

# WAITS RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL

## WILDCAT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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February 20, 2026

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### Wildcat Events



### FEBRUARY

MONDAY, FEB. 23<sup>RD</sup>-  
TUESDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>  
WINTER BREAK

### MARCH

THURSDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>-  
8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENT  
MEETING @ 5:30 IN THE  
LIBRARY

FRIDAY, MARCH 13-  
MS DANCE 6-8 PM

### VTCAP Testing Dates

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Science: 3/11-3/13

#### 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Math: 3/17-3/19

ELA: 3/24, 3/26-3/27

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Science: 3/31-4/2

#### 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

ELA: 4/7-4/9

Math: 4/14-4/16

### **FEBRUARY 20, 2026**

It seems like we just started the new year and now the end of February is fast approaching and we are headed into WINTER BREAK!

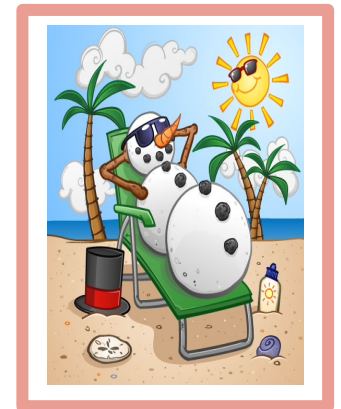
This week our basketball season concluded with a wonderful recognition night and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders vs Parents game. Thank you to our Athletic Director, volunteer coaches, referees, players, families and fans for another great season.

We will begin VTCAP (Vermont Comprehensive Assessment Program) testing the second week of March. Testing will begin with our 5<sup>th</sup> grade taking the Science VTCAP. The following week our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will take the Math VTCAP, and the week following, they will take the ELA VTCAP. Middle school will begin VTCAP testing in April, however, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will begin their Science VTCAP on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. We are proud of our scholars for their efforts they put into the exams. Our testing schedule has been included in this newsletter. Please take note that it would be very helpful if scholars are not absent from school on those days.

Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Erica Thompson will be leading a Family Snow Shoe event at 4:00 PM at WRVS. Everyone will meet outback for snow shoe fun, a campfire and marshmallow roasting. If you have any questions, please email Erica:

[erica.thompson@oesu.org](mailto:erica.thompson@oesu.org)

We hope that you all have a wonderful break! See you on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>!



### **IMPORTANT:**

**ALL SCHOLARS MUST BE FEVER FREE FOR 24 HOURS WITH NO MEDICATION GIVEN DURING THAT TIME, IN ORDER TO RETURN TO SCHOOL. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER!**

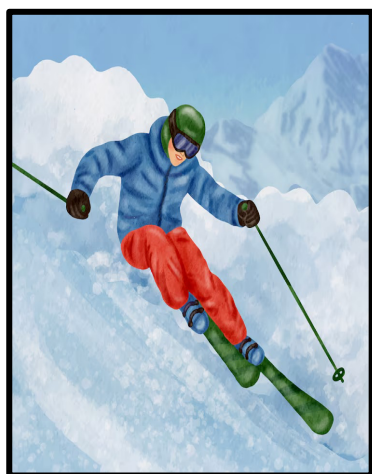
**BLAKE MEMORIAL  
LIBRARY NEWS**



**DRAGON PARTY  
FINALE!!**

Friday, 2/20 from 4:00-6:00. Celebrate the culmination of The Great Dragon Adventure with **DRAGON - PINATA, CUPCAKES, GAMES & THE RAFFLE DRAWING!** Everyone will go home with at least a small dragon prize. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** RSVP:

[khotellingbml@gmail.com](mailto:khotellingbml@gmail.com)



**HAPPY  
WINTER  
BREAK!!**

**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.

**The Positivity Project (P2)**

This week our WRVS community P2 focus was **Cheering Others' Successes**. It is important to be happy for others and show them support when they do well!

The mission of the Positivity Project is to "empower students to build positive relationships and become their best selves". The weekly focus is posted on our [website](#) every Monday. Building positive relationships and learning about character development is an important cornerstone in each person's life. If you have further questions about the Positivity Project at WRVS, please reach out to our Guidance Counselor, Ann Schlott, [ann.schlott@oesu.org](mailto:ann.schlott@oesu.org).

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This week's staff spotlight is Ms. Lussier; one of our amazing and wonderful Fourth grade teachers.

Ms. Lussier is by all means an early “humanities” focus; she intertwines the teaching of civics, social studies and ELA effortlessly. The classroom is constantly full of discourse, and inquiry. The group work, group conversations and the open-ended questioning is always present.

Ms. Lussier teaches all fourth-grade scholars within ELA/Social Studies, with her teaching partner to focus on math and science. Ms. Lussier is a teacher who is present, head-to-head with the scholars, all day. She is a lifelong learner who continually looks for ways to do anything needed to help scholars.

We are so fortunate to have Ms. Lussier as part of the WRVS family; she brings a smile, support, consistency and high expectations to each day at WRVS! Thank you for all you do!



**MS. BECKY LUSSIER**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER**

\*First time snowshoers from first grade\*

## Family Snowshoe

at WRVS

Thursday, February 26  
4:00

Come snowshoe our grounds with your family!  
We'll supply the snowshoes, the campfire marshmallows and the fun! See you out back!

A group of children in winter gear are snowshoeing on a snowy field. They are wearing colorful jackets and hats, and some are holding snowshoes.

Contact Erica Thompson with any questions  
at [erica.thompson@oesu.org](mailto:erica.thompson@oesu.org)



**Northeast Slopes is planning to be OPEN today, Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 12-4! Students can ski special today for \$5.**

**Northeast Slopes is looking for volunteers for the hill Monday, Wednesday and Friday next week for school vacation; they'd love to be open but need 2-3 more sets of hands on the hill. If you haven't been trained yet, you can arrive early the day of your shift or check-in at the lodge over the weekend.**

**Be sure to watch Northeast Slopes' Facebook page and their [website](#) for up-to-date information on their hours of operation:**

**[Northeast Slopes](#)**

**Hours: Fri., Sat. & Sun. 12-4 PM**

## KINDNESS NOTES.....

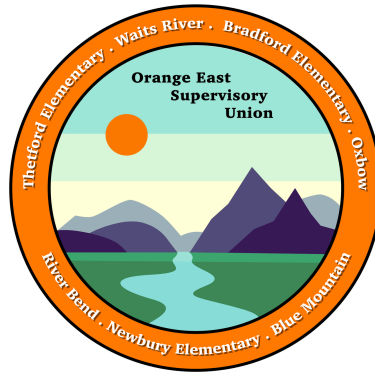
THIS WEEK WE ARE RECOGNIZING: AMELIA GILBERT, DAKOTA ZACK, ANNABELLE SMITH, ALYSSA ROWELL, LIAM MCKEAN, AND ZOEY REIMER.

**WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOUR KINDNESS!**



*"Kindness comes in many forms, but always from the heart." - unknown*





## Orange East Supervisory Union Portrait of a Learner Team Invitation

The **Orange East Supervisory Union** is embarking on a **Portrait of a Learner (PoL)** project. This project is a step in building capacity for **youth voice and leadership** within the SU, and will create a vision for education that reflects the values of your communities.

The OESU PoL Project needs your voice! The team will create **a shared vision of the attributes, skills, characteristics, and experiences that OESU students will have by graduation** to support them in their ongoing learning and life.

We are looking for **STUDENTS, STAFF, and COMMUNITY MEMBERS** to join the team that will lead this work. As a member of this team, you are committing to attending three retreats this spring and supporting the PoL activities with your school community. Your role is to help ensure we gather data from as many voices in the OESU community as possible!

**First Retreat Date – March 10th from 9am - 1pm at TBD**

If you are interested, please contact Rick Dustin-Eichler  
([george.dustin-eichler@oesu.org](mailto:george.dustin-eichler@oesu.org)) to RSVP.