

WAITS RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL

WILDCAT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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May 15, 2026

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Wildcat Events



MAY

MON., MAY 18 –

THURS., MAY 21:

CIRCUS SMIRKUS
RESIDENCY

MONDAY, MAY 18–20:

DENTAL HYGIENIST HERE

THURSDAY, MAY 21:

8TH GRADE PLACES FLAGS
AT THE CEMETERY

FRIDAY, MAY 22:

CIRCUS SMIRKUS SCHOOL
PERFORMANCE

MONDAY, MAY 25:

MEMORIAL DAY –
NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY, MAY 26:

4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO
GRANITE MUSEUM

THURSDAY, MAY 28:

THE WIZARD OF OZ
@ TA @ 6:00 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 29:

THE WIZARD OF OZ
@ OHS @ 6:00 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 30:

THE WIZARD OF OZ
@ WRVS @ 6:00 PM

MAY 15, 2026

Tonight is our **Step-Up Dance** which is the last dance of the school year. Our 5th grade scholars have been invited to join in the fun! The theme is “Red, White & Blue” and admission is \$5 per scholar or \$4 if you dress per the theme. Refreshments will be available to purchase. It’s very exciting for our, soon to be middle school scholars, and it’s going to be a great time!

Public health hygienist Michael Messina, RDH, will be here next week, Monday, May 18th through Wednesday, May 20th, to see scholars whose parents have given consent to receive services. If you have any questions, please contact Nurse Carla: carla.horniak@oesu.org.

Next Thursday, May 21st, our 8th grade scholars will go to the Waits River Cemetery to place flags on the Veterans’ headstones. This is an annual tradition for our 8th grade scholars.

Donuts for Dads is Friday, June 5th. We look forward to seeing all the dads join us for this fun event.

A couple dates to make note of:

Monday, May 25th

Memorial Day-No School

Thursday, June 11th

8th Gr. Graduation - 6 PM

Friday, June 12th

Last Day of School –
½ Day – Release at 11:30 AM.

It looks like the weekend may bring some sunshine and warmer weather; we hope you enjoy!

Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL
Monday, May 25, 2026



WRVS Class of 2026
Graduation
Thursday,
June 11, 2026 @ 6 PM

LAST DAY – ½ DAY
Friday, June 12, 2026
Early Release at 11:30 AM



FIELD DAY
Thursday, June 4th
(rain date: Friday, June 5th)

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

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 **Leadership**. With leadership comes listening, understanding and problem solving; it is more than instructing a group of people.

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.

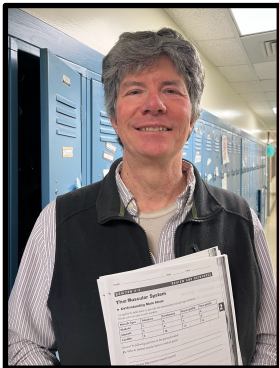


STAFF SPOTLIGHT

This week we are celebrating Mr. Ted Gaine (Middle School Science), Ms. Nicky Fandino (Elementary Support Staff extraordinaire), Ms. Brooke Horniak (3rd Grade Teacher), and Mr. Chris Putney (Middle School Social Studies).

These are all WRVS staff members who model and practice teaming constantly; they collaborate and brainstorm with their peers here at WRVS and their extended District colleagues. I am forever grateful for their scholar centered focus, always. Working and looking at progress as it represents instructional outcomes, and either changing it up for seeking more, or pausing and celebrating the amazing scholars and their progress.

Ultimately, these are great people to team with and watch teach, great people to watch interact and build relationships of trust, and great people to see their instruction be the highest level of rigor, expectations, and accountability. Thank you to all of them as they help shape the amazing world WRVS is as a learning community, as a family!



Mr. Ted Gaine

Middle School
Science Teacher



Ms. Nicky Fandino

Instructional
Support Staff



Ms. Brooke Horniak

3rd Grade Teacher



Mr. Chris Putney

Middle School
Social Studies
Teacher



KINDNESS NOTES.....

THIS WEEK WE ARE RECOGNIZING:
COLTON PUTNEY, COLLIN CHAMPION AND DAWSON KEANE.

YOUR KINDNESS MAKES A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY!



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

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Waits River Valley School
Presents

THE
WIZARD
OF



Thetford Academy
May 28 - 6pm
MS Cast

Oxbow High School
May 29 - 6pm
3-5 Cast

WRVS
May 30 - 6pm
3-5 Cast

Admission by donation

WAITS RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO

DONUTS FOR Dads

FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH

Glazed, Cinnamon-Sugar, and Old Fashion donuts will be available, along with juice and milk.

STARTS AT 7:45 AM IN THE GYMNASIUM

WAITS RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL

PRE-K YEAR END CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH @ 6 PM

Waits River Valley School Gymnasium

We will celebrate with cookies and ice cream sandwiches.

Let's celebrate a great year together!

Orange County Parent Child Center
Supporting families... Building Communities

JOIN US AT THE PARK!

Tuesday, May 26th | 10-11:30AM
Elizabeth's Park (464 Fairground Rd.)

Nature-based play and loose parts ready for exploring!
A fun, hands-on experience for children of all ages—come discover, create, and play with us!

More info? Abby@orangecountygcc.org

FOUR WINDS NATURE INSTITUTE
Community-based Natural Science Education and Research

Established 1985
Old Church Theater
Bradford, Vermont

AUDITIONS

How the West was Dun

or... *Left High and Dry in Low Humidity Chasm*
Directed by Angela Cottrill

SEEKING: Actors - aged 10-18

AUDITIONS: May 30 & 31 from 1-4 pm
Bradford Academy, 172 N. Main Street, Bradford, VT 05033

REHEARSALS: M-Th 6-8 pm at the BA

PERFORMANCES: August 14-16 & 21-23

Also seeking: an energetic accompanist, stage manager, tech director & crew

This is a true Melodrama, with all of the over-acting and audience participation!

For more information, contact angela.cottrill@oldchurchtheater.org