



# VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – November 6, 2015

**ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION** -On Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Brodersen and the Rockville FFA Poultry team hosted a Poultry CDE, (Career Development Event) workshop at the Ag Center for 5 teams from several other FFA Chapters.

Dr. Michael Darre, UCONN Extension Poultry Specialist was the guest presenter. The workshop covered many topics including: evaluating live birds for production potential as well as ready to cook poultry and grading eggs. Teams will compete at the State FFA Poultry CDE at UCONN on Friday, November 6, 2015. Go Rockville!

**FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES** - The Child Development and Childhood Education classes were very excited about the opening of nursery school on Wednesday, November 4. Students have been planning and preparing activities for the preschoolers in the three-year old program in Mrs. Goff's room and the four-year old program in Mrs. Reilly's room. Children will be attending on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:30-11:30 am. Students have also assisted with the parent orientation and have met many of the children as they have stopped by for a visit.

**RHS MARCHING BAND** -The Rockville High School Marching Band has enjoyed another very successful fall season. In addition to performing at all home football games, the Marching Ram Band competed seven times at various local marching band competitions throughout the state.

This past weekend the Rockville Band finished 3rd in New England and 1st of all Connecticut bands in their division at the USBands New England Regional Competition held in Veterans' Memorial Stadium in New Britain. Performing their popular "West Side Story" field show, the Marching Band received its highest competition score in the past ten years.

**LIBRARY** - The Rockville High School Library Club is off to a great start this school year. Approximately 34 students have volunteered in the Library for a total of 138 hours during the first marking quarter. Many of these students are on their way to meeting their community service goals. The Library Club members will be having an after school social with a game party planned for that afternoon, in the RHS Library from about 3 to 6 P.M. on November 13th. Students interested in attending should sign up in the Library.

### **SPORTS (Courtesy of TheSportsDept.com Weekly Local Sports Update)**



The SportsDept.com's Star Of The Game From the Week Ending 10/30 is Rockville High senior linebacker/wide receiver Jake Wilson who helped the Rams to their first victory of the season last Friday at Fermi. Wilson caught two touchdown passes, a two-point conversion and had 13 tackles and an interception in the Rams' 18-0 victory.

**VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL** – 6th grade students in Mrs. Cook's American Popular Music class have been learning about artists such as Chuck Berry, Aretha Franklin, and The Beatles. Students have been working with music vocabulary during class discussions and also applying the vocabulary in writing assignments. Students work with technology on Fridays in this course. Some students are researching important events of an artist of their choice and working to create a timeline of their career. Other students are writing a fan letter to an artist of their choice applying music vocabulary from the course and referencing least three specific songs from that artist. Some students are using Chromebooks for this research. Other students are bringing in their own technology from home to become more familiar with the ways to use these devices within our building.

Kevin Burgos, a student in Ms. Hart's ROPES Math class, had the opportunity to be the student teacher of the block this week. He enjoyed doing it so much that he reported that he wants to become a teacher! Now he is always looking for chances to teach...

Spirit Week was a huge success! Students and staff participated in the following SPIRIT days:

Monday- Dress like a twin/triplet

Tuesday- Wacky Hair

Wednesday- Neon Day

Thursday- Grade Level Color Wars

Friday- Favorite Sports Team Day

We ended Spirit Week with the "Dress the Staff Event" in which students voted for staff members to dress in Halloween Costumes. Students voted from Monday-Thursday, using over 600 SOAR cards, to pick a staff member to wear the costumes. In total, there were 25 staff members who dressed up in costumes, transforming into Roman Gods, Superman, Batman, Bacon, and a Hot Dog. Even Little Red Riding Hood and The Big Bad Wolf made an appearance. Students and staff had a lot of fun!

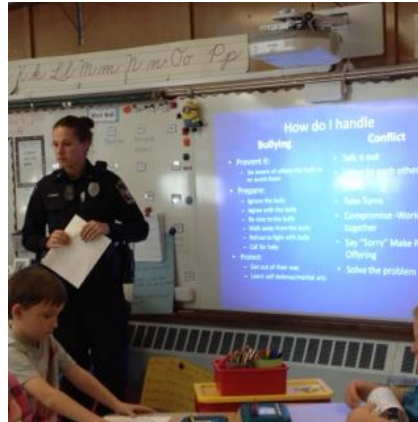
On Friday, November 6, students at VCMS will be performing Twisted Oz at our 2015 Talent Show. The show will start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$2. Students and staff will be sharing their talents with the world!

**CENTER ROAD SCHOOL** – The students at Center Road are working hard this year to help out the community around them. From October 19<sup>th</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup>, students hosted a coat and clothing drive to help Cornerstone provide warm clothes for the upcoming season. In this short amount of time, the CRS students collected a total of 71 coats, 134 tops, 114 pairs of pants, 6 dresses, and 29 pairs of mittens, hats, and shoes. The next mission for the Center Road Students is to host a food drive. The CRS challenge is to collect more food than Mr. DeBellis weighs! Good luck!



Some 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are preparing for a Word's Master competition at the end of the month. Students are learning some great new words such as tyrant, bungle, foe, ecstatic, and gasp. Students are creating pictures to help them learn the words, and are also working collaboratively to prepare for the competition. Students are very excited and proud about the work they are doing.

**LAKE STREET SCHOOL** – Officer Friendly (otherwise known as Officer Michelle Landry) is at LSS this week! She’s talking to students in all classes on a variety of topics. This third grade class is learning about the difference between conflict and bullying. Students role played different scenarios to engage their new learning. Students also learned strategies for dealing with each of these.



Our Thursday afterschool clubs are in full swing. Students in Sra. Merrow’s Spanish Club are learning the basics in a class immersed in Spanish. Mrs. DeAngelo is hosting the School Newspaper Club. The members decided the culminating paper will feature jokes, horoscopes and advice!

VPS Marathon ran through LSS! Charlie Chatterton made his annual trek among all of the Vernon Schools, culminating in a total of 26.2 miles! Charlie stopped by to run with our fourth and fifth grade students before refueling with chocolate milk. Next stop – VCMS!



**MAPLE STREET SCHOOL** – On Thursday students at Maple Street School in grades 3-5 supported Mr. Chatterton’s marathon goal. Students ran one mile with Mr. Chatterton to raise support and awareness for the 46.7 million Americans living at or below the poverty line in the United States. Students had a great time getting physically fit for a cause.





**NORTHEAST SCHOOL** – School is in full swing here at Northeast! As you walk down the halls I can hear the \*ding\* of positive Class Dojo points, I see SMART boards and chrome books being used to enrich our learning and happy faces all around.

After a day off, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade went on a field trip this week to the New England Air Museum. They had a chance to show off how respectful and responsible Northeast students could be as well as learn about aerodynamics!

**SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL** – Congratulations to the Skinner Road School Hartford Marathon Team for a job well done! The Seventh Annual running of the Vernon Schools Marathon was held Thursday November 5, 2015. About 10 years ago, Mr. Charlie Chatterton became involved in Brake the Cycle of Poverty, a poverty awareness program for cyclers. Mr. Chatterton expanded this to incorporate running and began raising money through marathons to raise awareness. This is how the Vernon School Marathon was born! Thursday morning, members of the Skinner Road School Marathon Team helped send off Mr. Chatterton on his seventh marathon in Vernon by running his first mile with him. Members of the team also welcomed Dr. Chatterton back by joining in his final mile. Congratulations on a job well done to the Skinner Road School Marathon team for helping Dr. Chatterton emphasize the importance of youth fitness and supporting those in need!



**LOVELAND HILL SCHOOL** - The students in Mrs. Piazza’s class are finishing reading the book *No Talking* by Andrew Clements. It is a story about fifth grade students who challenge each other to a boys versus girls “no talking” contest. While reading this book, students have gained an interesting perspective of language and communication. Students have been considering ways in which to replicate such a contest by exploring methods to communicate without talking. Following the completion of the book, students will be presented with the challenge of researching a topic and reporting on it without speaking.

**NEXT STEP** - State Representative, Claire Janowski, was a welcomed guest speaker for Next STEP participants on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. She spoke about the importance of voting and how each and every vote matters. The Adult Daily Living Lesson (ADL) for the week was interviewing techniques. Students participated in mock interviews. This week’s ADL lesson is phone skills. The student led cooking lesson is Mexican lasagna.



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