

The Update

Southern Valley Unified Union School District Newsletter Halifax and Readsboro Schools

[SVUUSD webpage](#)

April 17, 2020

Principal's Note

At this time of year my office is often filled with students; usually 3rd and 4th grade students, reading poetry to me and celebrating April Poetry Month. It is one of my favorite things to look forward to. Poems by Shel Silverstein are always a hit, sometimes a Halifax student will come and read a Robert Frost poem, reminding me that Mr. Howes thinks he was really cool. Sarah Lake's class in Readsboro seemed to have a competition last year to see who could read the most during the month, and always tried to read more than just one. We reinforced all their recitations by adding their names to the monthly drawing, however the best part was to see how much fun they had reading poems out loud that made their tongues twist, or their minds fill with vivid images. I have attached a link to some [animated Shel Silverstein poems](#) to watch with your children, maybe you will want to try and write a few of your own! If so please share with our teachers and we will end the month with 'Poems from Home!

A quick reminder; as noted in our Superintendent's, April 3rd letter next week will be April break, as scheduled in our calendar- April 20-24.

Wings

Wings is launching the April Blast Virtual Program Camp next week! Take a look at our [April Blast Flyer](#) to check out the incredible online program offerings we have for all of you. Sign up for your FREE programs ASAP on the [registration form](#). Visit wingscommunityprograms.com for more information. Plus, watch the [Wings Misses You video](#) to see how much we miss you all and hope to "see" you next week!

We are happy to announce that our Continuity of Learning Plan application which was sent to the state last week, was approved and the task force was commended for the the WSWSU Guidelines and Expectations for Teachers Continuity of Learning document, which had been included for review.

Guidance and Nursing information

We wanted to provide you with a quick go-to resource list in an email. Included below is the contact information for the counseling and nurse staff along with a link to the Readsboro and Halifax School websites.

School Nurse

Lisa Janovsky, RN: Office Hours 12:00pm-2:00pm Monday-Wednesday, Friday .
Contact me via email if you would like to arrange a telephone or video chat.
Email: ljanovsky@wswsu49.org

Guidance Counselor:

Leslie S. Leff, LICSW. Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday 1:00 PM-2:00 PM
Contact me via email if you would like to arrange a telephone or video chat.
Email: lleff@halifaxschool.net

Please do not hesitate to reach out during school hours for social/emotional support or any questions/concerns that you may have during this time. We are here to support families and students of our community.

The school website has some informational links: [Click on link at top of page, then click on the More tab for health and wellness resources]

Here is a community link:[Southeastern VT COVID-19 Resources for Individuals](#) for support in a variety of areas that families might

Please remember the [SVUUSD webpage](#) will keep you informed of any state memos, and or announcements on the State, District and School Newsletter section. The District has created a [E learning website](#) that provides more detail as to the process that we are engaging in for distance learning, this too will be updated and teachers websites can be accessed under the [School Specific Site tab](#).