

The Update

Southern Valley Unified Union School District Newsletter Halifax and Readsboro

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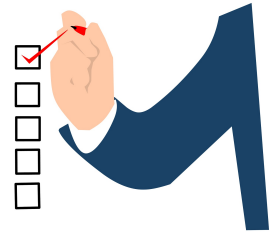
Principal's Note

Report cards are going home today so please check your child's backpack.

Report cards are enclosed in a manilla envelope that we would like you to sign and then return (only the envelope- keep the report card) so that we know that you have received the report

card. Remember that a grade of 2 means that your child is making adequate progress or is on pace for demonstrating year end proficiency. There will be some areas where you might see a semester grade of 3 or 4 for an area or specific unit that was taught and will not be taught again. Each report card will have a letter attached explaining the grading system. A copy of it can be found [here](#).

We hope that our weekly schedules will return to normal with most of the testing completed. This month always goes by very fast and with our delays or closings it is sometimes hard to restart for the new semester. That being said, teachers have reviewed expectations, shared upcoming learning opportunities and begun this new year with lots of positive energy.



Traveling the world with Passion and compassion Book Swap

What: We are going to share our books!

Students, staff, and families donate books they no longer want. All students can visit the swap once a month and may take up to **two** books.

Students don't need to donate in order to take a book.

****Students just check with your parents before you bring a book!**

When: Every month on the second Wednesday.

Students, staff, and families may drop off books at any point for the swap.

Time: 7:30-8:00

Where: The 5th/6th grade classroom



Readsboro PTG

Please check out the flyer below- Flowers for Valentines Day!

Halifax PTG

Parents please review the [information](#) about the annual events occurring at the Halifax Campus and the list of volunteers for each activity.

SBAC testing

This week students grades 3-8 in Readsboro and Halifax will be finishing up SBAC testing. We have only a few students needing to do so. Testing does not happen all day long, students can take breaks if needed and teachers monitor student progress.

NAEP Testing

Southern Valley at Halifax have once again been selected to participate in NAEP testing. (The National Assessment of Educational Progress). Students in grades 4 and 8 will be testing in this coming week on Thursday - January 31st in Halifax Letters have been sent home to parents explaining the testing process and options available. It is a computer-based test, for reading or math, and takes about 2 hours or less to complete. Check out their [website](#) for specific details.

Wish list

- The Readsboro Community Library is looking for your old wooden scrabble tiles. Please drop them off at either school location.
- Boxtops- drop at either school location.
- Angelina Read, Kindergarten Teacher at Halifax, is looking for Renaissance pictures from last year of Kindergarten's Enchanted Forest.
- Wings program leaders- do you have a talent you would love to share with students? Contact Sarah Lake in Readsboro, or Merritt Youmell in Halifax with your ideas. Leaders are paid \$25.00 an hour for their time, energy and commitment.
- Winter Activity Volunteers- each campus is looking for folks who would love to take a group snowshoeing, sledding, Winter STEM projects etc. on Tuesday afternoons during January and February. If you are interested in helping, contact Jane Higley or Linda Swanson.

- Halifax Kindergarten is looking for a cool mist humidifier.

Welcome Back

We welcome back Brittani Sprague this week! She and Tom Boudreau will overlap for a few weeks, so that we can guarantee a smooth transition. It is great to have her back at our Readsboro Campus.

Winter Activities for Readsboro



Winter activities for Readsboro begins on January 8th and we will meet as a school to hear presentations from Mike Clough from Vermont Nature Museum and Rich Watkins, our Regional game Warden. This will be an awesome experience! Below is a list in order:

Jan 29 - Skating (N. Adams) or Sledding at Dutch Hill

Feb 5 - Sledding or Snowshoeing (can bring own sled on bus, put name on it)

A Rolling Calendar of Southern Valley Events and Dates

Halifax Campus:

February 6 11:30 Dismissal

February 15 Wings Ends

February 18-22 February Break

Readsboro Campus:

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Valentine's Day Flowers in Readsboro

Great opportunity to share flowers with a friend or relative. Please read Flyer below.



The flyer is a white rectangular sheet with a decorative border of small red hearts. The text is arranged in a clear, organized manner. At the top left, there is a cluster of red hearts of various sizes. At the bottom left, there is another cluster of red hearts. The main text is centered and right-aligned in some places. The title 'Valentine's Day Flowers' is in a large, bold, red font. The pricing information is listed in a simple black font. The delivery date and contact information are also clearly stated.

Show a special friend how much they mean to you! This could be a teacher, a classmate or even a special delivery to a child from mom & dad!

Order & have delivery to the school

Valentine's Day Flowers

\$1.25 for a carnation
\$2.25 for a red rose
\$5.00 for a mixed bundle

All flowers exchanged between children will remain anonymous. Children can send to staff and the child will have an opportunity to deliver in school on their own.

Included below is a sheet for parents to send flower(s) to your child and a space for a personal note which we will include in delivery. Parents only!

Take advantage of this great opportunity to purchase a flower for a loved one at home (mom, dad, grandparents, etc.). This order will be sent home with your child for delivery.

ORDER SHEETS ARE DUE BACK TO MRS. JANE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 4TH.

Delivery date will be February 14th

Please contact any PTG member for questions or concerns by calling the school's front office.