

The Update

Southern Valley Unified Union School District Newsletter
Halifax and Readsboro

November 1, 2019

Halloween Fun!



Student Led Conferences

Our teachers have planned conferences with parents and guardians, many of them are happening after school. We do not have staff available to watch other students after school or until a conference is to occur. Please let us know well in advance if a child is going to have different transportation needs on these days. Please do not assume that children can wait in the library, as this year we are spread out throughout the building.



Readsboro Campus Celebrates our Veterans

On November 12th from 8:30-9:00 am the 3rd - 6th graders at the Readsboro campus will perform a variety of musical skits in honor of our local veterans.. If you know of or have family who are Veterans we would love for them to come and be apart of the show that day.

Violin Lessons

Bekka Eowind is excited to offer violin lessons to students and families in Southern Vermont! She has taught in Boston for the last 20 years, but recently moved to Vermont, and she is looking forward to connecting musically with the families here. For more information please call Bekka Eowind, at 579-3739, or email her: soversuzuki@gmail.com, check out her website <https://soversuzuki.wixsite.com/website>.

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**.

GROUND S CUSTODIAN NEEDED IN READSBORO

Southern Valley Readsboro Campus

Windham Southwest Supervisory Union - Readsboro, Vermont



The Grounds Custodian is responsible for routine ground maintenance and related administration, to provide students with a safe and clean learning environment

Essential Functions:

All functions of a Grounds Maintenance Worker:

Mow school grounds - Shovel snow and spread sand and salt on icy surfaces, prior to start of school for school and town offices.

Provide equipment necessary to mow lawn and snow blow as required

Any other duties as assigned by school principal

Hours: Up to 260 hours per year, approximately 22 hours per month on average.

Tools/Technology Requirements: Landscaping equipment includes tractor/lawnmower, snow blower, shovel. For more Information or to set up an interview please contact Sandy Pentak at spentak@halifaxschool.net.

School Board Vacancy

The SVUUSB has a vacancy for a Readsboro Resident School Board Member. Please send a letter of interest to: Windham Southwest Supervisory Union Attn: Board Vacancy 1 School Street Wilmington, VT 05363. **You will need to come to the Board meeting on November 6th at Twin Valley Middle High School at 6pm to share your reasons on why you would like to serve.**

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.

HEALTH PROMOTION/DISEASE PREVENTION:

Well-Child Visit Fact Sheet: [The Well-Child Visit: Why Go and What to Expect](#),

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

Halifax 5th and 6th graders School Store [for more information](#)

Halifax Book Swap [for more information](#)

Lunch Program- [November Menu](#)

Local Events and 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, **over 100 hats and about 40 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 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



Readsboro 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 Samplings 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>	
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 __	1st and 2nd grade school dinner	November 12	Veterans Day Celebration
November 27-29	No School - Thanksgiving Break	November 21	Special Persons Day
		November 27-29	No School - Thanksgiving Break