

*As we head into December and the end of our first semester, I write to call your attention to four dates: **December 21** and **22** and **January 3** and **4**. December 21/22 are half days with classes in the morning. We use the afternoons to summatively assess, provide feedback, and determine which students will benefit from Connect Days on January 3 and 4. During Connect Days there are no regularly scheduled classes; however, students may be called in for focused, individualized instruction and assessment. Semester 2 classes begin on January 5.

CVU Celebrations **November 19, 2021**

Dear CVU Community: From personalized posters to Big Advisory Turkey Hands, our school celebrated many forms of gratitude this week. I'm grateful for our Student Council who organized our activities. Here is a note from Ollie: *Thank you to everyone who participated in CVU Student Council's Gratitude Week! We had 5 very fun days to show our thankfulness! We had many sticky notes showing appreciation to many different things, and this collage of photos is from Thursday's whiteboard activity!*



November is Native American Heritage Month and as such I wanted to highlight our Abenaki Heritage Club's first newsletter. [Here it is.](#)

Finally, parents of WINTER athletes. Winter sports start on Monday, November 29. If you have child who is interested in playing a winter sport, please make sure of the following: 1) They are "registered" for the 21-22 school year in Form ReLeaf, our online registration platform and 2) we have a "current" physical (means within two years and good until the end of the season). IF your child is NOT registered for a sport or changes their mind about which sport they would like to play, PLEASE do not create another registration. Simply contact Jacqui Roden (482-7100) or Dan Shepardson (482-7113) and we can add the sport to their registration.

Students

- [CVU Job Board](#)
- **Scholars Bowl** was back in action on Wednesday, 11/17, with a very successful showing at a regional meet at Essex High School. The varsity team continued its undefeated ways by sweeping a slate of 5 matches against Rice, Essex, South Burlington, Burlington, and Spalding to move its record to 10-0 on the season. Senior captain and all-time leading scorer **Evan McMahan** continued to excel, surpassing the individual scoring total record for a 5 match that he had just set last week! Our "B" JV team also won all 5 of its matches,, while our C and D teams contributed 3 more wins to the daily total. Sixteen students made the trip to Essex along with Kiran McCormick and John Bennett: **Evan McMahan, Aidan Devine, Greg Goldsmith, Jake Potter, Jack Rutz (12th grade), Cassidy Fleming, Kai Jenkins-Mui, Keegan Jewell, Ava Rohrbaugh, Keaton St. Martin (11th grade), Mateo Diaz-Del Rio, Elias Leventhal, Colin Ravlin, Chandler Turner (10th grade), Zoe Jenkins-Mui, Nolan Sandage (9th grade)** Scholars Bowl will be back in action at a tournament, also at Essex, on December 4.
- From Genevieve Smith: Students in **Span2** had fun interpreting and illustrating silly sentences with stem changer verbs!

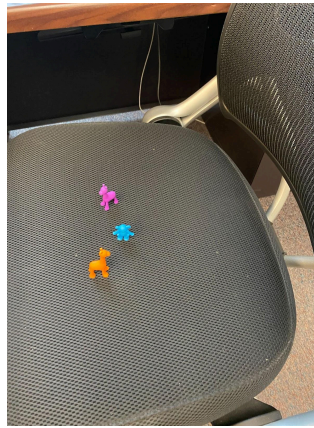


- Journalism news: Ten new stories this week, including info about skiing in VT this winter, pics of CVU's Cross Country runners, and the truth behind those pesky spam calls. Read 'em here in [The Chronicle](#)! Also check out the debut episode of Hobby Hunters in which **Clayton Murphy** and **Liam Achilles** learn about what teachers do outside of the classroom: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XL8a9Q7QIo_JcOD_cA-nqEq7Y8OKQ7lQ/view?usp=sharing If you are a teacher with a hidden talent or skill you'd like to teach to Clay and Liam, reach out to us!

- Guest Chef **Jeff O'Hara** teaches cinnamon bun skills!



- **Lucia** pranked me today!



- This past Sunday, CVU's CyberPatriot team competed in round two of this year's competition CyberPatriot "puts teams of high school and middle school students in the position of newly hired IT professionals tasked with managing the network of a small company. Through a series of online competition rounds, teams are given a set of virtual operating systems and are tasked with finding and fixing cybersecurity vulnerabilities while maintaining critical services." These students plugged away for six hours. The teamwork and enthusiasm are a joy to watch! Competing were: **Windsor Hoopes, Alex Fox (back), Jack Gourlay, and Will Sprigg (front).**



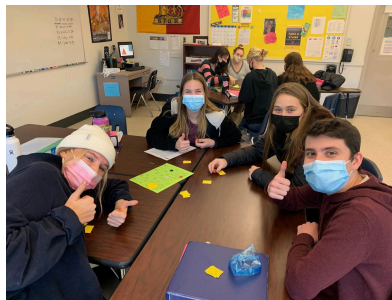
- Check out the super cool dog toy box **Claud Bigue** made!



- The Community Skills Program has been venturing out on Fridays to engage in community based wellness related activities. Today we headed to the Shelburne Field House to play soccer with a UVM student in the Adapted Exercise Program. Fun stuff and swift kicks!



- The **Latin IV students** tested their good luck in a game of fickle fortune this week. If nothing else, they learned that you need a healthy supply of pigs to sacrifice to the Roman gods if you want a chance to win! Brain breaks are always a bit geeky in Latin class!



- Thanksgiving dinners (or lunches) could be found all over CVU on Thursday thanks to our amazing Cafe staff. Students in our CLD center enjoyed delicious food while playing Monopoly and hanging out.



- From Charlie MacFadyen: The CVU Math League team competed in the first meet of the season. We placed 3rd out of the 13 teams in the meet, just behind 2nd-place Essex. We have a fine team; they aren't just good mathematicians-- they're all-around fun people to spend time with. Competing for CVU were: **Veronica Miskavage, Dan Knight, Connor Gorman, Ava Rohrbaugh, Wylie Ricklefs, Lily O'Brien, Jake Potter, Linni Goldsmith, Keaton St Martin, Sam Yager, Jacob Graham, Elias Leventhal, Thomas Garavelli, and Grace McNally.**



- [The CVU Show](#)
- Integrated Biology students, Travis Stroh and Xander Olszewski,** complete a series of jumping jacks to test the impact of physical activities on rate of cellular respiration.



- From Amy Wardwell: It's been a busy fall for the **Volunteer Outreach Club** so far! We have helped out at the Shelburne Museum with grounds work, picked apples for the Williston Food Bank, volunteered at the VT City Marathon, made holiday cards for hospitalized children and started being "Planet People" by trying out our new Planet Packs! To top it all off students raised \$500 to create holiday baskets and stock the shelves of the CVU Food Bank. We're looking forward to doing more around the community in the New Year!



- This week **Deeley's** Black America and USW classes took a trip to the Fleming Museum to explore *The Fleming Reimagined*. They also visited Juniper Creative's new mural, "*The Wall of Respect: Luminaries of Justice and Liberation*" at Main Street Landing. Black America also had an amazing guest speaker, Elise Guyette, talk to the class about the historic Black farm families in Hinesburg.



- I convinced **Sierra Breault** to let me feature the lamp she made in Celebrations. So cool!



- A very loud shout out to **our CVU musicians**. You made the most of the two year wait for an indoor performance! It was awesome.



- Students, here's an opportunity for [ski passes](#).
- On Thursday, **Teryn** and **Logan Hytten** successfully advocated for free menstrual products in school bathrooms and offices. Please read Teryn's message below. *I am happy to announce in the upcoming weeks our school will be transitioning to free period products in the bathrooms. We will be implementing costless machines in the majority of the female-identifying and non-binary restrooms. With this change we hope to remove the barrier the current 25 cent dispensers place on students who menstruate. In addition, we aim to create a more open and inclusive discussion*

around periods. In order to help CVU make this switch, we would love it if students and families could donate period products until we can find a long term partner. Pads and tampons can be dropped off in the health office or house offices. Have a great break! (Also, a shout out to our GSA Club for their advocacy in past years!)



Faculty/Staff

- If you love jumping spiders like the cute one below, you need to meet **Kayleigh Aceto** who was a guest faculty member in a class last week. She may only be in middle school, but she is waaaaayyyy tougher (and probably smarter) than I am:)



- We celebrated our **Education Support Professionals** on Thursday, but a breakfast doesn't quite express the thanks we feel for your work day-in and day-out. We appreciate all you do to create a sense of belonging for our students.



- To all of the **Advisors** whose hand turkeys look way better than mine!



- After 27 years of teaching, coaching, and activities director-ing at CVU, our dear friend **Dan Shepardson** announced his upcoming retirement in June. Shep, it's been an honor being on your team, seeing all the hours you work to ensure our kids have the most opportunities to grow while being a dad, husband, and hoops official. From your early days navigating C-130s into hurricanes to the lessons of the geese you shared this week, you've created a V wherever you've flown. And we look forward to seeing the many adventures you drag your family into (don't they look like they are having fun:~) during your next endeavors!



Community

- Shop local on Saturday, Nov 27th from 9am-4pm at the CVU Craft Fair. Over 150 vendors and a 50/50 raffle! It's going to be busy, so come early for the best selection of arts, crafts, wearables, ornaments, quilts, wooden gifts, and more!



- [CVSD COVID Recovery Plan](#)

