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GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – September 26, 2014

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – EDUCATION PRACTICUM AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Education Practicum and Independent Living students had a wonderful afternoon at Johnny Appleseed's Orchard on Monday. They enjoyed a wagon ride into the orchard to pick apples and pumpkins for upcoming class projects, including making applesauce and painting pumpkins. The students have been learning all about apples and Johnny Appleseed, whose birthday is September 26. He would have been 240 years old this year!

LIBRARY - RHS students and staff have access to some EBOOKS and AudioBooks in both online and downloadable formats. There are three options available to check out these resources.

- 1) TUMBLEBOOKS ONLINE (direct weblink: <http://www.tumblebookcloud.com/autologin.aspx?u=rockville2&p=login>).
- 2) ONECLICK DIGITAL (log in at school and create a personal account at: <http://rockvillehsct.oneclickdigital.com/>)
- 3) DESTINY our card catalog online also has ebooks which can be "checked out" virtually online by logging in with your ID: Last Name,First Initial and initial Password: rhs at: http://vernonpublicschools.follettdestiny.com/common/welcome.jsp?context=saas22_0655167 or from DESKTOP link). Email or stop in and see the library staff if you would like more information.

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - The Ag Ed Program hosted their annual Welcome Freshmen Picnic on September 24th at RHS. Approximately 200 participants made up of students, their families and guests enjoyed pumpkin carving, a picnic, silent auction and an FFA meeting to celebrate the beginning of the new school year.

AP HISTORY - The AP US History results are in and they are great! Nine students took the 2014 AP US History Exam last May. The highest score that can be achieved is a 5. Three students earned a 5, five students earned a 4, and one student earned a 3. These scores are exceptional!

VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – The girls' cross country and soccer teams were victorious this week in wins against Illing. The VCMS boys' soccer team snapped their losing streak with a tie against the defending champions, the Illing Rams. The boys continue to make significant improvements. Go Eagles!!!

Many of the clubs such as cake decorating, newspaper and anime, began this week with many new enthusiastic members.

CENTER ROAD SCHOOL –This Friday, The Greg and Axel Show came to Center Road School to present the "I Love to Read" program for all students who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge. Students enjoyed the show immensely, as magician Greg McAdams, and his sidekick dog Axel, showed the importance of reading through an interactive magic show.

As the first month of school is quickly coming to an end, the students at CRS have been working very hard to follow the core values of the school which are: BE RESPECTFUL, BE RELIABLE, and BE RESPONSIBLE. Students in all grades have made the beginning of the school year wonderful, and we are all confident that this will continue throughout the entire school year!

The Marathon Club has started up again at Center Road School, as students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade train for the upcoming Hartford Marathon. This year we have 36 students signed-up to help complete the 26.2 mile race in relay form. The students in this club have been training hard, and some students are already running 3 miles without stopping! Look out Hartford, the CRS Team will be ready for the October 11th race.

LAKE STREET SCHOOL – Second grade students had the pleasure of working with Leslie Johnson to use leaves as the subject for fall poems. Here are some examples:

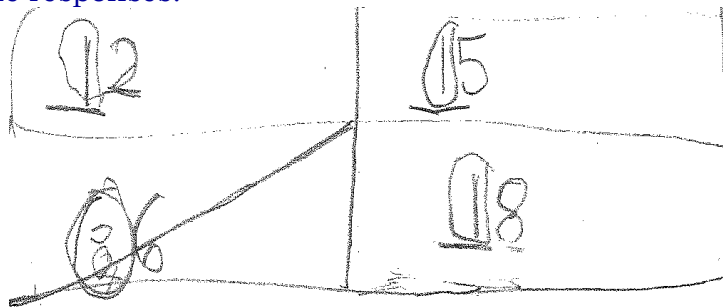
Cool Leaf by Jordan Luginbuhl

**I am brown like chocolate,
I'm rough like bark.
I am shaking like a wet dog.
I am an excited leaf!**

The Black Leaf by Liam Hodson

**I am as darks as duct tape.
I am smooth as a book cover
I soar in the sky.
I am a happy leaf!**

Mrs. Barry presented her students with four numbers. The task? Eliminate a number and explain your thinking. Here is one of the responses:



I don't think 6 belongs
because it doesn't have 10's.

MAPLE STREET SCHOOL – Maple Street students are eating healthy! All students began receiving a snack consisting of fresh fruit or vegetables daily. Not only are students enjoying the snack, but they are trying new foods, like radishes, too. Eating well helps keep the body moving and the brain thinking!

Also, parents began registering their children for Community School activities and the School Governance Council had its first meeting on Thursday night. The group worked on the School Parent Compact. Throughout the year this group will continue to meet and foster collaboration between the school and the community.

NORTHEAST SCHOOL – There were many activities happening at Northeast School this week! Our school, in conjunction with the Ninety Nine Restaurant in Vernon, sponsored a fundraiser on Monday to benefit the Northeast School PTO called Dining for a Cause. It was a good turnout. The food was great and the event raised \$306 that will fund assemblies and fun events for students throughout the school year.

Wednesday was picture day. Students and staff showed off their pearly whites for the photographers. On Friday, the PTO and school are having an Ice Cream Social and book fair. It is a time for families to come and have a delicious ice cream treat and to talk to the staff in a more relaxed atmosphere. Northeast teachers are always promoting to parents the importance of reading everyday with or to their children.

Students this week are continuing to learn and demonstrate all the ways they can be nice to their peers/teachers. Whether it's saying hello in the morning with a bright cheerful smile or complimenting a peer on how hard he/she has been working. The staff is promoting why being nice to each other makes such a positive difference in the lives of others.

SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL –Students in all grades participated in our annual Dance Party to raise funds for Childhood Apraxia Speech Association of North America. This was sponsored by our Marathon Team.

The month of September has flown by. On Tuesday the Dunk Tank will arrive at SRS. Students who read will get a chance to see if they can dunk Mrs. Simon by throwing balls at the tank. Unfortunately not enough students read to have her read a book underwater. We had 36% of our students participate in our Summer Reading Challenge.



Ms. Moody's 4th Grade Class with our New Banners from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation

LOVELAND HILL SCHOOL - The students in Mrs. Piazza's class have recently adopted a large family of mealworms. Students have been learning about life cycles in science and will be observing the mealworms as they grow.

We send our thanks to Mr. Johnson and Ms. Harney for their technology assistance. We'd also like to thank Mr. Lund and Mr. Earl for donating cans which will be exchanged for funding for our students.

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.