

The Update

Southern Valley Unified Union School District Newsletter Halifax and Readsboro

October 25, 2019



Principals Report

Our schools are filled with warm and vibrant colors and students are getting very excited about the upcoming Halloween events. Readsboro will be presenting a Musical Halloween safety program on October 29th from 8:15-8:45'ish. The Readsboro PTG will be hosting a Halloween Party on October 31st at the school in the afternoon. Halifax will hold their annual Halloween Parade, on October 31st beginning at 1:45.

We are asking that families check with teachers before sending in any food items as we do have many students with food allergies and sensitivities. We are trying to change our past routines regarding food treats to ensure that we keep all of our students safe. Students should **not wear** costumes to school on the 31st but bring their costumes for the afternoon festivities. Please remember that if a weapon is part of the students costume it will need to be left at home.

Vision and Hearing Screenings : Halifax School 11/22/19 10:30-12:30

Readsboro School 11/26/19 11:30- 1:00(tentatively)

Lions Club Vision Screenings:

We are happy to inform families about the Lions Club returning to our schools to perform vision screenings for Readsboro and Halifax Schools. Grades that will be screened per recommended guidelines are Preschool (Readsboro), Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th. Students who have abnormal screening results from the Lions Club screening will be followed up by the school nurse with vision charts. If the result continues to be out of range, the school nurse will send a referral home, recommending follow up with pediatrician and/or eye doctor. In addition, grades 3, 5, and 7 will be followed up with the school nurse with vision charts and color blindness screenings, beginning December 4th.

If your child is not in the stated grade listed above and you are interested in the screening, please notify the school nurse to be added to the list (preferably with a written note) by **November 15th**. If your child has had a recent eye exam and you would prefer to opt out of this screening, please notify the school nurse with a written note by **November 15th**.

Hearing Screenings

The school nurse will be starting hearing screenings December 4th, 2019. Grades that will be screened per recommended guidelines are Preschool (Readsboro), Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th. If your child has had a recent hearing screening and you would prefer to opt out of this screening, please notify the school nurse with a written note by **November 26th**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school nurse with any questions or concerns.

Lisa can be reached at: Stamford School on Mondays-802-694-1379
Readsboro School on Wednesdays-802-423-7786
Halifax School on Fridays-802-368-2888
School site varies on Tuesdays-call your child's school for more information

Thank you!

Lisa Janovsky, RN
Associate School Nurse

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.



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.



Lunch Program- [November Menu](#)

Local Events and Information:

Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club

The Whitingham-Halifax Lions Club & the Whitingham Library will be hosting a Halloween Party Thursday, October 31 at the Jacksonville Municipal Center from 5:00-7:00. Please join us for lots of fun, games and food [for more information](#) . At 7:00 the Whitingham Library will be showing a teen movie and having a pizza party [for more information](#)

Rotary Winter Sports Sale - November 9th , 9:00-4:00 for more [Information](#)

Whitingham Holiday Pop Up Shop November 16 - January 4 - [Information](#)

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.

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.

WSWSU Help Needed



The WSWSU Central Office is looking for someone to remove and properly dispose of small electronics and a refrigerator.

For details or more

information please contact the WSWSU Central Office at 802-464-1300



Readsboro Public Library - Collection for Veterans

The Readsboro Public Library is collecting items for the Holidays that will be delivered to the Veterans Home in Bennington, VT. These are a few of the things needed.....Cards, disposable razors, paperback books, magazines, toothbrushes and toothpaste, Q-tips, baby wipes, soap, deodorant, nuts, beef jerky, playing cards, puzzle books, batteries. The Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday's from 3:15-7:15. Their phone number is 802-423-5460 if you have any questions. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Healthy Holiday Tips for Cooking



Community Member, Kristin Irace, a registered dietician will be hosting a program on how to cook healthy during the Holidays. It will be held at the Readsboro Elementary School Gym/Kitchen on November 7th from 5:30-7pm. Kristin will have Taste Sampling and wonderful tips! Come and taste the Goodness of Healthy Eating!

A Rolling Calendar of Southern Valley Events and Dates

<u>Halifax</u>		<u>Readsboro</u>	
October 25	Wings Session I Ends	October 25	Wings Session I Ends
October 29	Picture Day	October 29	Picture Day
November 4	Wings Session II Starts	November 4	Wings Session II Starts
November 5	No School - Inservice	November 5	No School - Inservice
November 9	Rotary Winter Sports Sale	November 9	Rotary Winter Sports Sale
November 11	No School -Veterans Day	November 11	No School -Veterans Day
November 27-29	No School - Thanksgiving Break	November 27-29	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 20	11:30 Dismissal	December 20	11:30 Dismissal
December 23-31	December Break	December 23-31	December Break
January 1	No School - New Year's Day	January 1	No School - New Year's Day