

Waits River Valley School

WILDCAT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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January 9, 2026

Wildcat Events



January

Friday, Jan. 9th

Frozen Jr. @ 7:00 PM @ WRVS

Monday, Jan. 12th

Vision & Hearing Screening

Thursday, Jan. 15th

Mrs. King's Class to Hood Museum

Friday, Jan. 16th

NO SCHOOL –
STAFF INSERVICE

Monday, Jan. 19th

NO SCHOOL –
Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

OUTSIDE WINTER GEAR

Please be sure to send your scholars with all their winter gear each day. It is helpful if you are able to label their name inside. We have a very short supply of extra gear.

January 9, 2026

Happy New Year!! We hope you all had a rested and enjoyable holiday break!

Middle School Scholars are very excited about the beginning of our Winter Program. Today our 6th grade was scheduled to attend an introductory session at Northeast Slopes, however, with the call for rain today, it seemed in their best interest that we cancel. There is no school on Friday, January 16th, so the next date of attendance for the middle school winter program will be Friday, January 23rd when all scholars will attend. If your scholar has not returned their signed contract for the use of their SlopeStyle Ski & Ride equipment, please return that ASAP! All contracts must be signed and returned before scholars can use the equipment.

Thank you to Northeast Slopes, Slopestyle Ski & Ride, Butler Transportation, Wade Pierson, Jon Saken and Karen Avery for all their efforts in helping to make the WRVS Winter Program possible. It is important that families understand that without the funding support from NES, our middle school ski/board winter program would not be free of charge.

On Monday, January 12th, vision and hearing screenings will take place for scholars in kindergarten through 8th grade. If you have any questions, or concerns, you can email Nurse Carla (carla.horniak@oesu.org).

Our After-School Program has been a great addition to our school year. If you are still in need of after-school care from 3-5 PM, please contact us if you would like to sign-up your scholar. All scholars in grades Pre-k – 8th grade, are able to attend. Financial assistance is available for those that qualify. Please visit our website for more information:

<https://www.wrvschool.org/families/after-school-program> .

On school days that we have a 2-hour delay there is no early drop-off.

As a reminder, there is **NO SCHOOL on Friday, January 16th** as staff will take part in district wide Inservice. There is also **NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 19th**, which is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Have a wonderful weekend!





BASKETBALL

Please be sure to send
in a NOTE for your
scholar to stay after if
their practice starts at
3:00 PM.

You can find the
schedule on our
website:

<https://www.wrvschool.org/athletics>

WRVS Athletics Questions/Concerns

Please reach out to
Jennifer Chaffee, WRVS
Athletic Director, with any
questions you may have
via email:

jchaffee18@gmail.com .



Waits River Valley School After-School Program Monday – Friday

(Except for Holidays & Half Days)

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Cell Phone (After 3:00 PM):

802-486-9349



For information or to sign-up your scholar, please
call, 802-439-5534, or visit our website:

<https://www.wrvschool.org/families/after-school-program>

It's that time of year when we start planning for

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Kindergarten Registration will take place on Thursday, March 26 and Friday, March 27. Parents of children who reside in the towns of Corinth and Topsham who will be five-years-old on or before August 31, 2026, should call the school and speak with Lisa Thompson at 439-5534 to be placed on the list to register their child for Kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: TO CURRENT KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES

Thursday, March 26 & Friday, March 27

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for our current Kindergarten scholars on these days,
so that our teachers can register next years' Kindergarten class.

BLAKE MEMORIAL **LIBRARY NEWS**

The **GREAT DRAGON ADVENTURE BEGINS!** Jan 7- Feb 28 at The Blake Memorial Library. Join us as we step into the **MAGICAL WORLD of DRAGONS!** (See the attached advertisements)

For ANY dragon book, craft, activity, treasure hunt, or event you complete, you get stickers and raffle tickets to **WIN DRAGON PRIZES!**

To get started, come to the library and get a **Dragon Tracker**, choose a dragon book, and/or dragon activities. The prizes are displayed at the library. You can also go to our website for more details and photos of the

prizes: <https://blakememorial.org/event/the-great-dragon-adventure-begins/>.

Treasure Hunts, Dragon Art Challenge & Take Home Dragon Activities are ongoing. Wednesday, Jan. 21, we'll be making Dragon Masks at 4:00, and Friday, Jan.30 we'll be showing the live-action, "*How to Train Your Dragon*".

Your kids can take the bus to the library after school on Wednesdays; just send in a bus note with your child.

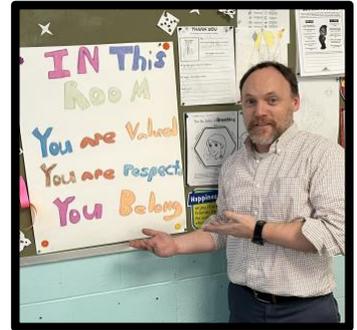
STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This week's staff spotlight is the amazing, wonderful and just outstanding.....MR. BELL!!!! (I hope you can hear the cheering and applause when you read that line)

Mr. Bell is part of our Student Services team here at WRVS. Mr. Bell has been a Special Educator with us for what is now his 14th year! Every day that Mr. Bell is here he personifies a gentle, kind and compassionate character with all that he does. I love to observe these qualities while he still has the highest and most rigorous expectations of the scholars, himself and all who he encounters in a day.

WRVS is so lucky to have Mr. Bell. He brings amazing skill and experience to our classrooms; equally he brings a genuine desire to build the scholars character, their passion, and their ownership in making the world the best place possible.

Thank you for all you bring to our learning community Mr. Bell- you are an important part of each day and moment here - valued, respected and appreciated by all!



Mr. Bell
Special Educator

WRVS RAFFLE
Northeast Slopes

WE WILL BE RAFFLING A FAMILY SKI PASS
(4) FOR THE 2026-2027 SKI SEASON.

EACH RAFFLE TICKET IS \$10.00

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED UNTIL JANUARY 20.
THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 21

A SPECIAL THANKS TO NES FOR SUPPORTING THE WRVS CLASS OF 2027
PLEASE CALL JESSICA KEANE WITH ANY QUESTIONS 802.595.8508 OR
EMAIL AT JESSICAKEANE87@GMAIL.COM

The poster features a winter theme with a snowman wearing a red hat and scarf at the top. Below the snowman is a banner with the text "WRVS RAFFLE" and "Northeast Slopes" in a cursive font. The background is a light blue sky with white snowflakes and green holly leaves with red berries. At the bottom, there is a white rabbit on skis and a brown bear on skis. The text on the poster provides details about the raffle, including the prize (a family ski pass for 4 people for the 2026-2027 season), the ticket price (\$10.00), and the purchase deadline (January 20). It also states that the drawing will be held on January 21 and includes contact information for Jessica Keane.

This week we are recognizing: Emery Fadden, Raegan Kilduff, Jacob Litchfield, Cameron Gadapee, Calvin Kingsbury, Lottie Simpson-Barrett, Myles Peterson, Jillian French, Bennett Ruggles, Barrett Stearns, Brayden Burbank, Xander Barbour, Liam Donnelly, Josiah Ainsworth, Harper Pierson, Liam McKean, & Kendra Pushee

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOUR KINDNESS!



Kindness is like snow, it beautifies everything it covers.
– Kahlile Gibram



THE GREAT DRAGON ADVENTURE!

DRAGON ART CHALLENGE!

Draw, paint, or sculpt ANY dragon (from a book, or one you have created) & write what special powers your dragon has.



ALL ENTRIES DUE BY 2/28



2 Raffle Tickets & Tracker Stickers for each Dragon Drawing!



SHOW US YOUR DRAGON CREATIVITY!

YOU CAN ENTER AS MANY DRAGON CREATIONS AS YOU LIKE!

ALL ART ENTERED WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE LIBRARY

THE GREAT DRAGON ADVENTURE!

JAN 7 - FEB 28 AT BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

DRAGON:
~BOOKS
~TREASURE HUNTS
~DRAWING CHALLENGE
~CRAFTS
~MOVIES
~BOOK SHARES
~DRAGON RAFFLE PRIZES!



Join us, as we step into the MAGICAL WORLD OF DRAGONS!

To get started, come get your Dragon Tracker, choose a book, and/or numerous activities to take home.

Get raffle tickets & stickers for reading a dragon book and/or doing any of the fun dragon crafts, events & challenges.

Come to the library to see the MAGICAL DRAGON PRIZES!

DRAGON TREASURE HUNTS!

THERE ARE 3 TREASURE HUNTS AT THE LIBRARY

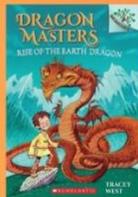
Each Treasure Hunt is themed after a certain Dragon Book - best to read book before doing Treasure Hunt

THE 3 BOOKS/HUNTS ARE:

1. "DRAGON MASTERS:

RISE OF THE EARTH DRAGON"

Shorter book, good for those new to chapter books, but also great stories full of magic & adventure. - fun for any age



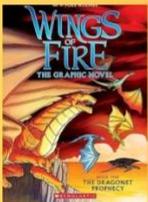
2. "HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON"

Goofy and silly Viking dragon adventure - funny illustrations. Movie based on this book.



3. "WINGS OF FIRE: DRAGONET PROPHECY"

2 RAFFLE TICKETS & PRICE FOR COMPLETING EACH TREASURE HUNT!



Epic journey into the world of dragons, their powers, friendships and adventures. Choose either graphic novel or regular book.

You can pick up a copy of any of the above books at the library and join in the Dragon Adventure!

HELD AT BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

WAYS TO EARN RAFFLE TICKETS & TRACKER STICKERS:



~Draw a Dragon

For Dragon Art Challenge - 2 tickets/2 stickers

~Read a Dragon Book

Can read ANY book with a dragon in it - 2 tickets/stickers for chapter books, 1 ticket/1 sticker picture book

~Make any Dragon Craft

Make at library craft event, or one at home and bring it in to us. We also have Dragon Activity Sheets. 1 Ticket/1 sticker

~Do a Dragon Treasure Hunt

2 Tickets/2 stickers - themed after 3 different dragon books - go to website or library to find out the 3 books

~Come to any Dragon Event

(crafts, movie, book talk/share, etc.) - 1 ticket/1 sticker

~Dragon Tracker

Every time you do one of the above, you get a sticker in your Dragon Tracker. Every 5 STICKERS, you get EXTRA RAFFLE TICKET

OPEN TO ALL AGES! COME JOIN IN THE DRAGON MAGIC!

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