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GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – January 23, 2015

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – Rockville High School recently held its first Rock-A-Thon, a fun dance event which benefitted the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. Several children representing CCMC were honored. Their inspirational stories were shared with those in attendance. It was a collaborative effort between the RHS Student Council and Parent Ruth Hollm. At the heart of the event was a morale dance, a motivational dance led by students, which was repeated hourly throughout the evening. There were games, raffles, art projects, and performances by the RHS Chorus, Band, and Step Team. The event raised \$3000. There are plans in the works to hold another Rock-A-Thon next year.



Art Department - The RHS Art Department recently had 11 student winners in the Scholastic Art and Writing Show! There were 8 honorable mentions, 1 Silver Key, and 2 Gold Key winners (1 of which was a Gold Key Portfolio).

Unified Sports - We are excited to announce that a new Unified league has been formed, with twelve teams participating. Games will be held once a week. Please come out and support the Rockville High Unified Team!

CCC League Games:

Wednesday, January 28 (3-4:30PM) @ E.O Smith

Thursday, February 5 (3-4:30PM) @ Manchester

Tuesday, February 10 (3-4PM) vs. Simsbury

Thursday, February 26 (3-4PM) vs. Berlin

Thursday, March 5 (3-4:30PM) Scrimmage at RHS (Granby, SW, Bolton)

Monday, March 9 (3-5:30PM) - Tolland Tournament

Friday March 13 (3-5:30PM) - Manchester Tournament

Call-A-Thon

On January 22, Rockville High School held a Call-A-Thon to personally invite all Grade 8 students to attend our 8th Grade Orientation on January 29. All 273 students enrolled at VCMS, Charter/Magnet schools, and incoming Ag Ed students received a phone call or a post card inviting them to the event by one of the 21 RHS staff members that made calls. It was a fantastic way to make personal connections with our students and get them excited about coming to RHS next year!

VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – The past two weeks the VPS elementary fifth graders visited VCMS and had the opportunity to meet several teachers, guidance counselors, main office secretaries and library staff. Several tours were arranged that included having lunch at VCMS and a highlight for each visitor on what a great experience middle school will be for each and every one of them!!! Last week’s visitors included Skinner Road School and Maple Street schools and this week’s visitors were Lake Street School, Center Road School, and Northeast School. The kids had a fantastic time.

Once again the Lady Eagles had a winning victory this time against Timothy Edwards of South Windsor on Wednesday, January 21st, 2015. It was a close game but in the end our Lady Eagles, Hailey Barfield, Maddy Daitch, Chloe Scheff, Julia Somma, Payton Shannon played a fierce game with a winning score of 40 to 35. We would like to “Thank” the amazing students and fans that cheered the game, it was a great crowd!!! A special, “thank you” to our amazing managers, Amanda Muller, Heather Aukstolis and Hailey Torres for all their hard work.

CENTER ROAD SCHOOL – This week all of our students were given the second round of universal screens, and now the staff is in the processing of examining the results. Upon first glance it looks like our students in all grades are making great strides in their reading fluency. The percentage of students who are now considered “low risk” has increased in every grade! Great job, CRS students!

Today is our monthly Spirit Day at CRS! This Friday the theme of our spirit day was Community Service Day. Students in all grades were encouraged to bring in a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Hockanum Valley Food Pantry. In addition, students could wear their Girl Scout or Boy Scout uniform, or wear school colors. Below is just some of the wonderful food that we collected from this successful spirit day! We thank all the families that donated food, and appreciate your continued support of CRS and the community.



LAKE STREET SCHOOL – All about fluency! This week, through Universal Screening, we’re learning how well a student is able to read fluently and accurately. Research indicates fluency as a strong predictor of reading success. This information, with other assessment data, will assist in further targeting our instruction.

LSS Fifth Graders got a glimpse into their future on Wednesday with a visit to VCMS. Students were very excited! They saw LSS friends from past years, learned about lockers and the cafeteria. They are intrigued about the Wood Shop!

It’s Lion’s Dens Friday! All K-5 students went to their assigned ‘den’, with students of mixed grades and classrooms to participate in the den activity. Today, students made snowmen ‘glyphs’. Students chose eye color, nose, buttons, even the scarf design, based upon personal traits. Look for these hanging in the Green Hallway!

MAPLE STREET SCHOOL – This Friday students at Maple Street School participated in a school-wide community building activity. Older students were partnered with younger students and read about Martin Luther King Jr’s “I have a dream” speech. Students then shared their dreams for the future or

what they dream for their country or mankind with their partner. These dreams were placed on colored pieces of paper and then chained together. This long paper chain is now on display for all to see.

NORTHEAST SCHOOL – There certainly was a lot going on this week at Northeast starting with the students learning about why we observed Martin Luther King day on Monday. Students learned about how he wanted all citizens treated equally. On Wednesday, under the guidance Mrs. Baldwin the 3rd grade chorus performed songs that revolved around bears, bees and the meaning of friendship. This was followed by the 4th and 5th grade band. The audience learned about the history of the instruments and listened to some great music. The concert culminated with the 4th and 5th grade chorus instructed by Mrs. Baldwin. Both teachers put a lot of effort into the performance and all of the students rose to the occasion. The winter concert was again performed Thursday night in front of a packed gymnasium as parents, friends, and family were entertained.

SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL – Skinner Road School donated 17 Stop and Shop gift cards to the Local Veterans in Vernon. The fifth grade has pen pals at schools in East Hartford. The students have been going to East Hartford to meet their pen pals and take part in fun educational activities.

This week the students who attend the Vernon Reads Program participated in a Martin Luther King Poster contest. Every week eleven volunteers come to SRS and read with selected students in grades two and three. We can’t thank them enough for all of their support and dedication to our students.

Friday night was the Jamin Jumping Jamboree. This is a Family Fitness Event. Participants had fun using jump ropes, hoop jumpers, twirl “n” jumps, ankle twists, hurdle jumps and long ropes. This fun event was done to the music of Jump In. Skinner Road School is proud of the many fitness events we sponsor during the school year.

LOVELAND HILL SCHOOL - Students and staff at Loveland Hill are excited to have Mrs. Berard back! They've jumped right into their weekly groups with her. One of the activities in which students participated involved perspective. Students were given the same materials and the same directions and asked to make a snowman (see picture). The students then talked about the similarities and differences and why they chose to create their snowman as they did.



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.