



Valley Views

Spring 2024

NEWARK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendents' message

To the Newark Valley Community,

We have a lot to be thankful for here at Newark Valley Central School District, and this addition of Valley Views will highlight some of the amazing accomplishments of our students. We had two of our middle school students win the Congressional App Challenge, and several 8th grade students were selected for a national poetry contest. Our quiz team is heading to the finals in March, and as you will see, many students have been putting in great efforts in academics and are on our honor rolls. On top of these great academic achievements, we have exceptional extracurricular activities. Our girls' varsity basketball team is having another successful year, and Cha Gardner has recently become the all-time scoring leader. Our music program continues to flourish with outstanding talent. The recent Prism concert displayed the outstanding musical talent in our district. Congratulations to our students and staff who have worked hard for these wonderful accomplishments.



Although we have many great things happening throughout the district, we must always strive for continual improvement. For this reason, the district will be engaging in a strategic planning process this spring. For this process to be successful, we will be seeking input from stakeholders throughout the district. It will begin with a thought exchange that will be sent out in late March. This will be an opportunity for stakeholders to provide us with feedback. This will be followed by an opportunity for stakeholders to participate in a forum in late April to look at the initial feedback and identify our core areas of focus. We will share these opportunities on our district app, social media, and webpage. I am very excited to do this work with the Newark Valley Central School District. This will become the foundation of our work and guide decision-making and resource allocation in the pursuit of organizational excellence moving forward.

I hope you all have a wonderful spring!

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Calice
Superintendent of Schools

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2024 – 2025 school year for children who will be attending Pre-K and Kindergarten will be held the week of Monday, March 18, 2024, through Friday, March 22, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. daily. A registration packet may be obtained prior to our registration week at our NV website, www.nvcs.stier.org by scrolling down to find Nathan T. Hall Elementary School and clicking on the picture. You will then scroll down about halfway and will find the link for the registration packet listed on the right side of the page. You can also pick up a packet at the Nathan T. Hall Elementary School Office. Please bring the completed packet and all other requested paperwork with you to register your child.

Children turning five years old for kindergarten or four years old for Pre-kindergarten on or before Dec. 1, 2024, are eligible to register. Parents or guardians should bring their child's birth certificate, immunization records,

recent annual physical records, any legal or custody paperwork that we would need, and two proofs of residency to register. Parents are reminded that New York State law requires written proof that all students have immunization against polio, measles, diphtheria, mumps, rubella, varicella (chickenpox), and hepatitis B or medical verification of any of the above illnesses.

Please note: Children currently attending our Pre-K program do not need to register for kindergarten. Parents or guardians can call the Nathan T. Hall Elementary Office at (607) 642-3340 ext. 2 if you have any questions. Registering your child during our registration week helps the school determine classes and transportation needs for the coming school year. Once we have everyone registered, we will contact you to set up your child's screening.

Two Newark Valley middle school students win 2023 Congressional App Challenge

Sixth graders Myah Whitney and Addison Neno have been announced as the winners of the 2023 congressional app challenge.

Both students came up with the idea for their app, which is called Chatter, from a sign language chart that is on the Newark Valley playground.

Their app helps people learn American sign language right on their phones or tablets. Their app is eligible to be displayed in the U.S. Capitol Building, and fees will be waived if they choose to copyright their app.

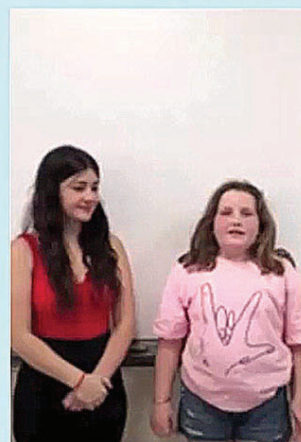
Representative Marc Molinaro selected the app as the winner of his 'Think DIFFERENTLY' initiative, which works to break down barriers for those with intellectual, developmental, and social disabilities.

Molinaro released a statement saying, "I am extremely proud of all of the talented local students who participated in the 2023 Congressional App Challenge and am excited to share that Myah Whitney and Addison Neno are our winners for their outstanding work to create an app that teaches people ASL in a fun way. It takes two to communicate, and it's inspiring to see Myah and Addison take on this challenge to help deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals communicate with others. This is Think DIFFERENTLY in Action; way to go!"

Of their app, the students told FOX 40 News, "There's a lot of people out there that, don't even know what sign language is said Addison Neno.

"We're going to continue our app and try to make it into an app that a lot of people use. And we're just going to try to expand the sign language throughout the world," said Myah Whitney.

Congratulations, Myah and Addison. What a great accomplishment!



LOCAL STUDENTS WIN 2023 CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE
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Newark Valley 8th Graders Selected for National Poetry Contest

Ava Fiedler, Levi Clark, Peyton Rhodes, Brenna McMurray, Elle Webb, Kendall Griswold, Chance Spoonhower, Haven Aylesworth, and Leland Houston were chosen for publication in the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans®.

The Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans® provides a forum through which selected young authors can see their work and the work of other students published in an actual

book. Students in grades K–12 write the poems selected for publication. Submissions are received from young poets who live throughout the United States. The AOP's editors review each submission. Works are selected for publication based on their originality, rhythmic sounds, rhymes, and audience appeal.

The AOP dedicates itself to nurturing the beauty, self-expression, and fun of poetry. Working with educators in all

fifty states, The Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans® fosters the creativity expressed through writing and honors some of the country's finest young writers by publishing their works. The company has been publishing young poets since 1989 through the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans®. AOP is located in Asheboro, NC, and may be contacted through its website, www.anthologyofpoetry.com.



Newark Valley Quiz Team heads to the finals of the 44th annual Scholarship Challenge

Newark Valley's quiz team advanced to the finals of the 44th annual Scholarship Challenge after the first round of the competition, which took place at the Sayre Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 3. Their team now has a shot at winning the 1st place prize of \$3,000 cash and the Kwasnoski Cup.

The Scholarship Challenge is hosted by Choice 102 WAVR and has been a staple in the community since Chuck Carver started it 44 years ago. Now, radio owners Dave and Irene Radigan have been continuing the legacy. The competition takes place over the course of about six weeks and features 21 teams across Pennsylvania and New York school districts.

Newark Valley's team will be competing on March 16 in the finals.

Congratulations and best of luck in the finals, Cardinals!



Great job, Girls Varsity Basketball Team

On Dec. 15, the Newark Valley varsity basketball team won over Watkins Glen. In that game, Makana Cha Gardner scored her 1,000th career point, becoming the first female in the school's history to score 1,000 points. Congratulations on this excellent achievement!

The girls also competed in the annual Coaches vs. Cancer competition, which took place on Dec. 29 at Bath Haverling High School. The girls defeated Wellsville and Penn Yann to claim their third straight tournament title. The team is now 8-1 and ranked 6th in the state in Class B.

Congratulations, girls! Keep up the great work!



Congratulations to Cha Gardner, all time leading scorer

On Friday, Feb. 2, the Newark Valley varsity girls' basketball team won their 16th consecutive game against Elmira Notre Dame with a final score of 51 to 25. During that game, Makana "Cha" Gardner broke the school career scoring record.

Gardner surpassed the 1,269 points that Denise Pitcher had, who set the record in 1986. Gardner now has a total of 1,280 career points, making her the new record holder!

Congratulations, Cha, on this wonderful accomplishment!



Fun day at NTH

On Friday, Jan. 26, students at Nathan T. Hall were treated to a fun day!

Students were visited by the girls' and boys' basketball teams and cheerleaders. Students got to learn a little bit about the high schoolers, such as what they look forward to after high school and their favorite memories at NTH.

Students got to watch the basketball teams shoot some hoops, and some lucky students were selected to play with them. They also all got to learn a cheer from the Newark Valley cheerleaders!

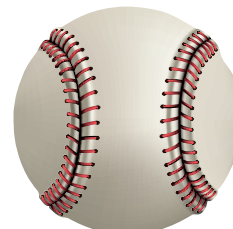
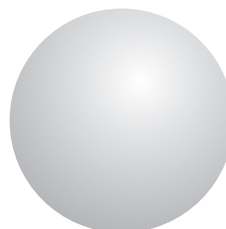
The biggest treat for students were the bounce houses, which they were all so excited for!

All of the students had such a blast during the fun day!



Cooperation in Third Grade

Back in December, third grade students from Kathleen Webb's and Jeanie Hochberg's class worked on their cooperation skills to complete tasks in the team bonding stations. They successfully put up and walked through the cube and transported the radioactive waste bucket. The teams were able to accomplish their goal by working together. Great job, students!



Second Grade Fun with Holiday Stations

Also in December, second graders from Leanah Nardocci's class and Pre-K students from Roxanne Woods class enjoyed working on their upper-body strength, their throwing skills and hockey skills in their Holiday stations.



A colorful night at the Prism Concert

On Thursday, Feb. 1, Newark Valley High School students performed their Prism concert, which involved all members of the NVHS Music Department. All choirs and bands each performed a piece, including solos and small ensemble acts, that the students had put together.

The concert happened all around the auditorium in different locations, with different colored lights shining on the

performers. The concert went from one piece to the next without applause from the audience, as in the darkness, another group emerged in a different location.

This year's theme of the music was "colors," so each piece had to do with a certain color or about colors in general.

It was a very fun and unique concert, and all the students did a fantastic job!



High Honor Roll 20 weeks



GRADE 6

Harley Andrews
Gavin J Gilmartin
Rowan Gregrow
Aidan T Mele
Tressa L Middendorf
Rylee T Quick
Myah E Whitney

GRADE 7

Kaden W Harrington
Jack Hill
Adin E Lelik
Alex Spencer
Tyler B Thompson
Rowan K Veruto

Maria R Vidovich
Hannah M Yurkonis

GRADE 8

Haven Aylesworth
Alyssa Baldwin
Troy Blomberg
Kaitlyn Bohne
Rex Chapman
Lauralei Donegan
Leland Houston
Gabrielle James
Brenna McMurray
Zachary Moffett
Brianna Noble

Addison Smith
Charlotte Vaughn
Tristan Veruto
Elle Webb

GRADE 9

Jack Blomberg
Malloy Chapman
Joseph Jerabek
Andrew Lelik
Madeline Noble
Cecelia Whitney

GRADE 10

Megan Brooks
Rachel Hartman
Aubrey Kwiatkowski
Jeremiah McMartin
Haley Payne
Nikara Taylor
Elijah Williams

GRADE 11

Hailie Carter

GRADE 12

Mackenzie Benjamin
Emily Bird
William Craparo
Paige Hinkley
Levi Holt
Dallas Jensen
Matthew Kasper
Mikayla Lawrence
Fiona McMurray
Michael Medina
Kaiden Pado
Alexandra Rosengrant
Sophia Tyrrell
Joslyn Wright

Honor Roll 20 weeks

GRADE 6

Brayden L Alexander
Aviah E J Aylesworth
Layla E Brind
Trey C Crispell
Avery Davis
Bruce A DeRitis
Emma G Fenner
Sheldon Houston
Rebecca C Kelsey
Kacie Jo Krager
Addison L Neno
Taryn M Petriwsky
Elizabeth A Phillips
Nora W Roth
Tyla Rundell
Holly A Rupert

GRADE 7

Hunter G Birdsall
Aubrey M Cooney
Nolan M Dougherty
Ryder J Drabick
Rhys J Golovko
Rylan Harvey

Kaitlyn Keith
Jack W LaPorte
Myah A Nunez
Marco Riker
Zhora Stickel
Payton M White
Dominic L Woodin

GRADE 8

Aiden Alger
Shaine Anguish
Levi Clark
Billeigh Dawson
Brennan Decker
Kiona DePrimo
Kendall Griswold
Isabella King
Leah Lansing
Madelynn Mele
Connor Remaley
Amanda Rotundo
Chance Spoonhower
Gavin Stoeckel
Dekan Walker
Natalie Wandell

GRADE 9

Lucille Armstrong
Joshua Benjamin
Padian Button-Rinker
Dakota Callahan
Tristen Carter
Lily Craparo
Abigail DeBolt
Wyatt Dillow
Abigail Escalante
Gracie Gaskill
Devon Green
Kailyn Harvey
Andrew Jerabek
Camden King
Kadie Krenner
Iris McCloskey
Jane Roth
Wyatt Welch
Rachael Yantis

GRADE 10

Ryan Bohne
Jackson Hoover
Ella Klinge

Emily LaPorte
Ryan Miller
Adriana Rich
Joseph Rombach
Anna Roth
Anna Sailus
Lura Schultheis
Ryan Schweckendieck
John Sloughter
Anika Smith
Olivia Vaughn
Olivia Webb
Cheyenne Welch

GRADE 11

Kaytlyn Hall
HattieSue Hines
Bela Krenner
Riley Lavine
Bianca Milewski
Carissa Sweet

GRADE 12

Nathan Adams
Madyson Armstrong

Alyssa Brown
Hailey Engbith
Malachi Grant
Brady Hill
Justin Jacobson
Matthew Keller
Daisy Keller-Perry
Bryan Lanner
Raechelle Mathewson
Emma Neno
Valentin Perdrix
Daniel Pirger
Nathaniel Purdy
Ryan Rhodes
Kathleen Rombach
Brooke Swindler
Harley Switzer
Sierrah Thompson
Leia Vansteenburgh
Elizabeth Waterman
Charles Wood

Merit Roll 20 weeks

GRADE 6

Adalyn Bohne
Liam Colgan
Noah K Krenner
Nora F McCann
Hadley C Merrill
Rylan A Nechwedowich
Addison K Poirier
Blake M Simmons
Wyatt B Webster
Andrew Worboys

GRADE 7

Rylee JW Andrews
Emily-Rose Gillotti
Elijah A Kipp
Gabriel L Manzer
Mason A Peck
Zoey L Thomas
Chase M Vanlone

GRADE 8

Karmine Cataloni
Polly Hines
Aydin Kohman
Rhyley Payne
Abigail Quick
Jason Wandell

GRADE 9

Teagan Akers
Oliver Ferguson
Kate Guiles
Isla Hendrickson
Jeanie Hill
Owen Jerabek
Isaiah Keith
Sarah Lamb
Zechariah Lavine
Hayden Pratt
Sadie Smith

GRADE 10

Neal Cox
Abigal Dufresne
Austin Green
Nathan Hinckley
Brook Illsley
MaeAnna Jackson
Zion King
Kandys Mills
Emilee Rhodes
Bradyn Woods

GRADE 11

Mary Cox
Brandon Eynon
Adrianna Finta
Emmett Hendrickson
Reyanna Hines-Cornell
Marie Lewis
Trevor Middendorf

Brianna Miller
Madison Simpson
Jenna Vosburgh
Scott Wager



GRADE 12

Brandon Adams
Kaitlyn Babcock
Zachery Brodfuehrer
Thane Buckley-Camacho
Lorelei Cole
Bryce Dunn
Brandon Greene
Dakota Grosshans
Jerod Meddaugh
Seth Northrop
Alexis Shaffer
Connor Vanzile
Ruthanne Walburn

EXCELLENT

FUN IN ART CLASS

Kindergarten students in Heather Howell's art class looked at heart paintings by artist Etta Vee and used tempera paint to "make their hearts grow". Each table had different colors of paint, so they got to move around the room with their paintings as they worked, which was a hit! Students did a great job with their paintings!



Third graders in Heather Howell's art class looked at the artwork of Robert Indiana and they divided their papers into 4 equal spaces to fill each space with one letter to spell LOVE or HOPE. They then used paint sticks to make lines to fill in the spaces between their letters. Students enjoyed the project and did a great job!



Coins For Kindness



NVMS Student Council recently raised money for Super Cooper Saves the Day which helps families that are impacted by childhood cancer. Super Cooper was started by the Busch family after their son Cooper battled leukemia and won the hearts of so many in the community.

Among the many things that the

foundation does, Super Cooper provides Sunday breakfast for family and staff at Golisano Children's Hospital, donates toys during the holiday season and provides direct financial assistance to families in need. They hope to spread kindness and smiles in Cooper's memory.

The fundraiser at NVMS was held from Feb. 5 through Feb. 9. Classrooms were challenged to collect the most coins and the greatest dollar amount of bills. Each day, students collected a different type of coin and ended with bills on Friday. NVMS students collected over 220 pounds of coins and 560 dollars in bills. This is an amazing effort and shows the true dedication of the NVMS community.

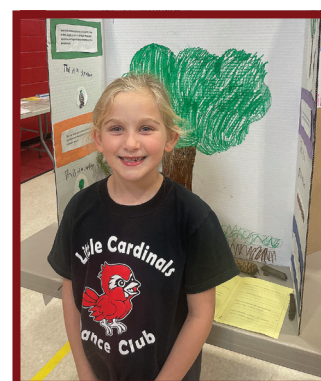
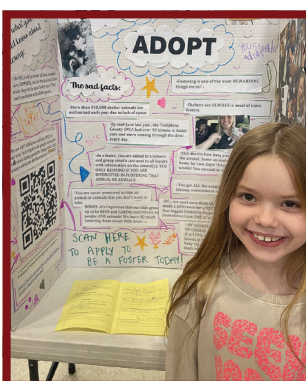
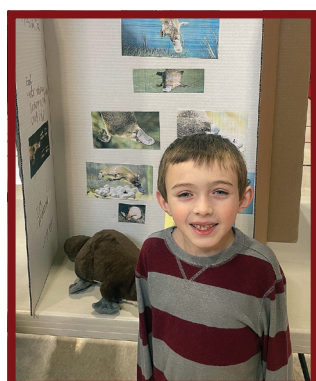
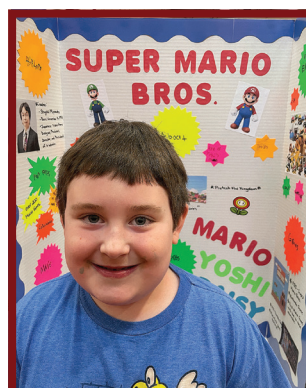
As an extra incentive, students were

challenged to be the homeroom that had the greatest weight in coins and the greatest dollar amount in bills. Kathryn Kranz homeroom collected the most coins, totalling 51 pounds with Ashley Stauder's homeroom in a close second at 41 pounds. Marisa Potter's class collected the highest dollar amount at \$162 with Michelle Rubitski's homeroom coming in a close second at 101 dollars. Both homerooms will receive a special treat for their efforts.

The Super Cooper Foundation was amazed by the amount that NVMS students and staff were able to collect, and we are so proud of our NVMS community for all the hard work and dedication that they put into collecting for such an important cause. Way to go NVMS and what a wonderful way to show cardinal pride!



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Congratulations to the Newark Valley bowling

Congratulations to the Newark Valley bowling teams on a great job on Saturday, Feb. 10, at the IAC Bowling Tournament in Waverly!

The girls bowling team placed second at the tournament. Individual honors go to Rachel Hartman with third place overall, and member of the second team All-Stars, Alyssa Brown, earned a second place MVP honor for her season high series of 633 and was ninth place overall. Abigail Dufresne placed fourteenth overall.

The boys bowling team placed fourth at the tournament. Brandon Eynon won seventh place overall and is a member of the first All-Star Team.



Pictured L-R Coach Umiker, Rachel Hartman, Alyssa Brown, Abigail Dufresne, Brandon Eynon and Coach Cornell



Girls Bowling team



Boys Bowling team