

Waits River Valley School

WILDCAT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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January 23, 2026

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Wildcat Events



January

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

February

Wednesday, Feb. 4th
Early Release @ 11:30
Staff Professional Development

Friday, Feb. 6th
100th Day
(subject to Change due to weather)

Tuesday, Feb. 17th
5th Grade – Page to Hood Museum

Wednesday, Feb. 18th
5th Grade – King to Hood Museum

Friday, Feb. 20th
Winter Carnival

**Monday, Feb. 23rd-
Tuesday, March 3rd**
Winter Break

January 23, 2026

It seems safe to say that after this weekend, we will all be hoping that Punxsutawney Phil doesn't see his shadow on February 2nd. Due to the frigid temperatures forecasted for this weekend, WRVS will be open for heat, water and shelter! If you have a pet, it must remain in a crate while in the school. Please enter the front doors and follow the signs to the library. We will have blankets and nonperishable food available. Plenty of board games, drawing materials and books! Please contact Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni, 802-431-5172, with any questions or assistance. You do NOT need to notify us that you are coming; safety first for you and your family. There is the opportunity to shower as well. Our Wi-Fi is "open" during non-school hours too.

Today our middle school was able to take part in their first Friday of Winter Program. The scholars always look forward to this wonderful opportunity to hit the slopes, whether its skiing or snowboarding at NES, or snowshoeing on the grounds at WRVS.

Winter Carnival will take place on Friday, February 20th. If you are on the approved volunteer list and would like to help out, please contact us at school.

Scholars will have an **EARLY RELEASE** at 11:30 AM on **Wednesday, February 4th** so that staff can take part in Professional Development. Winter break starts Monday, February 23rd and goes through until Tuesday, March 3rd.

Please be sure your child comes to school each day with appropriate winter clothing that will keep them warm and dry while they're out on the playground. Although we prefer that everyone is dressed to play and romp in the snow, those scholars who aren't prepared for the winter weather will stay under the shelter on the playground.

WRVS will be selling concessions at NES and donating back the proceeds on Sunday if the weather conditions allow them to be open. Come down for lunch (12-4 PM) and show your support.

Stay warm this weekend and we will see you all back on Monday!





BASKETBALL

**PLEASE NOTE: K-2
Basketball Practice
has been cancelled
for tomorrow,
Saturday, January
24th**

**You can find the
schedule on our
website:**

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

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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.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

We are so excited to celebrate and shine the “staff spotlight” on Ms. Inger! Over the years Ms. Inger Swingforth has supported learning and scholars in every grade level here at WRVS. The past few years she has focused her work in kindergarten and also in our preschool program. Additionally, Ms. Inger co-leads our building Wellness committee.

Ms. Inger is a team player and collaborator. Inger is available to support, encourage, celebrate and brainstorm with the scholars and her colleagues. Ms. Inger is one of the most empathetic and patient people I have ever worked with. She brings a smile, a word (or two) of encouragement, and often a giggle to her day here at WRVS, all while having the highest expectations for herself, the scholars and her colleagues. Ms. Inger works hard and is dedicated to the whole scholar- helping them grow socially, emotionally and academically.

You are amazing Ms. Inger; you are valued, respected and celebrated, today, and every day. Thank you for all you bring to WRVS!



Ms. Inger
Instructional Support Staff

KINDESS NOTES

This week we are recognizing: Allen Towle, Everett Shaffer, Lottie Simpson-Barrett, Elizabeth Welch, Theo Robtoy, Emilee Hough, Paxten Bagalio, Timmy Jaime, Colton Putney, Stella Franks-Lucas, and Colton Florentine

**WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOUR
KINDNESS!**



“The Time is Always Right to do What
is Right.”

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

DRAGON MOVIE NIGHT- Friday 1/30 @ 5:00, at Blake Memorial Library! Join us for this Live-Action awesome dragon movie! Everyone who attends gets a dragon sticker and raffle ticket towards a dragon prize! POPCORN FOR ALL!

FREE and Everyone Welcome!

Go to our website for details - <https://blakememorial.org/event/dragon-movie-night-live-action-how-to-train-your-dragon-500/>

RSVP please - khotellingbml@gmail.com

DRAGON MOVIE NIGHT

FRI. JAN 30 @ 5:00



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OUR
WEBSITE
FOR
MORE
INFO

[BLAKEMEMORIAL.ORG](https://blakememorial.org)

HELD AT
BLAKE
MEMORIAL
LIBRARY

POPCORN FOR EVERYONE!
PLEASE RSVP - [KHOTELLINGBML@GMAIL.COM](mailto:khotellingbml@gmail.com)



Class
of
2026

Valentine's Day Fundraiser



8th Grade Scholars will be selling
flowers for Valentine's Day each
morning from 8:00-8:15 AM, and will
cost \$2.00 each.

Sales will start Mon., Feb 2nd. Flowers
will be delivered on Fri., Feb. 13th.



\$2.00 per Flower



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?



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

