



# VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## **GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – April 2, 2015**

**ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL** – RHS has many great **COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES** available for students. **Please see the list below:**

1. Mrs. Spadaccini is looking for students to help at the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at The Mason Lodge, 141 Orchard Street, Ellington on Thursday, April 9 from 4:00-8:00 p.m., please email her at [michspad@comcast.net](mailto:michspad@comcast.net) if you are interested in helping out.
2. Lake Street is looking for help with their Family Math Night, April 9th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.. Please contact Mrs. Lisa Parent at [lisa.parent@vernonct.org](mailto:lisa.parent@vernonct.org)
3. Volunteers will gather to do a little spring cleaning at the Strong Family Farm on Saturday, April 11th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Both in barn and outdoor projects are planned. Grounds work, barn work and sprucing up the farm are just a few of the projects waiting to be done in order to get the farm ready for the Strong Farm Chicken Run the next day (<http://www.strongfarmchickenrun.org>). Dress appropriately and bring your favorite work gloves and rake, along some yummy food to share for the pot luck lunch that will be served. Many hands make light work and any amount of time will be appreciated. Volunteers are also needed the next morning to help with the Chicken Run. For more information email [info@strongfarm.org](mailto:info@strongfarm.org) or call 860-874-9020.
4. The senior center is looking for a “tech” volunteer who could provide an iPad tutorial. See Ms. Marinan in the school counseling for contact information
5. Senior citizens need assistance with yard work/snow removal/summer gardening, etc, please see Ms. Marinan if interested
6. Faith, Hope, and Joy is locally based charity that helps both Haitian and Dominican children living in the Dominican Republic. We provide food for kids at school and medical care. We are seeking volunteers to help us with a variety of fun projects. We have an upcoming charity yard sale and need help: collecting donations, sorting, boxing, moving, tagging, baking, selling, and lots of help on a Friday and Saturday in May for the main event. We also need people to create a Facebook page and manage social media for the event, make flyers, posters, collection boxes, and signs. We have different jobs for any interest. We also host two charity soccer events each year and need volunteers to help make those fundraisers successful. Check out our website at [faithhopeandjoy.org](http://faithhopeandjoy.org) or on Facebook. Please contact Rachel to schedule any volunteer activities or ask more questions about how you can make a difference in lives of the children we support. [Rachel@faithhopeandjoy.org](mailto:Rachel@faithhopeandjoy.org) or 860-455-8177.
7. Maple Street needs babysitters for monthly parent meetings, contact Mrs. Perry at [atmamaperry@comcast.net](mailto:atmamaperry@comcast.net)
8. Babysitters at Northeast School on the first Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:00 p.m., please email Kimberly Derosier at [Kmoon117@comcast.net](mailto:Kmoon117@comcast.net)
9. Center Road School - looking for volunteers for a variety of things. Please contact Kelley Mathes at [kelleycat5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kelleycat5@sbcglobal.net)

**VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL** – On Thursday, March 26, several VCMS students attended the Spring Journalism and Technology Workshop at the Hartford Courant. They learned about the 3 parts of a news package- the voice over and research, the interview and the stand up. Students practiced using an iPad to record video to use in their package and learned many tips and met both Matt Scott and Joe Furey, two meteorologists from Fox CT News. Students completed research on frozen zoos which they will use to produce a news package for science class and eventually submit to Fox CT News. Students enjoyed the workshop and learned a lot!



**CENTER ROAD SCHOOL** –This week our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in Center Road’s 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Invention Convention. Our students critically thought about current problems they encounter in everyday life, and created inventions to address these issues. Popular topics included many inventions to help with pet care, organization, and utilizing solar power. Students spent Wednesday evening presenting their inventions to staff and families. Students explained their inventions, stated the problem they solved, and explained how they designed and made their inventions. Students were well prepared and very articulate during their presentations. The entire CRS staff is proud of all our 5<sup>th</sup> grade inventors!



The 4<sup>th</sup> graders in Mr. McNamar’s class have recently finished a video about the components of reading workshop. The video contains various students from Mr. McNamar’s class, as well as instructional coach, Mrs. Hughes. To check out the video please visit the below link:  
<http://vernonpublicschools.org/supchild/>

**LAKE STREET SCHOOL** – The Third Grade Students at LSS are the lucky recipients of an internship with Hartford Stage. Each day this week, students are learning about theater and acting through the revealing story of Wilma Rudolph. Wilma, a poor African American, was one of 22 children in Tennessee in the 1940s. She had polio, which restricted the use of her legs as a young child. If you know her story, her determination took Wilma to the Olympics as a track and field star. Students are exploring theater techniques such as tableau, dialogue and monologue as they learn about Wilma’s character during these times. Wilma set goals for herself. She learned to walk without braces through her determination and perseverance. Students wrote their own goals yesterday in class. At the culmination of their week with Hartford Stage, each student will receive their own personal copy of Wilma, Unlimited.



**MAPLE STREET SCHOOL** – This week at Maple Street School fourth and fifth grade students performed gymnastics routines in front of their class. Mr. Gardner, the P.E. teacher, organized students into small groups. Each group used guidelines from a rubric to create a routine that showcased students' skills. The students respectfully watched and cheered each other on. Mrs. Trantolo and Mrs. Miller watched and even performed some gymnastics tricks themselves! It was a positive, fun event for students.



**NORTHEAST SCHOOL** – In the spirit of March Madness, fifth graders at Northeast School held a Multiplication Competition. Mrs. Pelletier’s and Mrs. Halvorsen’s classes partnered up and helped each other learn their facts over several weeks. A March Madness bracket was created and competitions were held until a winning team from each class was achieved. Tuesday was the championship game with Logan Titus and Eldridge Adomako against Anthony McKnee and Jayden Tate. The classes cheered them on and the champions were from Mrs. Pelletier’s class. Winners earned a "Times Table Titan" medal and a math game. Later in the week, fifth graders traveled to Boston, Massachusetts to deepen their knowledge at the science museum.

As a reminder, the Climate Survey is available on the school’s website. All parents are encouraged to participate. NES values your support!

**SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL** – Our third graders have been working with staff from the Hartford Stage Company. The students are learning theater vocabulary, expression, and much more. One of the vocabulary words they learned was “tableau” which means Frozen Image. Students are working in large and small group work. The book Wilma Unlimited is being used as a teaching tool. At the end of the unit every child gets a free copy. The leader pretends to be a character from the book and the students ask questions to try and guess more about her. This program was provided to us through a grant.



**LOVELAND HILL SCHOOL** - Ms. Petty’s class has been busy taking the SBAC assessments. They felt well-prepared. Our students are exploring online resources that complement our classroom Scholastic subscriptions. They said they like them.

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