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GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – March 6, 2015

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – POETRY OUT LOUD COMPETITION - Congratulations to Rockville High School Senior Erin Gonyeau. Erin competed in the Northern Regional Poetry Out Loud Competition at Cheney Hall in Manchester on March 3. She was selected as a finalist. She will now compete for title of State Champion on March 10 at CCSU. Best of luck Erin!! Erin Gonyeau is pictured third from the left.



POETRY - Rockville High School junior, Mallory Chabre is a finalist in the eighth annual High School Poetry Prize Competition, sponsored by the Poetry Center at Smith College for sophomore and junior girls in New England. This is a very prestigious contest that very few public schools have the honor of winning. Mallory will read her winning poem, "Tuesdays" on April 7th at Smith College's Weinstein Auditorium.

RHS MARCHING BAND - Rockville High School Marching Band just returned from Walt Disney World in Orlando Florida, where they had the opportunity to showcase their talents in a parade at Magic Kingdom. The band is under the direction of Mr. Darcy Davis.



AG ED DEPARTMENT - FFA members from Rockville attended a public hearing at the State Capitol this week. Our own Samantha Fazzino testified on behalf of Agri-Science centers to reallocate funds in the Governor's budget in support of Agricultural Education. She submitted a written testimony prior to the hearing, which she then presented in person to the members of the Appropriations Committee. The Ag Department also held a "Diversity Committee" meeting to brainstorm ideas to increase the diversity of students applying to the program. In addition, two members of the Ag staff attended the "Perennial Plant Conference" at the University of Connecticut.



PHOTOGRAPHY - There is a RHS student photography exhibit at Starbucks in Storrs, which is located directly across from E.O. Smith High School on Rt. 195. The exhibit displays some of the amazing talent of our photography students. We are the first high school to display our work here. The exhibit will be available for viewing until Friday March 20.



ATHLETICS - The BCR (Bolton, Coventry, Rockville, RHAM) hockey team qualified for the CCC tournament and will play March 6th 3:30 at UConn vs. E.O. Smith Tolland. If they win, they will play in the CCC South Championship game on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. at Trinity College.

Competing against runners from all six New England states, Haley Hasty placed 12th in the 1000 meter race and 11th in the 3200 meter race. She will compete at the Nationals in New York on March 13th.

VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – On March 6th and 7th three brave musicians represented VCMS in the Eastern Region Middle School Music Festival. Sierra Dickson participated in the treble choir as a soprano. Jerome Jacobs played cello in the orchestra. Chloe Scheff played tuba in the band. These talented students rehearsed intensively for two days with respected guest conductors. The weekend culminated with a performance at the end of the festival. The students earned the honor to participate in this musical experience by receiving a high score at an audition in November 2014 where they competed against other top notch musicians from other parts of the state. VCMS is extremely proud to have these students representing the music department!

Students in Mrs. Hoyt's 6th grade science classes are learning about sustainability through an inter-district cooperative grant facilitated by EASTCONN. During this lesson, students were taking various items and combining them to create a compost pile. Over the next few weeks, they will be observing their compost pile to see if the various ingredients are decomposing, measuring temperature and graphing their results.

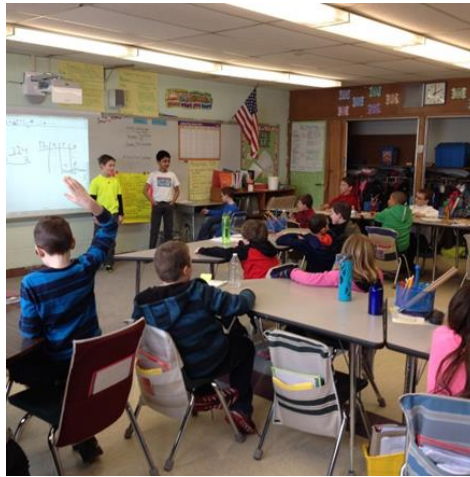


CENTER ROAD SCHOOL –Today Center Road School celebrated Read Across America Day! The day began with all students being greeted by the famous Cat and a Hat and Thing 1 as they entered CRS. From there, the entire student body met in the gym for a whole school assembly. While there, students took the Reader's Oath, and listened to, as well as interacted with, Horton Hatches an Egg which was read by various staff members. Once this was done, students returned to class where they read on their

own. They were also visited by guest readers throughout the day. We thank all the parents, community members, and Central Office staff members who read with our students on this very special day.

The students in 1st grade have been working incredibly hard on their “All About” projects. Each student had to research their topic, and then present what they learned and knew about their subject to the class. Some subject areas that our students became experts on were: tigers, elephants, our solar system, and the human body. During the presentations, the classroom teachers were so proud of their students, that they literally had tears of joy! We are so proud of the work that our first grade students are doing.

Center Road School is now in the market of training future teachers! In the absence of their classroom teacher (there was a substitute of course) two 4th grade students taught an entire math lesson to their class. The Learning Target for the class was: “I will use my knowledge of place value and multiplication so that I can multiply 3 digits and 4 digits by 1 digit.” The two students did an outstanding job, and the other students were wonderful during the lesson. We can’t wait to hire these two students as fulltime teachers in about 12 years!



LAKE STREET SCHOOL – The LSS Family Literacy Night and Read Across America event – Catch the Reading Wave – is postponed to next Thursday, March 12th because of weather this week! We kept our spirit and celebration of Dr. Seuss alive by reading lots of his books!

Both Kindergarten classes made Oobleck today, inspired by Bartholomew and the Oobleck, but Dr. Seuss. Want to give it a try? Follow this simple recipe: <http://www.food.com/recipe/dr-seuss-oobleck-289923>

MAPLE STREET SCHOOL – This week second graders began a new math module where they learned strategies to use when adding and subtracting within 200 with word problems to 100. In writing they are continuing with their animal research papers and starting to put all the information they gathered down into a rough draft form. In science are studying sand and silt. We will do some experiments to show how silt is formed and what it feels like!

In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, Mrs. Goldsmith, grade 1, invited parents in to read their favorite Dr. Seuss story. Students also completed literacy activities aligned to the CCSS and Dr. Seuss stories. Students then wrote their own Dr. Seuss story, focusing on a grabber opening sentence, 3 detail sentences and a concluding sentence.

NORTHEAST SCHOOL – It has been a Seuss-tastical week here at NES. Teachers and students worked extremely hard on the annual door decorating contest for Dr. Seuss' birthday. The winners were Ms. Doyle, Mrs. Pelletier, Mrs. Sklenar and Mrs. Warner.

Second grade students have been working on biographies. They each picked a famous person to research and they wrote a biography on them. Finally, they created their person using a bottle. These projects are displayed in the library for all to see.

Third grade students have had the opportunity to work with Hartford Stage this week in a program called Wilma Unlimited. Students have been learning all about theater, acting, and how to overcome obstacles. Students are having a blast.



SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL – Congratulations to Aniyah and Jonathan who were recognized at a CAS Dinner for their outstanding work in the area of Art and Music.



LOVELAND HILL SCHOOL - Ms. Petty's class continues to stay very busy. Sixth grader, River, asked that his improvement and great performance in math fluency be reported and shared with the district. He is ready to move to the division portion of the Xtramath program and feels very proud! The class is in the process of making the switch from Type to Learn to Typing.com for our keyboarding skills, and students like it because they are allowed to retake assessments until they are happy with their score, then save them. This program is also accessible through the Vernon website, under the Student tab, Technology Resources link, Typing Web. Finally, our awesome Art teacher, Miss Sabal, finished a fun robot-head project with the students.



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.