

The Update

Southern Valley Unified Union School District Newsletter Halifax and Readsboro

December 6, 2019



Principal's Report

The District's Administrative Team had our first, of two half day trainings, with [Equity Solutions](#). A group from Brattleboro Vermont that "...provides engaging and innovative trainings and consulting services for state agencies, social service organizations, schools, and businesses so participants gain tools for strong client, staff, and leadership/management relationships. These strong relationships create a work environment where all are valued and thriving, and can actively contribute to a collective response to root causes of economic and racial inequity." They are supporting our team as we work together to apply an equity framework to our joint work, including thinking about how we can bring this work to the schools that we lead. There are many components to this work. Included are some of the learning objectives included in our work:

- Build skills on the leadership team for uncomfortable conversations
- Practice interrupting assumptions/bias related to race and class
- Practice applying a racial and socioeconomic equity framework to school culture, policies and decisions at our SU

I will be sharing my learning, and the work that we as District leaders are embarking on, throughout this year. This work will be ongoing, and we will be identifying ways to tie it to our Continuous Improvement Plans.

VSBIT Information

Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust- provided, free of charge, new sidewalk safety signs alerting staff and students of icy conditions when blue! To head off student and staff injuries our maintenance staff have or have plans to install these signs at both campuses. Blue Cross and Blue shield remind all staff through the monthly newsletter to: look for the warning signs, and ... "test out each surface gingerly before striding out in confidence."

Winter Activities Interest Survey -[Form](#)

Remember - All chaperones **MUST** be fingerprinted.

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. **MT Snow forms that have gone home with the Halifax students are due back to the school by next Tuesday, December 10th.**

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 :)

Holiday Concerts- Mark Your Calendars

Readsboro- December 10th

No Wings Programing on Tuesday

Southern Valley at Readsboro
Presents,
A Winter Concert and Art's Night!



When: Tuesday, December 10th 2019

Time: 6pm

Where: Readsboro Campus

(No Wings on the 10th!)

Your children have worked hard to bring a wonderful evening filled with music, art work and so much more.

All are welcome, so invite your family and friends to come see the performance!

Halifax- December 12th

Wings will be held on Thursday- students do need to be picked up between Wings and the concert time

Southern Valley at Halifax
Presents,
A Winter Concert



When: Thursday , December 12th 2019

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Halifax Campus

Your children have worked hard to bring a wonderful evening filled with music,
All are welcome, so invite your family and friends to come see the performance!

Halifax Holiday Sale

The Halifax School is looking for new or gently used items to be donated for the Holiday Sale on December 17th. Students have the opportunity, on that day, to select items free of charge, to gift to their family members during this Holiday Season. We ask that items be dropped off at the school office. We also welcome donations of gift bags, tissue paper, colorful wrapping paper, gift boxes and tape. If you would like to volunteer to help students with wrapping please let Linda Swanson know- 368-2888.

Readsboro Campus Reminder:

Drop off for children is between 7:45-8:15. We ask that drop off of students **does not** happen before 7:45. Thank You!

SVUUSD 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.

Halifax School Informational Meeting December 20, 2019

SELECTBOARD INFORMATIONAL MEETING
PRECEDING SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Friday, December 20, 2019
7:00 PM in the School Multipurpose Room
246 Branch Road, West Halifax, VT

Warning Special Town Meeting December 30, 2019

The inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, Vermont who are legal voters in the Town are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Halifax Elementary School in West Halifax, Vermont on Monday, December 30, 2019 at seven (7:00 P.M.) o'clock in the evening to act on the following business:

ARTICLE 1: Shall the Town of Halifax vote to withdraw from the Southern Valley Unified Union School District.

ARTICLE 2: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Halifax, Vermont, this 22nd day of November A.D. 2019.

Lewis Sumner
Mitchell Green
Bradley Rafus

Board of Selectmen
Town of Halifax, Vermont

<u>Halifax</u>		<u>Readsboro</u>	
December 12	Winter Concert 6:30pm	December 10	Winter Concert & Art Show 6pm
December 13	Wings Session II Ends	December 13	Wings Session II Ends
December 17	Holiday Dinner & Sale	December 20	11:30 Dismissal
December 20	11:30 Dismissal	December 23-31	December Break
December 20	Informational Meeting 7:00	January 1	New Year's Day - No School
December 23-31	December Break		
December 30	Special Town Meeting 7:00		
January 1	New Year's Day - No School		

Local Events and Information:

Violin Lessons- [for more information](#)

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 - - [circus taster -participant agreement waiver](#)

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

Halifax Book Swap [for more information](#)

Lunch Program- [December Menu](#)

A Visit with Santa in Readsboro - [for more information](#)

Breakfast with Santa in Halifax - [for more information](#)

Wilmington Pizza & Movie Night - [for more information](#)

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.

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. For more information or help applying, please call 1-855-JOB-2020. You can also reach out locally to david.a.longsmith@2020census.gov or call 802-275-6681

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.

