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GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – September 11, 2015

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – OPEN HOUSE -Rockville High School held a very successful Open House on the evening of September 10th. It was well attended by parents, who had the opportunity to attend a welcome presentation and then follow their students' schedules and meet their teachers.

ENGLISH -Senior Mallory Chabre will have her short story published in the 2015 edition of *The Apprentice Writer*, a literary journal of poems, stories, and personal essays by high school students from across the nation. This year, journal editors selected only 60 works from 4000 submissions. *The Apprentice Writer* has a circulation of 11,000 and is distributed each September. It will also be available online. In its thirty-third year, the journal is edited and published by the Susquehanna University Writers Institute.

Sophomore Kaleigh Perkins read her poetry in the Hill-Stead Garden as part of the museum's Sunken Garden Poetry and Music Festival on Wednesday, August 19th. She also was published in a special edition chapbook. This is a link to view her reading one of her poems at Sunken Garden:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BvbYbzVgouc&sns=em>

MS FUNDRAISER - On Friday, September 4th, the staff and students at Rockville High School raised \$1,350 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to support the MS Challenge Walk fundraising efforts of former RHS Math Teacher Susan Simmons. Sue and her daughter, Ashley will participate in the two-day, 50 mile MS Challenge Walk this weekend in Washington, D.C. Contributions included staff "dress down day" donations as well as money collected at lunchtime by the National Honor Society students.

Sue received the huge donation by mail at her home in Florida. She and her daughter are walking in honor of her husband Brad and all who are afflicted by MS.

A motto of the National MS Society is "Every connection counts." We are thrilled that our "connection" at RHS could be of such help to Sue and Ashley. We wish for good weather and comfortable shoes -- and an end to MS!

TALC PROGRAM - The TALC program has had a successful start to the school year. The students continue to work on a mural that they started last year. The staff has also enhanced the vocational component for students. Activities include cooking, career exploration, job skills, and work experience. We look forward to an exciting year!



LIBRARY NEWS - The Library's online catalog, **DESTINY**, is accessible through **ASPEN** (when you log into the ASPEN Student Management system) by clicking on the QUEST tab. Students, Parents and Staff may search the Library's online card catalog, from any computer or digital device, to check for print materials, read ebooks or find other school appropriate online web resources that are indexed through our DESTINY QUEST online catalog.

DESTINY may also be accessed from an APP (QUEST or Destiny Quest) , see the RHS Library web page, for instructions on how to download and set up this app for most digital web devices or phones that have apps.

VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – Sixth graders took part in the annual 6th Grade Social. The social was sponsored by student council and the VCMS PTO. This event allows the children to get acquainted with other 6th graders from VCMS. During this time, the students danced to music played by a DJ, and enjoyed food and drink that were sent in by their parents and the VCMS PTO. A fun time was had by all!!!

Excitement will be building for the first book fair of the year at VCMS. In addition to great books at great prices, rumor has it that there will be a zombie outbreak!

The staff at VCMS has been photographed reading their SOAR books and will soon be posted on a wall in the 8th grade hallway. Students will see that "we read too" and will get to guess what staff member is reading what book.

CENTER ROAD SCHOOL – The school year is off to a great start at Center Road School! Our mission is to provide all students with a foundation of skills for lifelong learning, which will enable them to function effectively within a changing society. Students will develop a sense of individual worth, a respect for diversity, and the ability to think independently, creatively, and critically. This will be accomplished through collaboration among students, staff, parents, and the community in an accepting, nurturing environment, with an emphasis on high expectations for all. We are looking forward to an exciting year!



LAKE STREET SCHOOL – The LSS Community came together Thursday night for the annual Lake Street School Open House! 69% of our families beat the heat to see what our students will be learning in the 2015-16 school year.

Students took the lead and taught their parents some of the learning activities they are doing in class. Students in Miss Cipolla's class taught their parents games to reinforce sight words.



Students in Grades 4 and 5 used our new computer lab to participate in NWEA assessments this week. Students and teachers will set learning goals in Literacy and Math once the assessments are complete.

MAPLE STREET SCHOOL – Maple Street School had its annual open house on Wednesday, September 9, 2015. Families were able to visit their child’s classroom and learn about Vernon Public School’s curriculum, school and classroom events, expectations and goals. Parents also received information on the Family Resource Center, First Choice school based health clinic, PTO, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. We had record numbers of families that attended. The Maple Street Staff wants to thank all families who attended. We really appreciate you supporting our school and your child.



Exciting News: In order to increase communication and to share all the great events that are happening at Maple Street School we are now on Facebook. Please search for us by using Maple Street and give us a like.



NORTHEAST SCHOOL – It may have been a short week, but, man, was it productive! The whole school has been doing a marvelous job working on transitions and routines. You could hear a pin drop in the halls and the classrooms are all abuzz with the students actively learning! The fifth graders have already

begun writing and publishing their first papers, fourth graders are really building their stamina during their reading block and the whole school is enjoying our new chrome books. Not to mention how wonderfully the students are welcoming our new staff members. Ms. Gilchrist's art lessons are engaging and exciting! The students are truly off to a great start!

SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL – Mrs. Manfre donated a “Little Free Library” in front of SRS. Anyone, Adult or Child, is welcome to take a book or leave a book. It has been exciting to see both Adults and children stopping by to borrow books.



The fifth graders at SRS are finishing up their NWEA Testing and the Fourth Grade is beginning to take their test.

Despite the heat the Students and Staff at SRS worked hard. This year we are excited about the addition of our new full day prek class. Mrs. Mientus is now teaching the AM and PM Prek students and Mrs. Zylberman is teaching the full day, full week prek class. We also welcomed Mrs. Wilson to our staff as a Kindergarten teacher, and Mrs. Lapere as our new full time school psychologist.

Up Coming Events:

PTO Meeting : September 17 at 6:30 in the Library

Open House September 29 at 6:30 report directly to your child's class. Children are welcome.

Principals Reading Challenge September 25th during the school day.

LOVELAND HILL SCHOOL - Open House at Loveland Hill School was a huge success! It was a great opportunity for parents and teachers to have a chance to talk about the new school year and begin to set academic and personal goals for the year. Many students came with their families to give tours to their parents of their classrooms. We were so happy to see so many of our students and their families at this year's Open House, and to be able show off how terrific Loveland Hill School is looking as well! Thank you again to everyone who came out. We are looking forward to another outstanding year!



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