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## **GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – May 10 , 2013**

**ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL** – RHS senior Alicia Biske was informed on Friday afternoon that she has been chosen as one of three seniors in Connecticut to receive a \$5,000 Hood Sportsmanship Scholarship. She will be honored at Gillette Stadium on Sunday, May 19 and entered onto the Hood Sportsmanship Hall of Fame. Alicia is a four-year volleyball player and she was chosen as captain of the varsity team this year.

Ten finalists from each New England state were named after a round of online voting based on their sportsmanship essay submissions to Hood. The finalists from CT were interviewed in Hartford last Tuesday and three were chosen as recipients from Connecticut.

Good news! Sykes Foundation funded every project fully-\$145,000. Thank you for all of the help in making this possible. This would not have happened without all of the support. Also, Deborah Murasso's help was invaluable at the presentation and her ongoing support is much appreciated.

**VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL** – Our Spring VCMS Book Fair has been a huge success!! Children were able to pick from the very latest young adult novels, Nutmeg Award Winners, and fun summer reads. We had the Book Fair open during our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation so that parents could stop as well. Thank you for your continued support and remember...keep on reading.

**CENTER ROAD SCHOOL** – Our Grade 4 students are studying Colonial days. Today we had a visit from the Colonial Lebanon Militia. They set up stations including making butter, weaving, a loom, spinning wheel, basket weaving, printing in colonial days and making medicine with herbs and discussing disease of that time. The students enjoyed all of the exhibits and participation. The Militia came in uniform and dress of the colonial times. They were fabulous.

**LAKE STREET SCHOOL** – LSS Good News: On Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 32 Lake Street School students visited the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford. This special visit was the result of our students' donations to the camp. Each student that participated in the tour raised money by completing chores or donating their allowance to the camp. Student donations totaled over \$900. The visit consisted of a guided tour of the camp. Students asked questions and learned about the history of the camp. We enjoyed lunch at the camp and returned to Lake Street School in the afternoon. This trip allowed our students to experience firsthand how they can help others. It was a great trip for both students and adults!

**MAPLE STREET SCHOOL** – Students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade have been starting their school day with yoga three times a week. In 30-minute sessions for 10 weeks, students in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade are participating in a pilot program of yoga instruction taught by a certified yoga instructor. This program is designed to teach children how to apply yoga practices to real-life challenges they may face. The goal is to give children strategies to enhance their ability to self-manage their stress and self-regulate their behavior.

**NORTHEAST SCHOOL** – This week Northeast celebrated spring with a Fine Arts Night. Students in fourth and fifth grade performed for students during the day and in the evening for parents. The chorus performed songs about children around the world and the band entertained with group and solo performances. To add to the performance the hallways of Northeast were filled with fantastic artwork from all students. It was great to get together and celebrate the talents of our NES students!

**SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL** – Skinner Road fourth and fifth graders performed their Spring Concert. The band and chorus did an outstanding job entertaining their peers, parents, grandparents, staff, and friends of Skinner Road School. In addition to the band and chorus concert students in grades one through grade five had art work on display. During Walk to School Week students had the opportunity to write an essay for a chance to win one of three outdoor play baskets. Over 200 students participate in the walk to school which takes place approximately once every two weeks. The P.T.O. provided lunch for the staff as part of our staff appreciation day. We are lucky to have such dedicated and caring professionals work with our students each and every day.