Parents/Guardians:

As we welcome in March, we are also looking forward to the second half of the school year. We have a lot of events and activities occurring this month.

*Our spelling bee winners, Charlotte Mintz and Maddy Baker, did a great job at the regional spelling bee

*We welcome the drama club in “Willy Wonka” March 5th-8th

*English Language Arts State Assessments where our students can demonstrate all they are learning!

We are also beginning middle school intervention support to ensure all students have what they need to succeed and be confident students.

In assemblies, we will welcome outside agencies sharing amazing things happening in our region. Our after school activities are still in full swing and we encourage all students to get some extra help or join in a fun activity! We host a 4:00 bus Monday-Thursday in order for students to participate.

I am looking forward to the second half of the year and to working with students and families.

Sincerely,

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Essex County School Music Association held their annual HS All-County Festival on Monday, February 10th. The Music Department sent students from both the instrumental and choral programs. At this festival, the organization sponsored two choruses, an all female Treble Chorus and a Mixed Chorus. Both groups sang in four part harmony and had a wonderful experience with their directors, Liz Cordes and Drew Benware. Participants from AuSable Valley included treble members, Emma Greene, Olivia Weaver, Makayla Young and Emma Zmirowski and mixed chorus members, Mia Colozza, Bela Perez and Anna Pridell.

Clinton County Music Educators Association held their annual All-County Festival on Saturday, February 8th. This festival is usually a two-day festival, but due to Mother Nature's involvement, we were only able to bring students together for the one day. With only five and a half hours of rehearsals, the students rose to the occasion very nicely! AuSable Valley was represented by students from both Keeseville Elementary and our Middle High School. Middle School participants included Maddy Baker, Rylee Carter, Lindsay Haner, Brielle Laundree, Charlotte Mintz, Addie Stanley and Lora Stanley. High School participants were Lee Fay and Olivia Weaver. Our own, Cherie LaDuke, had the pleasure of conducting the Middle School Mixed Choir at this festival.

7th Grade Field Trip to the Van Gogh Exhibit

7th grade Tech Students completed a two phase project where they created an ALL About me puzzle cube and then a “snafu” style puzzle cube out of foam. They had six levels to choose from and had the option to “jazz up” their final cube. A few students even helped to make larger cubes. Here are a few that they created.
Grade 7 Tech students did solo or team projects. They had to sketch out their design, plan materials and then build a wooden structure. Final designs were decorated and accessorized!!

**WOODEN STRUCTURES**

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7th and 8th grade students participated in the National Geographic Geography Bee over the past several months in their social studies classrooms. All middle school students tried their best to answer questions posed from the seven original rounds of geography material. Ten students scored high enough to make it to the final round. Our ten finalists included Elizabeth Douglass, Charlotte Mintz, Jack Thomas, Sebastian Wilson, Keaton Vincent, Zanaiyah Lockridge, Christinia Desautels, Keleena Bresett, Marilyn Mitchell and Kennedy Keefe. **Our official AVCS school winner is Sebastian Wilson. Charlotte Mintz took a very close second place.** Congratulations to all!
8th grade tech students brain-stormed problems in their own lives and created a prototype invention to solve that problem. A planning and design process was implemented and they even did a commercial for their product!

Stay tuned: More inventions to be included in the April Newsletter!

HYDRAULIC CHIP AND DRINK LIFT
Anson Mulvey & Karli Church

THE CLEANING SHOE
Aila Dame

THE GREATER MEMORATOR
Maddy Egglefield, Camdyn Strong & Reese Shambo

THE LOUNGE GLASSES
Layla Lincoln