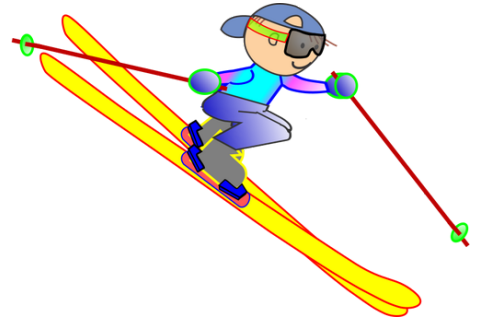


The Update

Southern Valley Unified Union School District Newsletter Halifax and Readsboro

January 10, 2020



Principal's Note

Winter activities will begin on January 14th at each campus. We are pleased that students from each campus will be attending skiing or snowboarding lessons for a 6 week period. Students from Halifax and Readsboro also have the opportunity to do cross country skiing at Timber Creek. Other students will participate on and off campus in sledding, snow shoeing, winter tracking and other outdoor activities. We have scheduled Mike Clough, from the Natural History Museum, to provide a winter animal workshop which will include an outdoor component at each campus. Tuesday's schedule will be arranged so that all students will still have core academics and specials in the morning. Lunch and recess schedules will be changed to meet departure and activity times.

Due to a significant number of students with allergies, food sensitivities, and dietary restrictions we will not be sending student snacks to the mountain. We will be sending out a Blackboard reminder message tonight and a Monday night reminder as well. If this is problematic for any family please let us know and we will work something out.

Winter Activity schedules are different for each campus. Please make sure that every Tuesday your child is prepared for being outside and enjoying winter based activities, so snow pants, boots, gloves and hats will be needed.

Mid-year Academic Benchmarking, Reporting and Reflection

January will end the first term for our schools. Report cards will be going home at the end of the month, that is barring any unforeseen issues with our new powerschool reporting system. Please remember that this is the first time we will be using this specifically created reporting system District wide.

All students will be involved in the Winter benchmarking screening for Fast Bridge, a quick check to see how each child is progressing this year. Students in grades 3-8 will be participating in the SBAC interim and IBA assessments for English Language Arts and Math - when applicable.

Teachers informally conference with students about their progress, their accomplishments and challenges. Report card information will not come as a surprise to students nor should it for parents. We have discussed at all school meeting that this is the time we reflect, celebrate and set new goals for the second half of the year.

Nurses Reminder:



It is that time of the year when colds, flu and stomach bugs abound, so please read over the following guidelines on when to have your child remain at home.

GUIDELINES OF WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME- DUE TO ILLNESS

- **Fever of 100 or above-** children need to be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school
- If the student has been on **antibiotics for less than 24 hours-** requires to be on an antibiotic for 24 hours before returning to school
- **Diarrhea or Vomiting in the last 24 hours**
- **Fever with a rash**
- **Eye Discharge/Pink Eye/Bacterial Conjunctivitis-** thick green/yellow eye drainage may be contagious, if diagnosed as Pink Eye-requires to be on an antibiotic for 24 hours before returning to school
- **Strep throat-** requires to be on an antibiotic for 24 hours before returning to school
- **Sore Throat/Swollen Glands in Neck-** especially with fever (may be strep throat and should be seen by a healthcare provider)
- **Chickenpox-** child must stay out of school until all lesions have crusted over
- **Frequent or persistent cough**
- **Frequent or persistent complaints of pain-**child should be seen by healthcare provider
- **Green nasal discharge-** child should be seen by a healthcare provider as this condition is sometimes contagious and may require treatment

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.

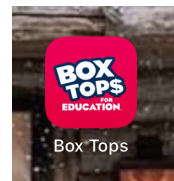
SVUUSD School Board Meeting: *Change in Location*

The next School Board Meeting will take place on January 15, 2020. **The meeting will be held at Windham Southwest Supervisory Union, at 6:00pm. All are welcome.**



THANK YOU!

A big Thank You for all Readsboro parents and staff who donated canned and bottled goods. Shaw's will give them to the Local Food Bank to help those in need with food. The PTG is so grateful to all of you!



Box Tops for School Money!

Box Tops is a wonderful program that both schools are a part of. It used to be that you would clip the box top off of the groceries that you would buy and mail those in to the company. Box Tops now does all off on an App on your phone. You just download the App, sign up for your school (it will ask for zip code, then your school will appear) and everytime you shop, open the App, take a picture of your receipt and it will automatically tell you how much goes into your schools account! It's a wonderful way to help buy books and such for the schools and it's FREE. Both Schools Participate!

A Rolling Calendar of Southern Valley School Events and Dates

<u>Halifax</u>		<u>Readsboro</u>	
January 13	Wings Session III Begins	January 13	Wings Session III Begins
January 14	Winter Sports Begins	January 14	Winter Sports Begins
January 17	Inservice Day - No School	January 17	Inservice Day - No School
January 20	MLK Day - No School	January 20	MLK Day - No School
January 21	Winter Sports	January 21	Winter Sports
January 28	Winter Sports	January 28	Winter Sports
February 4	Winter Sports	February 4	Winter Sports
February 11	Winter Sports	February 5	11:30 Dismissal
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February 17-21	Winter Break	February 17-21	Winter Break
February 25	Winter Sports	February 25	Winter Sports

Local Events and Information:

Violin Lessons- [for more information](#)

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

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

Halifax Book Swap [for more information](#)

Lunch Program - [January Menu](#)