

The Update

Southern Valley Unified Union School District Newsletter Halifax and Readsboro Schools

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Principal's Note

We need your help, we need to get the word out about filling out the 2020 census. Vermont needs everyone counted, and our small towns need it more than ever. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into our State and local communities for the next 10 years! The following information is from the [2020 census.gov website](#).

- The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal funding every year, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade.
- Census results affect your community every day and impacts such things as; school lunches. plans for highways. support for firefighters and families in need.
- The funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location.
- Census results influence highway planning and construction.
- Census results help determine how money is allocated for grants that support teachers and special education.
- Census results affect planning and funding for healthcare—including programs such as Medicaid, Medicare Part B, State Children's Health Insurance, and the prevention and treatment of substance abuse.
- Census data helps communities respond to natural disasters and secure funding for hospitals and fire departments
- Census results support rural areas, to restore wildlife, to prevent child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, and to provide housing assistance for older adults.

If you are curious about what other programs are impacted by census data? [Download this report](#) to see a full list.

There are a [variety of ways](#) that we can respond and complete the census, please get the word out and encourage friends, family and neighbors to find a way that best meets their needs. Our kids are counting on you!

Free Weekend Breakfast!

Jim Westbrook of CherryRail Farm has put together a free food event on weekends in May and June for kids. Free breakfast sandwiches are available to kids on Saturdays and Sundays starting in May. Just come down to the Retreat Farm in Brattleboro between 9 am - 12 pm for sausage and cheese egg sandwiches made fresh with local eggs and sausage. To honor the social distancing details you'll place your order at the drive up order area and then drive up to the pick up station. Socially distanced walk ups are welcome also. Sausage donation and catering by CherryRail Farm with additional donations and support from Pete and Gerry's Eggs, Against the Grain, Brown and Roberts, Leader Home Center and Wendy's. For more information email Jim at CherryRailFarm@gmail.com.

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

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 [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](#).