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GOOD NEWS OF THE WEEK – September 6, 2013

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – Below is a thank you card that RHS received from the Sandy Hook Elementary School PTA.



Thank you for your heartfelt, generous, and thoughtful contribution to Snowflakes for Sandy Hook. Because of your efforts and many others, we received snowflakes of all shapes, sizes and forms from schools, PTAs, community centers, and families across the country and around the world. Sandy Hook students, staff and families have been the recipient of a blizzard of love and support in the form of snowflakes, and we could not be more thankful!

Our community has taken great comfort in the global outpouring of support from wonderful people like you. We will always treasure our blizzard of love.

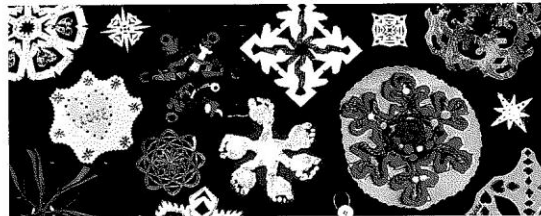
Thank you for your kindness,
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In December 2012, Rockville High School students and staff were given the opportunity to participate in the “Snowflakes for Sandy Hook” support event by making paper snowflakes to be sent to Sandy Hook Elementary School. This event was organized by RHS Teacher Mrs. Mary Knowlton.

Rockville High School students and staff, as well as Mrs. Maria Turchi’s students at Vernon Center Middle School, filled three large cartons with snowflakes. They were sent to Sandy Hook Elementary School as part of the “blizzard of love.” Schools, PTAs, community centers, and families from across the country and around the world participated in this event.

VERNON CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL – The VCMS school year began as a “SOAR”ing success!

Incoming sixth graders experienced a seamless transition to the middle school as teachers welcomed students by outlining individual courses and guidelines for the school year. They were also introduced to their initial “locker experience” and a mock fire drill. Teacher expectations were reiterated for retuning seventh and eighth grade students along with establishing individual goals for a rewarding year.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful school year.

CENTER ROAD SCHOOL – The first day of school went off with a huge success. We had 7 new enrollments on the first day of school giving us a total enrollment of 505 students. We had minimal crying from our little ones. Only 1 student was returned by the bus company because he was on the wrong bus. The school year continues to fly by. Many students and their parents stopped by

for our Meet and Greet on 8/27 and all were happy and excited to meet their teachers and see their classrooms.

LAKE STREET SCHOOL – Learning is off to a “Roaring” start at Lake Street School! Here are a few of the exciting things happening at Lake Street School:

- LSS Faculty led students through their first fire and lock down drills.
- Students are learning how to choose “Just Right” books, fiction and nonfiction, to read for Reading Workshop.
- Students are writing in a variety of ways: familiar words, small books, and stories that will grow like seeds.
- Numbers are everywhere as students learn how numbers are connected through place value, patterns, sequences, and combinations for addition and subtraction.

MAPLE STREET SCHOOL – We have had a great start to our new school year! Our students in grades 3, 4, and 5 have become mentors to our students in grades K, 1, and 2. Congratulations to our mentors for taking such good care of our younger children! Maple the Bear was misplaced last week and the children in Mrs. Bickford’s class found him. He is back in the kindergarten class where he belongs. Instrumental lessons started this week and we have some promising musicians.

NORTHEAST SCHOOL – Northeast is off to a great start this year! After being recognized for making significant gains in all areas, all grade levels, and teachers are motivated. The first day started with happy students and eager teachers, both ready to get to know one another. We welcomed sixty kindergarteners to a full day at Northeast, along with new staff members. We purchased playground equipment that will be installed soon to accommodate our young preschoolers. Preschool is starting the year with a SMART table that will help stimulate learning and help students interact with one another using technology. There is excitement in the air at NES!

SKINNER ROAD SCHOOL – Skinner Road students and staff had a fantastic start to the school year. On Tuesday August 27th the School hosted a “Meet and Greet”. Students and Parents had the opportunity to meet this year’s staff. The building shines thanks to the summer work of the custodial staff. On Wednesday students arrived at school excited for the first day of what will be an amazing school year. Four fifth graders raised the flags and the entire school said the pledge. Each grade level was welcomed by a round of applause. September 18th students will find out if they have read enough books to stick the principal to the wall with duct tape. Students will receive an inch of duct tape for every book they have read this summer. Once stuck to the wall Mrs. Simon will read a book to the school. The first fire drill of the year was done on Thursday, August 29th. The entire school was emptied in less than a minute. The Lockdown drill was practiced on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Dates to remember: September 12th PTO Meeting; September 24th Open House.

VERNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Students attending the Vernon Elementary School are learning new classroom routines and developing school and classroom rules, with some students taking on a leadership role in these efforts. Hands on, minds on activities are provided. Each student is learning to set his or her own personalized learning goals for the day. Last but not least, we successfully practiced two emergency drills.