

Waits River Valley School

WILDCAT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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January 15, 2026

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Wildcat Events



January

Friday, Jan. 16th
NO SCHOOL –
STAFF INSERVICE

Monday, Jan. 19th
NO SCHOOL –
Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

Wednesday, Jan. 21st
MS Presentation
“Ryan’s Story”

Friday, Jan. 23rd
MS Winter Program Begins –
Weather Permitting

Tuesday, Jan. 27th
8th Grade visits Thetford
Academy

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.

January 15, 2026

Congratulations to our scholars who performed in the WRVS production of *Frozen Jr.*. They had two wonderful nights of performances. The scholars did an outstanding job! We would like to extend thanks to Mr. Chapin for presenting this opportunity to our scholars and continuing to encourage them to take the stage. Stay tuned for information on the next performance!

Middle school is set to begin their Winter Program next Friday, January 23rd, weather permitting. Please be sure your scholar has returned their Slopestyle equipment contract.

Please remember that there is **NO SCHOOL** tomorrow, **Friday, January 16th**, while staff take part in Inservice, and **NO SCHOOL Monday, January 19th**, as it is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

This Sunday, WRVS staff and middle school family volunteers will be “Paying It Forward” at NES by staffing and donating items for the “kitchen”. All proceeds will be given back to NES for the many years that they have helped fund our Middle School Ski/Board Program.

If you would like to help “Pay It Forward”, please contact Kelly Smith: kelly.smith@oesu.org.

There will be many items available to purchase Sunday including: Beef Chili and Tator Tots, Soup, Hot Dogs, “Walking” Tacos, chips, candy bars, baked goods, hot chocolate, soda and water. Wishing you all an outstanding weekend!



A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS - Mr. Chapin would like to extend thanks to all WRVS families and staff members for their continued support of the Waits River Drama Program, and also to the following for their contribution to *Frozen Jr.*:

Morgan Otterman and Alexis Maxwell - Costumes
Charlie and Elaine White - Oaken’s Cart
Liza and Gracie Pierson - Concessions
Dan Grossman - Photography
Jeff Seabaugh and Thetford Academy for graciously hosting our performance



PLEASE REMEMBER

On mornings when we have a 2-hour delay, there is NO EARLY DROP-OFF.



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.



KINDESS NOTES

This week we are recognizing:

Jackson Hough

**WE ARE
THANKFUL FOR
YOUR
KINDNESS!**



“The Time is Always Right to do What is Right.”
-Martin Luther King, Jr.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This week is a true spotlight... someone who is a “behind the scenes” kind of person, someone who really avoids a spotlight, but someone who deserves their name in lights, confetti flowing and a huge cheering crowd before him. I would be at the front of the crowd, with my entire being clapping and cheering, as Dean Lamberti is an amazing colleague, amazing team member, and an amazing human.

“Mr. Dean” is part of our night facility team here at WRVS. He has the highest work ethics and the highest standards. Mr. Dean also has the BIGGEST smile, the kindest heart, a gentle voice and a visible bounce in his step at all times. I have had MANY times I brainstormed with Dean, asked his advice or picked at his vast experience; you can watch him think, and you know he will take the time to genuinely help with a resolution, that will work!

Dean is an outstanding facility team member, but he is an above standard human being that brings joy and warmth to all he encounters in a day, or a night. Thanks for being so Amazing Dean! We appreciate and value you!



**Mr. Dean
Facility Team Member**

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

BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

THE GREAT DRAGON ADVENTURE HAS BEGUN! Jan - Feb at The Blake Memorial Library. Join us as we step into the MAGICAL WORLD of DRAGONS! 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 until 2/28. Your kids can take the bus from WRVS to the library after school - just send in a note to the office.

MAKE DRAGON MASKS, WED, 1/21 @ 4:00 - SEQUINS, FEATHERS, GLITTER, RIBBONS, SPARKLES...GET AS FANTASTICAL AS YOU WANT! Choose from a variety of mask templates. Color them in, cut them out, and ADD all the embellishments you want! Some can involve detailed scissor cutting, so little folks will need some help (you get a raffle ticket and sticker for your Dragon tracker for attending the event!) Your kids can take the bus from WRVS to the library after school - just send in a note to the office. **ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME!**

RSVP khotellingbml@gmail.com

Live-Action DRAGON MOVIE, Friday, Jan. 30 @ 5:00 - Join us for the new, live-action version of this dragon-movie favorite. 2 hr & 5min. Rated PG - "As an ancient threat endangers both Vikings and dragons alike on the isle of Berk, the friendship between Hiccup, an inventive Viking, and Toothless, a Night Fury dragon, becomes the key to both species forging a new future together."-IMDb

Go to our website for the name of the movie - <https://blakememorial.org/event/dragon-movie-night-live-action-how-to-train-your-dragon-500/> PLEASE RSVP - khotellingbml@gmail.com Everyone who attends gets 1 raffle ticket & 1 sticker for the Dragon Prizes! POPCORN FOR ALL!

DRAGON MASKS!

Wed. Jan 21 @ 4:00



**SEQUINS, FEATHERS, GLITTER, RIBBONS,
SPARKLES...GET AS FANTASTICAL AS YOU
WANT!**

**ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME.
HELD AT THE BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

You get 1 Raffle Ticket towards
the Dragon Prize of your
choosing for attending the event!

WRVS WINTER KICKEBALL

FEB 15TH

2026



TOURNAMENT

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO 8TH GRADE CLASS OF 2026



50/50 Raffle

Concession Stands

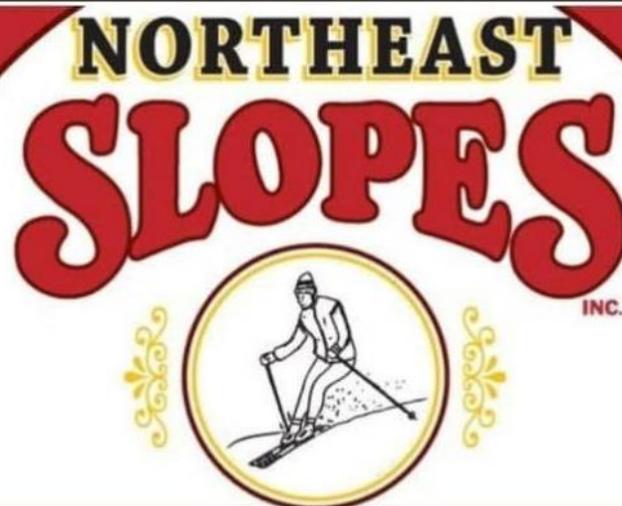


\$100 Registration Fee
Max 10 people per team
4 Adult Maximum

**REGISTER
NOW!**

Pick up form @ WRVS office
Forms due January 31st.

Balls will fly, teams will fall. Who will win?



HOLIDAY WEEKEND HOURS

We will be OPEN Friday (1/16) through Monday (1/19) from **12 - 4 PM.**

HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Kids under 18 ride for \$5 on Friday and Monday ONLY.

Kids 4 and under always ride for free.

Food will be available throughout the weekend. Check out our website (northeastslopes.org) or our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information regarding conditions, food availability, and special events.

Passport to Winter Fun

Great news! Your school has chosen to participate in the Upper Valley Trails Alliance's **Passport to Winter Fun** program this winter.

Here's how it works: Each student has received a passport booklet and fills in one box for each day they're active for at least one hour (recess outside counts!) This can be anything—sledding, hiking, skiing, skating, snowshoeing, you name it. At 10, 20, and 30 days, they can claim prizes from local partner businesses like ski areas, ice rinks, pools, etc.

Bonus: Every Front Flap submitted is entered into a raffle to win **two Killington lift vouchers** (valid this winter)!

How to Register:

Passports were sent home with scholars. Before you start, and to register your child, complete the Front Flap and:

- Turn it in to school, **OR**
- Mail it to Upper Valley Trails Alliance, P.O. Box 1215, Norwich, VT 05055, **OR**
- Scan the QR code in the booklet to complete it online

Deadline to start the program: Friday, February 13th, 2026. Want weekly updates and deadline reminders? Subscribe to the **Winter Fun Weekly** by emailing passport@uvtrails.org.

Let's get outside and stay active this winter!

—Upper Valley Trails Alliance

