

VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – September 4, 2015

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – LINK CREW - Ms. Marinan would like to recognize the 51 members of the Link Crew that spent 8 hours prior to school training for the Freshman Only opening day of school. They were an outgoing, organized, and personable group of juniors and seniors who assisted the incoming freshman in their transition to RHS. Mr. Isaac Bilmes did an outstanding job motivating the incoming Class of 2019 at the beginning of orientation and each member should be commended for their dedication to helping our new class at RHS.

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION - Thanks to the Sykes Foundation, we have a state of the art new addition to the STEM lab - a Mercury III laser engraver! This cabinet houses a 24"x18" work table that uses a 40 watt laser beam that can cut two dimensional objects and can engrave anything from paper to wood, glass and stone. It also bolsters a rotary attachment which can turn your work as it engraves for round objects like drinking glasses. We can't wait to see what this can do!



VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – Ms. Rinaldi's 7th grade classes performed dialogues in the target language during the second week of school. The students' are absorbing the Spanish language so quickly! 😊

Mr. Owens has started his grade eight US History class by involving students in activities to help them learn more about themselves. Students are exploring their strengths, weaknesses, talents and hobbies in order to plan for their dream careers. They have identified attributes such as patience, friendliness, hardworking and focused. Career choices range from dancer, professional athlete, teacher and you tube commentator. Next week they will begin a project that will allow them to set personal goals using their best characteristics in an effort to plan a path to college, career and upstanding citizenship.

CENTER ROAD SCHOOL –The students at Center Road School started the year off the right way this year! The administration, teachers, and staff have been so impressed with how quickly the students are learning the routines of the school year. CRS had many new students this year, and they have all been such a positive addition to our school. We welcome all new and former students, and are ready for a wonderful school year.

The 5th grade students have already started to use the brand new Chromebooks that we received at the start of the year. Center Road School now has three mobile laptop carts, and a brand new computer lab! All of our students will have multiple opportunities this year to use technology to help support new learning.

Students at Center Road School have sure been busy over the summer reading, and completing the summer reading log. Currently students still have time to bring in their reading logs, to earn a special reward. We are so proud of all the students who have already returned their logs to their homeroom teachers. Keep up the great work, and keep on reading!!!

LAKE STREET SCHOOL – The 2015-16 school year is off to a ROARING Start! Many of our students and teachers brought in pictures of themselves reading with Leo over the summer! We're so excited that our students are building upon their practice of continual learning throughout the year.



LSS students (and teachers) are loving our NEW COMPUTER LAB! LSS has new tables and chairs, with additional computers for a full class. The new lab design allows for a more open working space and comfortable set up.

We're getting a JUMP on safety at LSS. On Thursday, Mr. Johnson taught all of our students, PreK-5 our school wide expectations on the bus. Students also practiced how to exit a bus safely in the event of an emergency.

MAPLE STREET SCHOOL – The third graders are off to a fabulous start! We have been busy building a positive classroom environment focusing on routines, procedures and expectations. The students have worked extremely hard to be successful and follow our core values of *be safe, everyone cares, always respectful* and **responsible**. This week we officially began our first units for reading, writing and math. This has been a great beginning.

NORTHEAST SCHOOL – Northeast school is buzzing with learning and laughter! Students are settled into their classrooms and learning the rules and routines. We are focusing on working hard and being nice this year and you can see it in the hallways and classrooms. As well as welcoming children on the first day of school, we also welcomed new staff members. They are making a smooth transition into our Northeast school family. We can't wait to see what fabulous things will transpire in the weeks to come!

SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL –



It has been a great start to the school year. 337 students met at the flag pole the first day of school to do our morning announcements and welcome everyone back for the 2015-2016 School year. We are excited to announce that Mr. Uthgennant will soon be heading to Washington DC to receive the Silver award from the Healthier Generation. While in Washington he has been invited to speak to the Congress about the Healthy changes we have made at SRS. Students are sending in their reading logs to take part in our third annual principals reading challenge. Any student who brings back their reading logs will take part in our Carnival of Reading. There will be games, prizes and the opportunity to throw paint balloons at selected staff members. This will take place on September 25.

Upcoming dates:

Open House is September 29, 2015 6:30 – 7:30

LOVELAND HILL SCHOOL –



LHS would like to thank Lawanna Boissette and her co-worker Josh from Support Enforcement Services in Rockville, CT. LHS was recently adopted by them. The goal of the program is to assist children in their preparation for school by donating notebooks, backpacks, pencils, and other necessary supplies. One of their beliefs is that the success and confidence of any child can be increased if they don't have to worry about being unprepared. The staff and students are very appreciative of the work done by Lawanna and Josh to help make this a great school year!

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.