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Weekly News Letter from The Principal's Corner
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New School Hours Start Monday

Monday, January 25th is the day we start doing health checks at 7:45 am, buses scheduled to arrive at pick up spots 15 minutes earlier, school starts at 8:15 am and ends at 1:15, pm, with bus line up starting immediately and parent pick up concluding by 1:30 pm. Call if you have questions!

Let's Get Active

Last week's challenge was the Paper Ball Hits. Bragging rights go to Olivia Follett with the highest number overall! Then following Olivia's score was Jamie Follett. Alexis and Hailey Follett tied for the K-2 age group. Thanks for participating! The next Panther Challenge is the Skier Jumps. How many jumps can you do side to side in 1 minutes time? Squish your two feet together and jump side to side. Don't forget to log your score via this [Google Form](#) by Tuesday January 26th. You can log your score as many times as you want to attempt the challenge! Good luck! I've attached the [January Fitness Activity Calendar](#) here. Keep on moving and grooving! *Mrs. Berry*

Welcome Back!

Ten remote only students will return to WS on Monday, the start of the second semester, to finish their school year in person. Congratulations and welcome back; we missed you!

Annual Town Meeting for School and Town

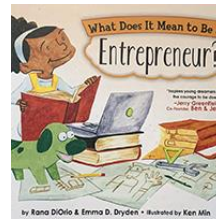
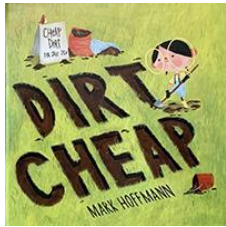
This year's town meeting will be virtual and held on Saturday, February 27, 2021. Both the town's and the school's budgets will be discussed. The vote will take place on March 2, 2021. More information is forthcoming, along with your town report booklets.

Community Ski Day Hosted by Ascutney Outdoor

For the upcoming weekend we are introducing our Community Day on the Rope Tow on Friday (Jan 22nd) from 2PM until 4:30PM. We hope to see many local families take advantage of some extra outdoor time with the kids. Although donations are always welcome, there is no ticket charge for Friday's skiing. It is our intention to offer this fun opportunity every Friday from 2PM until 4:30PM when conditions allow. We will have an obstacle course for everyone with goodies!!!!!! We will have our normal tubing and T-bar (fingers crossed) operations from noon until 4PM on Saturday the 23rd and Sunday the 24th . Looking forward to seeing everyone.

News from Mrs. Smith, WS Librarian and Media Teacher

Weathersfield is participating in a statewide program called Reading is an Investment. The goal of the program is to teach elementary-aged children personal finance concepts. We are one of over 140 Vermont elementary schools who will use the program this school year. The program is managed by the Vermont State Treasurer's Office. Participating schools are sent three new books each year that highlight a specific personal finance theme. The 2020-2021 personal theme is "I'm an Entrepreneur!" These three books will be read in library class over the next few weeks. During library class the students will be completing a reading log that I will enter into the drawing for a \$250 college savings account. Last year, more than 4,500 students statewide completed logs and entered the drawing. Twenty prizes will be awarded this year. The three titles we will be reading and discussing are: Dirt Cheap by Mark Hoffmann, The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires, and What Does it Mean to be an Entrepreneur by Rana DiOrio and Emma D. Dryden.



This is the fifth year that we have been participating in this program. So far, we have had one winner. Hopefully this year, one of Weathersfield's students' logs will be chosen.

Track My Progress Assessments

K-8 in person and remote only students are taking TMP tests as I write this. Some students have finished the two assessments, while others will be finishing their Track My Progress assessments in reading and math next week. In person students will have individual scores and a cover letter sent home in Friday packets on Feb 5, 2021.

News from Governor Scott Regarding the Covid 19 Vaccine

Governor Scott asked us to share this COVID-19 Vaccine Update with you. As the vaccination effort moves forward, we will send updated information. If you know anyone else who would be interested in this information, please pass it along. They can also sign up for regular updates on this and other issues by signing up here: <https://governor.vermont.gov/email>

Please continue to stay healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

The Governor's Constituent Services Office Team

Vaccine Supply: While the state is prepared for any amount of vaccine, it is very important to know that supplies of COVID-19 vaccine provided by the federal government are still currently limited. Vermont is receiving about 8500 doses each week. That is why the Administration has developed a vaccine distribution plan that focuses on Vermonters who are at greatest risk of losing their lives, and those who care for them. The goal is to administer vaccines as quickly as they come into us, ensure all eligible Vermonters who want the vaccine are able to receive it, and prevent as many deaths as possible.

Next Phase of Vaccine Distribution: We are nearly complete with vaccinations in Phase One, which included residents of nursing homes, long term care facilities and other congregate living facilities for the sick and elderly, as well as frontline health workers and first responders. The next phase will be for Vermont residents who are 75 years and older. Starting January 25, people in Vermont who are 75 years and older can make an appointment to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccine clinics will start on January 27. Based on the number of doses currently available, it could take up to 6-weeks to vaccinate the roughly 49,000 Vermonters who are over age 75.

You can see how many doses have been sent to Vermont – and how many we have administered – by visiting our vaccine dashboard: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-dashboard>

Registration Details: Details will be released closer to the 25th. In addition to announcements from the Governor and Health Department updates, the state will work with health care practices, pharmacies, employers, and the media to communicate registration details.

There will be options to register online, or by phone. We are strongly encouraging a relative or friend to help their older loved ones register online to leave phone lines open for those who don't have help, and to avoid overwhelming the call center.

The forthcoming details will be the only way to register and make an appointment. You will not be able to make an appointment by calling any other Health Department phone number, your health care provider, or a hospital. However, if you have questions about whether you should get the vaccine, you should talk to your health care provider.

Stay up to Date: There are ways you can stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations, including who can get the vaccine and who will be eligible next. Check this website often: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/about-covid-19-vaccines-vermont>

Additional resources:

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions: <https://apps.health.vermont.gov/COVID/faq/#vaccine>

COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-dashboard>.

COVID-19 Cases Dashboard: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity/vermont-dashboard>.

Please continue to be safe during these challenging times. Your support in this effort is greatly appreciated. We will get through this, together.

[Interested in providing feedback on your experience with our office? Click here for a quick, one-minute survey. Thank you!](#)

Have a terrific weekend,

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