

# Waits River Valley School

## WILDCAT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### Wildcat Events



### May

**Monday, May 4 -**  
WRVS Annual Budget Meeting  
@ 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, May 5 -**  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip  
Montshire Museum

**Wednesday, May 6 –**  
Early Release  
@ 11:30 AM

**Wednesday, May 6 –**  
Parent Collaboration Night @  
6:00 PM

**Thursday, May 7 –**  
Spring Concert  
Prek-5 @ 6:00 PM

**Friday, May 8 –**  
Muffins for Moms  
Starts @ 7:45 AM

**Mon., May 11 –**  
**Fri., May 22 –**  
Circus Smirkus is Here

**Friday, May 15 –**  
Middle School Step UP  
Dance 6-8 PM

### May 1, 2026

We were delighted to welcome everyone back to school this week. I hope you enjoyed your SPRING BREAK!

It was a busy week back, with the American Heart Association Assembly, Bus Driver Appreciation, Getting to Y Community Outreach, the Budget Informational Meeting and the Art Show. Many thanks of appreciation to our Art teacher, April Hallock, for all her time and efforts put forth throughout the school year, helping scholars to develop their creative talents.

The **Annual WRVS Budget Meeting** is Monday, May 4 at 6:30 PM in the gymnasium. The WRVS Class of 2027 will have water and baked goods available to purchase. The 2025-2026 WRVS Annual Report is now posted on the school's [website](#). Every year we work diligently to devise a budget that balances the needs of our learning community against the ability of our community to pay for it. Your vote is very important.

**National Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week** is next week. Please take a moment to offer some words of appreciation to all our wonderful staff!

**Muffins for Mom** will take place on Friday, May 8 at 7:45 AM. We look forward to seeing many of you!

Happy first weekend of May!



**\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\***

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026**  
**EARLY RELEASE @ 11:30 AM**  
**STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**



## Waits River Valley School 56<sup>th</sup> Annual School Meeting

Monday, May 4, 2026 @ 6:30 PM in the WRVS Gymnasium

You can find the Annual Report on our website: [www.wrvschool.org/information](http://www.wrvschool.org/information)

WRVS Class of 2027 will have coffee, water and baked goods available to purchase.

### **Prek-5 SPRING CONCERT**

The Pre-K-5 Spring Concert will be Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Weather permitting, it will be held at the Northeast Ski Slopes Pavilion. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit and enjoy the concert.

### **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 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the library. Light snacks will be provided. If you have any questions, contact Melissa Geraw ([melissa.geraw@oesu.org](mailto:melissa.geraw@oesu.org)), or Chris Putney ([christopher.putney@oesu.org](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:carla.horniak@oesu.org).

### **The Positivity Project (P2)**

This week's P2 focus was **Purpose**. It's important to understand that our beliefs show us purpose and realize how they relate to the meaning of life, while wanting to be part of something bigger than yourself.

**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).



\*\*\*\*\***VOLUNTEER**\*\*\*\*\*

As we approach the end of the year, this is a reminder that if you'd like to volunteer at Waits River Valley School this school year, please sign-up in VOME Volunteer no later than **May 8**. OESU will need to process all volunteers through their office by **May 15**. Please note that they cannot guarantee volunteer clearance in time for end of year activities, as this depends on individuals completing all required steps promptly. There will be no volunteer appointments after May 15; appointments will resume in August.

As a reminder, anyone who was active in our previous system (Volunteer Tracker) must still register in VOME. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [hrpayroll@oesu.org](mailto:hrpayroll@oesu.org) .

**FIELD DAY**  
**Thursday, June 4th**

If you would like to volunteer during FIELD DAY, please contact Erica Thompson:

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



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>



### STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This week's staff spotlight is Ms. Dennis. Ms. Dennis is one of our 4th grade teachers. It is her second year, teaching here at WRVS. Prior to this WRVS had the opportunity to have Ms. Dennis here as a regular substitute teacher while in college and then her student teaching. We would all feel that our world has been magical with Ms. Dennis part of it, for a lot longer than 2 years!

We are incredibly lucky to have Ms. Dennis as one of our fourth grader teachers. She creates a nurturing, safe environment where scholars feel comfortable taking risks and growing academically and socially. Thank you for your endless patience, dedication, and for making learning so much fun!



Ms. McKenzie Dennis  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

### STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This week we are also spotlighting Mrs. Jakob. Mrs. Jakob is part of our Middle School teaching team. Mrs. Jakob teaches "TMI" (Training My Intellect), which is an intervention course with a mixture of math and English language arts. Mrs. Jakob is also one of the 8th grade advisors and works intensively with all of the 6th-8th grade scholars and her middle school team colleagues. She is an AMAZING TEACHER!

Thank you, Mrs. Jakob, for illustrating what it takes to be so outstanding, for your commitment to teaching, and to your scholars. We love your knowledge, your high expectations, the relationships you form, the way you make us think and the way you make us laugh! WRVS is very lucky to have you as part of our learning community.



Mrs. Elizabeth Jakob  
Middle School  
Intervention Teacher



## KINDNESS NOTES.....

This week we are recognizing: Amelia Gilbert, Luna Zambon, Bryson Moore, Barrett Smith, Bradyen Burbank, Paxten Bagalio, Jaren Gilbert, Kai Ditcheos and Faith Hathaway.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS!**



**"Kind hearts are the gardens. Kind thoughts are the roots."**

*— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*



## RIVER BEND SUMMER TECH CAMP CLASSES

Ag Camp at Harkdale Farm, Newbury, VT (12 students)  
 Parent drop off: 8:00 a.m. and pick up: 12:00 p.m. No bus transportation.  
 183 Montebello Road, Newbury, Vermont

At Ag Camp, students will get hands-on experience learning what it's like to care for dairy cows and live life on a working farm. Campers will learn how to feed, wash, and handle dairy cows, as well as how to safely train and care for them. Students will also have the opportunity to try milking cows and learn about the daily routines that keep a dairy farm running. Along the way, campers will explore animal nutrition, why proper care is important for animal health, and how farmers work hard every day to provide food for their communities. This camp is a great opportunity for students to build confidence, responsibility, and a deeper understanding of agriculture through real farm experiences.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Outdoor Adventure Camp (15 students)</b></p> <p>Be ready for an action packed week of team building on the low ropes course, and flying on the high ropes course out at Waits River Valley School. We will also hike and explore local mountains and possibly get out on the Connecticut River in kayaks depending on the weather. Looking forward to a great adventure!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Babysitting 101 (10 students)</b></p> <p>Students will learn an overview of child development as well as the basics of feeding, holding, and how to safely care for young children. By learning how to care properly for children, students can become capable, confident babysitters/childcare providers for friends and family members. This course will also provide students with opportunities to spend time working with children therefore putting into action what they have learned in the classroom.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Animation Camp(10 students)</b></p> <p>Campers will use free and professional tools to create animations. Foundations of animation, drawing, color theory, and storytelling will all be explored as participants create their original works.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Let's Go Fishing (20 students)</b></p> <p>On behalf of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, Let's Go Fishing emphasizes that fishing is more than catching fish by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educating participants about water ecology and fishing.</li> <li>• Helping participants become aware of and appreciate Vermont's fish population, their habitat needs, and ways to be stewards of these resources.</li> <li>• Teaching proper fishing skills and ethics, including respect for the resource and the responsibility to know the rules and regulations of fishing.</li> </ul> <p>Participants can plan on daily activities such as fishing rules and regulations review, knot tying, fish habitat modeling, lure making, fish art activities, casting instruction, and hands on fishing. A fishing license is not required to participate in this course.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cosmetology Camp (10 students)</b></p> <p>The Summer TEC Cosmetology Program is a fun, hands-on experience where school students can explore the exciting world of the beauty industry! Students will learn basic braiding techniques, practice manicures and pedicures, try curling and simple hairstyling, and discover how to perform relaxing facials. Along the way, they'll also learn about the many career opportunities that cosmetology can offer in the beauty and wellness industry. This energetic program encourages creativity, confidence, and teamwork while giving students a chance to express themselves and try new skills in a supportive environment.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dig in! Cooking and Gardening (10 students)</b></p> <p>Love to cook? Want to learn where your food comes from? This course is a unique, hands-on, educational opportunity for students to spend a week learning about the basics of growing their own food, harvesting it and doing some cooking! You will make your own growing container from recycled materials and bring a plant home with you. Half our day will be spent mostly outdoors, utilizing the green house as an outdoor classroom. The second half of our morning will be in the kitchen making nutritious snacks.</p>	



## Summer Tech Camp

June 22, 2026-June 26, 2026

<u>Who can participate?</u> Current 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> grade students	<u>What is the cost?</u> \$30 per camper
<u>Transportation</u> Bus transportation will be provided from area sending communities.	<u>When?</u> June 22, 2026-June 26, 2026 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
<p>Registration and Deadlines            All registrations will be online at <a href="http://www.rbctc.org">www.rbctc.org</a>  <b>The application will be available online on 5/15/26.</b>            Camps fill up fast. First come, first served.            Questions? Call Tracy Puffer 802-222-5212 ext. 131</p>	

ALL BUS PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

If your child will be riding the bus, please indicate which one on the registration form.	PICK UP POINT	PICK UP TIME	DROP OFF TIME
Bus #1	Waits River School	7:10 AM	12:50 PM
	Fairlee-Samuel Morey	7:30 AM	12:30 PM
	Bradford Park and Ride	7:45 AM	12:10 PM
Bus #2	BMU	7:15 AM	12:50 PM
	Woodsville Elementary School	7:30 AM	12:30 PM
	Haverhill-Morrill Building	7:40 AM	12:20 PM
	Newbury Elementary School	7:50 AM	12:10 PM



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# 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.



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