



## *Weekly News Letter from The Principal's Corner February 28, 2020*

### **Puppets in Education Coming to WS:**

Weathersfield School has received a grant to host a Pilot program on anxiety on March 25, 2020, for students in grades K-4 with Puppets in Education. Puppets in Education (PiE), a program of Vermont Family Network is dedicated to teaching children how to keep themselves safe and healthy and to appreciate each other's physical and cultural differences, see flyer attached. Using life-sized puppets, this program seeks to support parents and communities in helping children realize their full potential. For more information on how Vermont Family Network supports families, please call (800) 800-4005. The anxiety program will teach WS students that worry is normal, everyone experiences it, and our bodies and brains have a built-in alarm system that tells us when there is a problem, which is useful. However, sometimes our alarm system goes off too often or when it is not necessary and this program will teach our students coping strategies for when worry becomes a problem. Please see the attached flyer for additional information. For questions on the presentation please contact Jenna Brown at [jenna.brown@wsesu.net](mailto:jenna.brown@wsesu.net).

### **Coding Opportunity for Students**

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter. It is a coding opportunity at an afterschool program for our students. For more information or to sign up, please reach out to Kelly Broker - Campbell at [kbrokercampbell@rvtc.org](mailto:kbrokercampbell@rvtc.org).

### **Kindergarten Registration**

Weathersfield School is preparing for the 2020-2021 Kindergarten School Year. On Friday, March 27, 2020, we will be having our Kindergarten Registration/Screening. If your child(ren) will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2020, we are asking parents/ guardians to call the school to schedule an appointment for this year's screening. We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact the school at 674-5400. We have 24 new Kindergarteners on the books as of today, and that is just the starting number; it always goes up!

### **The Kindness Crew Thanks YOU!**

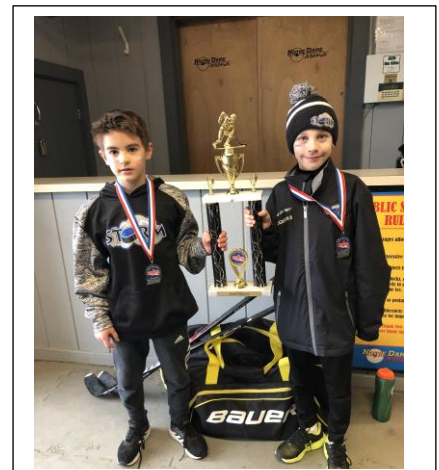
What a fantastic kindness week we had before February break! A huge thank you to everyone for your help in making the week a success! So many students and adults came dressed for the theme each day. They enjoyed making cards at the Appreciation Station for friends and family. We collected lots of socks, coats, clothing, and 20 pairs of shoes/boots! Wow! We are so proud of our KIND Weathersfield community. Thank you!!!!

### **Isaac McNaughton and Lucas Gaudette are Stellar Ice Hockey Players**

Lucas Gaudette and Isaac McNaughton, both 4<sup>th</sup> graders at WS, were part of the tier 3 squirt storm hockey team that won second place in the New Hampshire state championship and is now advancing to regionals. Lucas had a hat trick in one of the games (among many goals throughout) and Isaac scored the game's winning goal in overtime in the semifinal game. Congratulations to both families and to the boys for their hard work and \ team spirit! Go Boys!

### **Weathersfield's Got Talent**

Mark your calendars, please! Weathersfield's Got Talent will be held on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> in the gym, on stage, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Hope we have a good turn-out because the kids have been practicing for this special event and they are so anxious to show you their "stuff"!



### **Openings at WS for 2020-2021 School Year**

WS has posted the following openings for WS on SchoolSpring, for FY 21, see below. **If you are interested in serving on one or more of the Interview Committees, please notify Principal Oakman ASAP.** Committee work will begin in early March. We would like to have at least one community member, a student, a parent, and a school employee on each committee.

\*\*Spanish Opening – 2 days a week, (.4 FTE)

\*\*Middle Level History opening – full time

\*\*Grade 1 opening – full time

\*\*Guidance Counselor opening for K-8 – full time

\*\*Special Education Teacher for middle level grades – full time

Conditions for all positions: Must hold a valid and current VT teaching license. Transcripts, three current letters of recommendation, introduction/cover letter; copy of license required. Positions opened until filled. EOE

### **School Report Night**

Save this date and time for School Report Night, with details to follow: May 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 6:00 pm.

### **WSESU Music Concert Set for April**

Mr. Shambo is proud to announce that the WSESU music teachers are putting together the SU music festival again! During this festival, students in grades 6-8 that are in band and grades 5-8 that are in chorus will perform music with all of the other schools in our supervisory union. This festival will take place Wednesday, April 8 and Thursday, April 9 and occur during the school day so there is no conflict with sports or other after school activities. On April 8, the entire school day will be used for rehearsal at Windsor High School, for band students, and Weathersfield School, for choral students. On April 9, both groups will travel to three schools in the supervisory union to ensure each school gets to witness this wonderful performance! As this festival is during the school day and traveling will be involved, all students are ensured to be back at their perspective schools by dismissal time on both days. All students that are in band and/or chorus are required to participate in this festival as it is a wonderful opportunity! Permission slips will be sent home with more detailed information. This will be a great performance and the students love the thought of “being on tour”! If you have any questions, please email Mr. Shambo at [zachary.shambo@wsesu.net](mailto:zachary.shambo@wsesu.net).

### **Ascutneyville Schoolhouse Bell to Come Home to WS**

Ginger Wimberg presented to the School Board on January 6, 2020 about the old Ascutneyville Schoolhouse Bell that was given to the Historical Society. The Historical Society would like to have the bell dedicated to former students of the school and to make its home here at WS. Our School Board is interested in making this a fun adventure for all of us by having a dedication ceremony in June, where we have townspeople, children and former classmates of the old school come together to welcome the bell home. It is in GREAT shape and should be accessible IN the school, for students to be able to ring as a part of their education. **We are looking for interested people who would like to serve on the Bell Celebration Planning Committee.** If you have an interest in helping us plan this auspicious celebration or if you have questions or memories to share, please contact Principal Oakman at 674-5400 or send an email, (jmoakman@wsesu.net). Theresa White has agreed to be on the committee and even has a picture of the bell in the old school. What fun this event will be!

### **Panther Cub Night Announced**

Future Panther Cubs, mark your calendars! On Tuesday, May 19 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. we will be hosting our annual Panther Cub Night. This event is for our future kindergarten classes and their families. We will have many fun activities for the kids to do! The children will even get to bring home their own games, books, and supplies to help them get ready for kindergarten in the fall. We hope to see all of our Panther Cubs on May 19, 2020!

Spring is on the way, I promise!

*JeanMarie*

JeanMarie K. Oakman, WS Principal



# You are invited to Puppets in Education Presentation Day



Weathersfield School  
Wednesday, March 25, 2020

*Families are invited to attend!*

TIMES	GRADE	PROGRAM
9:00-9:45	K	Anxiety & Pass the Puppet
10:00-10:45	3	Anxiety & Pass the Puppet
12:15-1:00	1 & 2	Anxiety & Pass the Puppet
1:15-2:00	4	Anxiety & Pass the Puppet

## **Puppets in Education will be presenting the following topics:**

### **Anxiety Pilot Program for Grades K-4**

The program addresses the following:

- Worry is normal, everyone experiences it
- Our bodies and brains have a built-in alarm system that tells us when there is a problem, which is useful. Sometimes our alarm system goes off too often or when it is not necessary.
- When Worry becomes a problem, there are lots of ways we can make it smaller and more manageable.
- The tools we will use in the show are: Stand Up to Worry, Busy Mind, Calm Breath, Talk to a Grown-up, and Move My Body

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PiE performs throughout VT, NY, NH, MA and CT. Each presentation typically consists of one or two skits, a question & answer session and songs. Workshop presentations introduce the topic with puppets then engage older students in activities that include role plays, brainstorming, games or simulation activities. Performances last approximately 30-60 minutes depending upon the grade.

If you have questions or concerns about the upcoming programs, please contact:

Jenna Brown  
(802) 674-5400

These presentations are generously funded by:



**Puppets in Education**  
*Program of Vermont Family Network*  
600 Blair Park Road, Suite 240  
Williston, VT 05495  
800-800-4005  
[www.VermontFamilyNetwork.org](http://www.VermontFamilyNetwork.org)



# Winter Session

Tech Time at RVTC  
Tuesdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm  
March 10th, 17th, 24, and 31st

## Tech Time

Afterschool Programs at RVTC

Grades 6-8

River Valley Technical Center  
307 South Street, Springfield, VT 05156

Students in grades 6-8  
Sign up with your Afterschool Program Coordinator,  
Guidance Counselor, or Kelly Broker-Campbell



### Microbit Game Design

Power your imagination with code. Get creative, get connected, get coding with the BBC micro:bit robot! Students will discover the impact microcomputers and open source communities have on our history. Students will be building and programming their own games using microcontrollers in this hands-on after-school program!

Kelly Broker-Campbell  
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www.rvtc.org





I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the River Valley Technical Center Tech Time After School Program. I understand that I will need to arrange transportation for my child from the sending school to the River Valley Technical Center in Springfield, Vermont each day so that they are there by 3:30 pm. I also understand that it is my responsibility to arrange transportation home from the River Valley Technical Center at 5:00 pm. I understand that if I am more than 20 minutes late in picking up my child, he or she may be asked not to return to Tech Time at RVTC during this session. I understand that the rules of the sending school and the River Valley Technical Center apply on this trip and I also understand that my child is expected to comply with behavior and activity requests from the River Valley Technical Center staff.

I understand that my child may be using tools specific to their program as part of this experience and they will be instructed in proper safety before using any equipment.

By signing below, I give my permission in the case of an accident or injury, to the supervising teacher or staff to attend to my child's injury and to take my child to the physician or to the hospital if an accident or serious illness occurs at the program.

If you do not want your child's photograph used, please opt out by initialing here: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Name (Please print):

Grade/Age:

Sending School:

Program of Interest:

Parent or Guardian Name (Please Print) :

Phone:

Email Address:

Name of Person(s) authorized to pick up my child from RVTC:

Pertinent Medical Information:

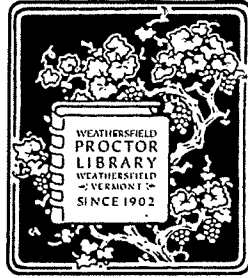
Required medications:

Primary Doctor:

Phone Number:

Student Signature:

Parent or Guardian Signature and Date:



THE WEATHERSFIELD PROCTOR LIBRARY  
will host the 9th Annual  
**TOWN TEAM CHALLENGE**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020 at 7 p.m.**  
at the Weathersfield School in Ascutney  
(Storm date is March 15.)

Come watch and support your favorite town organization as they compete in a seven-category trivia contest. Prizes will also be awarded for most team spirit and most funds raised.

Door prizes, too!

Donations to the Library may be given at the door.

Refreshments will be served.

Call 802-674-2863 for further information.

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