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## GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – APRIL 12, 2013

**ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL** – On Thursday, April 11th, several students involved with the Unity Team attended the Youth Empowerment Summit (Y.E.S.) for Diversity at Central Connecticut State University. Students were engaged in activities and meaningful discussion by guest speaker, Calvin Terrell. Calvin challenged the audience to be active and contributing members of their communities and work together to be warriors for equity and social tolerance. Participants were reminded that "a simple act can have a profound impact."

**VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL** – VCMS students packed 23,400 meals on Thursday, April 11 during the VCMS Soars for Hunger event with the organization Feeding Children Everywhere. The school raised \$5800 to be able to host this event. Every student was able to participate. Some of the meals will be distributed in Vernon, but most will be sent to orphanages and feeding centers in Uganda.

**CENTER ROAD SCHOOL** – Mr. DeBellis has organized a Student Council at CRS. Their first project was "Penny Wars". Each grade level competed to see who could raise the most money from pennies. The Student Council raised over \$1500.00 and the money was donated to 3 charities, HVCC, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Heifer.org (Livestock donation to 3rd world countries).

**LAKE STREET SCHOOL** – LSS has worked to improve our school climate this year. This has included weekly Lion's Dens meetings, grade level social skills groups, and monthly school wide morning meetings. We have also included celebrations each trimester. We recently recognized 121 of our students for making our "HW Honor Roll" each month during the 2nd trimester. Students enjoyed a dance party on Thursday March 28, 2013.

**MAPLE STREET SCHOOL** – The MSS Learning Fair was held on Thursday, April 4th. Students from all grades displayed projects they had created based on a personal interest. Topics spanned science, social studies, history, literature, art, and athletics. Projects were optional for students in grades K-2. Projects were mandatory for students in grades 3-5. Judges evaluated the projects of students in grades 3-5. Grade 3 students recognized for outstanding projects included: Abigail Ursin, Jordynn Jacques, Alexa Kimball, James Wheeler, Ethan Metevier, and Jyrine Bowen. Grade 4 students who created outstanding projects included: Deanna Babcock, Aionna Johnson, Elaina Hauser, Alex Silver, Dylan Shemanskis, Sam Wheeler, Andy Deschene, and Aisling Breen. Grade 5 students recognized for outstanding projects included: Charlie Phillips, Deztany Padilla, Gabe Miles, Mariah Pelletier, May Lei Ambeau, and Jaden Fowler.

**NORTHEAST SCHOOL** – Northeast school recently held its 1st Poetry Night for students in grades 3-5 and their families, 125 attended!! Students played Dr. Seuss Jeopardy, jumped rope to poems, illustrated and wrote their own limericks, cinquains, and acrostic poems. It was a fun night and a creative way to celebrate literacy!

**SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL** – It has been a busy week at Skinner Road School. Students who participated in the Science Fair last Friday were treated to a special science experiment by Mr. Ozmun. The SRS Student Council is sending a care package to a Platoon overseas. Students are collecting magazines, snacks, and making cards and letters to send along with the package. The grand reopening of the SRS School Store happened on Friday April 12th. The School Store will be open every Friday before School. Students in grade three were able to sign up for an afterschool Cardio Club run by Mr. Ulthgenannt.