



# Center Road School

**“Be The Best That You Can Be”**

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## **February's Character Trait is “Friendship”**

Our character trait for the month of February is “Friendship”. We define this as the act of unselfish caring for the good of another. Friendship is your relationship with someone you like. Good friends enjoy each others' company.



## **Art and Music Room News**

Now in it's thirteenth year, the Elementary Celebration of the Arts events will be held on February 7, 2012 at the beautiful Aqua Turf Club in Southington, CT sponsored by the Connecticut Association of Schools.

We are proud to announce the two winners from CRS. **Hannah Woodruff** is the recipient for the Performing Arts Award and **Cailey Minor** is the recipient for the Visual Fine Arts Award. We are very proud of both students.

The objective of this program is to recognize students with outstanding citizenship, cooperative skills, and artistic ability in performing or visual arts at the elementary level.

At the award ceremony, students, their teachers, principals, and families will be rewarded with dinner and an evening of entertainment. Schools from all over Connecticut participate in the important event.

**Congratulations to Hannah and Cailey!**



*From the Principal's Desk...* Happy New Year! January was a busy month.

Shortly after we returned from the December break, all students were given the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of universal screenings in literacy and math. These assessments provide teachers with information about your child's progress in these two academic areas. The results help to guide classroom instruction and determine if additional intervention is necessary. Remember, encourage your child to read on a daily basis and practice their math facts.

The PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) team has been re-teaching and teaching lessons to all grade levels about our Roadrunner Rules (Respect, Responsibility, & Reliable) in all areas of the school building. The purpose is to establish common expectations for proper behavior.

CRS welcomes Lynda Hayward. Miss Hayward is our new fourth grade teacher, replacing Mrs. Allen. She has a wide variety of experience at the elementary level. She has worked for Vernon as a substitute teacher and a paraprofessional in our summer school program. We are happy to have her as part of our staff.



**From the Nurse's Desk...** I hope this finds everyone staying relatively healthy amidst these mild winter months. I have no endemic disorders to report only seasonal random respiratory illnesses and stomach bugs. Overall our attendance at CRS is very good. I would like to remind all of you that if and when your child will be absent you are required to call it into the nurses' office. The purpose of which is twofold: it helps represent our communicable disease status and also accounts for your child's whereabouts and safety. If the school is not notified or a phone call is not returned, then the absence automatically becomes unexcused, which is accumulative and monitored. We are excited to welcome Dr. Baron's Dental visit and presentation to Grade 4 scheduled for Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. The mobile dentist is next due in the spring. I urge you to please follow-up for any screening referral you may have received. I was very happy to see some of the students so proudly sporting their new glasses. If you need any financial assistance regarding this matter please call me at 860-870-6307. I am here to help you. The next screening will be 5<sup>th</sup> grade scoliosis, more information will come home with your students soon.

Stay safe and well as we nicely weather our way through this so far wonderful winter... Enjoy February!

**Clothing and sneakers needed:** The nurse's office is looking for donations of clean clothing sizes 6-10 (old or new/boys or girls) and sneakers, sizes 12-5 (old or new/boys or girls). Please send in a plastic bag to the nurse's office.

Spirit Day for the month of **February** is *Twin/Multiples Day*. This will be Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Show your school spirit by dressing alike each other.



From the P.E. Office... *Jump Rope for Heart* will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2012 (snowdate: 2/9/12), CRS is sponsoring our annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for the American Heart Association. This event is in memory of Fred Bresciano, a fifth grade teacher, who passed away from heart failure in 2003. Please consider sponsoring your child, all contributions collected will be donated to the American Heart Association in honor of Mr. Bresciano. No money needs to be raised to participate in this event.



### **From the Secretaries' Desk...**

To all of our parent's ... We wanted to express our thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness during the holiday season. It is a busy time of year for all of us. For you to take the time for us, extending your giving and all the well wishes made us feel very special, **Thank you! Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Pugliese**

New Phone/Address – If you have moved or changed your phone/cell number, please make sure to contact the office to update your child's information. It is imperative to keep the student database as updated as possible. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.


Keep off Landscaping - Please help keep our school grounds maintained by not letting your children walk through the landscaping and/or walking/jumping on the landscape brick work/walls. Our flag pole has taken a toll of little one stepping on the bricks, breaking them and loosening them which need repair once again. Your cooperation is dearly appreciated.

Chaperone/Volunteer Applications – FYI – The process will be changing as of February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are new to the school or at the start of next year, our Chaperone/Volunteer process will change. The Vernon Board of Education intends to procure an investigation report, including a national criminal background check for volunteer purposes. Every parent completing a volunteer/chaperone form in the future will go through this new process. More info to follow.

**Important Dates –**

- 2/2 – Jump Rope for Heart
- 2/4 – PTO School Fair
- 2/9 – PTO Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 2/9 – Jump Rope for Heart – *Snowdate*
- 2/11 – PTO School Fair – *Snowdate*
- 2/14 – Valentine’s Day
- 2/17 – No School – Staff Development Day
- 2/20 – No School – President’s Day

***February***

SUN	MON	TUESDAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Jump Rope for Heart	3	4 PTO School Fair 10-2:00 p.m.
5	6	7	8	9 PTO Meeting at <u>6:30 p.m.</u> <u>Jump Rope for Heart</u>	10	11 Snow date for PTO School Fair
12	13	14 HVD 	15	16	17 No School Staff Development Day	18
19	20 No School Staff Development Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

**School Cancellations and Late Openings** - *For school cancellations*, please tune in to Channel 3-WFSB, 8-WTNH or 20-WVIT, WTIC-AM(1060) - FM(96.5), WDRC-AM (1350) - FM(102.9), KISS FM(95.7), WCCC-AM(1290) - FM(106.9). *For a late opening* for Gr. PK - 5 - it will be a 2 hour delay. School hours will be 10:07a.m. -2:37 p.m. **A.M. classes for PK & K are cancelled.** P.M. classes begin at the regular time. *For an early closing*, school dismisses at 12:37 P.M. with P.M. classes for PK & K cancelled.