

Guidepost

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Superintendent's Message

Dear Tri-Valley Families,

Reflecting back to the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year, the last five months have been really incredible. This is such a special community- a community that rallies behind our schools. We have so many volunteers that give their time and resources for our schools and our students. We are blessed to have wonderful faculty, staff, and administrators who give their all to prepare our most prized possession – the students – to be productive contributors to society.

In the coming weeks and months, we will diligently watch and prepare for inclement weather. The Tri-Valley School District works in conjunction with our local highway departments and with our bus company, Rolling V when making decisions to delay or close. We will always do our best to open school with the understanding that safety on the roads is our number one priority. As always, you have the final decision on whether your children attend on those days.

On behalf of the Tri-Valley Central School and the Board of Education, I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful 2023!

With Bear Pride,

Erin P. Long, Superintendent of Schools
Tri-Valley Central School District
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Good afternoon! The next upcoming scheduled Tri-Valley CSD Board of Education Meeting will be on Thursday, January 19, 2023, Regular Meeting #11, 7:00 p.m., Secondary School Library Lower Level. Meeting will be advertised, conducted, streamed live on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/Uck-I224vKQ8nAWWhR6NVao24w/live>.

Dear Parents, Guardians and School Staff,

New York State Education Law Section 409-H requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification regarding the use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

To comply with the end of winter break notification requirement, Tri-Valley Central School is providing the following information. No reportable pesticides have been used.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jesse Bell of Buildings & Grounds, 985-2296, ext. 5317.

Yours truly,
Jesse Bell
Maintenance Supervisor
of Buildings & Grounds

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome 2023. It is amazing to think that we are reaching the half-way point of this school year. The second quarter (first semester) ends on Friday, January 27 with the third quarter (second semester) beginning Monday, January 30, 2023. Report cards should be available, for view on SCHOOLTOOL, by Wednesday, February 2.

Midterm exams (for full year courses) and final exams (for half-year courses) for all students in grades 7-12 will be given in-class from Tuesday, January 17 through Friday, January 27. Teachers will advise students directly to let them know when their exams are scheduled for. In lieu of an exam, some teachers have given students a project and due date for the project.

Regents exams are scheduled for Tuesday, January 24 through Friday, January 27. Students will be informed by their teachers if they are scheduled for a Regents exam. Typically, with the exception of our English 11 Honors and Applied Geometry classes, students who take January Regents exams tend to be limited to: 1) transfer students from out-of-state schools who have already received course credit, 2) students who have failed to pass the exam in a previous testing period, 3) students who want to raise their grade on a prior Regents exam, and 4) seniors who are enrolled in a course for the first time that ends in a Regents exam.

After-school Homework/Academic Support Program for students in grades 7-9 continues to run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 pm to 5:00 pm. Students need a signed parent permission slip in order to participate. As space is available, students in grades 10-12 may also attend the program. The goal of the program is to provide students with support and a place to complete their homework, as well as to support students who are failing or at risk of failing. Busing is provided for all students. Please contact your student's school counselor if you would like more information or for your child to participate in the program. As we continue to recover from COVID, we know that learning gaps have developed particularly in Math and Reading. Reading gaps can span and impact all of the students' academic areas. We also recognize that executive functioning skills have been impacted as it relates to organization,

time management, and planning. A great resource for helping to understand executive functioning and how you can best support your student is *Smart but Scattered Teens*, by R. Guare, P. Dawson and C. Guare.

Course scheduling has begun for the 2023 – 2024 school year. At present, we are surveying students in grades 9-11 regarding their interest in taking particular electives for next year and we are updating our course catalog. School counselors will begin meeting with students in mid-February to select courses for next year. Students are required to take the equivalent of 6.5 credits per year at the high school level. New York State Education Department regulations require secondary age students to be in school 5.5 hours per day, exclusive of a 30 minute lunch period. As a high school we provide a variety of electives for students to choose from and are currently offering up to 52 college credits through our college in the classroom program. All students should be challenged academically and avail themselves of the diverse courses offered at the secondary school. Parents/guardians should be actively involved with students in discussing and selecting classes for next year. Please contact your child's school counselor if, as a parent/guardian, you would like to participate in your student's scheduling meeting.

This school year has gotten off to a great start and we have high expectations for the second half of the school year.

David C. Pulley
Principal

"Way to Go 7th and 8th Grade Students!"

On Tuesday, November 22, a special ceremony was held at Tri-Valley Central School for 7th and 8th grade students. The assembly, put on by the 7th and 8th grade teachers, recognized students for achieving Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, High Honor Roll, and Principal's Honor Roll for the first quarter.

Special awards were also given to students who the 7th and 8th grade teachers selected as going above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. In the 8th grade, Anna Furman and William Richardson won awards for Academic Excellence, Allyson Chevalier and Shayden LaForge won awards for Leadership, Juliana Adams and Juliana Scott won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Lily Mioglionico and Madelynn Stewart won awards for Most Improved, Lorenzo Haffner and Brady Knight won awards for Outstanding Participation, and Emily Poley and Chris Prousalis won awards for Exemplary Collaboration.

In the 7th grade, Wyatt Chaboty, Grace Nichols, and Willow Bivens won awards for Academic Excellence, Shelby Carroll, Logan Noren, and Mariah Roman won awards for Leadership, Avery Carrier, Cheyanne Terwilliger, and Celia Woods won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Kevin Cotto, Isabel Rosado, and Noah Correa won awards for Most Improved, Gage Houghtaling, Brandon Hinkley, and Timothy Kufert won awards for Outstanding Participation, and Jules Sweetman, Anthony Maiori, and Emma Smith won awards for Exemplary Collaboration.

Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized. We are very, very proud of all of their accomplishments!



Picture 1: (left to right): back row- Emily Poley, Shayden LaForge, Brady Knight, Allyson Chevalier, Anna Furman; bottom row- Juliana Scott, Chris Prousalis, Lily Mioglionico, Madelynn Stewart, Juliana Adams, Lorenzo Haffner, William Richardson



Picture 2: (left to right): back row- Kevin Cotto, Anthony Maiori, Emma Smith, Grace Nichols, Jules Sweetman, Avery Carrier, Logan Noren, Timothy Kufert, Mariah Roman, Shelby Carroll, Cheyanne Terwilliger; bottom row- Brandon Hinkley, Wyatt Chaboty, Noah Correa, Gage Houghtaling, Willow Bivens

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Jesse Bell Maint.Supv. - Bldgs & Grnds.

Date: January 2023

Dear Parent, Guardian and School Staff,

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic pre-k, elementary, intermediate and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Tri-Valley Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation; faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications.

The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- ♦ **A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application**
- ♦ **Anti-microbial products**
- ♦ **Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children**
- ♦ **Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children**
- ♦ **Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready to use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children**
- ♦ **Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate**
- ♦ **The application of EPA designated biopesticides**
- ♦ **The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25**
- ♦ **The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees wasps and hornets.**

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to Jesse Bell, Tri-Valley Central School District pesticide representative at 34 Moore Hill Rd, Gramhamsville, NY 12740, telephone 845-985-2296, ext. 5317, Fax 845-985-2502.

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|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Tri-Valley Central School District Request for Pesticide Application Notification (please print) | | |
| _____ School Building | | |
| Name: (Parent/Guardian/Staff Member) | | Address: |
| Day Phone: | Evening Phone: | E-mail Address: |

Please feel free to contact Jesse Bell, Tri-Valley Central School District Pesticide representative at 34 Moore Hill Road, Gramhamsville, NY 12740, telephone 845-985-2296, ext. 5317 or FAX 845-985-2502, for further information on these requirements.



Exploring the Night Sky

Telescopes and More

at the Daniel Pierce Library

Presented by John Kocijanski, Catskills Astronomy Group

Thursday, January 26, 2023

Snow Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023

6:00-7:00 pm

Join us for an informative talk and exploration of different types of telescopes needed to observe the night sky. Weather permitting, we will enjoy a viewing of the Moon, Mars, and Jupiter.

Please note: program will be in the Adult Reading Room as well as the outdoor patio, dress accordingly and check our website for weather related cancellations.

Program open to patrons eleven and up interested in astronomy.

Registration required online @ www.danielpiercelibrary.org



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FEBRUARY 4TH, 2023

11 am - 4 pm

Grahamsville Fairgrounds



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SNOWMAN BUILDING CONTEST 🧊 | ICE SKATING 🛹 | ARTS & CRAFTS ✂️



Snow Date February 11th





ARE COMING TO TRI-VALLEY! Sunday, February 26th, 2023

Game Times:

1:00pm - 3:00pm

&

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Doors Open 1 hour prior to game time.

Come watch some of your favorite Tri-Valley teachers and staff play against the Harlem Wizards! Purchase Tickets online at www.harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets/ or scan the QR code at the bottom of the flier

General Admission ONLY

Student & Adults

\$12.30 (Incl. 8% Sales Tax & \$1.50 Service Fee)

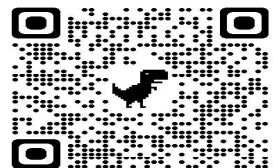
Children 3 and under admitted free

\$18.00 at the door

Pre-Sale is strongly encouraged, limited availability at the door



THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT FOR PreK-8
STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.





Daniel Pierce Library

Mardi Gras Donuts

Same delicious Pumpkin Party Donuts!

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pre-orders
Only

Donuts available:
Cinnamon Sugar and Plain
\$8.00 per dozen

Orders must be received by Tuesday, February 14th.

To order:



Call us at 845-985-7233



Place an online order at www.danielpiercelibrary.org

or



Fill out an pre-order form available at the circulation desk.

Thank You for your continued support!



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WINTER READING CHALLENGE

JAN 9- MARCH 20

Read for 12 hours or 48 books. Audiobooks count too! Pick up a log at either circulation desk or download one from our website and start coloring in the circles...each quarter of a circle equals 15 minutes or 1 book. Fill in as you read and list your read books on the log on the back. Bring the completed log to the library and pick up your prize!



WIN PRIZES | AGES 12 AND UNDER



Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 4, 2023

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Join the celebration on "Take Your Child to the Library Day", an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library.

Visit us and you will ignite your child's imagination!

A love of reading and books starts with pictures, stories, and rhymes.

Our beautiful children's floor has easy access to picture books and comfortable seating to relax and read.

Older children may enjoy our fabulous Teen Room with WI-FI, our latest DVD's and books to check out.



Stop by and fill your own mason jar full of hot cocoa to make at home while enjoying a good book.

If you take your child to the library, expect to return frequently as it is a treasure trove for ALL ages.



Register your child for our Spring Children's Programs- Mother Goose, Toddler Time, and Story Hour!

In case of inclement weather, please check our FB page for program cancellations.



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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

2023

Want to make your heart smile too?

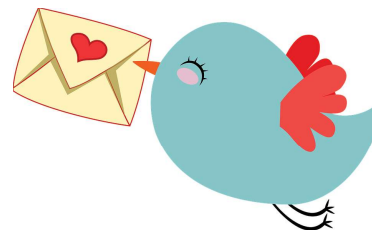
Valentine's Day Card Event

for ALL ages

*You can, by making homemade cards along with the
Daniel Pierce Library for the residents at
Achieve Rehab and Nursing Facility!*

*DIY Valentine's Day cards will be available (while supplies last)
at the library for pick-up starting Friday, February 3rd
through Thursday, February 10th during operating hours.*

*Please return cards to the red box
in the library foyer by 3 p.m.
Friday, February 10, 2023
for our special delivery.*



Thank You!



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Tri-Valley Table Talk: Community Chat



When: Friday, January 27th, 2023

Where: Room 50, from 9:00–10:00 am

With: Erin Long, Superintendent of Schools

***Please join us for a community conversation series beginning with our first event January 27th. These conversations are designed to hear community input and concerns as well as gather topics of interest the community may want to learn more about.**

Bring your thoughts and ideas

A lite fare will be provided.

**Please plan to enter through the Main Entrance at the
Secondary School.**

**RSVP to Erin Long
erinlong@trivalleycsd.org
845-985-2296, ext 5101**

UPK

We are beginning to study trees. We'll be observing and comparing trees to learn about the parts of trees, what lives in them, what things are made from trees, and who cares for them. We will use literacy, math, the arts, and technology to explore the topic in depth.



Kindergarten

We are finishing up the unit on Zoology by becoming experts on Amphibians and Fish!

Big Ideas Math - In Unit 6, we are learning addition!

First Grade

Math: We are working on the topics of counting and writing numbers to 120 and comparing two-digit numbers.

ELA: We are continuing our unit on Wild and Endangered Animals.

Social Studies: This month our focus is a unit on families.

Important Dates

**January 16th- No School
(Martin Luther King Day)**

Tri-Valley Elementary School



Inspire Success Together



Second Grade

Social Studies: We are reading different scholastic news articles.

Science: We are learning about how powerful water can be.

ELA: We are continuing to research bugs and writing informational pieces about them.

Math: We are learning place value concepts within 999.

Third Grade

In **ELA** we are continuing to use nonfiction text to conduct research on weather phenomena. We are writing our own informational texts based on our research!

In **Math**, we are finishing up Chapter 6, learning about area, and we are starting Chapter 7, involving estimation and rounding.

In **Social Studies** we are continuing to learn about the continents and oceans, and in **Science** we are focusing on weather and climate.

Fourth Grade

Math: Fourth grade is currently working on factors, multiples, and patterns. Then, we'll move on to fractions.

ELA: We're continuing our animal research unit. Students will be creating their own informational books on the animal they choose, complete with illustrations, diagrams, and other text features.

**Please encourage your child to read
for at least 30 minutes every day!**

Fifth Grade

Happy New Year!

ELA

We are focusing on text structures and continuing our research on different ecosystems.

S.S./Science

We are comparing and contrasting life in ancient civilizations with ours today.

Math

We are working on multi-digit division.

Sixth Grade

ELA: Students will begin writing their own informational book about topics of geology.

Math: Students will be evaluating expressions and learning about properties of addition and multiplication.

Science: Students will study the water cycle, Earth's systems, and the Albedo Effect.

Social Studies: Students will learn about Ancient China and how the Great Wall and the Silk Road had an impact on civilization.

Humanities

Library:

Students are completing their unit on genres. They are discovering what genre of literature best suits their personality.

Music:

Students are learning song form through beat mixing software. This is similar to what a DJ would use to mix beats.



JAN 2023

Feb 2023

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---------------------|--|---------------------|---|----------|--|----------|
| 1 New Year's Day | 2 New Year's Day Holiday | 3 Back to School | 4 ES Art Club w/ Mrs. Rowan Grade 4 | *5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 ES Art Club w/ Mrs. Rowan Grades 2 & 3 | 10 | 11 ES Student Council Meeting 7:30 AM | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 MLK Day School Closed | 17 | 18 | *19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 ES Art Club w/ Mrs. Rowan Grades 2 & 3 STEAM Art Club w/ Mrs. Raykoff Grades 5 & 6 | 24 | 25 ES Art Club w/ Mrs. Rowan Grade 4 | 26 | 27 Coffee & Conversation w/ Superintendent Long 9:00AM End of Marking Period 2 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 STEAM Art Club w/ Mrs. Raykoff Grades 3 Marking Period 3 Begins | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

BE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND CANCELLATIONS.

PROPOSED 2023-24 BOE BUDGET CALENDAR

| BOE MEETING BOE Meeting Date | | |
|---------------------------------|------|--|
| November | 10th | Present BOE Budget Calendar for review |
| December | 8th | Adopt BOE Budget Calendar |
| January | 5th | Governor's Budget Proposal (if available) |
| | 19th | Introductory Budget Info to BOE |
| February | 2nd | Capital Component Presentation |
| | 16th | Administrative Component Presentation Tax Cap Discussion |
| March | 2nd | Program Component Presentation |
| | 16th | Overview of Proposed Budget, Revenues, Tax Cap Contingency Budget |
| April | 30th | Budget Adoption |
| | 11th | Budget Adoption |
| | 25th | BOCES Budget Vote |
| May | 9th | Budget Hearing |
| | 16th | Statewide Budget Vote (No Meeting) |
| | 25th | Acceptance of Budget Results |
| June | 20th | **** Statewide Budget Revote Day |