

WAITS RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL

WILDCAT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wildcat Events



APRIL

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 -
NO SCHOOL - INSERVICE

MON. APRIL 20 -
FRIDAY, APRIL 24
NO SCHOOL -
SPRING BREAK

MON. APRIL 27 -
-VTCAP MAKE-UP
TESTING OPENS
-AMERICAN HEART
ASSOCIATION K-5
ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, APRIL 28
-BUS DRIVER
APPRECIATION
-GETTING TO THE Y
COMMUNITY NIGHT AND
302 CARES DINNER @ 5:30
PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 -
-ART SHOW 5-7 PM
-BUDGET INFORMATION
NIGHT @ 6:00 PM

MAY

MONDAY, MAY 4 -
WRVS ANNUAL BUDGET
MEETING @ 6:30 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 5 -
4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP
MONTSHIRE MUSEUM

APRIL 16, 2026

Where did the month go? When we return from **SPRING BREAK**, there will only be 4 days of April left; it will be a busy week! The week will kick-off with the American Heart Association fundraiser K-5 assembly, and will be followed by Bus Driver Appreciation, Getting to Y FREE Family Dinner night, Art Show, and WRVS Budget Informational Meeting.

Middle school scholars concluded their VTCAP testing this week. Make-up VTCAP testing will take place Monday, April 27th through Friday, May 1st for those scholars in 3rd-8th grade that have been absent and need to complete their testing.

The **Pre-K-5 Spring Concert** will be Thursday, May 7th at 6:00 PM. Weather permitting, it will be held at the Northeast Ski Slopes Pavilion.

We hope that everyone has a wonderful break and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, April 27th!



Mark Your Calendars!

WRVS Budget Informational Meeting
Thursday, April 30, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
in the WRVS Library

FREE Meatball Sub Dinner will be available @ 5:30 PM for those planning to attend the Informational Meeting

56th Annual WRVS Budget Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2026 @ 6:30 PM
in the WRVS gymnasium



PARENT COLLABORATION NIGHT
Wednesday, May 6 @ 6:00 PM

We have a team of teachers that are working on the Parent & Scholar Handbook for next year. Their intense focus is the Behavior Matrix, which you can find on page 25 of our handbook, that can be found on our [website](#).

WE INVITE PARENTS to come join for a night of collaboration on Wednesday, May 6th at 6:00 PM in the library. Light snacks will be provided. If you have any questions, contact Melissa Geraw (melissa.geraw@oesu.org), or Chris Putney (christopher.putney@oesu.org).

DENTAL HYGIENIST @ WRVS

With help from the VT Dept of Health, traveling public health hygienist Michael Messina, RDH, will be at Waits River Valley School **May 18th-20th** to see scholars whose guardians have given consent for services. Mr. Messina is able to provide his services of routine cleanings as well as minimally invasive dentistry, or make recommendations and referrals as needed. If you have not already signed up and would like to, please reach out to nurse Carla at: carla.horniak@oesu.org.

The Positivity Project (P2)

This week's P2 focus was **Appreciation of Beauty and Excellence**. It's important to notice and recognize the world's beauty and the skills of others around us.

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.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This week's staff spotlight is our Middle School Spanish teacher, extraordinaire, Mr. Ferch!

Mr. Ferch joined us after having taught English and Social Studies for over two decades. He spent his childhood and adolescence in Latin America. His father was a diplomat, and Mr. Ferch accompanied him to Colombia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Cuba, and Honduras. Consequently, he grew up bilingual.

Mr. Ferch creates a stimulating environment in his classroom daily, with a wide variety of activities and experiences. He states "The key to learning Spanish is to discuss topics that interest students in a way that sparks their curiosity." I know that during my daily visits to his learning community, I am in awe of the language, the culture, the evident inquiry and curiosity.

When he's not teaching, Mr. Ferch is either on his boat or working on it. If he's lucky enough to be on his boat, he's probably fishing.

Thank you, Mr. Ferch, for bringing World Language to our Middle School, beyond the concept of exposure, you personify immersion! You build the language, the culture extension, but equally you build relationships and commitment to the whole child.

This is the Spanish translation as per Google Translate:

El destacado del personal de esta semana es nuestro extraordinario profesor de Español de la escuela secundaria, ¡el Sr. Ferch!

El Sr. Ferch se unió a nosotros después de haber enseñado Inglés y Estudios Sociales durante más de dos décadas. Pasó su infancia y adolescencia en América Latina. Su padre era diplomático, y el Sr. Ferch lo acompañó a Colombia, la República Dominicana, El Salvador, Guatemala, México, Cuba y Honduras. En consecuencia, creció bilingüe.

El Sr. Ferch crea un ambiente estimulante en su aula todos los días, con una amplia variedad de actividades y experiencias. Él afirma: "La clave para aprender español es hablar sobre temas que interesen a los estudiantes de una manera que despierte su curiosidad." Sé que durante mis visitas diarias a su comunidad de aprendizaje, me asombra el idioma, la cultura y la evidente indagación y curiosidad.

Cuando no está enseñando, el Sr. Ferch está en su barco o trabajando en él. Si tiene la suerte de estar en su barco, probablemente esté pescando.

¡Gracias, Sr. Ferch, por traer el idioma mundial a nuestra escuela secundaria, más allá del concepto de exposición: usted personifica la inmersión! Usted construye el idioma y la extensión cultural, pero igualmente construye relaciones y compromiso con el desarrollo integral del estudiante.



MR. DAVID FERCH
MIDDLE SCHOOL SPANISH TEACHER

KINDNESS NOTES.....

THIS WEEK WE ARE RECOGNIZING: **SENA DIMEGLIO, LANE STEARNS, CALEB ROBTOY, JAMIE SARGENT, MADALINE BROWN, LEXI STEARNS, ELLA DOWNING, JACEY HORNIAK, ABIGAIL STEARNS.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS!



"A kind word is like a spring day." - Proverb



Getting to the Y

Come join our **Getting to the Y** middle school scholar team for our Community Dialogue night on **Tuesday, April 28th at 5:30 PM**. We will share our work, including the areas of concerns from our Youth Risk Behavior Survey data retreat.

Together with the help of you, our community, we will brainstorm ways to help the youth of our area with our highlighted concerns.

Dinner will be provided by **302 Cares**.

PLEASE let Ann Schlott, ann.schlott@oesu.org, know if you plan on joining us for the dinner, or complete the [survey](#) that was sent out through Infinite Campus!

Hope to see you there!

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

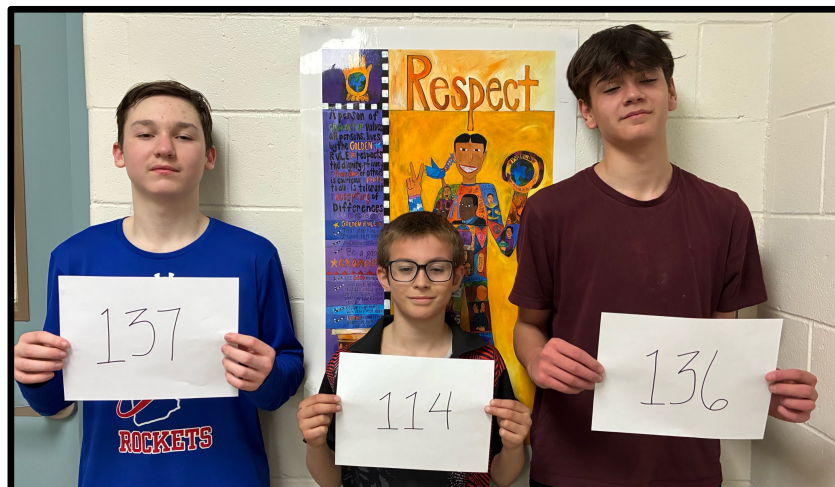


For information or to sign-up your scholar, please call, 802-439-5534, or visit our website: <https://www.wrvschool.org/families/after-school-program>

Congratulations on Your Accomplishment

I am very proud to announce an incredibly successful, 2nd running, of The Pacer Test Challenge (Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run). In the past, the PACER test was part of the [FitnessGram](#) fitness test that school did every year. It had a very high tendency to be intimidating and inspire less than stellar results. Students were afraid of it. We decided to reframe the whole thing. Every class here at WRVS runs the PACER, and every student participates. They have an opportunity to run it as many as a half a dozen times. There are no set numbers that must be met, just an occasional class goal. At the end of a three-week period, we have The PACER Finals. The top 20 or so students with the highest number of laps get to run against each other trying to break the current record. Students make the finals from all age groups and many of the students are new athletes or finding first time success in the athletic arena.

Two years ago, the record was set at 128 laps with only two students making it to 100. This year we had almost 20 students go over 80, 10 over 100, and 2 that set a new record. Keegan Merchant (8th grade) ran 137, Timmy Graham (8th grade) ran 136, and Albert Phillips (5th grade) ran 114. It was so inspiring for all the classes. Each winner won a brand-new pair of shoes of their choice! Every student ran, and not one single student quit; there was no fear! So proud of all of the WRVS students. They all won! -Coach Graham



Waits River Valley School ART SHOW

5-7
PM

THURSDAY,
APRIL 30TH

JOIN US FOR A
SPECIAL EVENING TO
CELEBRATE THE
CREATIVE WORK
OF YOUNG ARTISTS

WRVS
GYMNASIUM

IT'S A



Totally 90's

TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

MAY 4 - MAY 8

Dear Students & Parents,



We will be celebrating our annual teacher & staff appreciation week the first week in May. This year the theme is **TOTALLY 90's!** Below is an itinerary of weekly events along with a suggestion of ways you can contribute to the fun of showering our teachers and staff with the appreciation they deserve!

MON. 4

PUMP UP THE JAM BREAKFAST

Donations needed:

Coffee
Donuts
Breakfast Items
Juice, ect

TUES. 5

DRESS UP TUESDAY!

Today is the day to have your child dress up in bright and fun 90'S theme attire! Teachers will also be dressing up!

WED. 6

THROWBACK WEDNESDAY
(nothing needed)

Have your child write a note about their favorite memory with their teacher this school year

THURS. 7

TOTALLY TUBULAR THURSDAY

(nothing needed)

Have your student high five any teacher they see in the hallways all day long!

FRI. 8

T.G.I.F!

Bring in a 90s themed fun snack and drink for 60+ staff

* The ideas above are all optional suggestions to participate in the daily themes/activities. If you have other ideas or would like to show your appreciation to teachers and staff in different ways - please feel free!

We can't wait for all the fun to begin! Please contact Amber with any questions.



It's not too late to purchase the Waits River Valley School yearbook!

To purchase your yearbook go to [Treering.com](https://www.treering.com) →

Customize your 2 free pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Google Drive and more
- Answer fun memory questions to help remember the year
- The 2 custom pages are free and are printed only in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages are just \$1.99.

Deadline: **May 11**

To purchase your yearbook, use the QR code or:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older:

1. Go to: [treering.com/validate](https://www.treering.com/validate)
2. Enter your school's passcode:

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Hardcover: **\$23.69**

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