

# The Update

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

March 13, 2020

### **Principal's Note**

I want to thank all of the staff, students and families for their attention to the current daily changes being made due to COVID-19. I know that all of the staff are needing to adapt to new requests and practices, our maintenance folks are doing an outstanding job, as are our nurses, teachers, support staff and Central Office Leadership. We are trying our best to keep everyone updated with new information and any changes in procedures.

Our students at Readsboro and Halifax have been doing an outstanding job of washing their hands, monitoring their proximity to others and trying to keep their hands off of their faces; this is not easy. We are trying to calm any fears, share information when appropriate and offer support if needed. Our school menus have a Thursday Bar-option, we did not offer the bar this week and will discontinue until further notice. The bar item will be prepared as a meal, so that students are not sharing serving utensils, etc...If you have any questions please feel free to call the schools.

On a lighter note we have been continuing our Reading Challenge and hope that parents and guardians will continue to encourage your child(ren) to read daily. Our Spirit week in Readsboro has been fun, and Halifax's weekly show of reading spirit is building. I have included a few of the week's highlights!

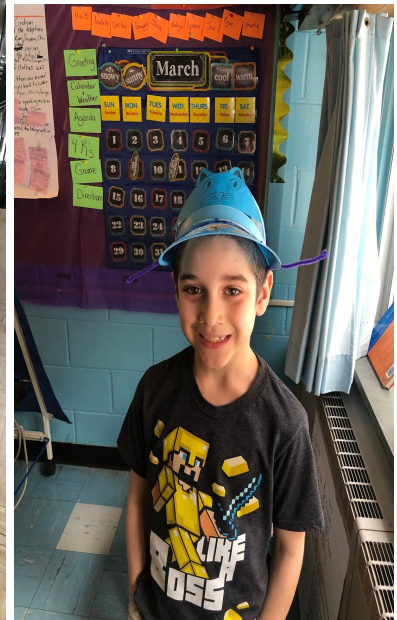
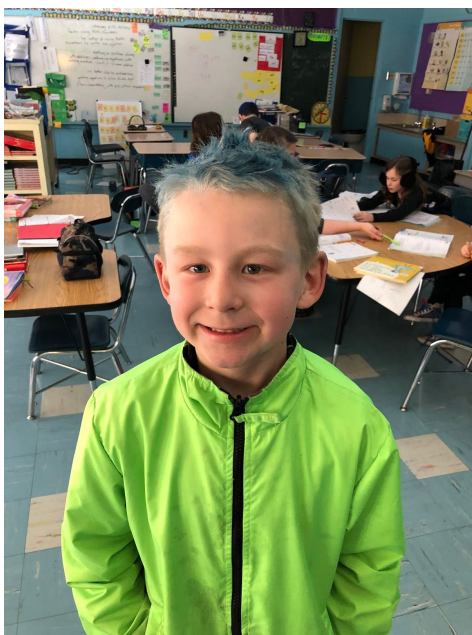


**Dress as your favorite Literary Character - [for more fun photos](#)**



**Dress as your favorite literary Hero or Villain**

### **Spirit Week in Readsboro**



**Follow the link for more [fun photos](#)**

### **Show your Reading Spirit in Halifax**

Dress up as your Favorite Literary Character:

Thursday 19th - Fairy Tale Day

Thursday 26th - Word Day

Thursday 2nd - Poetry Day

**Families Facing Economic Hardship:**

We want to remind families and households that if they are facing economic hardship as a result of COVID-19 that they can submit a new free and reduced meal application. Families may apply for school meals at any point in the school year, based on their most current income. Contact the school offices if you need any help or assistance.

**Wings News**

**The Junior Iron Chef competition in Burlington that was scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2020 has been cancelled.** We hope to participate again next year.

**District Communications around COVID-19**

We will be linking all communications from our District Office to this section of our Update. We will also be sending communications via emails, and printouts will be sent home, we will be posting these notices on our SVUUSD website. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call our schools, District Office and the DOH.

**3-12-20 Memo- From our Superintendent**

**[SVR Communication Technology Home Survey- Readsboro](#)**

**[SVH Communication Technology Home Survey.- Halifax](#)**

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

<b><u>Halifax</u></b>		<b><u>Readsboro</u></b>	
March 15	Tube-a-Thon 1-3 MT Snow	March 9-13	Spirit Week
March 26	11:30 Dismissal - Inservice	March 15	Tube-a Thon 1-3 Mt. Snow
March 27	No School - Inservice	March 23-4/1	Student led conferences
April 17	Wings Ends	March 26	11:30 Dismissal - Inservice
April 20-24	Spring Break	March 27	No School - Inservice
May 13	Special Person’s Day Concert- 11:30 Dismissal	April 17	Wings Ends
May 25	No School - Memorial Day	April 20-24	Spring Break
		May 5th	Spring Concert 6:30
		May 13th	11:30 Dismissal
		May 21st	Science Night
		May 25	No School - Memorial Day

**A Show of Support**

We have many families in our communities that have fathers, mothers, sons and daughters who have been deployed. We have been asked that you consider showing your support in the following way:

R.E.D Fridays stand for Remember Everyone Deployed, so wear red on Fridays to show your support.

## **What's [Happening](#) in the area**

**Windham Region Internet Survey due back by 3/17/20 [online survey](#) or [printable copy](#)**

**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 [March Menu](#)**