

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 – April 26, 2013

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – On Friday April 26th the Rockville Unified Team is going to be recognized at a New Britain Rock Cats game against the Richmond Flying Squirrels. The team will be recognized on the field during the pre-game festivities and one athlete will throw out the first pitch. All players will be announced prior to the start of the game. The Rock Cats are paying for the athletes, mentors, coaches, family and friends to attend the game for a discounted price. We have 64 people attending this event. The weather looks great and we are ready for a great time!!!

VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – To start off the fourth quarter the seventh 7th grade teachers decided to mix things up a bit. Students from all three teams were placed on cooperative groups to research various food preservation methods. Groups researched, created, and presented PowerPoint's to their fellow classmates on their given topic. Overall the project went very well and our students worked very hard to complete their presentations! A great job to all from Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Wolfgang, and Mrs. Pierce!

CENTER ROAD SCHOOL – CRS's Grade 5 students published their first "CRS Road Runner Newspaper". Grade 5 students take time away from their recess to interview staff members, students and parents on various topics such as new teacher, Assistant Principal, Jokes, Superintendent Awards and compile it into a very enjoyable newspaper. They did an awesome job! Way to go Grade 5!

LAKE STREET SCHOOL – Earth Day 2013 was celebrated at Lake Street School. We started our day by gathering in the cafeteria for a school-wide morning meeting. Our grade five students shared "Did you know?" facts about Earth Day. Did you know? [iRecycle](#) tells you how, where and when to recycle just about anything, with access to more than 1,500,000 ways to recycle over 350 materials. By using your current location, ZIP code or city, this free app helps you easily access details for many different area collection points. The book [The Lorax](#) was shared with students and prompted a discussion about this important day. After our meeting, students returned to their classrooms to discuss Earth Day, its purpose, and ways children and families can help preserve, protect, and improve our planet. Each classroom created an Earth Day quilt and we displayed the quilts in our green hallway. All students and staff enjoyed celebrating Earth Day. We hope that everyone will honor Earth Day throughout the year!

MAPLE STREET SCHOOL – Last school year, Maple Street School began a House initiative where students and staff were divided into seven Houses. Janice Bickford, Denise Boutot, Laura Corliss, Alicia Russell, Lindsey Robbins, Sarah Shapiro, and Amy Violette each serve as a House leader for one of the seven Houses. Each House has a designated color and each has developed a handshake, chant, song, or saying to go along with their House. Houses meet every two weeks for brief meetings (where students read together or do brief bonding activities). Longer House meetings are scheduled every couple of months for Houses to work on special projects. Each House will work on a service project in May. The goal of the Houses is to improve students' sense of belonging by increasing the positive connections between students at various grade-levels and between students and staff throughout the building.

NORTHEAST SCHOOL – At NES, students in second grade learned about Japan in fun ways. The second graders tasted sushi, learned Japanese symbols, wrote Haikus, and were exposed to sumo wrestling. This was a great way for students to learn about other countries and make comparisons of everyday life in the United States and Japan. Items such as kimonos, sandals, teapots and carp kites were placed in the classroom for students to explore.

SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL – Skinner Road students and staff had a busy and productive week. On Wednesday April 24th, 260 students, staff and parents participated in the first SRS Walk to School Day. A huge thank you to Mrs. Manfre for organizing this wonderful event and all of the staff and parents who helped. Saturday is SRS Family Day at the Rock Cats game in New Britain. The Twirlers will be performing at 6:30 p.m., as well as a select group of students who will be singing and signing the National Anthem.

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.