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GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – June 13, 2014

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – The CT Young Writers ceremony at Central Connecticut State University was pretty amazing. We had four State finalists (the most from any school...public or private)!

Junior Matt Maguda was named the State Poet Champion of the CT Young Writers Competition!!! He won \$500.00 and will read his poem at The Sunken Garden Festival on August 7th.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who ordered roses from the annual Rockville Rotary Club Rose Sale! A total of **147 dozen roses** were delivered to the schools and Central Office on Friday, June 13. The fundraiser directly benefits the Rockville Rotary Club Scholarship. In 2013, three Rockville High School seniors received \$1500 scholarships to assist them with their first year of college. It is expected that at least two scholarships will be awarded in July 2014 as well. The Rotary Club is very appreciative of the support for this fundraiser by the Vernon Public Schools.

VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – “An Evening of Excellence” was held last evening at VCMS. Some of the awards that were presented to students included: mathematics, geography bee, language arts, world language, art, chorus, citizenship, honor roll, President’s Education, etc. We are proud of our VCMS students.

CENTER ROAD SCHOOL – The results are in from Center Road’s Penny War, and the winning grade was 3rd grade! As a school we raised \$767.12, which we will be donating to HVCC and the Mary Jo Myslinski Fund to beautify our school’s library. We are so proud of all our students for contributing to this great fund raiser.

Our fifth grade students had their graduation ceremony Thursday afternoon in front of parents, grandparents, and other relatives. We wish all the fifth graders luck as they move on to middle school. We will miss them all very much.

LAKE STREET SCHOOL – LSS is celebrating many events this week! Grades K-2 were able to navigate the raindrops on Tuesday to participate in their long awaited Field Day. Mr. Johnson created four weather scenarios in preparation for the events. Parents volunteered to run the stations. Everyone had a great time!

Fifth graders were celebrated Thursday evening at our Fifth Grade Recognition. Parents and family members proudly watched their children receive their certificates. Emily Berg, a Rockville High School Senior and LSS alumnus, received the LSS Scholarship Award. The highlight of the evening was a slide show with each student’s favorite memory and snapshots of the year. Afterwards, we all enjoyed abundant refreshments in a beautifully decorated cafeteria.

Our final LSS School Wide Assembly was a tremendous celebration of students and teachers. Mrs. Sharon Jones, Mrs. Mary Marturano, Mrs. Barbara Dennis, Mrs. Rita Labato and Mrs. Sheila Ostafin were recognized for their years of devotion to the students of LSS. The entire school celebrated a wonderful year with one big “Happy” dance!

Fifth grader Jacob St. Cyr offered this advice from his fifth grade peers to the younger students:

- Always write your name on your paper. You will learn that the hard way.
- Don't get sent to the Principal's office. Just don't.
- Don't eat food that looks inedible.
- On a bad day, sing a song. It will make you happy!
- Your life will be full of good choices, so make good ones.
- Steer clear of your teacher on a bad day. You'll thank me later.
- Don't forget to smile; it looks good on you!
- It's okay to think the ABC's are confusing.
- Be AWESOME!
- Respect should be earned, not given.
- Cartoons will be your afternoon savior.
- Always do your homework. You might get a free homework pass.

MAPLE STREET SCHOOL – 5th graders performed in their talent show for the school on Tuesday, June 10th. There were twelve acts total including a gymnastics act, several group and solo dances, instrumental performances, vocal selections, and a PowerPoint displaying several students' art work. The show concluded with a flash mob of 5th graders, accompanied by PE teacher Mr. Tim Gardiner, Art teacher Ms. Katie Sabal and Music teacher Mrs. Cassie Perrett-Manly, to the "Continental Drift" line dance from the movie *Ice Age 4*. Students' dedication and hard work was clear throughout each performance; VCMS is receiving a very talented group of soon to be 6th graders.

All this week Maple Street 3rd graders had a presenter from The Hartford Stage Company come to the classrooms to conduct a dramatics workshop about the book Wilma Unlimited. The workshop has tied into our biography unit very well because we have been learning about the life story of Wilma Rudolph. In the workshop, students have been learning what drama is and how to act out certain emotions using tableaux. The students have been highly engaged within the lessons of the presenter and are thrilled when they see Ms. Ayla walk into the room. The lessons really set the students up to perform in a reader's theater so that they can get a true sense of how Wilma Rudolph demonstrated perseverance in her life.

MSS Kindergarteners shared their wonderful reading with many friends and teachers at their Kindergarten Loves to Read Celebration. They read books and explained to everyone what strategies they use to help them read.

NORTHEAST SCHOOL – Tuesday, June 10 was a special day at Northeast School. We started off with an all school assembly focusing on two of our core values; respect and responsibility. Our kindergarten students led the whole school in a rousing rendition of the song "Happy". The kindergarten students had colored enough paper plate smiley faces for everyone in the whole school! Next we held our field day activities. Parachute games, water balloon volleyball, and relay races are always the favorite activities. The most special part of the day came at the end. Thanks to the talents of Northeast School parent, Joanne Kaminski, our school has a history of experiencing an amazing "wrap up the year" musical slide show. Every student and staff member is featured. We all gather in the gym and relive happy memories of the past school year. It was a very "happy" day!

SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL – This has been a very exciting and busy week at Skinner Road School. The Alliance for a Healthier Generation chose SRS as one of four schools nationally to film for promoting their program. On Wednesday a film crew came to the school and filmed the classes and our daily activities.

On Tuesday the entire school worked all day to put in four new garden beds for our new community garden. All of the students helped build the beds put the soil in the beds and plant the garden. We are starting by growing peppers, tomatoes, basil, strawberries, watermelon, rainbow carrots and pumpkins. We look forward to watching the garden grow on our Facebook and web page this summer.



VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Great things happened in the primary grade classroom at VES this week!

Our students participated in a self-esteem seminar with a group of high school seniors in Ms. Hoffman's class. The high school students created puzzles with our students, made Lego students and completed a compliment web. The primary grade students really enjoyed being mentored.

The primary grade also participated in field day with the help of Mrs. Maxwell from Northeast School. Students had a fantastic time competing in relay races, water balloon tosses, potato sack races and much more! To end field day the students had an outside barbecue. Thank you Mrs. Maxwell for helping us organize this event!



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