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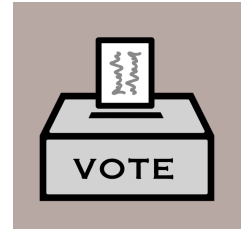
Southern Valley Unified Union School District Newsletter Halifax and Readsboro

January 24, 2020

Principal's Note

I have had some questions from our students regarding the town's votes to withdraw from the merger. They wondered if our schools are closing, they wondered if staff will be coming back. They wondered what it means for them. Wednesday, a substitute was asked if she was going to be the new principal. Sometimes we think our children are not aware of what is going on, however they are listening, hearing, and trying to make sense of what is happening around them. I let my Readsboro students know that any decision about the merger would now be taking place at the State level. I let them know that the voting outcome wasn't about someone being right or wrong. I reassured them that the staff was staying put and that we had quite a bit to do before the end of our school year. I let them know that the school board representatives have stated on numerous occasions how important their local schools are.

I want our parents to know that the staff at both schools are committed to our students and their success. The staff continues to focus their energy on providing instruction and ongoing learning opportunities ensuring that our students continue to develop their skills and abilities. As we continue through this process I will answer student questions as best I can. Right now, as community members, we wait to hear about the next steps, but that doesn't mean our work at school waits; our focus is and will be on learning.



Opportunities for Engagement with the SVUUSD-Readsboro Principal Hiring Process:

The Southern Valley School District has an opening for its Readsboro Campus School Principal for the 2020-2021 school year. We are beginning the search process to identify a talented principal who will lead the Readsboro community. We recognize the importance of the Principal as the key person who will lead our school forward and invite you to get involved in the process.

Interview Advisory Committee: The interview advisory committee will be comprised of representatives from various roles within the District. The committee will likely include 1-2 teachers/staff, 1-2 parent/community members, 3 board members and 2 administrators. The committee will review application materials, conduct interviews with qualified candidates, and will select some to move onto the second interview stage before presenting a final list of candidates for consideration by the Superintendent. The commitment to the committee will be around 15 hours, taking place in the day and evening, at times agreeable for the majority of participants. We kindly ask that committee members commit to the entire process.

If you are interested in being considered for this important committee, please send your name and contact information, along with what you have to offer the committee, and why you think you should be considered, to Susan at WWSU Central Office by email at scourchesne@wswsu49.org by January 31, 2020. If selected, you will be contacted by Susan.

Survey on Qualities and Skills Sought in Readsboro Principal: One of the easiest and most helpful ways that you can be involved in this process is to complete the following [input survey](#). Your survey input will provide the Interview Advisory Committee information on the qualities/skills that you would like to see in our Principal. The survey itself is anonymous, and no personal information will be collected. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and sharing your thoughts with us by January 31st.

Health Link- This a CDC guide for parents regarding “The Flu” [please review](#)

Mid-year Academic Benchmarking, Reporting and Reflection

We are so proud of the hard work students are putting into the mid year benchmarking and assessments. We thank our parents for making sure that students are getting enough sleep, and eating a good breakfast. These types of assessments are added to our ongoing curriculum based measures, student work samples and projects. It helps us generate a well rounded compilation of a students skills and abilities. This check in time also allows our 3rd graders to see how the end of year testing will be measured, and gives them the opportunity to learn how to maneuver around within the assessment format.

Wings News- [Wings February Break Extravaganza](#)

Come and play games, create amazing artwork and maneuver through a giant inflatable obstacle course!

When: Thursday February 20, 2020

Where: The Old School Community Center 1 School St. Wilmington, VT

What time: 12:00-3:00

Who should come: Grades K-8 Families Invited (Children 8 & under MUST be accompanied by an adult)

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 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 24	Annual Budget Information Mtg. 7:00pm	February 25	Winter Sports
February 25	Winter Sports	February 26	Annual budget Information Mtg 7:00pm
February 27	Annual School Budget Mtg. 7:00pm at TVMHS	February 27	Annual School Budget Mtg. 7:00pm at TVMHS
March 2	No School - Inservice Day	March 2	No School - Inservice Day
March 3	No School - Town Meeting Day	March 3	No School - Town Meeting Day

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](#) - [February Menu](#)