



# VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – March 27, 2015

**ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION** - Ray Frost's CCE STEM class designed and built a functioning casting furnace. The system was deemed completed on Wednesday this week when the class poured their first set of ingot aluminum bars. Tech Ed now has the ability to take old aluminum car parts, melt them down and pour that aluminum into a mold to make something new. This process simulates those currently used manufacturing processes today, such as sand casting and lost foam casting, and the machining of ingots into useable parts. The aluminum parts are free, generated from the Power Auto class's disposable engine parts. We can now recycle parts in house. Do you like recycling? We do too! That is why the furnace is powered by a waste oil burner, also designed and built by students of Tech Ed.

Similar in design to the oil burner that heats your house, the waste oil is generated from the Power Auto class oil changes, keeping the whole process in house.



**FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES** - Twenty-nine children ages 3-5 participate in two student run preschool programs at Rockville High School. The program meets on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 9:30-11:30am. High School students who have enrolled in the Child Development and Childhood Education classes learn about young children through planning for and observing of the growth and development of the preschool aged children. RHS students can also earn college credit for completion of the two courses. Rockville High School also offers those interested in pursuing a career in working with young children the ability to participate in an Early Childhood Career Cluster which includes job shadowing, resume writing and portfolio development.

**VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL** – Thirty students are competing in the Connecticut History Day/National History Day regional competition on Saturday, March 28. The competition involves researching and presenting material about a leader and his/her legacy in exhibit, documentary, website, performance or paper formats. This was a challenging, long-

term commitment and we commend all the students who completed their projects and are participating in the competition. Some of our topics are: History of the Telephone, Vladimir Lenin, Title 9 Legislation, The Discovery of Anesthesia, Langston Hughes, Nikola Tesla, Walt Disney, Evolving Democracy, and many more....

Twenty eight students submitted essays to the CHET Dream Big Competition in March. The topic was, "How I Will Change The World After College". We will know in May if any of our students have won either a \$500 or a \$1000 prize. Wish us luck!

**CENTER ROAD SCHOOL** –Students at Center Road School recently honored our school nurses, custodians, cafeteria staff, and school secretaries at our monthly meeting. Students from all grade levels wrote thank you cards to them, and many of them shared these letters out loud during the assembly. In addition, 4 students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade who are in the Student Council, created and performed their own skit on the importance of sticking-up for each other.

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are working hard in physical education on creating their own dances, and are performing them this week.

**LAKE STREET SCHOOL** – LSS is the lucky recipient of six computers, donated by a parent. The computers are going into classrooms for student use. We are very grateful and excited to expand our technology!

Parents and teachers, K-5, are coming together this week to discuss student progress, academically and socially. The best we can do for our students is to come together as partners in the education of children.

LSS students in Grades 3-5 are showing their stuff with SBAC testing this week! Students are diligent in their work and are quickly mastering the login procedures!

**MAPLE STREET SCHOOL** – This week at Maple Street School third graders participated in a reading comprehension program provided by The Hartford Stage Company. For one hour each day students worked on comprehension skills through interactive, dramatic activities. One day students collaborated in small groups to create "tableaus." The name of this strategy comes from a term that means "living picture." In this activity, students create a still picture, without talking, to capture and communicate the meaning of a concept. Students were enthusiastic learners throughout the program.



**NORTHEAST SCHOOL** – We had many events happening this week at Northeast School! Penny Palooza has started! This fundraiser was created in hopes of purchasing new recess equipment for the school. The class with the most pennies wins a prize! You can sabotage other classes by adding quarters, dimes, nickels and dollars to subtract from the competition's total. The Book Fair is in full swing and there is a huge variety of wonderful books and supplies on sale for purchase. The first grade went on a field trip to the Trash Museum in Hartford. The students really enjoyed their time there and learned how to reduce, reuse and recycle. They used recycled materials to create works of art and wrote rave reviews of their field trip. The Vernon Public Schools Annual Art Show had their grand opening on Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>! It is being held at Vernon Community Arts Center on the corner of Center Road and Hartford Turnpike. The show will be up until April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL** – The SRS Science Fair was a huge hit this year. Over 200 students, parents, grandparents and staff toured the projects in the gym. SRS was very excited to be recognized as a School of Distinction for the Connecticut Invention Convention.



SRS is pleased to announce that we have applied for the Silver Recognition for the Alliance for A Healthy Generation. We should hear in a few weeks if we qualify.

**LOVELAND HILL SCHOOL** - The primary grade students took a mini field trip into the high school to watch the Intro to Musical Theatre students practice their performances. Students were treated to a variety of musical performances including songs from Cinderella and Mary Poppins. A great time was had by all. A special thank you to Rachel Shuttleworth for allowing us the opportunity to come!

*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.*