

# The Update

Halifax School's Weekly Newsletter

January 12, 2018

## Principal's Note



Is school open or not? That's how we have started 2018. I hope the weather decides what it wants to do this winter. I would love it just to snow! Keep the the extreme cold, rain and sleet away. With this crazy weather occurring we need your help with making sure that your child has the appropriate clothing to go outside this winter. The new Wellness Policy states that all students will have access to 30 minutes of recess daily (physical activity), this allows them to burn off some energy, get some fresh air and move their bodies so that they can focus on afternoon instruction. Students need snow pants, jackets, hats, gloves/mittens and boots. We do have some extras here at school so if something is needed please let us know. Students are welcome to borrow hats, and mittens/gloves. We have a few snow pants and jackets, but sizes are limited.

The interim state testing has begun for grades 3- 8. Testing is scheduled for short periods of time each day. Testing will occur for approximately 2 weeks. Students work at their own pace in Mathematics and English Language Arts. Teachers will be scoring these mid-year tests later in the month during inservice time. We are also completing our winter benchmarks for Aimsweb. This is the reading fluency test the students take 3 times a year, testing is quick, usually not more than 5-10 minutes. These quick assessments happen in grades K-8.

There is no school on Monday, as it is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Enjoy the long weekend, it looks like we will all be diverting water, salting and sanding our walkways!

### **Friday Workshop Volunteers**

We are looking for a few parents or community volunteers to run a Friday workshop for students who are not participating in the ski and snowboarding program. If you have a passion for crafting, exercise, games, snowshoeing, etc.. we need you. Volunteers would run a small group for students in grades K-4, 5-8. The group would meet for 50 mins. We are looking for a volunteer for 1 day or all 6 days on the following dates; January 19th, February 2nd, 9th and March 2nd, 9th and 16th.

Come have some fun and help create a great experience for our students! Supplies will be provided, but we need you!



### **BINGO NIGHT**

The Whitingham Firemen's Association is hosting a BINGO tonight at 6:30 pm at the Jacksonville Municipal Center. Come join us for an evening of fun and prizes!

### **Farm to School- Winter Squash**

#### **Barbara Nedd's Butternut Squash donuts- Shelburne, Vermont**

- 2 eggs
- 1¼ cups sugar, plus extra for coating cooked donuts
- 1 cup mashed, cooked butternut squash
- ½ cup buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1½ teaspoons baking soda
- 1¼ teaspoons ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon Bakewell Cream\*
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
- Oil for deep-fat frying



\*Nedd uses Bakewell Cream in place of cream of tartar. She says that it gives her donuts more springiness.



**Directions:**

In a bowl combine the eggs, sugar, squash, buttermilk, butter and vanilla. Combine the dry ingredients: add to the squash mixture and mix well. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours (dough will be very soft).

Turn dough onto a heavily floured surface: roll to ½ inch thickness. Cut with a 2 1/2 inch donut cutter. Heat oil to 375 degrees. Fry the donuts, a few at a time, until golden brown on both sides. Drain on paper towels. Toss with sugar, if desired.

## **Important Halifax Community Dates**

### **TONIGHT -Benefit Bingo Night at the Jacksonville Municipal Center 6:30 pm**

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

Friday, January 19 - Skiing @ MT Snow

Friday, January 26 - No School - Full Day Inservice

Friday, February 2 - Skiing @ MT Snow

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

Friday, February 9 - Skiing @ MT Snow

Wednesday, February 7 - School Board Meeting 6:00

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

Friday, March 2 - Skiing @ MT Snow

Monday, March 5 - No School - Full Day Inservice

Tuesday, March 6 - No School - Town Meeting Day

Wednesday, March 7 - School Board Meeting 6:00

Friday, March 9 - Skiing @ MT Snow

Friday, March 16 - Skiing

Thursday, March 29 - 11:30 Dismissal - Afternoon Inservice

Friday, March 30 - No School - Full Day Inservice

Wednesday, April 4 - School Board Meeting 6:00

Monday, April 16-Friday, April 20 - April Break

Wednesday, May 2 - School Board Meeting 6:00

Wednesday, May 9 - 11:30 Dismissal - Afternoon Service

Monday, May 28 - No School - Memorial Day