



VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Superintendent
30 Park Street • P.O. Box 600
Vernon, CT 06066-0600
Fax (860) 870-6005

Website: www.vernonpublicschools.org



GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – August 29, 2014

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – Rockville High School had a fabulous opening for the new school year, starting with a well-planned first day for freshman and welcoming of staff! The students very quickly returned to an academic mode. We have hired an outstanding group of new teachers, ranging from first time teachers, to mid-career teachers, to experienced professionals. After some initial difficulty in finding classrooms, our new freshman very quickly became a part of our community. We are excited by the prospect of a new year. We have many dynamic new programs and frankly, are happy that the new school year has started!

VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – Sixth grade students experienced a seamless transition from elementary to middle school on Wednesday, August 27th.

They were greeted by teachers and administrators and left their first assembly ready to SOAR. Each sixth-grader was treated to a new T-shirt provided by the administration, showing their middle school spirit with our school name printed on the front and on the reverse side the message: ***“I belong in the Middle”***

Thursday, August 28th, we greeted our entire school population and are anticipating another fantastic school year.



CENTER ROAD SCHOOL –“Center Road School is off to an outstanding start! There is a genuine excitement in the air from students, teachers, and staff about the 2014-2015 school year, and we are all ready to have a wonderful year of learning. On Wednesday the staff greeted 500 eager students, and then had a flag ceremony to kickoff the new year and welcome all of our new and returning students and staff.

The teachers and administrators have been so impressed by our students over the first 3 days of school, and are excited to keep this momentum going throughout the entire year!”

LAKE STREET SCHOOL – We’re off to a “Roaring” start at Lake Street School! We began our first day with our traditional flag raising in the front of the school with students, parents and staff, concluding with our school song. We’re learning about each other, sharing ***“All About Me”*** posters, introducing ourselves to partners and learning ways to greet each other in Morning Meetings.

Students are learning school wide expectations of respect, responsibility, cooperation and safety in all areas of our school. Students are learning safe ways to show these expectations on the playground and in the lunchroom.

We're off to a terrific year!

MAPLE STREET SCHOOL – Maple Street School started the first day by students, families and staff exhibiting our “BEAR Pride.” We began with all students, staff and families singing our school song on the blacktop. After that students eagerly entered the building excited and ready to learn. Parents were able to enjoy a nice coffee hour sponsor by our Family Resource Center.

All week long students have been learning about our core values of Be safe, Everyone cares, Always respectful, and Responsible. Our students are already off to a great start demonstrating these values. There is such a positive buzz in the air.

NORTHEAST SCHOOL – At Northeast, the new school year started off with a rush of excitement.

The kindergarten students went on a scavenger hunt to search out all the important places in school – office, nurse’s office, cafeteria, gym and library. They learned the names of their classmates, sang new songs and were introduced to SMART boards. Each kindergarten student went home with a bag of “magic” play-doh. They were impressed and amazed!!

SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL – It has been a great start to the school year at Skinner Road School. We are excited about our new main office. All Visitors to the school must come through the main office and receive a visitors badge before going into the building. Our Prek is now located in room 4. The picture below shows one of our new students enrolling at SRS.



A huge thank you to the summer custodial staff for their hard work getting the building ready for the start of school.

Students are bringing in their Summer Reading Forms, they are eager to see if they have read enough books to dunk Mrs. Simon into the dunk tank. Once under water she will read a book to the school. Any classroom who has 100% of the students turn in book slips will get to dunk their teacher in the tank at recess. Who knows Dr. Conway and Mr. Burt may get a phone call if 100% of our students at SRS return slips!!! We may need to celebrate by dunking a Central Office Administrator if we can reach that Goal.

LOVELAND HILL SCHOOL (FORMERLY KNOWN AS VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL) - Loveland Hill School students and staff are thrilled with our new name. Students are working collaboratively to come up with our school mascot, motto and colors. We have been busy with hands on activities including painting bird houses which will be for sale soon. We have also been creating recipes from scratch to practice our writing, math and teambuilding skills.

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.