

The Update

Halifax School's Weekly Newsletter

December 1, 2017

Principal's Note

The start of the holiday season began with a generous action from a local community member. We were having a difficult time arranging for our school donation boxes to be delivered to Texas. I had tried several avenues and wasn't making any progress. I decided that we needed to get them sent so I headed off to the post office. I mailed one but decided that the other would just have to wait, as the cost seemed so excessive. There was a woman behind me and she followed me out to the car, she insisted that she wanted to mail the box. This box was even heavier than the first, I told her that we would find another way but she insisted. I didn't know this woman; but she was so impressed by the actions of our students and families she wanted to help us complete our goal.

"Strength in Action" was our motto for November. Our students had taken action by creating Christmas cards for a child in Maine who was not expected to see Christmas this year and was celebrating early. This suggestion came from a parent at our school. All of our students created beautiful cards for this child. These acts of kindness happen more than we think, yet they are not often celebrated. We are trying to change this.

Our motto for this month is to show "Strength through Kindness" We will be acknowledging acts of kindness by drawing or noting the kindness of others on a paper Christmas light bulb. We have attached some light bulbs to this update so that you can participate with us. If you experience an act of kindness or you witness someone demonstrating a random act kindness, please fill out a light bulb, color it, cut it out and send it in. We hope to light up our school with kindness this month!



PTG Meeting

The first PTG meeting of the year will be held on Monday December 4th at 7:00pm at the school. Please come and join our group!

Holiday Sale

We are collecting sale items for The Holiday Sale on Tuesday, December 19th. If you have new or gently used items to donate please drop them off at school. This sale allows students to select items as gifts for family and friends. Donations of wrapping paper, tape boxes, and bows are always welcome.

Southern Valley Unified Union School Survey- We have extended the deadline Surveys are due by December 20th.

Linda sent out surveys via email last week, and today a hard copy of the survey from the board (The Southern Valley Unified Union School Board) was sent home last week. We encourage you to take the time to fill it out. The information you share will help our board create a new, shared vision and mission. Each of our schools has unique strengths and we want to make sure that we create the very best educational opportunities possible for all of our students. You can send the survey back into school with your child or drop them off in the office. Extra surveys are available in the Town Clerk's office and at the post office. Please ask your friends and neighbors to fill one out as well, so that our community can add their thoughts and ideas. Together we can build a vision that will help guide the school board and the principals as we embark on this new path.



Kindergarten

The Kindergarten classroom is looking for donation of the front cover of old Christmas Cards. Send yours into school and see how they will be transformed and repurposed!

Breakfast with Santa at Halifax School

**Santa and Mrs. Claus
are coming
to Halifax!**



Kids of all ages are invited to join us for a morning
with Santa and Mrs. Claus

on

Saturday, December 16, 2017

9:00am to 11:00am

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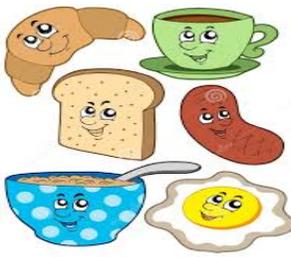
Halifax School Multipurpose Room

246 Branch Road - Halifax, VT

Fee: \$5 per child, which includes light breakfast of muffins and juice
and a small gift from Santa

Supported by the Halifax School Parent-Teacher Group
halifaxptg@gmail.com

A few craft vendors will be onsite selling Holiday gifts!



Breakfast Menu



Lunch Menu

Valley Events



SANTA CLAUS COMETH...

Santa will visit the Dover Free Library bearing gifts for children on Saturday, December 2nd from 3-5pm. In addition, Dover Elementary School children's chorus will sing traditional holiday songs, holiday refreshments and other activities will be provided as well. This program is free and open to the public.

Important Halifax Community Dates

Wednesday, December 6 - School Board Meeting 6:00

Thursday, December 7 - Holiday Concert 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 16 - Breakfast with Santa 9:00-11:00

Tuesday, December 19 - Holiday Dinner & Sale

Thursday, December 21 - 11:30 Dismissal

Friday, December 22-Monday, January 1 - No School December vacation

Wednesday, January 3 - School Board Meeting 6:00

Monday, January 15 - No School - Martin Luther King Day

Friday, January 26 - No School - Full Day Inservice

Wednesday, February 7 - 11:30 Dismissal - Afternoon Inservice

Wednesday, February 7 - School Board Meeting 6:00

Monday, February 19-23 - No School - February Break

Monday, March 5 - No School - Full Day Inservice

Tuesday, March 6 - No School - Town Meeting Day

Wednesday, March 7 - School Board Meeting 6:00

Wednesday, April 4 - School Board Meeting 6:00

Wednesday, May 2 - School Board Meeting 6:00

Wednesday, June 6 - School Board Meeting 6:00