

The Update

Southern Valley Unified Union School District Newsletter

Halifax and Readsboro

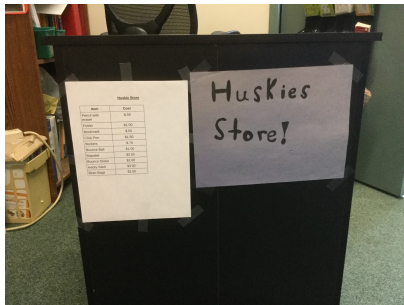
October 11, 2019



Principal's Note

Monday, October 14th is a day off for students, staff will be working with a Literacy consultant, Pam Chomsky- Higgins. We will be delving into Lucy Calkins Units of Writing. The program is described as follows; The writing units of study help teachers provide their students with instruction, opportunities for practice, and concrete doable goals to help them meet and exceed any set of high standards. Each writing unit represents about five to six weeks of teaching, structured into three or four “bends in the road.” Rather than tackling the entire journey all at once, it’s easier to embark on this series of shorter, focused bends, pausing between each to regroup and prepare for the next. We will be learning how to incorporate her writing techniques across curriculum areas, and discussing the grade level expectations.

News from the Halifax 5th and 6th graders



Hello, all parents of the Halifax and Readsboro communities. The 5th & 6th-grade class started working on a project of raising money for well building by a company called Water for South Sudan. We have decided to continue this project again this year. We are going to use the profits from the school store to raise \$500. After that, we would like to pick another project to help fund.

The school store is only open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30 - 7:55 AM. The items are low-cost ranging from \$.50 to \$3.00. We are telling you because we do not want your child(ren) walking around with extra money in their pockets. Here is a picture of some of the items we sell.



Book Swap

The 5th and 6th-grade class is continuing their Book Swap this year. We would love for kids to have new amazing books at school and at home. We encourage kids to bring books they're not using at home and swap them for more books to take home. The kids should have parents' permission to bring books to school. If children bring books to school, we would like it if they weren't ripped or drawn on.

The book swap will happen on the second and fourth week of every month. It will open at 7:30 to 7:55 AM. We have books for k-Adults in our school. The book swap will open for the first time on **Wednesday, October 23rd** and will continue to be open on the **second** and **fourth Wednesday** of every month.



Author Event A Reading & Signing: Archer Mayor

Bartleby's Books will be celebrating 30 years of Joe Gunther solving Vermont mysteries..Archer Mayor, in addition to writing the New York Times bestselling Joe Gunther series, is an investigator for the sheriff's department, the state medical examiner, and has twenty-five years of experience as a firefighter/EMT. He lives near Brattleboro, Vermont He will be signing books on October 12, 2019 - AT 5PM , don't miss this great opportunity. Located at 17 West Main Street, Wilmington, VT 05363802-464-5425 (Myvermontbookstore.com)

Local High School invites Families and Students to visit

On Tuesday, November 5th, Compass School, in Westminster, VT, will host their 8th Annual Compass Day. They invite family, alum, prospective students and the general public to experience Compass in action. You will be able to join in on traditional classes and on afternoon Extended Learning Opportunities Classes. This is a wonderful chance for anyone to get to know Compass. We invite guests to join us at 11:55 for lunch and then join in classes from 12:30-2:35 and ELOs from 2:50-4:00. We invite everyone to come for a quick visit or stay all afternoon.

Lunch Program- October Menu

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.



Readsboro Library Foster Kids Project

The Readsboro Community Library is still looking for more 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 is open from 3:15 -7pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays where they have FREE yarn you can use for these projects. So far, 40 hats and about 25 mittens have been made by Volunteers and they would love to keep that number going up! Also, a huge thank you to those in Readsboro and Halifax who have made hats/mittens, THANK YOU!! You can call the library at 423-5460 (after 3:15) for more info.

Readsboro Community Library Challenge

The Readsboro community Library is holding a ‘Escape The Room’ challenge for kids 10 and older. This will be a fun mystery Challenge. It will be held on Thursday October 17th at 5:15pm - 7pm. Are you up for the Challenge?

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 5th & 6th Grade

The 5th and 6th Graders had a visit from a local Bee Keeper, Jeff Battaglini from Wardsboro. Jeff is the President of the Windham Co. Bee Keepers Association and was so much fun. His wealth of knowledge on Bee’s was just amazing and the kids became so engaged in what he had to say. They had so many questions for him, they ran out of time. Jeff brought a Bee House, honeycomb and honey. He also gave each of the kids a piece of honeycomb! Thank you Jeff!

Readsboro 3rd & 4th Grade Science Project

3rd and 4th Graders in Readsboro have been working on a fun Science Project, modeling how sound waves move and affect the air. It was a fun project and the kids learned many new things in such a fun way!



A Rolling Calendar of Southern Valley Events and Dates

Halifax

October 14 No School Full Day Inservice
 October 25 Wings Session I Ends
 October 29 Picture Day
 November 4 Wings Session II Starts
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