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GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – June 12, 2015

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – SENIOR AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP EVENING

Rockville High School is pleased to announce that 104 students in the Class of 2015 were honored at the annual Senior Awards and Scholarship Evening on June 4th. A total of \$310,816 was awarded. This includes \$160,000 from the Morey and Helen McCarthy Miller Scholarship Fund and an additional \$150,816 from the Greater Vernon community.

ATHLETICS - Haley Hasty is the Class MM State Champion in both the 1600 meters and 3200 meters, winning the 3200m in dramatic, come-from-behind fashion. Haley continues to run personal best times and to re-establish Rockville High School records in both events. At that State Open, Haley finished 7th in the 1600m and 5th in the 3200m. Haley will now compete in the 3200m at the New England Championship on Saturday in Maine. Haley has also qualified for and will run the 5000m at the New Balance High School Outdoor Nationals in North Carolina on June 19th.

SERVICE LEARNING CLASS - The Service Learning class planned, prepared, and marketed a number of items this quarter to benefit various charities. One student earned \$105 for the Hartford chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Other benefits included selling salads to donate to a hair/spa salon that treats cancer patients at no charge, selling soups to benefit a suicide prevention charity, and a taco bar with proceeds going to Relay for Life. Covenant House, a safe place for runaway teens, received \$80 from the sale of French bread pizza. Several other charities were chosen as well. Most items were made and sold in school and purchased by the generous RHS staff.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - As the year winds down, baby chicks have been born and the alpacas and sheep have been shorn. On Saturday, June 6th, over 30 FFA members, staff, and alumni attended the State FFA Convention in Killingly. Students were treated to numerous workshops, a career show, and a visit from National Officer Ruth Ann Myers from Kentucky. Our young and novice, "Opening and Closing" CDE (Career Development Event) team placed fourth in the state. Busy and eventful are two words to describe 2014-2015 and we are grateful to all the people that helped make the year a success! Thanks to one and all.

SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS - RHS has two National medal winners!! Congratulations to Zach Maloof and Deanna Pellegrino, who are 2015 Scholastic Art and Writing National Medal recipients. Deanna received a silver medal for her flash fiction piece, "Deadline," and Zach received a silver medal for his critical essay, "The Panopticon of Depression." Zach and Deanna were honored, along with their teacher, Vicky Nordlund, during an awards ceremony on June 11th at Carnegie Hall. This year, over 300,000 works of art and writing were submitted to Scholastic regional programs across the nation, making these awards truly amazing accomplishments for Deanna and Zach.



VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – Here are the beautiful benches in memory of Mr. Kent Batchelder and the bench in memory of Ms. Sue Spadjinski:



CENTER ROAD SCHOOL – Last night the Center Road School Student Council organized the first annual Center Road School Talent Show! The show was held at VCMS, and was designed as a way to collect money for two charities of choice. This year the student council decided to give all proceeds of the talent show to Hockanum Valley and Boston Children’s Hospital. Over 30 4th and 5th graders performed during this show, while showing off their talents in singing, dancing, drawing, and gymnastics. The show concluded with a staff “dance off” skit which featured almost 20 staff members. The night was an enjoyable one for all families and students, and in the end the student council raised \$330 for the charities. Thank you to all the families who showed their support for this fantastic community event.

LAKE STREET SCHOOL – LSS got in the ALOHA spirit with Hawaiian Day on Friday! Students and staff dressed in their finest Hawaiian style, wearing leis with our school wide expectations from our last Den meeting. At our School Wide Morning Meeting, we said our Aloha greeting with a beach ball race! We had a wonderful time. The Spirit of Aloha – Love and Kindness – flowed through LSS all day long.



MAPLE STREET SCHOOL – On Wednesday the second graders at Maple Street School had an incredible experience. Mark Dixon from Channel 3 news came to visit and discuss what it means to be a meteorologist. They learned more about weather tracking and how technology has vastly improved weather reporting. After the great discussion, each class was given the opportunity to see the Weather Tracker Van. This showed the students an incredible piece of equipment that is used during extreme weather conditions. The students were engaged and very excited about this experience!



On Thursday students in grades 3-5 participated in Field Day. Students played numerous games and had a blast getting physically fit. The students also go to witness and intense game of tug-a-war that the staff participated in. The day was a great day of sportsmanship and team building. Thank you Mr. Gardiner for organizing such a great event.



Also on Thursday fifth grade students put on a talent show for Maple Street School. Students showed us their dancing, rapping, basketball, gymnastics, musical and artistic talents. We had so many entertaining and talented acts.



On Friday Maple Street School held a school-wide spelling bee. Students in grades kindergarten through grade 5 participated in this academic event. Each classroom teacher held their own classroom competition and the two winners moved on to the school-wide spelling bee. We are pleased to announce the school-wide spelling bee winner for the 2014-2015 school year is James Fabrizio, grade 3. All of the students who participated did a tremendous job. We would like to thank for guest judges, Dr. Conway, Mr. Burt, for assisting us. Also, thank you to all the parents who came out to support your children.



NORTHEAST SCHOOL – What a great week it has been here at Northeast School! This week our first grade students visited Forest Park. They had a great time learning about animals and artifacts while exploring the park.

Students in grades three, four, and five put their recyclables to good use. They created marble mazes and had a competition to see whose team could make the track with the longest running time. Miss Doyle’s class took the crown for this year, but watch out for next year; Mrs. Corsino’s students will be in it to win it!

We ended the week with Field Day and watched a slideshow showcasing our year at Northeast School. It was a fun filled day of activities and teamwork. It has been an amazing year here at NES!

SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL – This has been a busy week at Skinner Road School. Students in grade five did a Wax Museum. Each student chose a person in history to learn about. On Thursday they dressed as that person and every few minutes a bell would ring and students, parents, and staff walked around listening to each of the children tell about the person they chose. Staff and students were so excited to have Dennis House a news anchor from WFSB 3 read the book “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs” to the school on Thursday afternoon. A special thank you to Mr. Purcaro for making this happen!

Friday was a “Celebration of Me” day at SRS. Students and staff brought in objects that are special to them. During the day students walked around to the rooms and learned all about their friends, and the SRS Staff. Fifth grade students had a special yearbook signing with Skinner Road past teachers who have retired or moved to other positions. It was great seeing all of our Friends. The day ended Friday with our annual talent show. Singers, dancers, musical instruments, and even a rock and roll band were part of our show.

Over the summer SRS students should read, read, read. Every student who reads this summer will be invited to a special SRS Reading is Fun Carnival in September during the school day. Those students who read 20 books in grade K-2 and 5 grade level chapter books in grade 3-5 will be invited to a Celebrity Reading Rainbow Event. Various community members and staff will bravely allow students to throw paint (washable) filled balloons at them. We expect to see very colorful adults walking our halls.

LOVELAND HILL SCHOOL - Mrs. Piazza’s class is wrapping up their writing unit with “fractured fairytales.” The students have been working hard drafting, revising, and editing their own versions of common fairy tales. This week, they are completing their writing by publishing them to an app maker called “Tiny Taps.” The students have been creating and designing their own iPad app based on their finished “fractured fairytales.” It has been a great learning experience and a lot of fun!