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GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK –April 10 , 2015

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – POETRY - The 9th Annual RHS Poetry Competition was held on April 9, where our school's most talented poets recited original work for the title of RHS Poet Champion. The five finalists were: Mallory Chabre, Winona Scheff, Marilyn Lowell, Kylie Kearney, and Kayleigh Perkins. Congratulations to the RHS Poetry Slam Champion, Marilyn Lowell!

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - Over the past two weeks, many Ag Ed students assisted in a successful Easter Lily sale. Mr. Brodersen and Mrs. Harlow attended CPR training. Many students are preparing the advertising for the "Fill the Tractor" food drive that will be held April 27th through May 1st to benefit HVCC.

VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – The eighth grade students have been working on an interdisciplinary unit studying the American National Identity. As a culminating activity in both language arts and social studies, students will be putting to use many skills they've honed throughout the year. They will focus their research on an important person of their choice and conduct physical text and online research in order to judge whether they fit their definition of what it means to be American.

In Miss Angello and Mr. Savignano's classes, students began this research unit by exploring the American National Identity throughout different eras in American history.



This spring several students took on the challenge of the Stock Market Game. In the simulation, students receive a virtual \$100,000 and are tasked with investing it. They learned about public versus private companies, stocks, mutual bonds and diversification. VCMS students were tasked to invest at least half of their cash into 10 or more stocks and 2 mutual funds. Students discovered how harsh the stock market was this spring as they continuously saw the value of their stocks decline. They enjoyed looking for other companies that they value in which to invest. The VCMS student with the highest total equity at the end of the game on 4/10 with \$98,920.10 is Adelaide Adjabeng-Ankrah. Stocks she chose to invest in were Alcoa Inc., Apple, Amazon, Blackberry Ltd, Delta Air Lines Inc., Walt Disney Co., Dunkin' Brands Group Inc., and 21st Century Fox Inc.

CENTER ROAD SCHOOL –During our April monthly meeting, Kindergarten students showed off their super reading powers! Students arrived to the meeting all wearing their "superhero" reading capes, and told other students of all the great reading strategies they have learned over the year. We are very proud of all our super Kindergarten readers! They have been working hard this year, and it is really paying off for them.

The totals are in, and the students at Center Road School raised \$4,778 for the American Heart Association during Jump Rope for Heart. This was an increase of over \$1,000 from last year! This week we presented the check to a representative from the American Heart Association. During this

presentation the representative told the students that their donations will help save the lives of people with heart disease! Great job CRS students!!!

The Center Road School Cheerleaders made their debut this week to all students in grades PreK-5. The six 5th grade girls have worked hard over the past few months to prepare the perfect cheer that included Center Road's core values. The cheerleaders were a big hit, and have been already asked to prepare a new cheer to kick-off our school-wide reading event.



LAKE STREET SCHOOL – What a fabulous week at LSS with many celebrations of student learning: Third Grade students celebrated the culmination of their fairy tale unit by hosting their first annual Evening of Fairy Tales! Students read their personally spun fairy tales (such as The Three Bulls and Sponge Bob and the Step-Ugly) to their parents. Afterwards, student in individual classes participated in Readers' Theater versions of fairly spun yarns. Everyone loved the celebration!

Thursday night we all celebrated MATH with the LSS MATH CARNIVAL!! Kids of all ages (including the grown kind) were able to write code, make catapults, play Math bowling and ring toss! We all enjoyed a wonderful time looking for real life examples of the scavenger hunt. Congratulations to Chase Mullen, who made the best estimation of the animal crackers in the container!

Fifth grade students journeyed to the CT Science Center this week. Favorite exhibit? Grossology! Students learned up close and personal how the sinuses function. Students even made their own slime!



MAPLE STREET SCHOOL – On April 2nd students at Maple Street School wore blue for Autism Awareness Month. Mrs. Robin's class was very fortunate to have one of our student's mothers come in and read the story "My Brother Charlie". This story was about autism. Students were then able to ask great questions and learn more about autism. It was a great afternoon today in Team 21!



NORTHEAST SCHOOL – Pennies, pennies, everywhere there were pennies! Student Council sponsored a Penny Palooza fundraiser to enable the school to purchase playground equipment. Each class had its own jar for their pennies. The class with the most money earned a free recess and a special surprise treat. Aha – but there was a twist! Students could sabotage another class’ jar which would cancel out an equal number of pennies. Many rolls of pennies could be seen being added on the last day – even a BRICK of pennies (\$25.00 – that’s 2500 pennies) was put into a jar!!! Students earned \$1,480.00! Way to go Northeast School Students! The winning class was Mrs. Sklenar’s first grade students. Congratulations.

Second grade students went on a Field Trip to Theater Works in West Hartford. The students saw 7 fables and identified the moral of each story. Everyone enjoyed themselves and wanted to go back soon!

Homework Club is up and running. Students in grades K - 5 are receiving extra help twice a week for one hour after school. Vernon Reads continues once a week for an hour after school for students in grades 2, 3, & 5 to have the opportunity to read to adults.

SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL – It has been a busy and exciting week at Skinner Road School. On Tuesday the second grades went to Lincoln Theater in Hartford for a puppet show on fables. Ned the YoYo Person came to our school and demonstrated her tricks with yoyo’s. She explained that NED stands for Never Give UP, Encourage Others, and Do Your Best Work. The show was wonderful. All this week we have had the opportunity to purchase a NED YOYO. The proceeds from the sale of the yoyo’s go towards another school getting the free NED Show. On Wednesday evening Jim Harriman, our favorite story teller came to Maple Street School and performed a book for second graders. This is the second year that Skinner Road School has partnered with Maple Street and the Library for this fantastic event. A special thank you goes out to the Vernon Public Library and Mrs. Kearney for making this event happen. We wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe April Break.

LOVELAND HILL SCHOOL - Room 138 at Loveland Hill School has been studying the elements of a story through familiar fairy tales. Or are they familiar? Our class has been reading different renditions of common fairy tales and comparing the elements, like alternative versions of The Frog Prince and Little Red Riding Hood. These alternative stories have given the students different perspectives from different characters. What is it like to be the prince after the couple has been united in marriage? Perhaps he longs to be a frog again! Our students have also been reading the story of Cinderella from different countries. Egypt, Korea and the United States all have a version of Cinderella and the students have been exploring how the characters, settings and problems in the story alter between cultures. Do you think you know the story of Cinderella? Think again!

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