

# The Update

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

February 14, 2020

### Principal's Note

Happy Valentines Day to all of our families! The students are all excited about their upcoming break, though the teachers feel like they didn't get all the teaching time they wanted before hand. We had to keep postponing the 100th Day celebrations, yet we finally made it! It was fun to see our K-2nd graders celebrate all things 100.

The challenges were successful, creative, and fun!

Our Informational budget meetings will be coming up right after break, please make sure to put the dates on your calendar and try hard to attend the school budget vote on the 27th. It is held at the Twin Valley Middle High School, at 7:00pm.



### Nursing Notes

Lisa hope that you will get a chance to check out the following link:

**VT Department of Health New Release - [Coronavirus - more information](#)**

### 100 Day Celebrations

#### Halifax 1st and 2nd Grades





## **Welcome to New Staff**

We are pleased to welcome a new guidance counselor at Southern Valley School District. Her name is Leslie Leff and she will be working in classrooms and with small groups of students. Ms. Leff will also be available to work 1:1 with students based on teacher and/or parent request.

Ms Leff will be at the Halifax campus on Fridays and the Readsboro campus on Wednesdays. Please feel free to reach out to her with any questions, comments or concerns. Ms. Leff will be working with all students following the school's Second Step curriculum as well as using other resources and strategies based on Responsive Classroom. Her email will be [lleff@halifaxschool.net](mailto:lleff@halifaxschool.net) The following is a brief intro from Ms. Leff:

Dear SVUUSD families, staff and students,

I am very excited to be joining the Southern Valley community as guidance counselor!

I began my career as an elementary school classroom teacher (for nearly twenty years) in rural, suburban and urban schools in Vermont, and Pennsylvania. For the past four and one-half years, I have worked as a clinical social worker at a clinic in Northampton, MA. At the clinic, I work with children who have experienced trauma and with their families doing individual, group, and family psychotherapy. In addition, I developed a program to train teachers about trauma-informed teacher practices. It feels really great to combine my two-careers and be back in school!

In my spare time, I enjoy watching movies, making art, or hiking with my husband, Michael, and our almost three-year old mixed-breed dog, Mateo, in the woods of Chesterfield, Massachusetts, where we live as empty nesters. We have two grown sons, Alex and Koby, (26 and 24).

I look forward to getting to know and working with your children and to partner with you and the SVUUSD faculty and staff in supporting our kids.

Leslie Leff

## The School Budget Informational Meetings will be held on

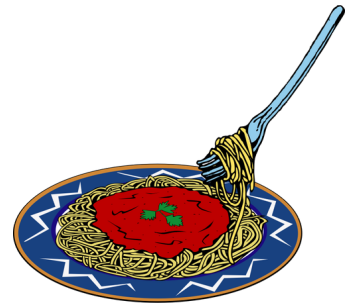
- February 24 at 7pm at Halifax Campus. The meeting will take place in the multi-purpose room. This is a combined Town and school meeting so you will be able to meet the candidates and ask questions!
- February 26 at 7pm at Readsboro Campus. The meeting will be held in the gym.

## Annual School Budget Vote

- The Annual Vote for the school Budget will take place at the Twin Valley Middle/High School on Meeting: February 27 at 7pm

## We Need Your Help on February 28th!

Our Jr. Iron Chefs, in Halifax, are hoping to raise money to support their trip to Burlington! They, with the help of adult volunteers, will be serving up a delicious spaghetti dinner! Come with empty stomachs, or if you have other plans for that night please consider making a donation! For details check out the attached flyer! [Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Junior Iron Chef](#). Please join us from 5:00-6:30.



## 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. 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 school's account! It's a wonderful way to help buy books and such for the schools and it's FREE. Both Schools Participate!



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## Rolling Calendar of Southern Valley School Events and Dates

<u>Halifax</u>		<u>Readsboro</u>	
February 17-21	February Break	February 17-21	February 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
February 28	Iron Chef Spaghetti Dinner 5:00-6:30	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	March 9	Wings Session IV Begins
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### Local Events and Information:

#### Movie afternoon at Pettee Memorial Library in Wilmington.

It's interactive. The kids will help act out the movie. 1:00 PM Saturday, February 22

An icy castle; A lonely princess; A friendly snowman

Can you guess what movie we're showing? Did you guess Frozen? Come help us act out the movie and make everything right again! Popcorn included. For more information call the library 464-8557.

#### There's Magic in the Air!

Help us welcome Ed Popielarczyk back to Pettee Memorial Library in Wilmington as he performs his Comedy Magic Show! If you liked his Flea Circus last year, You'll LOVE his magic show. It's one you won't want to miss.

Mark your calendars and join us on February 19 at 2:00PM

#### Hoot Toot and Whistle- DION SNOWSHOES available for rental at \$5/pair; limited number, arrive early!

WHEN: Saturday, February 22, 2020, 10:30 AM start

WHERE: Readsboro School, 301 Phelps Lane, Readsboro, VT

REGISTRATION: Day of only, \$15 ages 18-64yrs, \$5 discount for USSSA members, over 65 & under 18 race for free. Please fill out a registration form and bring it with you to save time on race day. Proceeds go toward a donation to the E.J. Bullock Building Restoration Fund. [For more information](#)

#### Volunteer Coach Needed - for more 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 [February Menu- March Menu](#)**

**Local Benefit, please consider supporting- [for more information](#)**