

The Update

Southern Valley Unified Union School District Newsletter Halifax and Readsboro

November 8, 2019

Principal's Note

Parents and guardians I am concerned that many of you are not reading and or receiving our weekly Update. We do send it every Friday. It has information about student events, celebrations and other links to community and school related topics. Our Update has live links for you to access for additional information. I do know that some of you have shared that it is too difficult to read on your phone and that you do not have access to or utilize a computer at home. We can not easily use social media as some parents do not want information about their children to be publicly posted, and again some people are not tied into social media. I am looking for suggestions on how to make sure that information is getting to you in a form that can be best utilized. We have much to share and we want you to be in the "know"! Give the school a call or email me and let me hear your ideas.

I do need to remind parents that communications, regarding their children, need to be addressed through the school office, and not through social media. I know that it is convenient to text or post on facebook, however information about students should not be transmitted in this manner and teachers are asked not to be on their personal social media accounts during school.

SUMDOG Winners!

Once again the Halifax SUMDOG math team has prevailed and topped all of our competitors in the Southeastern Vermont Math Contest completed on Oct. 31st. Nine of our students completed all of their 1000 allowed questions, and we also filled all of the top ten positions, out of a total of 108 players. This won the school a free 6 month subscription with all of the games available to the whole team of 3-8 players. Our top ten scorers are Katje Gibb-Buursma - 808; Brooke Lane - 837; Mady Lynde - 837; Reese Croutworst - 840; Olivia Dix - 852; Lilly Gleason - 853; Trey Dupuis - 920; Parker Lane - 930; Matthew Worden - 943 and Declan Croutworst - 946. Congratulations to all of the students who participated and helped to secure our subscription, this was a true team effort.



Readsboro Campus celebrates our Veterans



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

8th Grade Fundraiser



The eighth grade needs your help with their fundraiser! **They are selling spirit wear for both Readsboro and Halifax schools.** This includes: **t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, sports shorts, and hats.** Children, youth and adult sizes are available. Please support this fundraiser and feel free to **forward this link to family and friends.** This could be a great gift for someone for the holidays. The items will be delivered to each School the week before Christmas break. Just press on the link and do your shopping. <https://handrschools.itemorder.com/>

Thank you very much,
Mr. Howes' 8th grade class

11th Annual Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive with Scholastic

Merritt Youmell's 1st and 2nd grade class is participating in [Scholastic's Pajama Program](#). This collection of pajamas will have a direct impact on our community! Pajama Program will work with local Community Partners to bring Good Nights for Good Days to children who need them most, with pajamas from you and a book from Scholastic – a great bedtime pair! Please consider donating pajamas to support this drive. Pajamas will be collected at both campuses and can be dropped off at the school office. The pajamas should be a **new, unused complete set** (top and bottoms). Sizes needed all ages, infants to 18 years old. (pajamas up to adult size XXXL) Drive ends: December 2, 2019



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE - 2019 TOYS FOR KIDS

The Brattleboro Det. 798 and Auxiliary 798 will begin to make appointments for our 2019 Toys for Kids program from Nov. 4, 2019 through Nov. 22, 2019. Calls will be accepted Monday through Friday from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Applicants will need a Social Security card or a Medicaid card when making the appointment and picking up gifts. This is the only way of verification for our records. We can not accept any other means for verification. The phone number is 802-451-6922 The program is for families with a general need for assistance during the holiday **season**. This program is available to Children from Newborn to 12 years old. **Last year we** helped out over 400 Children in our community. Please pass this information along and thank you for your continued support. Any questions feel free to call me at (802) 289-3779 . Please no Calls Veterans Day Nov. 11, 2019.

Scott D. Larabee - Chairman "Toys for Kids"

School Board Meetings:

The Southern Valley School Board meets twice a month, the first and third Wednesdays of each month, unless otherwise posted. The first meeting of the month is a board work session, and the second is the monthly meeting. Meetings take place at TVMHS at 6:00pm.

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.

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](#)

[A Rolling Calendar of Southern Valley School Events and Dates](#)

<u>Halifax</u>		<u>Readsboro</u>	
November 9	Rotary Winter Sports Sale 9-4	November 9	Rotary Winter Sports Sale 9-4
November 11	No School -Veterans Day	November 11	No School -Veterans Day
November 16	Pop Up Shop Opens	November 12	Celebration of our veterans
November 26	1st and 2nd grade school dinner	November 16	Pop Up Shop Opens
November 27-29	No School - Thanksgiving Break	November 27-29	No School - Thanksgiving Break

Local Events and Information:

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>.

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

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

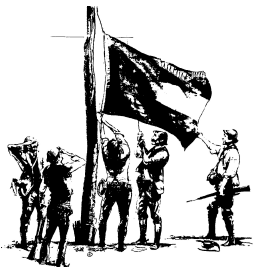
Whitingham Library Events - <http://www.townofwhitingham-vt.org/library/events>

Readsboro Community Library Pancake Breakfast & Santa!

On November 30th beginning at 7:30am, The Readsboro Community Library will be sponsoring a Pancake breakfast Fundraiser. Food will be prepared by the Jack Pines Pirates Club to benefit the repairs for trails. Breakfast is \$10/adults & \$5/child and they will be serving pancakes, eggs, potatoes, sausage, juice & coffee. At 9am Santa and Mrs. Clause will be here to take pictures with the kids!! There will also be a card making station, gifts for the children to buy and wrap for their families and you can purchase tickets for the Quilt Raffle. **All Children under the age of 12 MUST be accompanied by an adult!** This is a drop in Holiday program for all, come and stay an hour or stay the whole time!



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.