

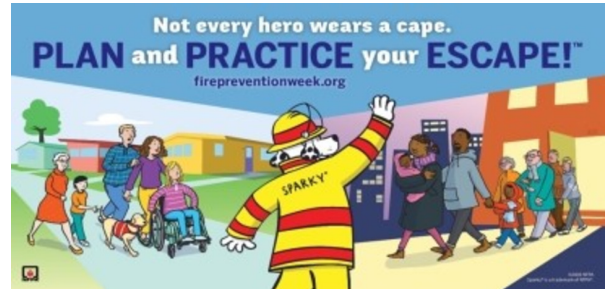
The Update

Southern Valley Unified Union School District Newsletter Halifax and Readsboro

October 4, 2019

Principal's Note

The [National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\)](#) has announced "[Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!](#)" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12, 2019. This year's campaign recognizes the everyday people who motivate their households to develop and practice a home fire escape plan; these seemingly basic behaviors can have life-saving impact. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!," along with a wealth of resources to help promote the campaign locally, visit fpw.org.



Each of our campuses have planned a visit with our local heroes, for next week. This annual event is a great reminder to all of us to make sure we have those tough conversations about being prepared, what to do if an emergency occurs and how to handle materials at home safely.

Bike Safety Reminder

Biking is fun, healthy, and a great way to get around and be independent. But your bike is a vehicle, not a toy. Some bike crashes can cause serious injuries and most are related to the behavior of you (the bicyclist) or the motorist. There are a number of things you can do to prevent a crash, and protect your brain if a crash occurs. For more information and awesome tips on how to be safe riding a bike, please go to www.nhtsa.gov/bicycles. There are amazing tips that would be great to read with your child/ren.



Lunch Program- A rumor was flying around the Readsboro campus that all meals were free once again, this sadly is not true. If you have not applied for free or reduced meals, please call the schools administrative assistants for help.

Students have been purchasing an extra milk at lunch and they should have money in their account or bring money with them to avoid parents being billed. Milks are .35 if purchased alone, please note that milk is included in a school meal price.

*If you applied for FREE/REDUCED meals and have not heard back from Central Office (a mailed letter) it means that they have not processed your paperwork yet. Please call Linda Swanson or Jane Higley about your balance or if you are looking for an update about forms. [October Menu](#)

Wish list:

The Halifax campus needs a parent volunteer to decorate the small bulletin board, at the base of the front stairway. The board is approximately 4'x 3'. We are looking for a monthly theme that could at times be tied to our 4R's and/ or our Rise to the Challenge like an Olypian.

Bennington County Coalition for the Homeless- A note from Mary Allen:

Warm the Children is a program made possible this year in Bennington County by the Bennington Coalition for the Homeless and The Bennington Banner. Our mission is to provide new winter clothing for children who, otherwise, might have to do without. Funding is provided by donations from private individuals in the community. Applications will be available for children between the ages of Infant - 14 years beginning Sunday, September 30 through Monday, October 14, 2019*

***Deadline no later than Monday, October 14th, 4 pm**

Applications need to be picked up and dropped off at:

The Bennington Banner Office 425 Main Street, Bennington, Vermont. Between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All areas of the application must be completed fully. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed for acceptance. Please do not call the Bennington Banner office. You will be notified by phone from a volunteer if your application has been accepted. *Please do not fill out applications inside the Bennington Banner office* .

[Application forms](#),

Readsboro Library Foster Kids Project

The Readsboro Community Library is looking for Volunteers to help crochet or knit hats and/or Mittens for foster children. They will be donated to the Foster Care Children of Bennington County. The library will be open beginning Sept. 12th from 5-7pm and they have lots of **FREE YARN** to use for the projects. You can stay and visit while crocheting or take the yarn home and make them. Hats/Mittens and a free book will be delivered just before Thanksgiving, helping many children stay warm this winter.



Wings

Please see the attached survey from Wings. When you have completed this [survey](#) please send it into the school to Mrs. Youmell in Halifax or Sarah Lake in Readsboro, or email it to the Wings Office

katieboyd.wings@gmail.com.

A Rolling Calendar of Southern Valley Events and Dates

Halifax Campus:

October 11	11:30 Dismissal - Afternoon Inservice
October 14	No School Full Day Inservice
October 25	Wings Session I Ends
October 29	Picture Day
November 4	Wings Session II Starts
November 5	No School - Inservice
November 11	No School -Veterans Day
November 27-29	No School - Thanksgiving Break

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