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## **GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – June 21, 2013**

**ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL** – Senior Awards were held last Tuesday and over \$250,000 was awarded in scholarships. On Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, Rockville High School celebrated its 138<sup>th</sup> Commencement with 192 graduates.

**VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL** – On Thursday afternoon, the VCMS student body participated in a variety of field day events. Teachers and students played kickball, team handball, volleyball, tug-of-war, and soccer. Students were challenged on their music and teacher trivia to win prizes. The weeks leading up to the event, students were able to use SOAR cards, which they earned for good behavior and high achievement, to vote for teachers who they wanted to be slimed. At the end of the day's events ten teachers were slimed with a mixture of oatmeal, apple sauce, pudding, and washable paint. A great way to end the year! Have a wonderful summer.

**CENTER ROAD SCHOOL** – Our Grade 1 students wrote and published stories. They shared their stories with their families on Wednesday morning at a grade 1 breakfast. All the parents, grandparents and siblings listened quietly as our students read aloud with pride. It was the best. Mrs. Bambara's grade 5 class mulched the gardens in front of the school. They participated as a team, helping each other along with the custodians and their teacher to spread the mulch to beautify the school.

**LAKE STREET SCHOOL** – LSS had their 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. It was a celebration of the class of 2013's collective successes. The staff at Lake Street School feels that 44 individuals will be leaving our small learning community in full preparation for wherever their next year of schooling will take them. Students and staff put together a slideshow of memories to capture the fondest moments that have occurred throughout each student's years at Lake Street. All in attendance were filled with warm hearts, smiles and laughter as we took a few moments to share in each other's excitement. We wish the class of 2013 all the best in their future endeavors.

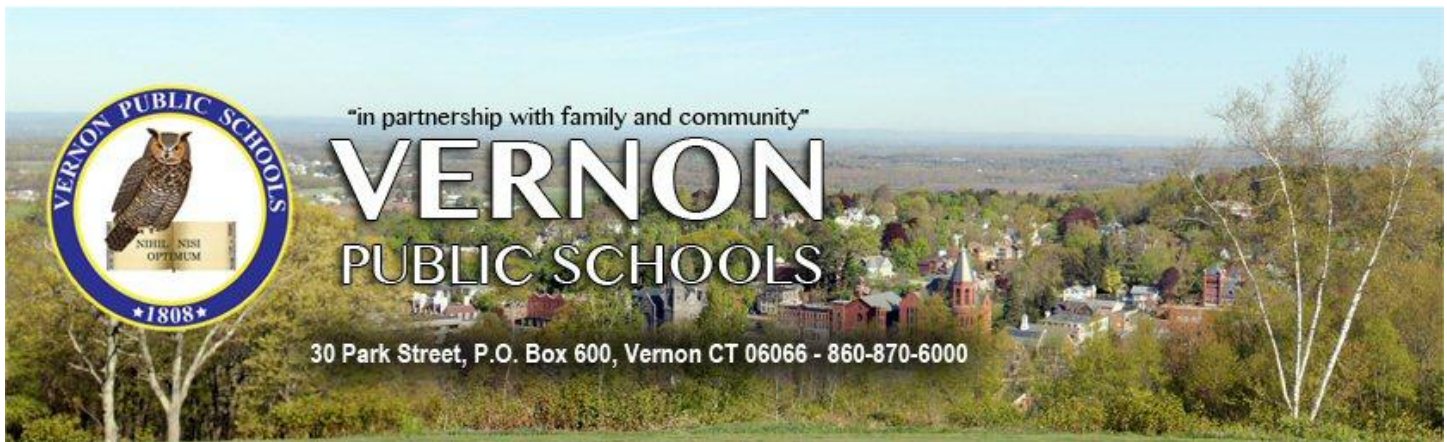
**MAPLE STREET SCHOOL** – MSS held our 5<sup>th</sup> grade farewell on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. There were many parents and relatives in attendance cheering on the success of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We are very proud of how our students have matured over the years and look forward to great accomplishments from them all.

**NORTHEAST SCHOOL** – NES third grade students went on a field trip to Hartford. They toured the Capitol Building and Legislative Office Building and were given a grand tour of the Senate and House chambers by Representative Claire Janowski. The students had a picnic lunch in Bushnell Park. They continued on to the Old State House and learned about the three branches of government.

On Tuesday students and staff participated in field day. The day was full of fun and excitement as the students showed their school spirit by dressing in class colors and participating in a variety of activities and games.

Our Fifth Grade Awards Ceremony took place on Thursday. Family and friends gathered to honor our fifth graders as they look ahead to middle school. Mrs. Greene ended her remarks to the students by quoting Dr. Seuss - "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened". Have a wonderful summer vacation!!!

**SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL** – Skinner Road has been a hopping place this week. On Monday June 19th under a beautiful sky we had a successful field day. Students participated in fun games with their classmates. On Tuesday Fifth grade students participated in The Wax Museum. Students prepared a two minute biography of a famous person from history. As children from grades one to four surrounded them, a bell was rung and the wax figures came to life and shared their stories. Students met Alexander Graham Bell, Amelia Earhart, and George Washington to name a few. On Wednesday students in grades one through five participated in A Celebration of Me Day. Staff and student brought in items and pictures that represented important aspects of their life. On Thursday June 20th the fifth grade students left early in the morning for a trip to Boston, while students in grades one through four had their awards ceremony. Last but not least on Friday June 21st SRS gave a fond farewell to our fifth grade students who are being promoted to the sixth grade. We wish them well. We hope everyone has a great summer. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the fall.



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