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GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – September 13 , 2013

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – Good news: Rockville High School held a very successful and well attended Open House on Thursday, September 12th. Over fifty RHS students donated their time to assist during the evening. It was an extremely positive atmosphere. The building looked great!

VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – The first full week of school began with students happily smiling for the camera on “Picture Day”. Eight graders will be highlighted in the yearbook this year with a memorable whole group photograph.

Sixth graders are anticipating their first middle school dance on Friday afternoon. Fun!

Mrs. Lee has begun the MENSA Challenge at VCMS. Every Monday, students can go to room 21.5 to get a worksheet of MENSA challenge problems. Students must return their completed worksheets by Friday. At the end of the month, students who have participated will have their names entered into a drawing for an educational prize. The MENSA problems will also be on the VPS website's G&T page, and will be updated weekly.

Our scheduled Open House is Tuesday, September 17th for grade six and Thursday, September 19th for grades seven and eight. Note our new time is 6:30 PM. Please join us and have a chance to follow your child’s schedule and meet his/her teachers. In conjunction with our Open House the book fair will be available for parents in the library both evenings.

Language art teachers are busy tallying the number of books that VCMS students read during the summer months. Those individuals who read three or more books will be treated to an Ice Cream Social at the end of September.

CENTER ROAD SCHOOL – CRS had their Welcome Back Night on Wednesday, September 11th. It was a positive evening with a large number of parents and students attending.

The Reading Lab has been tallying the Summer Reading Logs. The final counts are in: Kindergarten 22/65 - 34%; Grade 1 59/76 - 78%; Grade 2 66/81 - 81%; Grade 3 - 91%; Grade 4 78/89 - 88%; Grade 5 68/76 - 89%; **Grand Total 351/410 86%** (Grade K is not counted in the final totals.) Thanks to all the hard work from the Reading Lab and students, we will have a Reading Celebration Day on 9/27 with all grade levels attending an assembly - “Zoology”.

LAKE STREET SCHOOL – Students are digging into our curriculum, choosing personal learning goals for reading, writing and math. Some of these goals are: I will read at a level M, or I will master my facts with 85%!

In its first annual meeting, the PTO presented Lake Street School a wonderful collection of fiction and non-fiction books for students! Some of these books will be housed in our leveled library for teachers to access, while others will be distributed to classes!

Our Welcome Back Social, hosted by the LSS PTO, was a whopping success, with several staff members scooping ice cream for families.

MAPLE STREET SCHOOL – We had a good turnout for our first PTO meeting on Monday evening. The PTO has many great plans for Maple Street School this year and we are looking forward to this. Our district Reading Coaches instructed model lessons in all grade levels this week using the Reader’s Workshop. All teachers in each grade level were able to observe the lesson while our Reading staff instructed students not in the model lesson class. This will continue throughout the year so that Maple Street students become stronger readers. Our Open House was terrific! Thanks to all the Maple Street students that helped Principal Barker-Jones with the Bear Song. It was a very hot night, but many Maple Street families come out for this event.

NORTHEAST SCHOOL – Would you know how to get out of a bus if the front door was blocked? Northeast students do! Students from PreK to 5th grade practiced exiting the bus from the rear door on Tuesday, September 10th. They learned how to land on the ground safely and where to go when you exit the bus. Bus Jump Day is a tradition Northeast students look forward to every year.

SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL – Skinner Road students and staff had a fantastic third week of school. On Thursday, September 12, 2013, students practiced exiting the back of the bus in the event of a bus emergency. Mr. Uthgenenannt, the PE teacher, ran this very important practice. Students have been turning in their Summer Reading Slips to the office to see if they have read enough to tape the principal to the wall. Mrs. Simon has been working very hard to convince the students that they should tape Ms. Bonacci to the wall. So far her ideas to not be taped are not working. If students lost their yellow Reading Challenge Form they can write the names of their books on a piece of paper and have parents sign the paper. The staff and students have currently read 1,331 books. Next week every class will be creating and signing a quilt square for International Peace Day. The quilt will be on display in the main hallway during open house.

Dates to remember: September 24th Open House.

VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Vernon Elementary School hosted their very first Open House on Wednesday evening. Families enjoyed touring our new facility, admired the student work displayed, and learned more about how children set daily goals for themselves. Vernon Elementary School will be inviting families to meet on a regular basis throughout the school year, with meetings facilitated by our school counselor, Mrs. Hilary Berard.