

# The Update

## Southern Valley Unified Union School District Newsletter Halifax and Readsboro

November 22, 2019

### **Readsboro Special Person's Day**

On Thursday, Readsboro had their Special Persons Day and it was a wonderful success. We had around 80 Special People show and they were entertained by each child by having books read to them. Then we had a homemade Thanksgiving Feast made by Cheryl Green and it was so incredibly good! Thank You Cheryl. Our staff gave a Dinner Theatre Presentation on The Big Bad Wolf's interpretation of the 3 Little Pigs and it was enjoyed by all. Thank You to all who came and shared in our Special Day.



### **Winter Activities Interest Survey -Form**

Please see the attached survey for choices of winter activities that we are hoping to be able to offer other than MT Snow skiing & boarding.

Timber Creek is offering cross country skiing on groomed trails at: \$4.00/wk for rentals,\$4.00/wk for use of trails, and Chaperones are FREE :)

### **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://handschools.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 6, 2019



## **The 2020 Census is upon us and hiring NOW!**

Beginning in 1790, and every 10 years since, we the people have participated in a process called the Decennial Census. We do this to know who we are and what we need for good roads, schools, hospitals and so much more.

Be part of shaping your future! Wages start at \$16.50 per hour plus \$.58 per mile. These are part-time, flexible, temporary jobs from April to July 2020.

APPLY ONLINE at [www.2020Census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020Census.gov/jobs). For more information or help applying, please call 1-855-JOB-2020. You can also reach out locally to [david.a.longsmith@2020census.gov](mailto:david.a.longsmith@2020census.gov) or call 802-275-6681

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

### **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.

## A Rolling Calendar of Southern Valley School Events and Dates

<u>Halifax</u>		<u>Readsboro</u>	
November 26	1st and 2nd grade feast 12:30	November 27-29	No School - Thanksgiving Break
November 27-29	No School - Thanksgiving Break	December 3	Picture Retakes
December 3	Picture Retakes (9:00 AM)	December 10	Winter Concert & Art Show 6pm
December 12	Winter Concert 6:30pm	December 13	Wings Session II Ends
December 13	Wings Session II Ends	December 20	11:30 Dismissal
December 17	Holiday Dinner & Sale		
December 20	11:30 Dismissal		

### 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](mailto:soversuzuki@gmail.com), check out her website <https://soversuzuki.wixsite.com/website>.

**Harlem Rockets - Tonight at the TVMHS Gym 6:30PM - [Flier](#)**

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

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

**Wings Programs - for more information -[newsletter draft summer 2019.jpg](#)**

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

**Halifax Book Swap [for more information](#)**

**Lunch Program- [November Menu](#) - [December Menu](#)**

#### **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!



#### **Jessica's Closet Fundraiser - [for more information](#)**

Also, please use Amazon Smile for all of your Amazon purchases to support Jessica's Closet!! <https://smile.amazon.com/> Simply go to this site (it's the same as Amazon.com) and search for our charity to support **Jessica Bolognani ScholarshipFund,Inc.** Every purchase you make under Amazon Smile will generate an amount that Amazon will give to Jessica's Closet.

## 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.

## Halifax PTG Yearly Events - [Information](#)

### PTG's First Event of the Year - Winter Concert

**Thursday, December 12th (Snow Date, December 19)**

**Kindergarten Parents** organize a cider and cookies table.

Folks should come early, set up the table, cups, napkins, tablecloth plus stay after to clean up and put away table and borrowed kitchen items.

\*Notes from past organizer, Christine Stafford: We provided some lovely desserts and there was plenty to go around. I asked Ms. Read to send out a message to everyone in the class, asking for contributions. Besides asking for contributions, the organizer of this event simply needs to set up desserts and cider in the kitchen/gym. The overall commitment was very reasonable and can be done by any parent in the class.

~Volunteers:

**Jessica Cooney (Allergy-Free Cookies) - [jac\\_trinity@yahoo.com](mailto:jac_trinity@yahoo.com)**

**Kristin Croutworst- [kmaier219@hotmail.com](mailto:kmaier219@hotmail.com)**

**Brianna Stone - [Bbats3817@gmail.com](mailto:Bbats3817@gmail.com)**

## Gift Bag Raffle at Readsboro

The Readsboro Library is holding a Gift Bag Raffle to help support the Lions Park Summer Camp. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawings will be held the Night of the Winter Concert on December 10th. Below are pictures of some of the Gift Bags. Tickets are available through the Readsboro Library, School, Normajean or Cyndi.



