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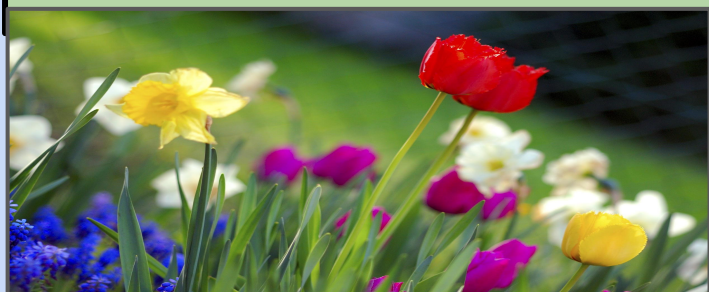
Southern Valley Unified Union School District Newsletter

Halifax and Readsboro Schools

May 15 ,2020

The information through [this link](#) provides support in a variety of areas that families might find helpful.

Principal's Note



Our State is slowly opening the businesses and community services that will allow us to safely participate with each other.

It is not easy to follow the social distancing guidelines that are recommended, yet keeping each other safe and healthy needs to be our focus. Remember the median age of Vermonters is about 43, higher than any other state.

We ask that parents continue to bag the paper and pencil school materials that they are returning on Fridays. Write your child's name on the bag.

If you are picking up meals please continue to follow the guidelines and consider wearing a mask.

We know that as the weather warms it will be difficult to continue the focus on school work, however we **need** to have contact with the **majority** of students **daily** in order for the day to count as a school day. This data is being tracked and will be reported to the state. We don't want to extend the school year so please make sure you or or child has made contact with their teachers, in some form, on a daily basis. If you need help, please reach out to teachers or myself.

Remote learning Parent Survey

Your voice is important to us, and will help us in planning for the coming fall and winter. Please take a few minutes to fill out the [remote learning parent survey](#). We have had a good response but we want to hear from as many parents as possible. Your experience with remote learning is important to share, challenges and successes, we would like to hear it all.

2020-2021 School Calendar

There are two calendars for the SVUUSD district. Please read [the memo](#) from the WSWSU Board Chair explaining the minor differences.

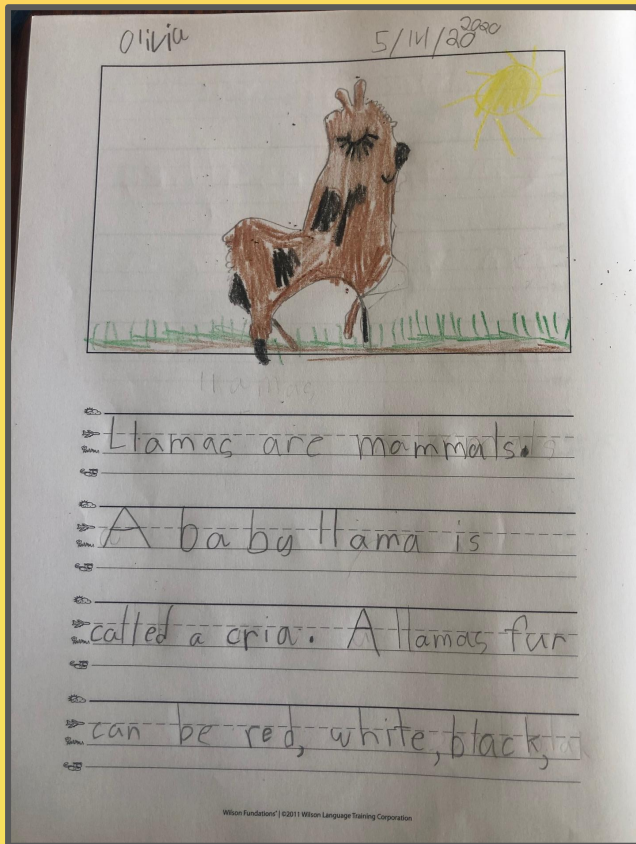
Next year's school calendar is linked below. There is statement that is located at the bottom of the calendars which states: *This calendar may be changed based on the AOE and/or the Governor's directives for the 2020-2021 school year.*

Calendars:

[Southern Valley at Readsboro](#)

[Southern Valley at Halifax](#)

Student Writing



This week we share a few samples of the writing that is occurring in grades K-2 across our schools. Students writing about animals, responding to stories they hear and creating stories about something they found outdoors.

The girl who found quartz
By: Maggie Boyington

Once there was a little girl named Maggie who loved collecting rocks, her favorite rock was quartz.

One morning Maggie was out looking for more rocks, when she found a big quartz rock she was so happy she brought it straight to her Grammy Robin witch she was a rock expert. Maggie and her Grammy polished the rock until it was super shinny Maggie felt so proud of herself for finding the quartz and put it up on the shelf with all her other special rocks. Then it was time for Maggie to eat lunch.

THE END!

School and Community Information

School Menu



Monday

Cereal, fruit, juice, milk
Chicken tender wrap, fruit, veggie,
milk & treat

Tuesday

Granola bar, fruit, juice, milk
Quesadillas, fruit, veggie, milk &
treat

Wednesday

Yogurt parfait, juice, milk
Chicken caesar
wraps, fruit, veggie, milk & treat

Thursday

Bagel, juice, fruit, milk
Taco salad, fruit, veggie, milk & treat

Friday

Banana bread, yogurt, juice, milk
Italian combo, fruit, veggie, milk &
treat

Decision Making Supports for Schools

[CDC Guidance for reopening of schools](#)

[Vermont AOE and DOH Health Guidelines for
Childcare Programs and Summer Programs](#)

Guidance News

Check out these great resources from Leslie Leff:

- [You Can't Pour From an Empty Cup](#)
- You tube [Videos for students and families](#)

Remember Leslie is available for consultations email her
lleff@halifaxschool.net

Free Breakfast for children and adults



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Free breakfast sandwiches are available to **ALL** on Saturdays and Sundays starting in May -June. **NO breakfast this Sunday due to expected rain.** Just come down to the Retreat Farm in Brattleboro between 9 am - 12 pm. For more information:

CherryRailFarm@gmail.com.

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 [Scho](#)