

# Guidepost

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### **Superintendent's Message**

Dear Tri-Valley Families,

It is with great honor that I write my first article for the Guide Post. In my three months at Tri-Valley, I have been so impressed with such a fantastic school district and community. The start to the 2022-2023 School Year has been such a refreshing change from the last few years and we are looking forward to a school year filled with academic rigor, high standards, and engagement, while supporting the social and emotional needs of our students and staff.

Part of this refreshed start is providing our students opportunities to get involved. Tri-Valley offers incredible electives for students to explore during the academic day. Our staff goes above and beyond to also afford students the chance to get involved outside the school day. We want our students invested in our school. I am excited to share that our extra curricular activities are up and running and it is great to see our students engaged and involved.

Moving forward in our school year, I want to reiterate the message from both of our principals about the importance of being at school. We know that missing 10 percent or more of school days due to absence for any reason—excused, unexcused absences and suspensions, can

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translate into students having difficulty learning to read by the third-grade, achieving in middle school, and graduating from high school. We are partners in this and will continue to support our families anyway we can to ensure our students are at school.

Once again, I am delighted to be here at Tri-Valley and I am looking forward to continuing my connections with our students, our staff and our community.

With Bear Pride,

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## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

We've gotten the year off to a great start! All the signs are pointing to this year being a good year as we transition from the impact COVID has had on our school over the past three academic years. I would like to say COVID is over, but it continues to hang on, with minimal impact on teaching and learning. Hopefully this trend will continue. Should a student become COVID positive we ask that you notify the school. We will still provide an Academic Coach and remote access to their classes for students who are positive during their period of isolation at home.

It's hard to believe that we've already been in school 4 weeks. Friday, October 7 ends our five week interim marking period. You can expect progress reports to be available through the parent portal by Thursday, October 13.

In general, based upon the last three years of dealing with COVID, COVID has not been easy nor kind to our students. Simply put, COVID has negatively impacted all students' learning. We need to recognize that three years of dealing with COVID has resulted in all of us (teachers, administration, staff and students) having Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome to some extent. Keeping that in mind, we have strategically made some changes to restore an academic focus and priority on learning. As we emerge and recover from the shadow of COVID, our four main priorities for our students this year are, 1) Maintaining High Expectations for teaching

and learning, 2) To increase students' participation in extracurricular athletics, clubs and activities, 3) To improve student attendance, and 4) to continue to provide high levels of support (academic, emotional and mental health) to our students. As we work to reestablish students' executive functioning skills, we are placing a high priority on completion of class assignments and turning their assignments in by their due date rather than allowing them to have until the end of the marking period. This is a simple, yet necessary, change which will yield great dividends and ultimately reduce student stress and anxiety especially at the end of each marking period. We want to partner with you as parents to support and maximize our students learning. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers or guidance counselor if you have any questions or concerns.

On a positive note, our fall athletic teams are experiencing a higher level of success than they have had over the past years. Our FFA Chapter was recognized as the top Chapter (number 1) in New York State and with a 3-star national rating (highest rating possible). Great credit goes to Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Wightman, both of whom have been recognized on a state and national level, and our students. As all of our programs return to "full status" we are anticipating great results. We have great students, great teachers and a great community- how can we expect anything less than being great! Thank you for all of your continued support of our students and school. GO BEARS.

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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 summer 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**

Jesse Bell  
Maintenance Supervisor  
of Buildings & Grounds

## Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Welcomes New Members to the District

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) is proud to welcome several new professionals to our district this year! On Wednesday, August 24, 2022, members of the TVTA put on their annual luncheon for the new teachers of the Tri-Valley District.

The event began with a delicious lunch provided by our TVTA. The administration and some Board of Education members also joined us for lunch. Following the meal, the new staff members were informed about the many aspects of the Association—who we are, what we do, and how they can become a part of it. Each new member also received a gift bag of goodies to welcome them to the Tri-Valley Family.

Special thanks to the Daniel Pierce Library for providing their beautiful facility, Sammy Brown's for making the tasty wraps, and TVTA members Tanya Huggler and Brenna Rogers for making the binders, gift bags, and table settings.

Without further ado, meet our new members!



Our first new teacher is a Tri-Valley grad! Please welcome Amanda Curless. Amanda is a member of the T-V Class of 2009. After graduating from T-V, she attended SUNY Geneseo where she earned a degree in Childhood Education with Students with Disabilities. She also holds a Master's Degree in Reading from Grand Canyon University. Amanda's new position is 2nd grade Special Education co-teacher. Before accepting the position at T-V, she taught in the BOCES ITAP program for 2 years and in a Self-Contained program at Livingston Manor CSD for 4 years. Amanda is married to fellow T-V alum, Dillon Curless, and they have two

daughters: Marceline, 5 and Rozalind, 3. When she's not teaching, Amanda likes camping, gardening, hiking, yoga, reading, and spending time with family. Fun fact: She has a small farm consisting of 30 chickens, 4 dogs, and 2 cats. Why did she become a teacher? "I struggled with school. I wanted to be like the teachers I had — those who helped me to see that I could be successful." Well, Amanda, we don't doubt that you are that kind of teacher. Welcome (back) to Tri-Valley! We are so happy for you and for the students who will benefit from your instruction and support. Have a great year!



Please join us in welcoming our new School Counselor, Marshon Williams! Marshon is from Liberty. He attended SUNY Orange and SUNY New Paltz. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with a minor in Disaster Studies, as well as a Master's in School Counseling. Outside of his academic life, Marshon enjoys football, basketball, music, and Marvel. Mr. Williams served in the U.S. Armed Forces, and we honor him for that. We hold our veterans in high esteem. Why did he choose a career in the field of education? "I became a school counselor to give students the kind of support that helped me in life and helped to build my community." We are so glad that you are a part of the Tri-Valley family, Marshon! Have a great year in Bear Country!





Please welcome our new secondary math teacher, Zachary Lowensten! Zachary is from Monroe. He has an Associate's Degree from SUNY Orange and a Bachelor's Degree from SUNY New Paltz. Before coming to Tri-Valley, he taught at Corriher-Lipe Middle School in North Carolina. When Zachary isn't teaching, he likes cooking and card playing (Yu-gi-oh, Digimon TCG, Pokémon, etc.) Fun fact: He was a professional Yu-gi-oh player before he became a teacher! Why did he become a teacher? "To help better the future of America." Well, Mr. Lowensten, the future of America will be in your classroom next week! We hope you have an amazing year with them! Welcome to Bear Country!



We are thrilled to say, "Welcome back!" to our new physical education and health teacher, Skylar Musa! Skylar is a 2010 T-V alumna. In fact, she was the class president! While she was a student here, she was a 3-season athlete every year from 7th grade through her senior year. Skylar is also a proud graduate of Clemson University. Before returning to Tri-Valley, Skylar taught for 3 years in Alexandria, Virginia and 2 years at Sullivan West. Outside of the classroom, she loves coaching, running, hiking, being outdoors, and playing all types of sports — anything from ping pong to golf to basketball. She also loves traveling, canvas painting, and arts & crafts. Skylar is married to a pretty great guy — our own Mr. Tyler Eckhoff! Why did she decide to become a teacher? "I changed professional paths early in my career. I went back to college to become a teacher because of the positive experience I had as a student and athlete at Tri-Valley. While there are certainly ups and downs of being a teenager, I think fondly of my time at Tri-Valley because of the influential role models I had in my teachers and/or coaches. I learned a lot about commitment, keeping your word, and giving back to your community through the adults in my life at T-V. I felt like my path would be more fulfilling by trying to

give back in the same way." It's so great to have you back, Ms. Musa, and we know that you will have a great impact on our students. You will carry on a great T-V tradition. Welcome home!



Please give a warm Tri-Valley welcome to our new first grade AIS teacher, Nicole Pringle! Nicole hails from Brooklyn. She has a B.A. in Early Childhood Education from Brooklyn College and an M.S. in Instructional Technology (K-12) from Touro College. Nicole spent part of last year with us at T-V and we're happy to have her returning. Before coming to T-V, she was a teacher in grades K-6 (NYC Department of Education). When she's not teaching, Nicole likes to cook and watch movies. A super cool fact about Nicole: She is a best-selling children's author! Her book "Big Brother" became Amazon's best seller in July of '21! She also wrote another book, "Jake & Josh: Same Love," which is dedicated to her sons, Jacob and Joshua. Check them out online! All 5 star reviews! Why did she decide to become a teacher? "I am extremely passionate about teaching and I love children." We are so happy that you are here, Ms. Pringle, and we wish you all the best for an awesome year. Welcome to the Tri-Valley family!



Please put your hands together for our new 8th grade math teacher, Jordan Hansen! Jordan is from Gardiner. He holds a B.A. in Mathematics with a minor in Psychology, as well as an M.S. in Adolescent Education. He is also a member of Kappa Delta Pi, one of the largest and most prestigious educational honor societies. Before joining us at T-V, Jordan taught for 3 years at Nora Cronin Presentation Academy in Newburgh. In his free time, Jordan enjoys cooking, fishing, hunting, and hiking. In addition to teaching, he also coached football and lacrosse for 4 years. Why did he become a teacher? “I want to positively impact my students and contribute to their mathematical abilities.” Welcome to Bear Country, Mr. Hansen! We wish you all the best for a wonderful year!



Please welcome Mya Zuckrow to our school and community! She will be teaching 2nd grade this year — a class she co-taught here during part of the previous school year. Mya is from Ellenville. She graduated from SUNY New Paltz with a degree in Early Childhood and Childhood Education. She did her Master’s work in Curriculum and Instruction at SUNY Empire. Mya has two children, Noah and Julia. Her favorite thing to do is spend time with her family. Fun fact: She has been

skydiving! Why did she become a teacher? “Since I was young, my dream job was to become a teacher. As I got older, I realized that teaching was my passion. I want to help children succeed academically, socially, and emotionally.” We are glad that your dream job is with us, Ms. Zuckrow! May this year bring success for you and your students. Welcome!



Join us in welcoming our new technology teacher, Peter Pekny! Peter is from Ferndale. He attended SUNY Sullivan where he earned an A.A.S. degree in Green Building Technology. He continued his education at SUNY Oswego, graduating with a B.S. in Technology and Engineering Education. Before joining us at T-V, he taught for 3 years at Seward Institute and several years as a substitute at Liberty CSD. Peter has a 10 1/2 month old son, Hunter Scott. Peter has lots of skills and interests — some which he will use to benefit our school! He claims to be “the world’s okayest guitarist” — playing for over 20 years now. He plans on coaching football and wrestling for us. He has worked with the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop in the past, and he will use that experience to help build sets for our theatre. Peter is a big hockey fan (Go, Islanders!), enjoys hunting and fishing, and collects comic books. Interesting Fact: His family owns the Robin Hood Diner in Livingston Manor and he still works there on weekends. Why did he become a teacher? “As a high school student, I had originally planned on becoming an architect. I also spent several years doing construction on the side. My mother kept telling me that I should be a teacher. Well, I finally listened to her and decided to go back to college. I found the best way to combine my building experience with education was to become a tech teacher. And here I am.” Well, Mr. Pekny, you have a wealth of skills and knowledge to contribute to our school and our students. We are happy to have you at Tri-Valley!





Please welcome Kristen Lobb to Bear Country! Kristen is teaching 5th grade (leave replacement). Kristen is from Wallkill. She and her husband John have 2 daughters: Emma, 8 and Evelyn, 1. Kristen is certified in General Education and Special Education. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Grand Canyon University! She has previous teaching experience at Rondout, Pine Bush, and Monticello. Outside of school, she enjoys camping, fishing, skiing, basketball, softball, puzzles, scrapbooking, and spending time with family. Kristen has two attributes that are invaluable to any teacher — she's super creative and very active! Why did she become a teacher? "I love helping kids learn, especially those who struggle." Well, Ms. Lobb, it sounds like you have all the ingredients to make a great teacher for our students! All the best to you! Welcome!



Let's welcome Isabella Turner to Tri-Valley! She is teaching first grade (leave replacement). Isabella is from Rosendale. She attended SUNY DCC and SUNY New Paltz. She has degrees in Early Childhood/ Childhood Education. Her previous teaching experience includes being a permanent substitute and leave replacement at Nassau Elementary, a substitute teacher at Rondout Valley, and a student

teacher at Kerhonkson Elementary. In her free time, Isabella enjoys reading, puzzles, and yoga. And about a month ago, she got engaged! Congratulations! Why did she become a teacher? "I decided to become a teacher because I love seeing the spark in children when they finally understand something that they haven't been able to learn. Our minds are forever growing, and to be a part of the beginning is essential because there are so many important foundations that lead to amazing things." Have a great year, Ms. Turner, as you lead our students to discover amazing things!



Welcome to a new T-VTA member — but certainly not new to Tri-Valley — Michelle Decker! Michelle has been with our district for 20 years, but she has a new title: Secondary School Teaching Assistant. Although originally from Livingston Manor, Michelle has lived in the T-V area for many years with her husband and two children — a couple of awesome Tri-Valley grads! Outside of school hours, she enjoys painting, canning, reading, and spending time with her kids. Michelle always wanted to work with children, and we are so happy that she will continue to do so on a new level. Congratulations on your new position, Michelle! We know you will continue to make us #TVproud!



We are so happy to have another familiar face back in our midst. She is one of our very own — a 2007 T-V alumna, former teacher's aide and teaching assistant. But she starts this school year in a brand new role: TVES physical education teacher! Please give it up for Ms. Kayla Connolly! After graduating from T-V, she attended Marywood University where she earned a B.S. In Athletic Training. She continued her education at California University of PA, receiving an M.S. in Exercise Science and Injury Prevention. Kayla is married to James (a T-V Class of '06 grad) and they have two children, ages 4 and 1. In her free time, she enjoys soccer, softball, fitness, and family outings. A cool fact: She played soccer in El Paso, Texas for the Fort Bliss women's soccer team! Why did she decide to become a teacher? "I enjoy helping and teaching children the importance of fitness and physical activity. I also like teaching them different sports so that they might find one for which they have a passion." Congratulations on your new position, Ms. Connolly! You've already served our children well, and we know you will continue to do so as their teacher. Always #TVproud!



Please welcome another familiar face. Familiar because she taught here last year as a leave replacement, but also familiar because she has been a T-V Bear forever! Give a shout-out to our new elementary agriculture teacher — and T-V Class of '17 alumna — Ms. Kimberly Doyle! We are so glad to have Kim back with us! She is an awesome reflection of her ag education at T-V. She attended SUNY Cobleskill, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business Management with a minor in Agriculture Education. She is currently enrolled in an MAT program at Empire State College for Ag Ed (Pre-k-12). When she's not

teaching or studying, Kimmy loves reading and training her dog. A cool fact — especially for someone under the age of 25 — she's already traveled to 8 different countries! No doubt she learned some interesting things to share with her students. Why did she become a teacher? "I have had the opportunity to learn from many amazing educators. Each of them has grown my love for learning and, in turn, my love of teaching. I decided to become one of very few in the agricultural education field in New York to focus on elementary agriculture because of my love of working with students, and my passion for agriculture. I feel that the younger generations should know where the things they need to live come from. I have been given the opportunity to share my knowledge. The many experiences I have had throughout my time in education have brought me to this point, and I cannot wait to work with students and dive into my career!" We are so happy that you have brought your passion for teaching agriculture back to T-V. Welcome home, Ms. Doyle! Yesterday, today, and always #TVproud!



We are excited to introduce our new first grade teacher, Gabriella Brown! Gabriella is from Newburgh. She has a BS in Early Childhood/Childhood Education from SUNY New Paltz and an MPS in Humanistic and Multicultural Education from SUNY New Paltz (conferral, Dec. 2022). Before joining us at T-V, she did a 5th grade leave replacement at Presidential Park Elementary (2021), was a summer school instructor at Walden Elementary (2021), and served as a 1st grade teacher here last year. Outside of school, Gabriella enjoys tennis, hiking and traveling to the city. A fun



fact: She can hula hoop around her neck! Why did she become a teacher? “I love math, learning, and kids!” Sounds like the perfect combo for an awesome teacher! Have a great year, Ms. Brown! Welcome to Bear Country!



Please welcome our new speech language pathologist — another outstanding Tri-Valley grad — Ms. Colleen Tenbus! After leaving T-V, Colleen studied at Elmira College, earning a Bachelor of Science in Speech and Language Disabilities. She went on to Northeastern University, where she received a Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology. Before accepting her new position with us, she served as a leave replacement at Schalmont Middle School in Rotterdam NY (‘08-‘09), a leave replacement here (‘09-‘10), and held a tenured position at Liberty MS & HS (‘10-‘21). Colleen lives locally with her husband, John (one of our awesome 6th grade teachers), and their child, Mason. When she’s not working, she enjoys reading, attending concerts, going on walks, and spending time with friends & family. She loves dogs & working with kids. When we asked for an interesting fact about her, she had none to give. We disagree. Did you know that Colleen was the T-V Class of ‘02 Valedictorian?! That’s right — top of the class! Why did she become a speech language pathologist? “Although Speech Pathologists can practice in a variety of settings and across the lifespan, school-based speech pathology was an easy choice for me. I’ve always enjoyed working with kids. My mom was a teacher and instilled in me a respect for educators and our public education system. I hope to help my students build the communication skills they’ll need to achieve academically and socially.” Welcome home, Ms. Tenbus! We know that you will continue to bring

a level of excellence in everything you do as you serve our students. You will keep on making us #TVproud!



Please welcome our new Secondary School Counselor, Tracy Jones! Tracy is from Houston, TX. She attended Sam Houston State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in English. She got her Master of Education degree in School Counseling at the University of St. Thomas. Before moving to New York, Tracy taught in two school districts over the course of 9 years in the Houston area. She taught 9th, 10th Pre-AP, and 11th grade English. She has a husband and three sons. Her most current hobby is restoring her old family home. A cool fact about her house: Her family is the 4th generation on her father’s side to live in the home in which she currently lives. Why did she decide to become a teacher? “Throughout my career, I have been asked why I got into teaching. I never had a profound answer like most, but I do know why I stayed a teacher as long as I did — my bonds with the students. Teaching was the most rewarding career, and it was those late afternoons with students opening up to me and seeking my help and guidance that led me into wanting to become a counselor, so that I can reach even more students.” We are so happy that you are here with us, Ms. Jones, and we truly appreciate your passion for helping students. Welcome aboard!





We are so happy to introduce another new teacher — and another Tri-Valley grad — to our staff! Please welcome our new art teacher, Ms. Alyssa Rowan! Alyssa is a member of the T-V Class of '06. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education from SUNY Potsdam and a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology from Marist College. This is Alyssa's first year of teaching at T-V, but it's her 10th year as an educator. She previously taught at Binghamton City School District. When she's not teaching, Alyssa enjoys painting, reading, and traveling. Why did she become a teacher? "My teachers at T-V inspired me!" Well, Ms. Rowan, just as your Tri-Valley teachers inspired you, we are confident that your students will say the same of you. You will continue to make us #TVproud! Welcome home!



Although our newest T-VTA member is not new to Tri-Valley, she has begun her new role as a teaching assistant. Please welcome Teresa Burger! Teresa is a long-time Bear. She is a member of the T-V Class of '05! After graduating, she earned a Bachelor of Science Honours in Forensic Science from the University of Greenwich and BT Wildlife Management from SUNY

Cobleskill. When she is not at school, she tries to find interesting insects & animals. She also enjoys softball, arts and crafts, and playing with her kitten, Stella. A cool fact: She was a personal chef to a celebrity for a month! Teresa spent the past 6 years as a teacher's aide in the elementary school. During that time, she watched the students learn and grow and wanted to be a bigger part of that. And now she is! We're so happy that you will continue to positively impact our students in your new role, Ms. Burger! You've always made us #TVproud and we're sure you will continue to do so!

From the TVTA, we'd like to welcome all these new professionals to the Tri-Valley family!

### **Daniel Pierce Library honors Battle of the Books**

The Daniel Pierce Library recently honored the 2022 Country Pumpkins (the library's Battle of the Books Team) for their success at this year's Battle of the Books. Board member, Bill Richardson presented gifts to team members and coaches at the library on September 7th during the library's End of Summer Ice Cream-Karaoke Social. We thank TriValley staff, Matt Haynes and Jessica Dymond for coaching the team and encouraging team members.



**Tri-Valley Secondary School**  
**Homecoming 2022**  
**October 3-8**

**Schedule of Events**  
**GO BEARS!**

Please come out and support our Varsity athletic teams.

**Monday, October 3**

Spirit Day Theme: Country vs. Country Club Day (Grades 7-12)

- 1:30- All sports Pep Rally
- 4:15 pm- Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Burke (ISC)

**Tuesday, October 4**

Spirit Day Theme: Celebrity Day (Grades 7-12)

- 4:15 pm- Girls and Boys Varsity Cross Country vs. Multiple Schools (ISC)
- 4:30 pm- Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Chester (ISC)

**Wednesday, October 5**

Spirit Day: Decades Day (Grades 7-12)

**Thursday, October 6**

Spirit Day: Bikers vs. Surfers Day (Grades 7-12)

- 4:15 Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Burke (ISC)

**Friday, October 7**

Spirit Day: Jersey Day (Grades 7-12)

Conference Day- No School/Student Attendance

- 4:30 pm- Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Downsville (ISC)
- 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm: Grades 9-12, Hot dogs, Music & Bonfire (ISC)

**Saturday, October 8**

- Spirit Day: Red, White and Blue Day
- 1:00 pm- Varsity Football Game vs. Fallsburg (ISC)
  - Senior Football Player Recognition
- 7:00pm- 10:00: High School Homecoming Dance



## **Athletic News**

### **Homecoming Pep Rally**

Our Homecoming Pep Rally will be held on October 3rd at the end of the school day to kick off our Homecoming week. The event will include all students in grades 7-12. At the Pep Rally, all of our school teams will be recognized.

### **Homecoming BonFire**

Our Homecoming BonFire will be held on Friday, October 7th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the ISC parking lot. There will be food and music played with a BonFire to finish the night.

### **Home Contests During Homecoming Week**

Monday, October 3rd - Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Burke at 5:30 pm

Tuesday, October 4th - Varsity Cross Country vs. Fallsburg/LM/Burke/Homestead at 5:15 pm

Tuesday, October 4th - Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Chester at 5:30 pm

Thursday, October 6th - Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Burke at 5:30 pm

Friday, October 7th - Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Downsville at 4:30 pm

Saturday, October 8th - Varsity Football vs. Fallsburg at 1:00 pm

### **Senior Recognitions Nights**

Cross Country recognized on September 28th vs. Eldred/Monticello

Football on Saturday, October 8th vs. Fallsburg

Girls Soccer on Monday, October 17th vs. Eldred

Boys Soccer on Thursday, October 20th vs. Chapel Field

### **Winter Sports Start Dates**

Varsity & JV Sports            Monday, November 14th    Registration opens October 15th

Modified Sports                Monday, November 21st    Registration opens October 22nd

To stay updated on our Athletic Events throughout the 2022-2023 school year, please go to the [Tri-Valley Athletics Website](#) and select the Athletic Schedules link. The “Notify Me” option is a convenient way for you to receive notifications when updates are made to the Athletic Schedule.

For all information regarding Athletics, please follow Tri-Valley Athletics on Twitter and Instagram @TVCS\_Athletics. We are also on Facebook at Tri-Valley Athletics.

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*Daniel Pierce Library's*  
36TH ANNUAL  
**GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY**

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**SAT | OCT 1 | 9AM-4PM**

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*Grahamsville Fairgrounds*  
*Rain or Shine / Free Admission*

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**NO PETS  
ALLOWED**

**PUMPKIN PAINTING**  
**GAMES & ACTIVITIES**  
**LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT**  
**PRIZE WINNING CONTESTS**  
**CRAFT FAIR • BOOK SALE**  
**BOUNCY HOUSES • TEEN ADVENTURE ZONE**



# Daniel Pierce Library

## Fall Children's Programs

### 2022

Our eight-week children's programs are open to caregivers and their children ages 12 months to five years. These programs are specially designed to encourage early literacy and to foster an early love of learning and reading through stories, crafts, music, and friendship-building! These programs are free and are made possible through the generosity of our community. Registration is required.

#### Mother Goose Time (12-23 months) Beginning Wednesday, October 12th

This program is specially designed for very young children. It includes "read together" time (each child has his or her own board book), nursery rhymes, felt stories, playtime, and music for our tiniest patrons ages 12-23 months. Two programs will be held each Wednesday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Must be 12 months by 12/1/22.

#### Toddler Time (24-35 months) Beginning Thursday, October 13th

Stories, felt stories, crafts, music, and friendship-building geared for wee ones ages 24-35 months. Two programs will be held each Thursday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Must be 24 months by 12/1/22.

#### Story Hour (3, 4, and 5 year-olds) Beginning Friday, October 14th

Our classic, beloved program for three, four, and five year-old children, featuring the "Magic Bag," a read-aloud, felt stories, craft projects, homework, and music. Two programs will be held each Friday: one from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and one from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Must be 3 years or older by 12/1/22.

All programs end the week of December 5th.

Register online @ [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)

Register  
today!

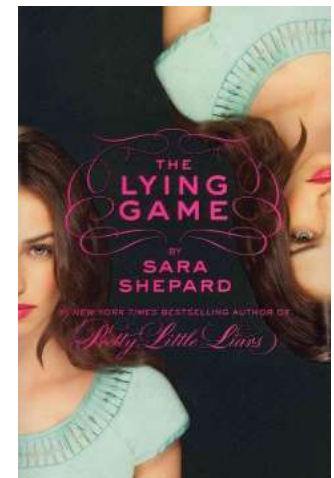
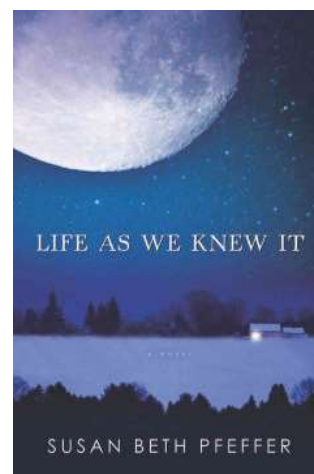
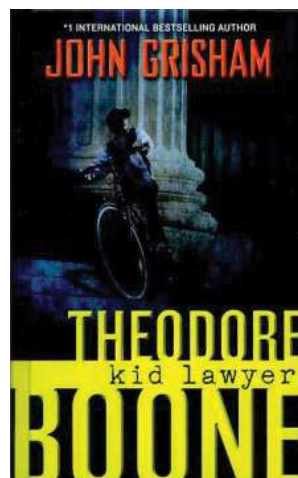
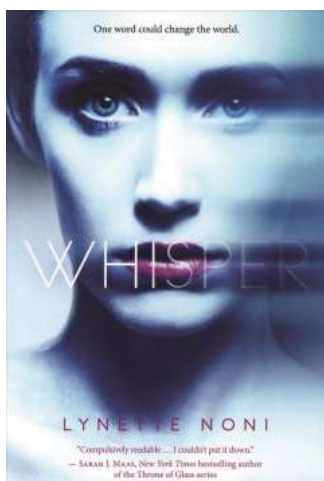
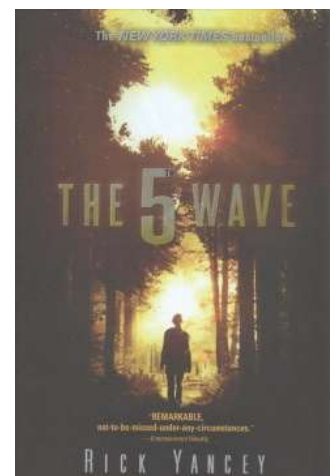
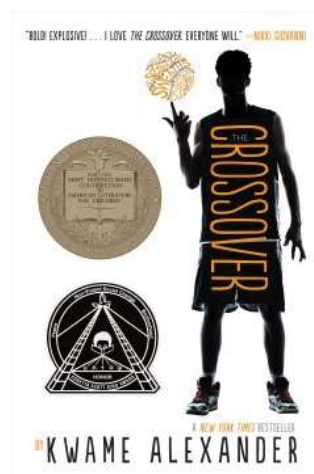
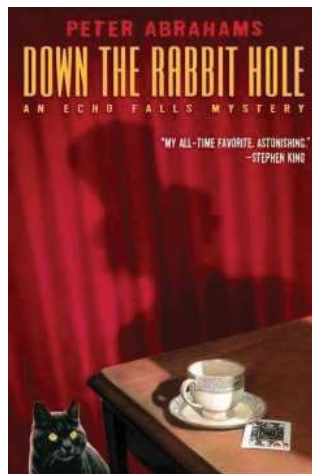
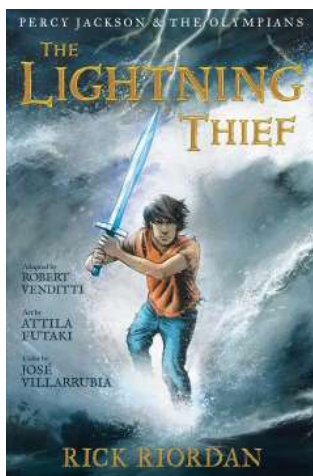


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# ***A Cup and Conversation***

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***Hosted by library director, Jen Thomas  
Tuesday Morning, October 11, 2022  
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.***



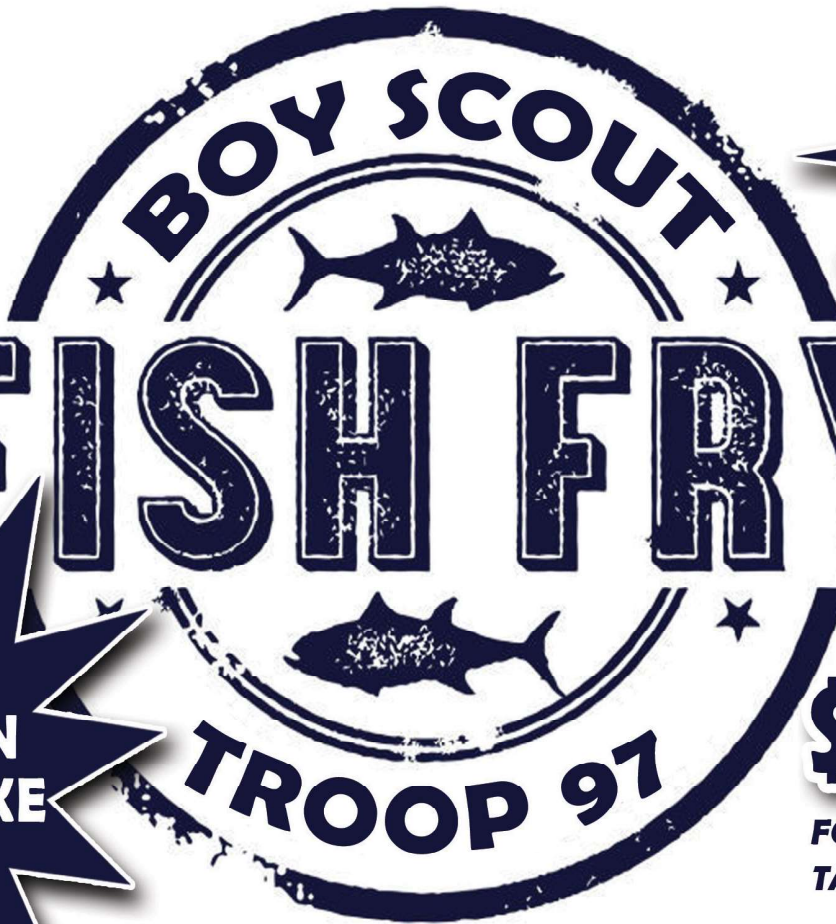
**Join us for a conversation with  
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new superintendent,  
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## Nesin Cultural Arts (NCA) Fall 2022 Programs

Sept. 17, 2022 - Dec. 4, 2022  
Fall 2022 Showcase  
Sunday, December 4, 2022

### MUSIC DANCE THEATRE VISUAL ART

#### Locations:

Suzanne Stanway Arts Haven  
13 St. John Street, Monticello, NY 12701

Eugene D. Nesin Theatre  
22 St. John Street, Monticello, NY 12701

St. John's Episcopal Church  
15 St. John Street, Monticello NY 12701

Mailing Address:  
Nesin Cultural Arts  
P.O. Box 249  
Monticello, NY 12701

Website: [www.nesinculturalarts.org](http://www.nesinculturalarts.org)  
Email: [contact@nesinculturalarts.org](mailto:contact@nesinculturalarts.org)  
Phone: 845-798-9006

#### Dance

Programs Run by Amanda McCormick

##### First Steps: Pre-K - Grade 1.

Students are introduced to principles of Classical Ballet techniques with an emphasis on motor development, listening skills, coordination, balance, socialization, and musicality.

Meets: Saturdays 11:50am-12:35pm  
Semester Tuition: \$0

##### Tiny Dancers: Grades 2-5.

Students learn introductions to a variety of dance styles including Jazz, Modern, and Lyrical. Further developing coordination, balance, dance-related motor skills, and self-expression through choreography and music of each genre.

Meets: Saturdays 11:00-11:45am  
Semester Tuition: \$0

##### NCA Dance Company: Grades 6-12.

Students will explore Jazz, Modern, Lyrical, Tap, and more through rigorous technical training and advanced choreography.

Meets: Saturdays 12:40-1:40pm  
Semester Tuition: \$0

##### Ballet: Ages 8-18.

Students explore Classical Ballet at an intermediate level through dance-related motor skills, coordination, vocabulary terms, correct body alignment, and flexibility.

Meets: Saturdays 1:40-2:25pm  
Semester Tuition: \$0

#### Visual Art

##### Children's Arts & Crafts: Grades K-5.

This is a fun and creative class for students to learn techniques in painting, drawing, and mixed media.

Program run by Stephany Lopez  
Meets: Saturdays 10:00-10:45am  
Semester Tuition: \$90

##### Drawing, Painting & Mixed Media: Grades 6-12.

Students learn advanced techniques in drawing, painting, and mixed media with a focus on creating art from observation.

Program run by Laurie Kilgore  
Meets: Wednesdays 5:00-6:30pm  
Semester Tuition: \$90

#### SCCO Educates

Aspiring Young Musicians (AYM)

The AYM Program provides students aspiring to develop their musicianship with regular private lessons by professional musicians. Students enrolled in the program will receive weekly private lessons, theory classes, and performance opportunities. The program will culminate with a final performance evaluation.

Meets: At a mutually agreed upon time

AYM Orchestras: Designed for students of all levels, by teacher recommendation, to develop ensemble skills under the guidance of a conductor, and to work for a common artistic goal.

Meets: Mondays

AYM Higher: Designed for intermediate and advanced students, by audition or recommendation only. Students will experience the art of chamber music and develop spoken and subtle communication skills to work artistically for a common goal. This is the premier group for community outreach and side-by-side SCCO performances.

Meets: Mondays

##### Composition: Grades 6-12.

Music composition allows students to develop the ability to use musical language learned in theory and apply them to their own compositions.

Meets: Tuesdays

The AYM Program is open to any student with a desire to improve and make the commitment to practice. Tuition and instrument scholarships are available. Beginners welcome!

If interested in any SCCO Educates program, contact NCA Programs Director, Akiko Hosoi  
[akiko@sccoplayers.org](mailto:akiko@sccoplayers.org)



#### Theatre

Programs run by Lori Orestano-James & Crystal Tweed

##### Little Actors: Grades 2-5.

Students learn skills in the area of Theatre Arts. Classes will include games and exercises to build skills culminating in a performance. Students will learn to artistically and collaboratively work together in the creation of a common goal.

Meets: Saturdays 12:40-1:25pm  
Semester Tuition: \$90

##### Play Production Practicum: Grades 6-12.

Students will learn advanced skills and crafts in the Theatre Arts, including writing, devising, acting, directing, stage design, costuming, and rehearsal etiquette. Students will learn to artistically and collaboratively work together in the creation of a common goal: the creation of a theatrical work.

Meets: Saturdays 11:50am-12:35pm  
Semester Tuition: \$90

#### Handbells

##### Handbell Choir: Grades 6-12.

A handbell choir is a group of musicians who are each assigned one (or sometimes more than one) handbell to play. Each handbell has a designated pitch. Each player's job is to watch and play them at the appropriate time. Promotes better ensemble playing and is lots of fun!

Program run by Amy Phillips

Meets: Thursdays 5:15-6:00pm

Semester Tuition: \$0 for AYM & Honors Chorus students, \$90 for all other students

#### Chorus

Programs Run by Amy Phillips

##### Young Children's Chorus: Pre-K - Grade 1.

A singing experience for students to work on basic music skills such as singing in tune and keeping a steady beat. Students sing a wide variety of folk songs and game songs.

Meets: Saturdays 11:00-11:45am  
Semester Tuition: \$0

##### Treble Makers Chorus: Grades 2-5.

A choral experience for students to continue working on basic music skills such as singing in tune and keeping a steady beat, as well as basic rhythm and melody patterns. Students sing a wide variety of folk songs, game songs, and beginning choral literature.

Meets: Saturdays 11:50am-12:35pm  
Semester Tuition: \$0

##### NCA Chorale: Grades 6-12.

A choral experience for students to work on vocal skill building such as breath control, improving tone quality, vowel modification, and voice projection. Students are introduced to beginning and intermediate choral literature. There are opportunities for acquiring community service hours.

Meets: Saturdays 10:00-11:00am  
Semester Tuition: \$0

##### Honors Chorus: Grades 6-12, (younger students by invitation only).

New students must audition to be accepted into this chorus. An advanced choral experience. Students must demonstrate an ability to sing on pitch as well as hold their part when singing in two or more parts. The music literature for this group will be more advanced as well as more musically sophisticated. Students will have extensive performance opportunities including side-by-side with professional musicians and community outreach.

Meets: Saturdays 9:00-10:00am  
Semester Tuition: \$90

Choirs are accompanied by Jeff Yeung.

#### Cost

NCA program costs are as indicated under each program description.

AYM tuition is based on a sliding scale, September-June.

Discounts are available when you register for multiple programs.

Merit, need-based, and instrument scholarships are available.

Scholarships are distributed on a first come first serve basis.

Contact: [akiko@sccoplayers.org](mailto:akiko@sccoplayers.org)

Funding for NCA programs is provided by:



NCA Spring Classes start 9/17/2022

To register or inquire about any NCA Chorus, Dance, Theatre, or Visual Art, classes contact

NCA Programs & Development Manager,  
Fiona Feltman

[fiona@nesinculturalarts.org](mailto:fiona@nesinculturalarts.org)

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR FALL  
2022 PROGRAMS**



# Tri-Valley Central School District

34 Moore Hill Road ( Grahamsville, New York 12740

(845) 985-2296 X5317

Jesse Bell Maint.Superv. - Bldgs & Grnds.

Date: September 2022

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, Grahamsville, NY 12740, telephone 845-985-2296, ext. 5317, Fax 845-985-2502.

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| Tri-Valley Central School District<br>Request for Pesticide Application Notification<br>(please print) |                |                 |
| _____<br>School Building   |                |                 |
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| Day Phone:   | Evening Phone: | E-mail Address: |

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