

WAITS RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL

WILDCAT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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May 22, 2026

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Wildcat Events



MAY

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

JUNE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3:
SUMMER CAMP PARENT
INFORMATION MTG – 6 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 4:
FIELD DAY
(RAIN DATE 6/5/26)

FRIDAY, JUNE 5:
-DONUTS FOR DADS
STARTS AT 7:45 AM
-8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP
-LAST DAY AFTER SCHOOL
PROGRAM
-GOLDEN DOME PARTY 3-6
PM

MAY 22, 2026

Yesterday, our 8th Grade scholars went to the Waits River cemetery to place flags on Veterans' headstones. They were joined by Topsham Historical Society members, Linda Welch, William Hodge, Nancy Frost, Elaine Smith, and Elaine's daughter Cindy. This has become an annual tradition for our 8th Grade scholars. On behalf of our school community, we extend our thanks and appreciation to all the men and women whose lives were lost while serving in the United States military.

These same scholars, our WRVS Class of 2026, are looking forward to their class trip to Six Flags Great Escape and Indoor Water Park in a couple weeks. They extend their thanks and appreciation to the community for their generous support through all their fundraising efforts.

This summer we plan to offer a FREE Summer Meal Program for children ages 0-18. PLEASE take advantage of this opportunity. A survey will be coming out soon via Infinite Campus email. Please take a few minutes to sign-up.

This week we sent out information and the permission form by email for our all-school field trip to [Boulder Beach State Park on Monday, June 8th](#). If you haven't filled out the permission form for your scholar, please take the time to do so.

We hope you enjoy the long holiday weekend; we will see everyone back at WRVS on Tuesday, May 26th.



Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL
Monday, May 25, 2026

Pre-kindergarten
Last Day Thursday,
June 11, 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>

PLEASE NOTE:

LAST DAY OF AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM: FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE SIGN-UP LIST FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR, PLEASE EMAIL KELLY SMITH:

KELLY.SMITH@OESU.ORG

The Positivity Project (P2)

This week's P2 focus was review of the following traits: **Purpose, Appreciation of Beauty and Excellence, Enthusiasm and Leadership.**

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 spotlights highlight such an amazing part of our world here at Waits River Valley School.

Ms. B (Donna Bifano), who is working her 36th year, and Ms. Martin, who is working her 24th year here, are both Instructional Support Staff at Waits River Valley School. Both of them continually bring a strong relationship, strong expectations, strong levels of support and guidance, and definitely strong senses of humor and professionalism. They have worked in all grades here and are a treasured part of all who encounter them in a day.

Mrs. Page is finishing her 5th year here as a 5th grade teacher! Mrs. Charbonneau is finalizing her second year as a 2nd grade teacher. (You are seeing the humor in that, right? 5/5 and 2/2??). Both of these teachers bring such a sense of teaming, collaboration, communication and calmness to each and every part of the day.

This group of teachers personify working together, personify finding the joy and beauty in each and every moment; they personify confidence building and strong communication skills. We are so lucky to have such amazing people as part of our WRVS family of learning. Thank you to all of them; we celebrate you daily.



Ms. Donna Bifano

Instructional
Support Staff



Ms. Sarah Martin

Instructional
Support Staff



Mrs. Rachel Page

5th Grade Teacher



Mrs. Amber
Charbonneau

2nd Grade Teacher



KINDNESS NOTES.....

THIS WEEK WE ARE RECOGNIZING: RAEGAN KILDUFF, IRIS MOUSLEY, LUNA ZAMBON, MADELEINE LITCHFIELD, DALE COPELAND, FAITH HATHAWAY, CHASE WALBRIDGE, LANA KINGSBURY, IVY DOWNING, ZOEY RIEMER, ANNIE HEIDENREICH, LEXI STEARNS, LEAH BECK, TIMOTHY GRAHAM, CHARLOTTE SALDI, KEEGAN MERCHANT, MADALINE BROWN, LANE ASHFORD, ADELAIDE HEIDENREICH, MAKYNLEE MERCHANT, OLIVIA DODGE, AND KAYLIN RUGGLES.

YOUR KINDNESS MAKES A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY!



"Kind hearts are the gardens. Kind thoughts are the roots." — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



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!

Waits River Valley School
Presents

THE WIZARD OF OZ

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

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@orangecountypecc.org

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

Thomas Chapin's debut album, "*it's like yesterday*", was produced and recorded by The Rough & Tumble band members Scott Tyler and Mallory Graham. The album will be released on Spotify and iTunes on May 29th.

Come out and enjoy the music!

Crossmolina Farm will do a "practice run" for their summer Pizza Night series and have their famous pizza available to purchase.

Album Release Party

PIZZA NIGHT & ALBUM RELEASE PARTY

MAYBE RICKY
(AKA THOMAS CHAPIN)
&
JAMES GRAHAM



May 23 | 6PM | Crossmolina Farm

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109 Gristmill Road West Corinth, VT 05039



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



Let's Go Fishing!

Fishing License not required to attend/participate (State Approved Clinic)

Henry Pond

8 Private Dunnack Dr. West Topsham, VT 05086

prizes, light lunch, and refreshments will be offered.

June 27, 2026 9:00am-3:00pm

RAIN OR SHINE

NO DOGS

Day Program Offerings:

Ethics

Respect for others, nature, and wildlife

Highlight of Fishing Laws

Catch and Release Demonstration

Ecology & Management

Fish Identification

Build a Pond

Fishing Skills

Knot Tying

Basic Equipment