principal at the high school. Mr. Fersch will also be serving as our Director of Health and Physical Education. Prior to accepting his new role, Mr. Fersch has been a Physical Education teacher for nine years, most recently at the Chenango Forks school district. During our interviews, Nick impressed the committee with his student-centered approach and his commitment to high standards for staff and students alike. We look forward to his presence, and the work he will do with our young men and women.

So as we close out the remainder of the school-year, I would like to wish all of you a safe and enjoyable summer. Thank you again for all that you do in support of your children's educational pursuits. We couldn't do it without you.

Sincerely,

Ryan Dougherty

6th Grade Mathalon Winners!



On Saturday March 24, 2012, Tioga County, with Lockheed Martin as its sponsor, held its annual Mathalon Competition. This year it was held at Candor Jr./Sr. High School. Our sixth grade team, advised by Jessie Schappert, took first place! They worked hard and practiced all year long to get ready for this competition. Congratulations to our sixth grade team: Daniel Lindhorst, Phillip Babey, Patrick Pennay, Jordan LaBounty, Farrah Fiacco, and Paityn Smith! Great job Denominator Cardinals! We are all so proud of you!



Our New Exchange Student

By Tori Gac

Meet Shreya Kallingal! She hails all the way from Coimbatore, India, and for her, America is nothing she expected. The food in the U.S. is especially what Shreya enjoys the most, cheesecake being one of her favorite delicacies. In her hometown, Shreya was involved in dance at her school. The dance she would mostly do is Bharathanatyam, a classical dance form.

One significant difference between her home school and ours is the formality. In the U.S. we are very informal, and in general comfortable with everyone around us. However, in India, students are required to stand when speaking in front of the class and address the teachers formally. And academically, India is more competitive and rigorous while it is more fun to learn in the United States. What is also interesting is that the students in India speak English in class. When with friends though, students often speak a mixture of Hindi and English.

In India's culture there is a sense of respect given to elders and teachers. In the U.S. we are more casual and "big huggers" as Shreya puts it. One thing Shreya does miss is the sun--waking up when the sun is out. The cold, dark, New York weather is not the best part of her experience! But so far it has been a good one. In Newark Valley Shreya is involved in many extracurriculars such as Valley Masquers, Interact Club, and the 20/40 newspaper! So, if you are curious about the India culture, I'm certain Shreya would be more than happy to tell you more!



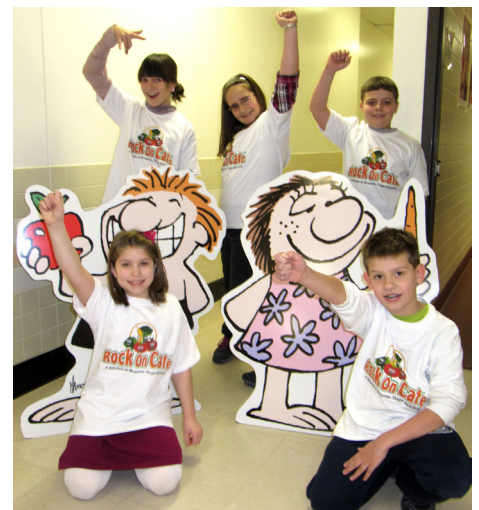
Special Guest Visits Spanish Classes

Several Spanish 7 classes received a visit from native Spanish speaker Benjamin Herrera-Lopez before spring break. Mrs. Jennifer Herrera, middle school Spanish teacher, invited her husband to her classes to share about the many similarities and differences between life in the United States and life in Nicaragua; Benjamin is from Somotillo, Nicaragua. Students prepared a variety of questions for his visit. He was very impressed with their questions, as well as their knowledge of the Spanish language. Mrs. Herrera has also set up communication between her Spanish 7 students and Rachel Woodward. Rachel is a Volunteer in the Peace Corps in Quezalguaque, Nicaragua; she recently began teaching Environmental Education to students in grades 3-6 in several area elementary schools. Mrs. Herrera's students are anticipating a second letter from Rachel, as well as hoping to receive a second visit from Benjamin.



Rock On Cafe Menu Taping

Five of our MS students were taped by WBNG reciting the school's menu for the week of 2/27-3/2. They were Matt Waterman, Madeline Meagher, Sarah Mertson, Riley Malone, & Kayla Malarkey. They did a great job and had fun, and were able to keep the t-shirts too!



Winter Music Concerts: Expressing Our Talents in a Festive Way

By Lauren Crandall

On December 5th, the first of two annual holiday music concerts took place. The program started with the Jazz Band, playing fun tunes like "The Pink Panther", and "Greensleeves". Then the Newark Valley Select Choir took the stage, with an all holiday-related song set, ending with their classic, "Carol Of The Bells." The Women's Octet then impressed the audience with their complex songs, and close harmonies. The Intermediate chorus sang, directed by Mrs. Wilday, then Ms. Preston ended the concert by conducting the Concert band.

Three nights later on December 8th, the final winter concert took place, seeming to be just as big of a hit, if not more. The concert started in darkness, as the Women's chorus sang "Good Friend," with soloists Ciara Davison, Caroline Durand, Heidi Inderweis, Takayla Carlin, Cassie Willard, and a flute solo by Harper Horton. The Jazz Ensemble got a loud applause after their program, with many individual solos, Connor Cleveland on drums, for example. Senior chorus also impressed the audience with well known songs such as "Deck the Rooftop" and "Lean On Me."

The Symphonic band was the final act of the night, and the students definitely showed their talents. Both concerts went extremely well, and received nothing but positive feedback!

Fall Fest For Flood Relief

By Shreya Kallingal

Most of you will agree with me, when I say that this year had perhaps, one of the most unusual and unfortunate starts. We recorded a record amount of annual rainfall in the first half of the year itself. The floods as a result of rains in September 2011 hit both Owego and Newark Valley, the former suffering more. It really was a hard time for our community and several homes were damaged. The flood level this year surpassed that of both the 2006 flood and the floods before that.

But it is in times like these, that we are tested and our community really comes together to help out. At an individual level many of our students helped in clearing the flood damage. The Newark Valley Interact club organized a Fall Festival on the 12th of November that would fundraise money for flood relief. It was a fun-filled event, with music, food, games, prizes and more!! Many little drops make an ocean, they say (probably not the best analogy for the cause); but that truly summarizes what the event was all about. All of Newark Valley's Clubs including the 20/40 school newspaper, Student Council, Honor Society, Art Club, Nor-Ti-Yorkers, Valley Masquers and the students from BOCES had their own booths; they all pitched in to make the event the success it was. Our recently graduated senior, Nate Taber, entertained everyone with his music. We had games like the cupcake walk, guess the number of M&M's, can jam, pillow jousting and even an obstacle course with many exciting prizes; let's not forget the bouncy castle! We had a really great turn out of kids, not only from our own elementary schools, but from Owego-Apalachin, also. The Owego Rotary Club came out to help and had a very busy arts and craft table. Interact students from OFA also joined us in this event. The cosmetic department from BOCES had a "feather in your hair" booth which turned out to be a big hit! Henna tattoos seemed to be very popular too. Starting at 10:30 in the morning, the fest went on to about 1 in the afternoon, and we saw nothing but smiles, cheer and noise the whole day; a reassuring sign!!

The Fundraiser turned out to be a great success, and we had about 250 people visit and raised a \$1000 for flood relief! Way to go Newark Valley! All the funds are going to be donated to Tioga County United Way. This event would not have been possible without the guidance of Ms. Demers, Interact Club advisor, the Interact committee, all the NV clubs, our Teachers...and of course, all of you who came out to support the cause! Great job everyone!

AP Scholar Award

A Newark Valley High School Class of 2011 graduate has earned the College Board's designation of AP Scholar in recognition of exceptional achievement on the Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. Almost 15 percent of the more than one million high school students in more than 14,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Taylor Tobey qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations with scores of 3 or higher. Taylor is currently a freshman at Binghamton University. Congratulations to Taylor for earning this prestigious honor.

Youth Apprenticeship Program

by Susan Durand

This year, Ryan Coleman and Caleb Irvine are participating in a great educational opportunity offered through BOCES, the Youth Apprenticeship program. Both Ryan and Caleb will be able to participate in this program in their junior and senior years. Caleb is gaining experience in the law field by working in the firm Levine Gouldin & Thompson. Ryan is focusing on the medical field as he works in Lourdes Hospital and in a pharmacy.

Ryan has had many great opportunities through this program. He has been able to witness a surgery, learn about basic cardiology and EKG (electrocardiography), which is a method that allows a person to take the pulse throughout the body. He also learned about anesthesia, and was able to help fill some of the medical trays and have them checked by the physicians. As an added bonus to this great program, Ryan & Caleb both earn minimum wage as they participate in these wonderful experiences.

The BOCES Youth Apprenticeship offers programs in the field of engineering, as well as medicine and law, although the competition to get into these programs is very fierce. However, the end result is worth it, as Ryan Coleman said, "I learned a lot there. It's been a great experience!" We hope Ryan and Caleb continue to enjoy their fantastic opportunity, and encourage all others to consider this amazing educational program.

Congratulations Susan Durand.

Susan has been chosen as a Chapter IV NYSAAA Student Athlete Scholar Athlete Award Winner. She will be honored at a luncheon at the Owego Treadway on May 16th.

Anti-Bullying Club

by Anna D'Arcy

Recent events have brought us to think of life in a different way. People all around us are being bullied whether it is at home, at school, or online. It could be your friend, your sibling, or even just someone you walk past in the hallway. Whoever it is, you should try to be there for them. A simple hello could make someone's day, and with life so precious, every-day counts.

Here is a paragraph from 2011 on the website www.americanspcc.org/education/statistics. It shows just how serious bullying is. "30% of U.S. students in grades 6 through 10 are involved in bullying as bullies, victims, or both. 1 out of 4 kids are bullied in this country every month, more than 43% of middle school students (grade 6-8) have threatened to harm another student, children who bully by age 8 are 4 times as likely to have a criminal record by age 30, and it is estimated 160,000 American children miss school every day due to fear of bullying."

The anti-bullying club, started by Nick Edington, Brennan Legge, and Connor Cleveland, is trying to broadcast the problems with bullying. They're creating a music video that will show a couple different character's stories about how bullying has affected them. Brennan Legge says that this video is "inspirational" and "well needed". "This is about bullying and everyone has their own problems," explains Nick Edington. Amy Giblin states "It shows me how bullying effects people in different ways," and Quiashawn Williams talks about how "It will help people express themselves in their own way." Hunter Osborn knows that "This will help a lot of kids and show bullies that they are hurting people."

If you want to help make a difference, the anti-bullying club is always looking for more members. If you are being bullied, try to talk to a responsible friend or adult. Your school counselor's ears are always open, and they could even help you find a support group or a helpful hotline. Remember that you don't have to go through it alone.

Winter Athletic Post-Season Accomplishments

Bowling

Boys Bowling: placed 3rd in IAC Large Division, Derek Fenn placed 6th as an individual.

Girls Bowling: placed 3rd in IAC Large Division, Kirsten Chase placed 1st and Kalei Fenn placed 7th as individuals.

Kirsten Chase and Derek Fenn qualified for State Qualifier
Kirsten Chase qualified & participated in States: placed 21st in Div. I

Cheerleading

IAC Cheerleading Competition: placed 3rd overall

Wrestling

IAC: Dual Meet Champions and 2nd in Tournament. IAC Individual Champions: Trevor Hoffmier, Jordan Kalpokas, and Travis Phillips.
IAC 2nd place finish: Derek Holcomb, Vinnie Darpino, Dan Geisenhof, Cole Ford, and Justin Lovejoy.

Sectionals: placed 4th in Division I. Trevor Hoffmier – Sectional Champion which qualified him to participate at States. 2nd place finish: Travis Phillips, Vinnie Darpino, and Dan Geisenhof. 3rd place finish: Jordan Kalpokas and Derek Holcomb. 6th place finish: Cole Ford and Devon Kalpokas.



Athletic Winter Sports Award Recipients

Athletic Winter Season
Commitment Awards
Derek Fenn
Kristal Stevens

Boys Basketball
MVP: Adrian Race
Coach's Choice: Dan Graves
Cardinal Pride: Craig Wade

Girls Basketball
MVP: Nicole Weeks
Most Improved: Britney Percey
Cardinal Pride: Ciaira Bridges

Boys Bowling
MVP: Derek Fenn
Coach's Choice: Troy Meddaugh
Cardinal Pride: David Clark

Girls Bowling
MVP: Kirsten Chase
Coach's Choice: Kalei Fenn
Cardinal Pride: Kassie Elliott

Cheerleading
Most Improved: Shelby Sodeur
Coach's Choice: Savannah Howland
Cardinal Pride: Mackenzie Harris

Wrestling
MVP: Travis Phillips
Coach's Choice: Adam Corey
Cardinal Pride: Trevor Schiess

Newark Valley Basketball Seeks Golfers

Start putting your golf team together for a good basketball cause. Newark Valley Basketball Corporation is sponsoring its "Foursomes & Field Goals" golf tournament at Pheasant Hill Country Club in Owego on Sunday, June 3.

The captain-and-crew style tournament includes 18 holes of fun or competitive golf, BBQ lunch, team challenges, and door prizes. The team entry fee is \$200. The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

The deadline to enter your team is Thursday, May 24. Visit NV-Basketball.com to download and print the registration form, and then mail it along with your entry fee to Newark Valley Basketball Corporation, PO Box 92, Newark Valley, NY, 13811.

The "Foursomes & Field Goals" tournament is a fundraiser for NV Basketball Corporation, which supports, promotes and helps fund the playing of basketball for all levels and genders in the community. For more information, visit NVBasketball.com, or contact Scott Stratton at sstratton@nvcs.stier.org.



**Athletic teams begin fall practices as follows:
JV and Varsity Teams:
August 13th
Modified Teams:
September 1st**

Alumni Basketball Games Feature Close Contests

The third consecutive Newark Valley Basketball Alumni Games at the high school this winter featured three basketball games decided by a total of three points.

The Red squad defeated the Black squad in game one, 27-26. Mike Stauder's tip in following Pat Spirawak's missed jumper with seconds to play secured the victory for the Red team. Chris Birch's three-quarter-court heave at the buzzer was off mark.

In game two, the Black and White squads battled for 20 minutes before the dark team sealed a 43-41 win.

In the final game, the white team spurred a late comeback with consecutive three pointers by Mike Gorsline and Ryan Warchocki. Warchocki's foul line jumper was off its mark for the game winner. The contest ended in a 55-55 tie.

In the pre-games 3-point partnered shootout, Brad Allen and Steve Bennett outlasted 10 other teams to win the championship. The duo defeated Scott Wandell and Mike Gorsline in the final round. Bennett and Allen also boasted the single round high of 21 three pointers made in two minutes. Pat Spirawak and Matt Tomazin, and Kevin Coleman and Christian Tapia made the semi-finals of the contest.

Thanks to all those who participated and helped see the third consecutive Alumni Games Night through. You can check out the video highlights at NVBasketball.com.

NV basketball alumni who played varsity during their high school career can sign up to be considered for the 2012 games at NVBasketball.com.

HIGH HONOR ROLL - 20 WEEKS

GRADE 4

Colin Creeley
Ryan Iiams
Riley Malone
Sarah Mertson
Joshua Post
Matthew Waterman
Corey Young

GRADE 5

Benjamin Baker
Hannah Clark
Alissa Franco
Emily Holt
William Knight
Emma Miller
Tressa Nechwedowich
Gabriel Perkins
Colleen Riegel
Brandon Rinkavage
Madison Sherwood
Marissa Silba
Alexis Williams
Micah Williams

GRADE 6

Phillip Babey
Robert Beck
Melinda Byrne
Lindsey Diego
Farrah Fiacco
Jordan LaBounty
Daniel Lindhorst
Ashlee Marsh
Amanda McNally
Paityn Smith
Quartus Steika

GRADE 7

Joshua Blazey
Aaron Gorsline
Jody Inderwies
Joanna Logerfo
Kaya Luciani
Madelyn Meagher
Hannah Morse
Makayla Nalepa-Cottrill
Layna Pratt
Morgan Sherwood
Thomas Shofkom
Cherish Simmons
Steven Van Patten
Hannah Williams

GRADE 8

Jordan Brodfuehrer
Anna D'Arcy
Meagan Diego
Christopher Dutcher
Jessica Fitzgerald
Amy Giblin
Sullivan Harris
Noah McMullin
Palmer Perkins
Allison Riegel
Briana Sokol
Kylieray Stephens
Kyle Williams

GRADE 9

Maxwell Anderson
Taylor Cupp
Joshua Felicetti
Cole Ford
Micah Gorsline
Brittney Gradel
Mikayla Heiss
Acala Hill
Haley Hill
Phillip Lindhorst
Jacqueline Maxian
Rebecca Miles
Kaylee Oliver
Katie Pirger
Andy Tavelli
Cassidy Tobey
Dylan Williams

GRADE 10

Kaitlin Coleman
Amanda Gorsline
Mackenzie Harris
Derek Holcomb
Emma Horton
Savannah Howland
Heidi Inderwies
Gregory McMullin
Ashley Pado
Esther Parmelee
Hailey Pytel
Leanne Riegel
Moriah Teed
Sierra Tompkins

GRADE 11

Mikaela Brown
Ryan Coleman
Jenna Cupp
Katia D'Arcy
Caroline Durand

Kedrin Eastman
Devlin Farr
Meredith Friend
Troy Meddaugh
Michaela Nelson
Christian Richter
John Severi
Taylor Spoonhower
Rachel Sweger

GRADE 12

Connor Cleveland
Jessica Darpino
Susan Durand
Nicholas Edington
Victoria Gac
Elizabeth Lindsay
Nicholas Lowe
Jasmine Myrick
Marley North
Kristal Stevens
Nicole Weeks

HIGH HONOR ROLL - 30 WEEKS

GRADE 4

Colin Creeley
Kayla Malarkey
Sarah Mertson
Joshua Post

GRADE 5

Benjamin Baker
Amber Bean
Hannah Clark
Daniel Cowulich
Alissa Franco
Emily Holt
Kiley Kerns
Kristina Knight
William Knight
Gabriel Perkins
Colleen Riegel
Brandon Rinkavage
Madison Sherwood
Marissa Silba
Tyler Stevenson
Alexis Williams

GRADE 6

Phillip Babey
Melinda Byrne
Lindsey Diego

HIGH HONOR ROLL - 30 WEEKS

(continued)

Farrah Fiacco
Chandler Guiles
Jordan LaBounty
Daniel Lindhorst
Amanda McNally
Paityn Smith
Quartus Steika

GRADE 7

Joshua Blazey
Aaron Gorsline
Jody Inderwies
Kaya Luciani
Madelyn Meagher
Hannah Morse
Makayla Nalepa-Cottrill
Justin Post
Layna Pratt
Alicia Scales
Morgan Sherwood
Thomas Shofkom
Cherish Simmons
Barak Steika
Hannah Williams

GRADE 8

Anna D'Arcy
Meagan Diego
Christopher Dutcher
Sullivan Harris
Hannah Luszczek
Noah McMullin
McKayla Parkin
Palmer Perkins
Allison Riegel
Briana Sokol
Emma Willard
Kyle Williams

GRADE 9

Maxwell Anderson
Taylor Cupp
Joshua Felicetti
Cole Ford
Micah Gorsline
Acala Hill
Phillip Lindhorst
Jacqueline Maxian
Rebecca Miles
Rebecca Miller
Dylan Williams

GRADE 10

Kaitlin Coleman
Amanda Gorsline

Mackenzie Harris
Savannah Howland
Heidi Inderwies
Gregory McMullin
Ashley Pado
Esther Parmelee
Hailey Pytel
Leanne Riegel
Moriah Teed

GRADE 11

Joseph Benjamin
Mikaela Brown
Ryan Coleman
Emily Costley
Evan Cucci
Jenna Cupp
Caroline Durand
Kedrin Eastman
Devlin Farr
Casey Ford
Meredith Friend
Shreya Kallingal
Troy Meddaugh
Michaela Nelson
Christian Richter
Rachel Sweger

GRADE 12

Jessica Darpino
Susan Durand
Nicholas Edington
Victoria Gac
Harper Horton
Elizabeth Lindsay
Nicholas Lowe
Kyle Meddaugh
Marley North
Kristal Stevens
Brittany Wahl
Nicole Weeks

HONOR ROLL - 20 WEEKS

GRADE 4

Marissa Berghorn
Ronan Dougherty
Elizabeth Ferguson
Hayden Flesher
Gregor Geisenhof
Michael Kasper
Regan Lanning
Kayla Malarkey
Courtney Maule
Emma Morgan
Andrew Obregon
Mara Skellett
Nathan Sokol
Alexander Umiker
Brice Wager

GRADE 5

Joshua Antal
Amber Bean
Kyle Coffin
Daniel Cowulich
Stephen Cowulich
Kaitlyn Cross
Jonathan Delles
Taylor Edwards
Trevor Gerdus
Emma Gregrow
Kiley Kerns
Kristina Knight
Brady Mason
Darrin Mpintos
Sophia Nash
Evan Powell
Kyle Pratt
Natalie Shofkom
Tyler Stevenson
Faith Stoughton

GRADE 6

Tyler Beebe
Ryan Crispell
Stefan Geisenhof
Chandler Guiles
Dawn Hartford
Jaysen Jester
Sean McCann
Grace Merrill
Kelly Perkins
Elizabeth Persons
Anna Simmons
Jacob Snapp
Tate Stoneking
Haley Tennant
Lauren Tijerina
Morgan Tompkins
Joshua Updike

Maegan Wahl
Amber Wales
Autumn Wales

GRADE 7

Ashley Brodie
Katelin Brown
Andrew Coleman
Cody Coombs
Hannah Crowningshield
Kelsey Dyer
Evan Engelhard
Kyla French
Kali Gray
Marisa Longo
Kiera Malarkey
Mya Milewski
Ashlyn Payne
Jacob Payne
Holly Pianosi
Justin Post
Anna Raymond
Alicia Scales
Alyssa Sepelak
Lauren Shrauger
Gianno Silba
Barak Steika
Brett Stewart
Jennifer Waterman
Vivienne Westra
Renee Wilcox
Hannah Willard

GRADE 8

Joshua Babey
Kevin Basel
Megan Botzenhart
Jordan Burlingame-Ortlott
Madeline Byrne
Ivy Falero
Nicholas Getzke
Cassie Hollenbeck
Madison Howland
Katie Jobson
Hannah Luszczek
Catherine Lyke
Kristen Martin
Ryan Mathers
Peter Ortu
McKayla Parkin
Bryanna Thomas
Cassidy Tompkins
Emma Willard

GRADE 9

Henry Armstrong

Riley Ayers
Samantha Benjamin
Tara Birkmeyer
Lillie Caskey
Cody Cornell
Kalei Fenn
Dexter Hamilton
Devan Kalpokas
Kyle Martin
Rebecca Miller
Blake Novi
Hunter Osborn
Victoria Raupers
Jasmine Rosenberger
Christina Simmons
Carlton Snapp
Brian Spicer
Anthony Spirito
Kayla Stewart
Damion Wilcox
Cayleen Young

GRADE 10

Claire Beck
Luke Benjamin
Dylan Camp
Miranda Craft
Shilo Fuller
James Kline
Kerra Matolka
Sean Morrissey
Troy Primus
Eleni Riechers
Cassandra Robinson
Roman Steika

GRADE 11

Craig Basel
Joseph Benjamin
Emily Costley
Evan Cucci
Lauren Engelhard
Casey Ford
Shreya Kallingal
Marley Norton
Makayla Pirger
Aubrey Pranes
Derick Shrauger
Elizabeth Sparks
Donald Thomas
Dustin Thomas
Sommer Tobey

GRADE 12

Carl Capello
Nathan Dean
Gabriel French

Harper Horton
Christi Keener
Heather Liddington
Kyle Meddaugh
Samantha Mertson
Andres Otero
Britney Percey
Teigan Pirger
Heidi Riegel
Samantha Robinson
Anthony Russo
Mikayla Rypkema
Sara Stephens
Amber Thompson

HONOR ROLL - 30 WEEKS

GRADE 4

Marissa Berghorn
Ronan Dougherty
Hayden Flesher
Gregor Geisenhof
Ryan Iiams
Michael Kasper
Regan Lanning
Katelyn Maine
Riley Malone
Courtney Maule
Emma Morgan
Andrew Obregon
April Simmons
Mara Skellett
Nathan Sokol
Matthew Waterman
Corey Young

GRADE 5

Kyle Coffin
Kaitlyn Cross
Jonathan Delles
Trevor Gerdus
Emma Gregrow
Devon Hack
Debra Judson
Brady Mason
Serina Milewski
Emma Miller
Darrin Mpintos
Sophia Nash
Tressa Nechwedowich
Evan Powell
Kyle Pratt
Natalie Shofkom

HONOR ROLL - 30 WEEKS (continued)

Micah Williams
Elizabeth Zimmer

GRADE 6

Robert Beck
Ryan Crispell
Taylor Gregrow
Dawn Hartford
Ashlee Marsh
Sean McCann
Grace Merrill
Alexis Mounts
Patrick Pennay
Kelly Perkins
Anna Simmons
Jacob Snapp
Tate Stoneking
Haley Tennant
Lauren Tijerina
Morgan Tompkins
Amber Wales
Autumn Wales

GRADE 7

Ashley Brodie
Katelin Brown
Hannah Crowningshield
Kelsey Dyer
Evan Engelhard
Kyla French
Ruby Kidwell
Joanna Logerfo
Marisa Longo
Mya Milewski
Emily Overstreet
Jacob Payne
Alyssa Sepelak
Lauren Shrauger
Gianno Silba
Steven Van Patten
Jennifer Waterman
Vivienne Westra
Renee Wilcox
Hannah Willard
Chad Wright

GRADE 8

Jacob Antal
Kevin Basel
Megan Botzenhart
Jordan Brodfuehrer
Jordan Burlingame-Ortlott
Madeline Byrne

HONOR ROLL - 30 WEEKS

(continued)

Victoria Drake
Davis Eastman
Ivy Falero
Jessica Fitzgerald
Nicholas Getzke
Amy Giblyn
Alissa Goodrich
Cassie Hollenbeck
Catherine Lyke
Kristin Martin
Ryan Mathers
Patrick O'Rourke
Griffen Pompilio
Bryanna Thomas
Ashley Warner

GRADE 9

Henry Armstrong
Samantha Benjamin
Lilie Caskey
Kalei Fenn
Brittney Gradel
Dexter Hamilton
Mikayla Heiss
Haley Hill
Nathan Holt
Kyle Martin
Blake Novi
Kaylee Oliver
Hunter Osborn
Katie Pirger
Jasmine Rosenberger
Christina Simmons
Carlton Snapp
Brian Spicer
Anthony Spirito
Kayla Stewart
Andy Tavelli
Cassidy Tobey
Damion Wilcox

GRADE 10

Dylan Camp
Miranda Craft
Shilo Fuller
Derek Holcomb
James Kline
Frances Koziol
Kerra Matolka
Troy Primus
Eleni Riechers
Cassandra Robinson
Roman Steika
Sierra Tompkins
Veronica Warner

GRADE 11

Dakota Bennett
Deven Conrad
Cassandra Coombs
Lindsay Corson
Katia D'Arcy
Ciara Davison
Lauren Engelhard
Alexander Knapp
Marley Norton
Makayla Pirger
Aubrey Pranes
Andrew Sepelak
John Severi
Elizabeth Sparks
Taylor Spoonhower
Tetiana Steika
Donald Thomas
Dustin Thomas
Sommer Tobey
Joshua Way

GRADE 12

Carl Capello
Terrie Casterline
Connor Cleveland
Lauren Crandall
Nathan Dean
Jonathon Dekar
Heather Liddington
Samantha Mertson
Jasmine Myrick
Andres Otero
Britney Percey
Teigan Pirger
Heidi Riegel
Samantha Robinson
Anthony Russo
Mikayla Rypkema
Lora Stadelman
Sara Stephens
Amber Thompson
Tiffani Williamson
Kristen Worden

GRADE 4

Clinton Baker
Kelsey Bean
Caden Bennett
Ethan Bigelow
Gavin Blee
Brandon Christian
Dakota Clark
Deeken Frost
Cassidy Hoffmier
Kaili Hulbert
Katelyn Maine
Ashleigh Miller
Kendra Morris
Bradley Scymanski
April Simmons
Makenna Tennant
Jerry Thompson
Zachary VanOrder
Gerrit Westra
Piper Workman

GRADE 5

Savannah Adams
Jessica Boyce
Tyriq Canfield
Madyson Colby
Erika Dunn
Shelby Frink
Jason Graham
Devon Hack
Ronald Hall
Madison Hartenstein
Danielle Hartford
Debra Judson
Simon Keller
Arianna King
Nathan Medina
Victoria Mellem
Kristina Milewski
Marissa Patrick
Tia Quick
David Raupers
Dominique Spohn
Katerina Vattiato
Jackson Vaughn
Elizabeth Zimmer

GRADE 6

Susan Armstrong
Molly Baker
Austin Bennett
Christian Caskey
Sydney Dean
Mariah Dunnett
Ciarra Gee

MERIT ROLL - 20 WEEKS

Taylor Gregrow
Collen Hills
Hunter Hoffmier
Paxton Jobson
Taylor Kalpokas
Shawn Key
Paige Klingle
Nicole McNeal
Lily Morgan
Alexis Mounts
Patrick Pennay
Allyah Simmons
Patrick Stewart
McKenzie Swansbrough
Logan Sweet
Storm Wilcox

GRADE 7

Jacob Andersen
Corey Coombs
Jason Duke
Maria Evans
Dakota Frank
Kayla Hart-Cummings
Jenna Hilliar
Ruby Kidwell
Shelby Lawrence
Taylor Little
Robert Marshall
Kaitlin Martin
Kristen McKee
Montana Mead
Noah Medina
Lillieonna Miller
Nina Mounts
Baylee Padgett
Courtney Parker
Tyler Rhodes
Shiley Rozelle
Brook Trumpower
Kaelynn Underwood
Katelynn Wahl
Zada Weilacher
Hendrix Welfel
Chad Wright

GRADE 8

Jacob Antal
Sean Bigelow
William Costley
Victoria Drake
Davis Eastman
Paul Evenson
Alissa Goodrich
Kenneth Kenyon
Rebecca Lowe

Brittany Molyneaux
Patrick O'Rourke
Madison Obregon
Griffen Pompilio
Sierra Post
Aubrey Ruth
Amber Smith
Ashley Warner
Andrew Yammine

GRADE 9

Vincent Darpino
Haze Falero
Travis Ford
Molly Graves
Nicholas Gunther
Nathan Holt
Nicholas Holt
Haleigh Karschner
Sienna Mayer
Jade Myrick
Alaina Persons
Aryana Wing
Alexis Zuck
Christina Zurzuski

GRADE 10

Kassie Corey
Megan Edwards
Alexis Ellis
Trevor Hoffmier
Brooke Jordan
Larry Kasmarcik
Asa Kerr
Frances Koziol
Teresa Kurtz
Kayla Martin
Taylor McNeil
Randy Miller
Tyler Peabody
Shelby Sodeur
Veronica Warner
Cassandra Willard

GRADE 11

Myrissa Backus
Dakota Bennett
Deven Conrad
Lindsay Corson
Jace Cramer
Ciara Davison
Donovan Flanigan
Fisher Goodwin
Sabrina Gregrow
Kaitlyn Gunther
Gavin Howard

NV's Foster Families Help Make a Difference

May is National Foster Care Month - a month to celebrate foster families and to remember that hundreds of thousands of children nationwide still need safe, loving homes. Two foster families within the Newark Valley School District are already making a difference.

Darlene and Lyle Weber of Newark Valley remember several years ago, after their adult children had moved out, when they first considered foster parenting. They were enjoying a beautiful day on their porch when they thought it would be nice to have a child playing in their yard again. Their teenage daughter, Elora, agreed that fostering would be a rewarding task. The Weber's had room in their hearts and home, so they contacted the Tioga County Department of Social Services to pursue their foster home license. After satisfying a background check and completing a thirty-hour training course, the Weber's were ready to help.



The Weber's have been certified foster parents for 4 ½ years. They have cared for more than 15 children and are currently fostering two brothers, ages 3 and 4. "We try to be a support to the children's birth parents too," Darlene says. Foster children often return to their birth parents once it is safe to do so. When foster parents establish a helping relationship with the birth parents, this transition is easier on the children, birth parents and foster parents. If children cannot safely reunite with their birth

families, foster parents are often able to adopt. Lyle and Darlene adopted their son Christopher, age 2, through Tioga County's foster care program in January of 2012.

The Weber's enjoy seeing kids happy and meeting their needs through consistent daily living. When time permits, they also enjoy going on weekend trips with Elora, Christopher and their foster children. Lyle works full-time for Ellis Brothers in Binghamton and Darlene works part-time as a hair dresser, so time management is sometimes challenging, but they make it work.

Marty and Florence Whitford of Newark Valley have been certified foster parents for 5 months. They have provided respite care for three children and are currently fostering a two month old baby boy. Marty and Florence joke about the amount of sleep that they've lost recently, which illustrates their outstanding sense of humor, but they say the rewards of fostering have far outweighed the challenges. The Whitford's meet the boy's day-to-day needs and support his birth parents by setting up visits and maintaining open communication with them.



The Whitford's teenage daughter, Missy, is excited that her family has decided to foster. Marty and Florence are proud of Missy because she has consistently set a positive example. Florence says her family's philosophy on foster

care is simple. "This is what we signed up for. It's about meeting the children's needs." Marty adds fostering "hasn't been as hard as we thought." "It's doable. We're a normal, down-to-earth, fun-loving family."

Like many successful foster families in Tioga County, the Whitford's like to use creativity to "stay ahead" of their foster children and have fun at the same time. Earlier this spring, the Whitford's camped outside in their yard with one boy who came for respite. Marty and Florence figured this would be an enjoyable way to break the ice. It was a chilly night and they were sharing stories around a fire when they heard coyotes howling a long distance away. Marty smiles when he recalls how Missy and the boy became scared and inched closer to him.

Tioga County has some of the best foster families in the United States, but much more help is needed. Accordingly, the Tioga County Department of Social Services would like to thank each foster family that is already making a difference in the lives of foster children. "Tioga County Homes for Tioga County Kids" is a local effort to find more families that are able to meet the unique needs of each child in foster care. Children of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities are waiting for families like the Weber's and Whitford's to care for them. If you've ever wanted to help children grow and develop to their fullest potential, May is a special month to consider becoming a foster parent. For more information on how you can make a difference, contact Erik Jones with Tioga County's foster care program by calling (607) 687-8346.

NV Receives Art in Academics Funding

Newark Valley Schools received two of seven Arts Partners grants awarded to Broome and Tioga County Schools in support of art and academic programs this school year. This New York State Council on the Arts opportunity is administered locally by The Discovery Center of the Southern Tier. An independent panel of local teachers, teaching artists and school officials picked the seven arts-in-education projects, said Laura Hobbs, coordinator of the program. Funds for the projects come from the state Council on the Arts and The Roger L. Kresge Foundation. All the projects are “using the arts to teach the core curriculum,” Hobbs said.

Newark Valley High School received funding for students from the sculpture class to plant and weave a living willow gazebo for the school’s inner courtyard. Under the direction of High School Art Teacher, Burton Taylor, students have begun preparing the site and will begin planting the willows soon.

Newark Valley’s Nathan T. Hall Elementary School’s first-graders, with the assistance of Art Teacher, Daniele Ames (pictured at right working with students), created a clay animation film in which the main character is a penguin. According to Ames, “The topic not only lends itself to the art of story telling, and the art of film-making, but also the mechanics of reading and writing. This project encourages a deep understanding of the way penguins live within their environment, socialize and survive with the help of others, and special evolutionary adaptations that the bird is noted for.”



“In addition to cultivating creativity and problem-solving skills, which are priceless skills in any arena, our project focuses on literacy. In our school district, reading and writing is amongst the highest priorities in academics because it can open up many opportunities to any learner. It is the tool by which learning is done, regardless of discipline. Our project is designed to encourage the highest degree of learning, as students integrate the arts, sciences, and reading and writing.”

This project is made possible with funds from the ARTS PARTNERS Local Capacity Building Initiative, a regrant program of the Arts in Education Program of the New York State Council on the Arts, administered by The Discovery Center of the Southern Tier.

Art Club Book Fair Fundraiser

The Newark Valley Art Club will be having a book fair fundraiser at the Vestal Barnes and Noble on Saturday, June 9th. The fundraiser will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ten percent of all proceeds from sales during this time will go to the Art Club as long as you mention that you are shopping with us. There will be face painting, caricature drawing and student work hanging in the café, so tell your family and friends and come on out and support the club!

NTH PE Students Benefit From CATCH Grant

Nathan T. Hall kids making use of equipment and ideas from a CATCH grant aimed at introducing and encouraging healthy eating and physical activity through fun games. CATCH stands for Coordinated Approach To Child Health.

CATCH PE combines high energy, non-elimination activities with teaching strategies that keep kids moving and having fun. CATCH PE significantly increases physical activity levels of students during PE class, and provides for a variety of learning experiences for students of all abilities.



Above: Physical education teacher Steven Fales helps Rachel Walker and her fellow classmate navigate through a interactive heart website on the computer in the brain section of the Heart Adventure course. Tracy D’Arcy the computer lab teacher helped to bring technology in the gymnasium to do some interdisciplinary teaching to learn important health and heart concepts.

Below: Cameron Cole and Austin Weeks use their scooter to navigate through the blue side of the heart in order to reach the lungs and get oxygen.



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Students Help the Food Bank

NV Interact Club and YES Club members joined forces with students from OFA and Tioga High School to help

the Food Bank of the Southern Tier assemble packages for their Backpack Program.

In recognition of Global Youth Service Day, 30 students packed nutritious, non-perishable food items which will be distributed to children in Tioga County. The student volunteers also got a lesson in Hunger 101. Jen Bertron, Youth Programs Manager with the Food Bank, says "The future is with the youth. So, if we're going to solve hunger and end hunger, it's going to start with the kids now who are going to grow into adults and participate in the government and their communities and make a difference."

This was the first time the Food Bank, which serves a six county region, has hosted a Backpack packing event in Tioga County, and the Interact and YES clubs were proud to be a part of this program which has grown to serve 15 hundred children in 26 school districts.

Senior Control Day at the High School

Senior control day at Newark Valley High School is a fun yet informative day for the students. The students sign



up for the position that they would like to take over and then they get trained in those jobs for the day.

This year we had all girls sign up for each of the kitchen positions. They were Taylor Hamilton, Samantha Robinson, Mikayla Rypkema, Brittany Wahl and Sumi Alexander.



One of the most important things they learned is what a hard job it is preparing meals for over 275 students per day and then cleaning up after the meals have been served.

They all worked very hard and did a great job, and had fun too!