

# The Update

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

December 13, 2019

### **Principal's Report**

- Holiday Concerts were great fun. The Readsboro concert included vocals, instrumentals, and performance art. We included another all school writing prompt “The roaring snowstorm howled and.....”, and a mini art show of student work from the Fall. The soloists were outstanding! There was a great turnout.



Halifax's concert started with an African Noel and ended with songs from The Polar Express. It included vocals, instrumentals and dance. Cookies and drinks were enjoyed by all after the show. The room was filled with friends and family. The soloists were amazing!



## **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.”

## **Halifax Holiday Luncheon and 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. The sale occurs after an all school lunch that is cooked and served by parents from our school community. We ask that any items you might have, 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 Reminders:**

- **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!
- **Bus Stop!** - When the buses are parked and their lights are flashing, it is against the law to pass the bus, even if they are parked. The State Law for Vermont says, “Once the Red warning lights have been activated, you must stop your vehicle. Remember, even in a school yard, you must not pass a stopped school bus with its alternately flashing red warning lights activated”. This is to help protect our children and parents from any accidents. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## **SVUUSD School Board Meeting- Change in Schedule and time:**

The Southern Valley School Board will meet on Thursday December the 19th- this is a change in the typical schedule. The meeting will take place at TVMHS at 7:00pm. The next work session will take place on January 2, 2020.

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November A.D. 2019.

Lewis Sumner  
 Mitchell Green  
 Bradley Rafus

Board of Selectmen  
 Town of Halifax, Vermont

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

<b><u>Halifax</u></b>		<b><u>Readsboro</u></b>	
<b>December 13 Today</b>	<b>Wings Session II Ends</b>	<b>December 13</b>	<b>Wings Session II Ends Today</b>
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	January 17	Inservice Day - No School
December 30	Special Town Meeting 7:00	January 20	MLK Day - No School
January 1	New Year's Day - No School		
January 17	Inservice Day - No School		
January 20	MLK 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](#) - [January 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](#)**

**NASA Astronaut at Mt Snow - [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.

**There is a Benefit Bingo for Jessica's Closet tonight, Friday, December 13th, at 6:30 pm, at the Jacksonville Municipal Center.**

### **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](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