

Friday, February 10, 2017

School Notes and Athletics

Mr. Bagnato, Principal

State law requires that schools in Vermont operate for at least 175 days each year.

When our school year calendar is created, a group of administrators from White River Valley Supervisory Union use the supervisory union's technical school calendar (Randolph) to plug in vacation dates.

We are required by law to follow the technical school's vacation calendar. This is the reason we are not able to consistently match up our calendar with our designated school's calendar.



1st and 2nd Graders have mixed emotions on the 100th day of school.

After plugging in the vacation dates, the administrators add WRVSU inservice days and school specific days. In the end, we have a calendar that has elements from our technical school, WRVSU dates, and our own school needs.

In the past, if the last day of school ended on a Tuesday, we would change this date to Friday and state that we had 3 snow days. For this current year the 175th day landed on a Friday, so we made a decision to not add any snow days.

Since we have had three snow days this year, the ***last day is currently scheduled for Wednesday, June 14th***. The most important reason for this decision was that administrators did not want to predict how many snow days they would need and then feel that they had to stay to the number scheduled.

I would like some feedback on this issue.

To provide your opinions, please complete this two question [survey](#). You should also feel free to e-mail or call me anytime.

Athletics and Upcoming Events:

Mon Feb 13	3:15pm – 4:15pm 4:20pm – 5:20pm 5:30pm – 7:00pm 6:00pm – 8:00pm	⊕ 3/4 Girls Basketball Practice 📅 ⊕ 5/6 Boys Practice 📅 ⊕ CANCELLED 5/6 boys bball vs. Tunbridge 5:30pm - Rosa ⊕ PTA Meeting
Tue Feb 14	3:15pm – 4:15pm 3:30pm – 4:30pm 4:20pm – 5:20pm 6:30pm – 8:00pm	⊕ 5/6 Girls Basketball Practice 📅 ⊕ SNAP 📅 ⊕ 3/4 Boys Basketball Practice 📅 ⊕ 7/8 bball@ Chelsea School, girls 5:30pm, boys 6:30pm -
Wed Feb 15	3:15pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm 5:25pm – 6:25pm 6:30pm – 7:30pm	⊕ 3/4 Girls Basketball Practice 📅 ⊕ 5/6 Girls basketball @ Bethel ⊕ 7/8 Girls Basketball Practice 📅 ⊕ 7/8 Boys Basketball Practice 📅
Thu Feb 16	3:30pm – 4:30pm 4:20pm – 5:20pm 5:30pm – 7:30pm 6:00pm – 7:30pm	⊕ SNAP 📅 ⊕ 3/4 Boys Basketball Practice 📅 ⊕ 7/8 bball girls @ TSA - Sharon Academy High School The, ⊕ 7/8 boys bball @ Rochester - Rochester Elementary/High S
Fri Feb 17	8:00am – 11:00am 12:30pm – 4:00pm	⊕ 4th Grade to the Hood Museum - The Hood Museum ⊕ Ski Program - Dartmouth Ski Way 📅
Mon Feb 20	All day 5:00pm – 6:30pm	⊕ Mid Quarters Go Home MS ⊕ 7/8 Basketball game vs Bethel Girls 5 pm boys 6:30 pm -
Tue Feb 21	3:30pm – 4:30pm 6:00pm – 8:00pm	⊕ SNAP 📅 ⊕ 3/4Cancelled Bball vs Sharon (Girls 6pm/boys7pm) Canc

WINTER SPORTS BANQUET (Basketball and Nordic Skiing) - Plan for 5:30 - 6:30 on 2/22. For more information please go to our [Google Calendar](#)

K-2 News

Ms. Kicza, Mrs. Longcore & Mrs. Robinson

Friday the K-2 cluster enjoyed celebrating the 100th day of school! The kindergarteners each brought in a 100 day project. K and 1 have all been counting to 100 days of school in math classes. K-2 together had a 100 photo booth, movement activities, building, craft projects, and a special



snack. It's been a fun and productive 100 days!



3-5 News

Ms. Cote, Mrs. Hill & Mr. Walker

This unusual weather week proved to make for some unusual learning times, but we were glad to get back to school and our routines on Friday. Our Strafford Historical Field Trip has been rescheduled for next Thursday, February 16th.

This past Tuesday, despite the coming storm, our cluster was still able to travel to the Lebanon Opera House to watch "Story Pirates" on stage. In this performance, actors took stories written by real kids and performed them as short comedies and musical skits. One of the best parts of the show was when the actors polled the audience and created a skit on the spot with ideas generated from the kids. Several of our students participated in adding different elements to the plot. The skit ended with a tribute song for Mr. Walker's very own dog "Phoebelicious." A big thank you to the PTA for making these performance trips possible.

Library & Technology News

Ms. Simone Pyle

First graders practiced reading for information, using a 3-2-1 Strategy Chart with the Red Clover Award nominee *The Blue Whale* by Jenni Desmond. We read this picture book twice, and students recorded three things they

discovered; two things they found especially interesting; and one question they still had. The students picked one item from their chart *and* their favorite page, and we made a video!



First Grade 3-2-1 Strategy

Health News

Nurse Ellen

We continue to see students with an upper respiratory illness and a significant cough as well as a stomach bug. A friendly reminder that having your children get extra rest and staying well hydrated helps children get better sooner. Please call Nurse Ellen if your child is diagnosed with a bacterial infection and started on antibiotics.

We are in our third week of the Passport to Winter Fun.

Fun - fun - fun with snow - snow - snow. Nurse Ellen is helping her nephew learn to snow board this weekend.

Encourage your children to draw a picture of the activity they do each day and don't forget the programs they can participate in as they reach the indicated milestones. Have fun.

[Local Resources for Families Information](#)

Spanish News

Ms. Bea Pratt

In Spanish class we have been talking about the record breaking Super Bowl, the rules to football, the commercials and then playing our own table football. The 8th grade is working on creating teaching tools to help younger students learn new vocabulary.

If you are looking for more ways to practice Spanish, try searching the Super Bowl advertisements that they did locally in California. Look for "anuncios en español de Super Bowl LI." Ask your students if they can catch any words that are familiar.

PTA News

Mrs. Amy Donohue & Ms. Shannon Varley

Mardi Gras!

The PTA is collaborating with the Universalist Church and One Planet on the upcoming Mardi Gras event to make masks after school on **Thursday, February 16th** 3:00-4:30. We are in need of two volunteers to help with this fun event. Please contact [Amy Donohue](#) if you are able to help.

Next PTA Meeting - **Monday, February 13th, 6pm**, Newton School Library
We will be planning Winter Carnival (March 10th, 11th, & 12th) and Town Meeting Lunch (March 7th). We need many volunteers to help with these events, please come to the meeting to see where you can help or email [Amy Donohue](#) if you can't attend the meeting but would like to help.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

[Earn-A-Bike](#)

[Winter Break Camps](#)

[2018 Paris France, Switzerland, The Alps and Germany](#)

[Revels Kids 2017/Revels Kids 2017 Traditions of Zimbabwe](#)

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is each individual member.
The strength of each
member is the team."

- Phil Jackson