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GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – October 2, 2015

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – TRI-TOWN COLLEGE FAIR - The School Counseling Department hosted the Tri-Town College Fair on Thursday, October 1 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Over 80 colleges/universities were present as well as members of our military branches. Numerous students and their parents were in attendance from Vernon as well as our neighboring towns.

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION - Students hone their engineering and design skills using Solidworks to design a logo of their choice and then print it using the 3D printer. Pictured here is a student who printed a robot logo and is removing the finished product from the printing table.



LIBRARY - On Sept. 25th, the RHS Library Club had its first WELCOME meeting. There are currently about 30 students signed up to volunteer and/or be part of the Library Club. New students are welcome to join and volunteer.

VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – The collaboration between the eighth grade Social Studies department, eighth grade Language Arts department and our reading interventionist is off to a great start. The students have embraced our new SOAR Reading block where they are using the strategies taught throughout sixth and seventh grades, as well as applying new strategies. The collaboration also includes NEWSELA.COM, which is a website that allows students to read high interest articles with their choice of Lexile level, and take an online quiz that assesses several reading skills. The site also records the data where we can access it and use it to help students grow.

Miss Rinaldi's seventh grade Spanish classes are already reading, speaking, writing and listening in the target language. All students created comic strips that demonstrated asking questions and responding in the target language. The students' growth is impressive!

The fall book fair was a huge success! We surpassed our goal with \$5366 in sales and an estimated 1053 books sold! That is a lot of new books going into our students' hands. Many thanks to our student crew, teachers, and parents for making it happen.

Mrs. Tuller's group really embraced the idea of writing a letter to themselves, to be opened in June. They were excited to write their goals, both personal and academic. Their letters were immediately sealed up

and will be in the drawer until the last meeting in June, when they get to see how many of their goals were achieved! Great idea, Advisory Committee!

CENTER ROAD SCHOOL – Center Road School had their monthly meeting yesterday morning to celebrate all the great things our students are doing. In 5th grade one of the classes already read 122 books since the beginning of the school year! That’s almost 5 books per child! The kindergarten students also shared a song with the school to show everyone how great they are at knowing the sounds of every letter in the alphabet.

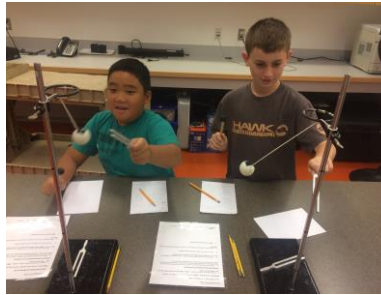
Our 4th and 5th graders are working hard in the recess jogging club know at the Roadrunner Jogging Club. This year we have 8 students who already ran 5 miles, and 2 students who ran 10! The Roadrunner Jogging Club meets twice a week during recess time.

Second grade students have been working very hard in writing this year, and are just finishing their stories on an important event in their life. Students created rough drafts, peer edited each other’s work, and are now putting the final touches on their final pieces of work! We are so proud of our emerging authors.

LAKE STREET SCHOOL – LSS welcomes Miss Georgia Williamson to our Fifth Grade team! Miss Williamson is a classroom teacher, replacing Mrs. Amy Hardell. Mrs. Hardell is now wearing the hat of Reading Teacher at LSS. We are so fortunate to have such talent and enthusiasm in our teaching community.

Fifth grade students went to the Connecticut Science Center this week. Students learned the effects of vibrations of sound. Students, teachers and parents all had a blast!

First grade students built mobiles to learn about motion and balance. Next, they will learn how force influences motion and balance.



MAPLE STREET SCHOOL – On Wednesday Maple Street School held its PBIS monthly assembly. The month of September was dedicated to our core value of Be Safe. Classrooms were recognized for being safe in the hallway, classroom and cafeteria. Students who had perfect attendance for the month of September were also acknowledged. All grade levels had an attendance percentage 95% or higher. Keep up the great work!



On Thursday Maple Street School had a very important visitor. Superintendent Joe Macary visited our kindergarten classrooms. Our kindergarten students presented him with books that they wrote.



NORTHEAST SCHOOL – Another full week flew by here at NES! We ended last week with our Ice Cream Social and Book Fair, hosted by our fabulous PTO and served by our teachers and principal! The students had a great time seeing their classmates and teachers on a Friday night! On Monday students came in all abuzz and excited about the Super Moon from Sunday night. Many classes took time to discuss the awesome weekend phenomenon. In other news, chorus has started here at Northeast! Mrs. Baldwin is beginning to prep her talented group of singers for some serious rockin' this year! Fifth grade is looking forward to their Science Center field trip on Friday where they will learn all about the Solar System with hands-on activities.

SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL – Mr. Uthgenannt and STAR are having a great time in Washington D.C. Mr. Uthgenannt is sending pictures of himself with STAR or STAR by himself around D.C.. We are posting the pictures around the building and the students need to find the pictures and figure out where they are. We can't wait for him to return and tell us all about his trip.



Students, Staff and parents enjoyed open house this past Friday. Students and parents were able to visit in classrooms, meet their child's teachers, specials teachers, and tour the building. Everyone enjoyed the Video that Mrs. Cavar made of the SRS Reading Carnival. The video is posted on "You Tube", the web address is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vH4wAmWd0wc>.

The first 2015 STAR Student Assembly was on Tuesday September, 30th. Students were given a certificate for outstanding STAR Student behavior. Students at SRS show they are STARs by being Safe, Truthful, Academic, and Respectful. Some of our fifth grade students put on a skit showing us what STAR behavior looks like. The staff and students got their first glance of our new Silver Alliance Banners and the Banner for the Let's Move Active School. We will be hanging them up some time soon.

A special thank you to Dr. Conway, for all of her support, the Superintendents Challenges, and for her encouragement for all of the students to do their best work. We wish her well in her retirement and hope she will come back and visit us.

LOVELAND HILL SCHOOL - The students in Mrs. Piazza's class have just finished reading the book *Frindle* by Andrew Clements. It is the story of a fifth grader who decides to change the word pen to frindle. While reading this book, students have learned more about the dictionary and the origin of words. For the end of the book project students are creating their own words for everyday items and making advertisements for them.

The Vernon Public Schools, in partnership with family and community, is committed to provide a quality education, with high expectations, in a safe environment where all students become independent learners and productive contributors to society.