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GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – April 19, 2013

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – Mr. Brodersen and Ag Ed senior, Courtney Wheeler, organized a “Fill the Tractor” food drive. Because of the enthusiastic support of the Ag Ed students and teachers this event was a great success. There was overwhelming generosity from the RHS faculty, students and local community throughout the week. In total, 1149 items were collected and donated to the HVCC Food Pantry! The pantry was especially grateful because they experience an increased need for donations this time of year. They were especially impressed with the amazing number of goods received from one school.

VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – On Friday, April 12, the seventh grade Relay For Life Team sponsored a "Neon" Dance. Two hundred VCMS students and some of our staff, dressed in brightly colored outfits, danced to a variety of music “spun” by eighth graders Kevin and Christopher Perrone. The Relay Team raised over \$800 and are well on their way of reaching their goal of raising \$5,000 for the American Cancer Society. The Relay for Life event will take place at the South Windsor High School starting at 3:00 PM on June 7 and ending at 3:00 PM on June 8. Feel free to stop by and check out what “Relay” is all about. We would love to see you there.

CENTER ROAD SCHOOL – CRS had a PBIS school-wide reward today, 4/19. This reward time was given to 97% of the students at CRS for always doing the right thing: Respect, Responsibility and Reliability. The students were given a choice of a cartoon time, dance party or outside play. Grades K-2 participated in the gym for a dance party, Grades 3-5 participated in outside fun (which consists of stations set up outside), any student not interested in the dance party or outside play participated in watching a cartoon in the cafeteria. Congratulations to all our students who continually do the right thing. “Be the Best that you Can Be”!

LAKE STREET SCHOOL – Marine Science Day May 15, 2013-Eight of our grade five students have been selected to participate in Marine Science Day at Avery Point in Groton. Fifteen students expressed interest in participating by writing a five paragraph essay explaining why they should be chosen, what they hope to learn, and what they will do with the information that they learn from Marine Science Day. Each essay was judged holistically based on content and clarity of message. Congratulations to the following students: Collin Huber, Eric Kingue, Emma Russell, Amanda Mueller, Amani Clemons, Nathaniel Putnam, Ben Chasse, and Amelia Halpryn

MAPLE STREET SCHOOL – MSS began a new reading challenge initiative on March 18th and, in just three weeks, exceeded the initial goal of reading 25,000 pages by reading 32,000 pages. Students in grades 1-5 participated in a Capture the Flag reading challenge where they logged the number of pages read each day and completed a strategy slip highlighting a key reading strategy. Classes at each grade-level who read the most are announced each Monday afternoon and display a flag outside their room for the week. For having met the first target as a school, students from the winning classrooms chose to decorate Dr. Possell’s hair on the morning of April 19th, and throw pies at Dr. Possell to end the day.

NORTHEAST SCHOOL – Northeast School was the lucky recipient of a \$500 grant from the Exxon-Mobil Educational Alliance. The grant money will be used to enrich our student’s math and science learning experience. We appreciate the generosity of Vernon Mobil and the Global Montello Group for this annual grant donation to Northeast School. Our students are well rested after enjoying April’s vacation and they are ready to work hard for the rest of the trimester.

SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL – The custodial staff has been working very hard at Skinner Road School to prepare the building for the return of staff and students. The fourth grade students went to Sturbridge Village on Friday April 19, as part of their social studies curriculum. Old Sturbridge Village is one of the country’s oldest and largest living history museums, depicting early New England life from 1790-1840 with historians in costume, antique buildings, water-powered mills, and a working farm. Students in grade three walked to Dzen Garden to learn about a local business and for a special treat. As a give back to the community Mrs. Dwire’s fifth grade class walked to Dart Hill Park and cleaned.