



Tri-Valley voters approve 2023-2024 budget; elect 3 Board of Education members

Tri-Valley Central School District voters approved the District’s \$36,497,136 2023-24 budget proposal on May 16, 2023. Residents also elected three board of education members. The budget passed with 70.87% voter approval; 360 yes votes and 148 no votes.

Five candidates sought election to three open board of education seats. These three seats are for three-year terms from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026. The three candidates elected to the three seats are as follows:

Keith Stryker
Patrick Kelly
Tammi L. Chaboty

Thank you to the community for supporting our 2023-2024 yearly budget. We appreciate the dedication and continued support of the Tri-Valley Central School District. We also want to thank the candidates for the Board of Education for their service and time.



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Superintendent's Message



Dear Tri-Valley,

Welcome to the restructured edition of the Guidepost. Tri-Valley has a long standing tradition of our District's newsletter and this updated edition will continue to honor that. While we are still designing and organizing our content, we wanted the community to see our work in progress. We are looking forward to sharing with our community the many events that take place in our schools.

It sure has been an incredible 2022-2023 school year. Tri-Valley has flourished this year and as we come to a close of the 22-23 school year, it is amazing to reflect on all of the opportunities our students have had. A very special thank you to our community, our community partners, our staff and mostly our students for actively participating in all that TV has to offer.

On behalf of our Board of Education, and our schools, I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy summer. Please look for our second edition of the Guidepost to be published in August.

With Bear Pride,
Erin Long



From the Secondary School:

I don't know how it happened but suddenly it's June! All of the planning, teaching and learning is coming to an end with the onset of finals, projects and Regents examinations. Before we know it summer vacation will be upon us and graduation a bittersweet memory.

This is the time of year I encourage students to take advantage of the summer break, to relax, refresh and build on relationships with family and friends. Use this time to practice and maintain the skills you acquired during the school year and be sure that when returning in September you are ready and anxious to engage in new learning and experiences.

For the Class of 2023, who will be moving on – never forget where you came from. Remember with pride your years at Tri-Valley and the connections you made while attending here. We will miss you but are confident that you will continue to be successful in your chosen post-secondary plans. We are proud of you!

Wishing you all a safe and restful summer. Go Bears!

Margy Tenbus
Acting Principal



FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Below are some suggestions for how you can have family fun in the sun this Summer while enriching your student's learning experience:

1. Visit your local library.
2. Go on field trips.
3. Travel the world without leaving home. The atlas is a great source of maps, color photos and explanations of resources found at particular locations.
4. Encourage your children to connect with other children.
5. Cook with your children.
6. Play school with your children. Let your child take turns being the teacher, with other children or with yourself. Include the creation of lesson plans, colorful pencils and workbooks.
7. Get into the act with the whole family. Putting on family plays, writing scripts, rehearsing and memorizing parts can help your child not only learn about writing and organization, but also about performing.
8. Spell F-U-N with family game nights.
9. Teach about money, stocks and bonds.
10. Take family vacations — real or virtual.
11. Establish chores with a purpose.

Weather: Students go outside daily for Physical Education and Bear Break. Students need to have appropriate footwear in order to participate in these activities (i.e. sneakers). Feel free to send your student in with a water bottle that has his/her name on it!

Final Thoughts: With the review of academic assessments administered, I am happy to share that our children have shown amazing growth in reading and math! A full, healthy school year is all they needed to recoup what may have been lost. Great job, Little BEARS!

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to our school.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, have a safe summer and we will see you in September!

Jennifer Williams
Principal

Letter to the Editor

"Improving My Community"

My name is Ashley Miller and I am a senior at Tri-Valley Central School. During my senior year, I took a Civics and Social Justice class taught by Mr. Matthew Haynes and Mr. Tyler Eckhoff. In the class, I learned about injustices within our community.

Halfway through the year we started our Capstone Project. I decided I wanted to improve feminine hygiene within the schools of Sullivan County for my project. After discovering the State Assembly Bill passed June 1, 2018 that states all public school bathrooms are required to have feminine product dispensers free of charge, I knew I had to take action.

I have worked for months to ensure there is proper feminine hygiene within our schools. To help ensure feminine hygiene, I made posters to help students who are unaware of proper procedures. But most importantly, within our school I have improved access to feminine hygiene products and dispensers. I am happy to say I have made such an impact on the women in our community.

If you are having trouble getting access to feminine products in your school and would like help, contact me at ashleymiller@trivalleycsd.org.

I would like to give a big thank you to my teachers and all the people in the community who were willing to help me. I am proud to say I have successfully made an impact on my community.



WAY TO GO 7TH & 8TH GRADERS

On Monday, May 8, 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, Andrew Kelly and Hope Woods won awards for Academic Excellence, Meilyn Jimenez-Castillo and Hailie Prince won awards for Leadership, Isabella Hatt and Angelina Hinkley won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, William Blume and Mat Huggler won awards for Most Improved, Mackenzie Bush and Jeremy Rhode won awards for Outstanding Participation, and Jayden Cuji Angamarca and Tim Tschumi won awards for Exemplary Collaboration.

In the 7th grade, Adam Babcock and Sage Fiore-Yansick won awards for Academic Excellence, Abigail Rusin won the award for Leadership, Melany Cando Pilatasig, Cora Stephenson, and Jacob Whitted won awards for Outstanding Work Ethic, Sophia Bubbico, Tess Edwards, and Matthew Ortiz Jimenez won awards for Most Improved, Savannah Stickle and Jesse Wallace won awards for Outstanding Participation, and Cecilia Koskey-Barnes won the award for Exemplary Collaboration.

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



1st Annual Tri-Valley Chess Tournament

On Saturday, May 28th, the 1st Annual Tri-Valley Chess Tournament was held, and was a great success. A format known as Blitz chess was used where each player had only 10 minutes to make all of their moves in the game, and running out of time means a loss of game.

The opening knockout round was divided into two groups, with each competitor playing everyone else in their group twice (once as white and once as black). After the knockout round, the player from each group with the best record (a win was worth one point, and a draw worth 1/2 point) went to the Championship match. The players from each group with the second best record played each other for 3rd/4th place.

The Championship match pitted graduating Senior Armaan Butler against 8th grader Shayden LaForge. The pair played two high-tension games before the winner was decided. Great games were played by all. The Championship games will be on the Tri-Valley YouTube channel very soon.



Results were as follows:
 Champion: Armaan Butler
 Runner-up: Shayden LaForge
 (Championship game pictured left)

← 3rd place: Thomas Houghtaling
 4th place: Quentin Goodman
 (Championship game pictured right)



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The FFA had a great week in Bu-FFA-lo. For the second year in a row, they are the Top Chapter out of more than 200 in New York State. Additional honors include:

- First Place in Growing Leader - Chapterwide accomplishment
- First Place in Developing Community - Chapterwide accomplishment
- First Place Beef Production Placement Proficiency Award - Jacob Lucak
- Second Place in Strengthening Agriculture - Chapterwide accomplishment
- Third Place Agricultural Communications Team - Emily Lucak, Emily Poley, Chrissy Wachter, and Brook Mulholland
- Third Place Overall State Talent Act - Brook Mulholland, Tabitha Mulholland, Sariah Mulholland, Brianna Mulholland and RJ Leach
- 4th Place Agricultural Issues Team - Eden Noren, Katie Dauch, Mya Ibarra, Percy Grimila, Nick Bender, Ariana Small, and Allison Rogers
- 5th and 6th Place Discussion Meet Individuals - Grace Deyo and Tabitha Mulholland
- 6th Place Overall State Talent Individual - Ariana Small
- 2 - Top Ten Teams in Floriculture (not 1st, 2nd or 3rd) - Emily Lucak, Phailyn Countryman, Kaitlyn Ackerley, Allison Rogers, Eden Noren, Mya Ibarra, Percy Grimila, and Brianna Mulholland
- 2 - Third Round Qualifying Teams in Quiz Bowl - Emily Lucak, Phailyn Countryman, Kaitlyn Miller, Allison Rogers, Eden Noren, Katie Dauch, Terri Porter, and Grace Deyo
- Top 10 Finishing Team in Food Science (Not 1st, 2nd or 3rd) - Terri Porter, Louis Bilancione, RJ Leach, and Sariah Mulholland
- Top 20 Finishing Team in Maple Production - Jacob Lucak, Nick Foley, Shane LaForge, and Joe Douglass
- Jacket Award Recipients - Emily Poley, Nick Bender, Sariah Mulholland and Allison Rogers
- Empire Degree Recipients - Kaitlyn Miller and Terri Porter
- Lori Thayer was awarded an Honorary Empire Degree for all the effort and dedication she gave to the FFA Chapter for the last decade!



American Rescue Plan Funding Summary

The Tri-Valley Central School District received funding from the federal American Rescue Plan. Initial focus areas of safety and cleaning - early in the pandemic - evolved into supporting students and teachers' learning needs after experiencing the school closure and remote learning. The federal American Rescue Plan funds helped us address the immediate consequences of the pandemic, while at the same time allowed us to build longer-term capacity that will benefit the children and families of our school district for the future. Some of our expenditures are listed as follows: Cleaning/safety supplies, AEDS, Academic coaching/ tutoring, Summer academic programs, Chromebooks, Instructional Technology, Promethean Boards, Curriculum purchases (ELA/Math), Professional Development/ Curriculum Work, Greenhouse Renovations, Theater Improvements, Middle Grades Play & Musical. As required by state education law, the district maintains an ARP-ESSER Plan and must post this plan on our website. This plan is designed to outline how these funds will be used. You can find the plan by visiting www.trivalleycsd.org. To hear more about grant funding and have input into future spending, please attend a Family and Community Chat in the next few months.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tuesday, June 13
Last Day of Classes for Grades 7 – 12
- Friday, June 16
Ruth Scully Awards
- Monday, June 19
Juneteenth Observed, No School, No Exams
- Tuesday, June 20
Elementary Fun Day
- Wednesday, June 21
UPK Graduation
- Wednesday, June 21
Pre-K Graduation
- Thursday, June 22
6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
- Friday, June 23
Regents Rating Day

CLASS OF 2023 EVENTS:

- Tuesday, June 13
Senior Graduation Walk
- Tuesday, June 13th
Senior Celebration
- Thursday, June 15
Seniors Depart for Senior Trip
- Monday, June 19
Seniors Return from Senior Trip
- Saturday, June 24
Class of 2023 Graduation
- Saturday, June 24
Senior Breakfast

