



# VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – November 7, 2014

**ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – Athletics** - Haley Hasty finished 4th in the State Open Cross Country Meet. She will represent RHS in the New England Championship Cross Country Meet on Saturday, 11/8/14, at Wickham Park. Her race starts at 12:30 PM.

**New England Poet-of-the-Year Competition** - Each year, the New England Association of Teachers of English sponsors a Poet-of-the-Year Competition. Finalists are chosen by a panel of judges and invited to read their poetry at a session at the annual NEATE Fall Conference in October 2014. Congratulations to Vicky Nordlund who was selected as a finalist for her submission.

**World Languages Department** - Our Fruit Sale begins today November 7, 2014, and runs through December 1, 2014. This fundraiser benefits various student activities and field trips this year to Montreal and Germany. Please contact [David.Ferrer@VernonCT](mailto:David.Ferrer@VernonCT) for additional information. Thank you.

**GSA** - Thanks to all who supported the GSA raffle this past week. We are well on our way to raising enough money to attend True Colors in March at UCONN.

**Ag Ed** - On Wednesday November 5th, two Ag Ed staff members and 12 Ag Ed students attended the Career Night at the University of Connecticut, College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources. Students were professionally dressed and attended an informational session for high school students at CAHNR as well as a career fair at the Wilbur Cross building where they met with CAHNR alumni and career representatives. This was an informative evening for our students as they explore college and careers.

**Art** - The RHS Art department is proud to announce we have a launched an Instagram for the art department. You may follow us @ RHSARTDEPT to see some amazing student artwork from all our course offerings.

**Special Education Department:** - The ABL class visited the Legislative Office Building and the State Capitol on Monday November 3, 2014. We participated in a guided tour that included the history of the building, stories about the monuments and statues, sitting in the House of Representatives Chambers and the Senate Chambers. While in the Senate Chambers, each student got to sit in their special 'wishing chair' behind the podium and make a wish. We also had a special visit with Senator Gary LeBeau. The students were complimented several times on their outstanding behavior! The trip has sparked some thoughtful questions and we were given some materials on how a bill becomes a law that we will continue to learn about.  
Everyone had a great time!

The RHS Library, in support of National Bullying Prevention Month (Oct.), has added a number of highly recommended teen Books (in both EBOOK format and print format) that support teens and are related to GLBTQ and Anti-bullying issues. These can be found by searching the RHS DESTINY online catalog which is accessibly from inside ASPEN under the QUEST tab, or accessible from the school library website.

**VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL** – The VCMS Fuel Up to Play 60 team held their first Capture the Flag tournament after school on October 29th. We had a phenomenal turnout. There were about 175 students that participated, and many students that came to watch and cheer on their friends. The students demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Congratulations to our winning team "The FBI". Thank you to all of the teachers that came out to enjoy the games. We look forward to hosting more activities throughout the year.

Thirty eighth-grade girls from VCMS attended the Multiply Your Options STEM/Engineering conference at UCONN on November 3. The girls spent the day experimenting with different STEM topics, such as engineering a robotic hand, isolating DNA, constructing galvanic cells, and exploring polymer and materials science. After the experimental break-out sessions, students were able to speak with professionals in the STEM industry. The day concluded with an address by Vice Provost Sally Reis about the qualities of talented women and their role as influential leaders who make the world a better place.



**CENTER ROAD SCHOOL** – This weekend the Center Road Community is having a Memorial Service for our beloved former principal Mary Jo Myslinski. The ceremony will be held from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday at Center Road School. During this service we will be unveiling our new library in honor of her.

The 3rd grade students celebrated their fantastic writing ability by having a grade wide author share. Every student had the opportunity to read pieces of their writing to other students. The students were very proud of their work, and the teachers were all impressed by their students published pieces.

**LAKE STREET SCHOOL** – Fourth grade students enjoyed a field trip to the New England Air Museum today. They enjoyed learning about the various aircraft and engines. There were many special exhibits on display also.



**MAPLE STREET SCHOOL** – This week at MSS we had our PBIS assembly recognizing students who exhibited the core value of everyone cares. MSS had over 188 students recognized at this assembly. Over 72 parents were in attendance to share in the celebration. All month long students modeled acts of caring. Students' generous acts of caring were acknowledged over the morning announcements. During the month on November students will be working on our core value of always respectful.

**NORTHEAST SCHOOL** – It has been another amazing week here at Northeast School. On Wednesday, we had an assembly to honor our Veterans. Students made 578 thoughtful cards and they had the opportunity to read some of their work to the Veterans. As a result of all of their hard work, Northeast School won this month's Superintendent's challenge! Way to go NES!! An additional thank you came from Mrs. Meyer's class as they created a bulletin board thanking Veterans for their service.

On Friday, students will be participating in the Arithmetickles Assembly. It is an interactive math game that shows students interesting and exciting ways to apply mathematical concepts. Bring your dancing shoes and your costumes and join us for Northeast School's family dance Friday night from 6:00-7:30. A spectacular time will be had by all!



**SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL** – Skinner Road School students practiced how to jump out of a bus in an emergency. Bus safety is important for all students to learn. We practice good bus behavior in our PBIS program. A number of students received bus certificates for good bus behavior.



**LOVELAND HILL SCHOOL** - Ms. Petty's middle school class at Loveland Hill School has been very busy. Students continue to enjoy Social Studies enrichment through their subscriptions to Action Magazine, exploring current events in a relaxed, teaming style. We took the opportunity to incorporate a quadrant plotting math lesson into decorating our "haunted" classroom. Also, in our continuing study of Earth Science, we made shield, cinder cone, and composite volcanoes, and previewed a small chemistry lesson as we simulated volcanic activity. We are most happy to report that all students earned passing grades for the entire quarter.

