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GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – October 3, 2014

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – A very successful College Fair was held on the evening of October 2. Over one hundred colleges were represented with several hundred students from Vernon and surrounding towns attending. The entire Guidance Department did a fabulous job in organizing this event!

VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – The Book Club met for the first time on Monday, Sept. 29th. We discussed Tesla's Attic and made decisions about the books we want to read for the rest of the year. We are going to read some stories about Hurricane Katrina and the events of 9/11. We are also going to read a biography, some fantasy and adventure stories, a graphic novel, and a sports story. At the end of the year, we are having a Battle of the Books event.

The CT History Day Club has begun meeting. This year's broad topic is Leadership and Legacy. Right now the students are working on selecting an area for their research. Some of the ideas that are already proposed are historical medical discoveries, leadership in sports and the legacy of the ancient Greeks.

7th and 8th grade Mathcounts started their Monday meetings after school, all students are welcome. We have fun practicing more advanced math and challenging ourselves in readiness for the regional competition in February.

Talent show auditions are next week which is generating lots of interest - The show is scheduled for November 14th.

CENTER ROAD SCHOOL – Our Kindergarten students had a reading and writing celebration to show off their newly squired reading and writing skills. The celebration included students sharing their written work with one another. We are so proud of the progress our kindergarten students have made this year.

This year CRS is focusing on "filling each other's buckets." During October's Monthly Meeting, Mrs. Poglitsch and Mr. DeBellis read the story "Have You Filled a Bucket Today" to all students. This year all students will be writing down when other children do kind actions for them (filling their bucket) and place it in our school's bucket. As a school we want to see if we can fill our entire bucket before the end of the year with all the nice things we do for each other.

LAKE STREET SCHOOL – Happy Red and White Day at Lake Street School! We are celebrating our Lion Pride with our first School Spirit Day! Our fifth grade Pride Club members led us through our first School Wide Morning Meeting of the year. The Pride Club reviewed our



Our focus expectations for the first trimester are Respect and Safety. Students can earn Golden Tickets for demonstrating above and beyond behaviors following our expectations. For example, two students are showing our expectations while the rest of their class is not. Those two students are going above and beyond in modeling our expectations. Those students may receive a Golden Ticket! Students can place their ticket in a drawing for an activity of their choosing. Pride Club members led students and staff in different verses of Boom Chicka Boom; quiet verse, Mickey Mouse verse and the underwater verse!

Our Morning Meeting concluded with our school song, The Feeling of Success! It is a great beginning for the last day of a terrific week!

MAPLE STREET SCHOOL – Maple Street held its first Recognition Assembly on Tuesday. Students who exhibited the core value of Being Safe for the month were given star student bracelets and certain classes were given the Cleanest Classroom, Best Hallway Behavior, Best Specials Behavior, and Best Cafeteria Behavior awards. Many parents attended and were able to applaud students for positive behavior. Ms. Trantolo encouraged all students to work towards next month's assembly which will celebrate caring students.



NORTHEAST SCHOOL – Does Northeast ever stop celebrating?! We ended last week with our annual Ice Cream Social! Mrs. Greene and the teachers enjoyed topping those sundaes off with pure sugary goodness and sending students off to enjoy their Friday night! On Sunday, several students and staff worked off that ice cream by running in Mrs. Buchanan's 5K honoring our first responders. It was truly a sight to see! We also welcomed back our art teacher, Ms. McGinley as Mrs. Malloy; she was a stunning bride! The Northeast School cheerleaders are in full swing and just had their first practice! The surrounding homes asked us to keep it down---our spirit just can't be held back! Come down and visit Northeast this week! All of the classrooms are abuzz with new SMARTboard lessons! The students countdown till math now, instead of recess!

SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL – Skinner Road School should start a Baseball Team! Mrs. Simon spent a lot of time in the water on Tuesday when SRS students who read got a chance to throw a ball at the target on the dunk tank.



Mrs. Cavar has put together a short video preview which can be seen on you tube by following this hyperlink: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9BO-zkhrbc&feature=youtu.be>

On Thursday October 2nd, Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Clark were invited to a meeting at the Marco Polo Restaurant for the RSVP Vernon Reads Program. The program is run through the CRT (Community Renewal Team). Senior Volunteers come to school one day per week and read with students. This valuable program helps our children learn to read. Mrs. Simon had been invited to speak to the group. She brought them a Thank You on behalf of Dr. Conway and the entire administrative team in Vernon. Anyone interested in joining this dynamic team can contact Theresa Strong at the following email address: strongt@crtct.org

LOVELAND HILL SCHOOL - The primary grade class has been conducting science experiments with air. They have learned that air is a gas and is all around us. The students experimented with different objects and saw how pressure from compressed air can move these objects. The students really enjoyed the hands on learning.

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.