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GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – May 15, 2015

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – CAREER CENTER - The second annual RHS Career Fair was held on Thursday, May 7. The goal of the event was to allow students to explore various career opportunities. Sophomore, junior, and senior classes rotated through the auditorium lobby for 20 minute sessions. Tables were set up to give students the opportunity to ask questions of the 22 different occupations/businesses represented.



ENGLISH - Trevor Seiders, Caroline Jeffers, Deanna Pellegrino, Joyce Hida, and Kaitlyn Tonkin were honored for their writing at an awards ceremony held at the University of Connecticut on May 13. They are pictured above holding their awards and copies of the 2015 Connecticut Student Writers Magazine, in which there are four RHS pieces published.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY - 3 seniors and 32 juniors were inducted into the George Sykes Chapter of the National Honor Society. Senior inductees include Shea Cavaliere, Petra Martinelli and Aleksandra Zajackowska. Juniors inductees include Samantha Barisano, Isaac Bilmes, Sierra Buckley, Alicia Dagle, Sylvia Darigis, Jillian Foley, Mitchell Gessay, Shannon Guilbault, Joshua Hollm, Kylie Kearney, Zohaib Khan, Sarah Kline, Sarah Linton, Cameron Marciano, Brianna Markunas, Haley Mistretta, Matthew Mlodzinski, Elizabeth Murray, Janeleen Negrón Tyler Oliva, Zachary Peters, Ryan Poutre, Dana Purcell Renée Rogan, Mathieu Roy, Winona Scheff, Denis Shannon, Rachel Silver, Andrew Simard, Vivian Ufongene, Lily Vartanian, Allyson Witham



TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION - Mrs. Beland's woodworking classes, with assistance from student teacher Mr. Puniello and Mr. Wright, completed a community service project for the Town of Vernon by building park benches. The students found the authentic project to be very rewarding. Additionally, Mr. Frost's automotive classes are finishing up their lawn equipment service project. This is another hands-on, real-world project that gives students skills that can last a lifetime.



VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – Congratulations to the VCMS 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Bands and the VCMS Jazz Band on two outstanding concerts this week . Our students have put in months of personal practice as well as in and after school group rehearsals in preparation for these concerts and they performed spectacularly! You demonstrated great musicianship, maturity, and pride in yourself and your music during your performances. Special recognition goes out to our 8th grade band members as Thursday night's performance was their last concert here at VCMS! You made our school proud! Good luck in High School and in your future musical endeavors. Again, congratulations to all our VCMS band students! Have a musical summer! - Miss Bartolotta

On May 9, the three VCMS students who received first place medals at the Regional CT History Day Contest competed in the CT History Day State Contest at CCSU. The students were Jerome Jacobs, Amie Lee, and Abby Tyrell. Although our students were not selected to move on to the National History Day competition, they are already talking about what they will do next year for their projects! Amie Lee received a special award sponsored by The Connecticut Medical Society for an Outstanding Entry Related to Medical History for her research on the development of anesthesia. Students who want to work on History Day projects should see Mrs. Lee and Mrs. McManaman.

On May 14, forty-seven students and four teachers participated in the *CAMPY on Campus* math conference at Central Connecticut State University. (CCSU) *CAMPY* stands for Connecticut Association for Mathematically Precocious Youth. Students took workshops in many topics: Using Math to Become a Magician, Fractal Images, Probability and Statistics, Roller Coaster Functions, Do Math Like an Egyptian, Building Bridges, Pop-Up Polyhedral, Math and Music, The Nim Game, and Planets and the Sun. Students from the Math Olympiads and Math Counts teams were invited first and the remaining slots were opened up to students recommended by their math teachers. Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Semprebon, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Roggi really enjoyed watching the students get excited about math!



CENTER ROAD SCHOOL – The kindergarten classes had their end of unit reading celebration today. The celebration was held outside and included all four classes.

LAKE STREET SCHOOL – Camouflage and Poison was the theme for the Lutz Museum’s visit to Grade 3 students this week. Students connected their learning about the ways animals protect themselves from predators by looking at the animals themselves! The snake was a particular favorite, at least for the students!

Grade 3 students traveled to the Belding Wildlife Preserve on Tuesday. Students got into the thick of nature looking and studying animals in their natural habitat.

Grade 1 students also received a presentation from the Lutz Museum. Their visit focused on the life cycles of various animals, a culmination of their science unit.

Fifth grade students were recognized at Lake Street School’s annual STAR breakfast. The STAR awards recognize students for **S**ervice, **T**eamwork, **A**chievement and **R**esponsibility. Students received the Presidential Awards for outstanding academic achievement, citizenship, the DAR award and Math Olympiads. Students were also recognized for outstanding work in Physical Education and Art. The annual Sean Aldi Art Award was given, in memory of an LSS student. The recipient of this award has their framed artwork selected to join the LSS gallery. This year’s recipient is Elyssa Steele.



MAPLE STREET SCHOOL – On Thursday, May 14, students in third grade at Maple Street School went to Belding Wildlife. At this field trip students learned about 4 different habitats and the animals in each habitat; the stream, the woods, the field and the vernal pool. Students were engaged in looking for animals in each habitat. The students participated actively in

conversations and activities at each center. Students experienced skeletal remains, identified tree types, identified how old a tree is, and held different bugs. Students also discussed different types on animal tracks and furs. Students received a compliment on being well behaved and respectful.

NORTHEAST SCHOOL – Great News, through some well-organized persuasive writing pieces, 3rd grade WAS able to convince Mrs. Greene to let them go on their field trip to Mystic Aquarium! Speaking of trips, after some great efforts on the end of the year assessments and with spring in full swing, many students at Northeast are headed to new and exciting destinations around Connecticut to further enrich their learning!

First and fifth graders will spend some quality time at the Connecticut Science Center. Students in 3rd grade will be venturing to Hartford for a tour of the Old State House where they'll step back in time and learn about the 3 branches of government. Later with Mystic Aquarium trips in 1st and 3rd grade and the ever-popular High Meadow trip for 5th graders, Northeast students will be placing a giant stamp of approval on another great field trip season.

Stay safe, be kind and work hard ☺

SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL – The Mobil Dental Van has been at SRS for three days. Over twenty students were seen by the dentist. We are very excited that this wonderful program is up and running again.

This week grade five had a field trip to the science center. Miss Moody's Class went to Captain Nathan Hale Museum in Coventry through a grant program. The fourth graders had a beautiful day at Sturbridge Village on Friday.

Mr. Uthgenannt has been very busy this week. Grades 3-5 have been learning how to play Tennis after school. On Friday evening from 6:00-7:30 Mr. U had a family Frisbee Golf Night. Students at SRS have been taking the NWEA testing this week.

LOVELAND HILL SCHOOL - The students in Mrs. Piazza's class have just finished a language arts unit on fantasy. During this unit our class read *The Indian in the Cupboard*, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and *Tuck Everlasting*. Students are near the end of writing their own versions of classic fairy tales. Once their stories are complete they will be bringing them to life using an iPad app creator.

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.