



# VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – June 5, 2015

**ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL** – Senior Awards were held last evening. 104 students were recognized and \$310,816 was distributed. Congratulations to all!

**VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL** – On Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 24 VCMS students were able to get a private tour of the Rockville Library and 13 students received their first library card! They then headed to the Buckland Hills Mall, where the mall manager and head of security spoke to our students, describing how they use math, reading and writing in their important jobs. The students split into 4 teams and completed a scavenger hunt, using real life skills to find items. We are so grateful to Mr. Harrison for allowing our students with special needs this great opportunity!

VCMS hosted its first annual Science Bee on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Forty competitors answered a mixture of questions about the earth, life and physical sciences. The three students in the final round were Jordyn Ransom, Claire Gordon and Kobe Albright. In the end, Kobe came out on top and named the winner of the bee. The students did an excellent job of answering tough questions. Great job to all contestants and congratulations to all.

The VCMS library conducted its first RECYCLE, REUSE, RE-READ book sale. Students were offered the opportunity to purchase books at a kid friendly price of .25 cents per book. Almost \$100.00 was raised to purchase new books for our library. Between purchased and donated books, over 450 books are now in the hands of our students for summer reading.

The VCMS Relay For Life Team is participating in the American Cancer Society Event on June 5<sup>th</sup> at RHS. Over the last few weeks, Team VCMS has raised over \$9,700 this year. This is the tenth year that VCMS has had a team for this amazing event. Seventh grade student, Chelsea Koss has raised over \$800, while eighth grader Vanessa Mitchell has raised \$775. Many team members participating organized fundraisers at Menchie's, Rita's, Sweet Frog and Friendly's. Students also participated in "Shake the Can" events at Geissler's and Stop & Shop, with Trevor Jones and Anna Lockard leading the way to raise over \$600 each day. Thank you to all of the Vernon school community members who have supported the students on this team and the team at RHS! Well done Vernon!!



**CENTER ROAD SCHOOL** – This week the students at Center Road School enjoyed their annual field day events! On Thursday, students in grades K-2 had their field day, and on Friday students in grades 3-5 enjoyed their day. This year, in collaboration with the School Governance Council, Center Road School had a different type of field day. For the first two hours of the day students rotated through a series of centers that were run by classroom teachers. Once this ended, over 150 parents arrived over the two days of field day to have a picnic style lunch with their children. This served as a great way to bring the CRS community together, and provided an opportunity for teachers to introduce themselves to potential students for the following school year. After the picnic the students, along with their parents, took part in a variety of activities that mirrored some of the activities done during field day. One of the big hits was the class vs. class Tug of War tournament between the 3rd, 4th, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. We thank all the families who took time out of their busy days to make time to join us for this great activity.

**LAKE STREET SCHOOL** – The LSS Family Fun Fair was a huge hit last Friday evening! Families enjoyed face painting, bounce houses and dancing to tunes! The Soak-n-Wet was a big draw, with Jeff Burt, Peter Johnson and Tracy Duenzl as targets. Raffle basket winners took home wonderful prizes such as the much coveted Kindle basket. Thank you to our fantastic PTO for their hard work in making this event such a success!



**MAPLE STREET SCHOOL** – Second graders are started a new module in math this week learning all about shapes and their sides and angles. Students also performed Readers' Theater plays at the end of the week for fellow classmates. We had a fun filled Field day also this week where students showed all of their Core Character Traits and Physical Fitness skills.”

**NORTHEAST SCHOOL** – On Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> The NES Family Fun Picnic was held. It was a wonderful time! The younger students loved the bubbles, parachutes and hula hoops!!! Some played washing machine and cat and mouse among many other activities. Families enjoyed their food and ice cream listening to the D.J. stylings of Mrs. Corsino. The bake sale had wonderful goodies and the raffle baskets were a big success. The sense of community was felt by all. Lunch with a teacher drawings were held and lucky students won lunch with their favorite teachers and staff!

On Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> students in third grade went on a whirlwind trip to Mystic Aquarium. They saw a terrific Sea Lion Show, visited the 4D Theater and visited beluga whales and penguins. Everyone followed our core values and made NES proud. Grade four students had a wonderful trip to Sturbridge Village. Students were polite and respectful, and learned a lot at the many exhibits they visited.

On Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students had their Country Expo. Students worked hard learning about their countries. They presented what they learned about them and brought in native foods and other items.

On Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students held a State Expo, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students went to the Pequot Museum and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students had their end of the year trip to High Meadow.

**SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL** – Skinner Road School staff had a Retirement Dinner Thursday night for our beloved nurse Judy Manfre. Judy has worked for Vernon for the past 14 years. Her dedication to the students, staff and families goes above and beyond. We wish her much happiness and health in her retirement.

Field day was held today. Students and staff had a great time participating in games and races. A huge thank you to Mr. Uthgenannt for setting up the field day and all of the volunteers who helped make this event such a success.

**LOVELAND HILL SCHOOL** – Ms. Petty's class has been busy yet again. Pictured here is Ashley, jumping rope in Mrs. Maxwell's PE class. Mrs. Maxwell was featured in our school newsletter article where we found out she has taught PE for 7 years. Our fabulous Art Teacher, Ms. Sabal, got students involved in our new hall mural with our Loveland Hill mascot, the Leopard – also pictured. Finally, students had a lot of fun making and flying planes and jets. They said following directions to make the proper folds was very, VERY challenging, but worth all the fun in the end. Cody and Michael compared and competed to see which types were fastest and which had the most hang time.

