

Skinner Road School Newsletter

January 2012

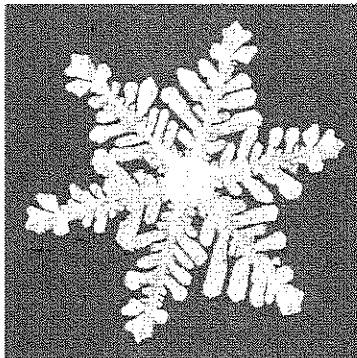


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Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a restful, safe and productive winter break. Our Skinner Road School STARS shine into the New Year!

Last month, we acknowledged two outstanding students for excellence. This month, I would like to congratulate this school year's recipients of the Superintendent's Award. The award is given annually by the Superintendent of Schools in November for students in the highest grade of every school in Vernon. Our recipients this year are Jaden Cove & Melina Toolan. These two wonderful young ladies are very deserving of this recognition. I would like to congratulate them for this great honor.

December was marked by conferences, PTO Holiday Craft Night and the Winter Concert, among other things. The daylight hours get longer now, but the cold also gets deeper. As the weather does get colder, please remember that health and safety are our biggest priority here at Skinner Road School. ***Please dress your child appropriately for the weather. We do go out for recess until the temperature drops to 25 degrees. Make certain that your child has a coat, hat, and gloves/mittens for the cold weather.***



As snow starts to accumulate, please be sure that boots and snow pants accompany your child to school so that s/he can be out in the snow with his/her friends.

This month, our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) will be meeting at 6:30 pm, on Thursday, January 12. Please come and work with other families within the Skinner Road School community to help our efforts on the continuous improvement of all things SRS! We will be working together on improving our family/school compact.

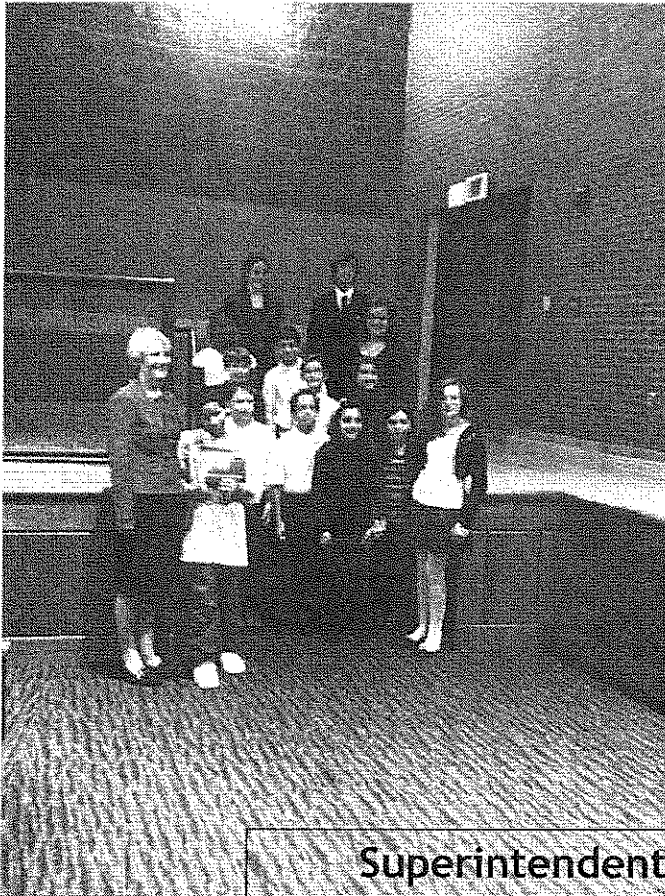
Skinner Road School (and all the Vernon Public Schools) is closed to students on Monday, January 16, for the Martin Luther King Holiday. We will re-open to students on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. We have a holiday and a teacher professional development day all worked in during that time.

As we enter into the depth of winter, look out for the depths of snow and possible school closings. Please stay tuned to your local radio and television stations for school opening/closing status during the inclement weather. Some television stations have a feature that you can subscribe to school closing texts to your cell phone. I recommend that you check them out and see if registering with them makes sense for you and the quick notification of weather related changes to opening and closing times. Also, look for our notifications through the AlertNow system for information on school closings.

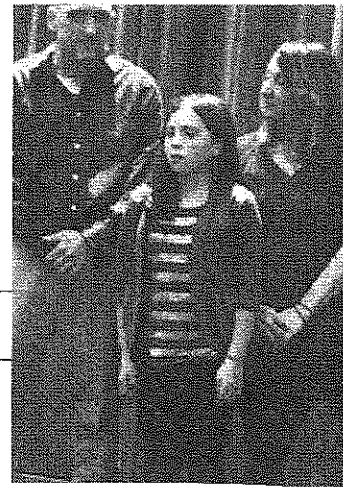
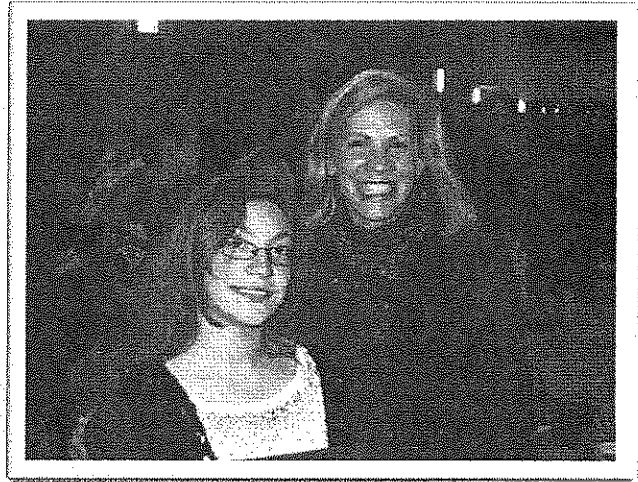
In the meantime, Happy New Year and stay warm and healthy!

Dr. Wlodarczyk

Skinner Road School Stars



Superintendent's Award



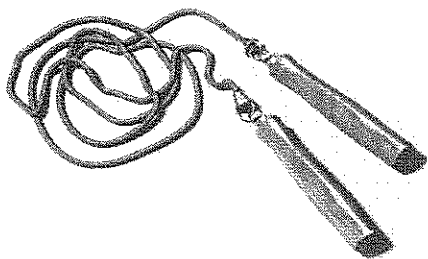
Mrs. Willette's Class won the team work trophy for the first Trimester, and Mrs. Brown's Class won the Best Special Behavior.



In Motion: News from P.E.

Jamin' Jumping Jamboree

Get ready to jump for joy!! Everyone will be jumping!! The **Jamin' Jumping Jamboree** will be held on Friday, January 20, 2012 from 6:30-7:30PM. This event is for students and their parents. Participants will have fun using jump ropes, hoop jumpers, twirl 'n' jumps, ankle twists, hurdle jumps and long ropes. We will listen to the Disney CD, *Jump In*.



Jump Rope For Heart

Students will "jump on the scene" at our annual **Jump Rope For Heart** event. Grades 3-5 will jump on Tuesday January 24 from 3:20 to 4:30PM and Grades K-2 will jump on Wednesday January 25 from 3:20 to 4:15PM.

SAVE THE DATE: February

11, 2012, for **Family Ice Skating Night** Our Skinner Road School community is invited to participate in the annual Family Ice Skating Night Saturday February 11, 2012 from 3:45-5:15 at the UCONN ice rink. Save the date and lookout for more details.

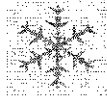


YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

The yearbook committee will be meeting on Monday January 23rd and 30th in the Computer room. All parents are welcome to attend. There is still time for 5th grade students to submit a baby picture for the yearbook. Bring it in to your teacher and be sure to put your name on the back of envelope.



Your help is needed



We have signed up with FundingFactory – 100% free Fundraising through Recycling! When you recycle your used ink cartridges, cell phones, laptops, cameras and small electronics with FundingFactory, your recyclables convert to cash and rewards your school can use — for free. Now is the time for winter cleaning – clean out all those unwanted/unused small electronics and send them in. If anyone works for/owns a business who wants to support this effort, they can donate their ink cartridges, etc. to this cause. Look for the Funding Factory Recycling bin by the main office.

The next PTO meeting is
Thursday,
January 12th
At 6:30 in the SRS Library

Hope to see you there!

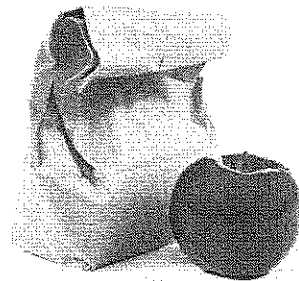
Reminder –
Steve Ransom has a new
e-mail for PTO use:
rsrsptop@att.net

**Vernon Public School/EASTCONN Head
Start Preschool Collaborative**

The Vernon Public School District is looking for three and four year old children (must be 3 by 1/1/2013) who are residents of Vernon and would be interested in attending the Vernon Public School/EASTCONN Head Start Preschool Collaborative for the 2012-13 school year.

To be eligible for the lottery, an application must be received by Friday, March 9, 2012 at 4:00 pm.

For more information please call Jen at 860-870-6000 ext. 137.



A Note From The Cafeteria

As a reminder, the lunch price this year is \$2.25. When sending in a check or cash for pre-paid lunches, please remember to include your child's name.

Thank you.

Shawne Flanders,
Cafeteria Manager

We received a donation of beautiful hand knit hats and mittens from the St. Joseph Episcopal Church in Vernon. They have been very busy making sure our students keep warm. Each of the students in the Preschool classes received a winter hat. We also are able to provide some hats and mittens if your child needs them.

We also have access to winter outdoor wear. If your child needs a winter jacket, snow pants, or boots, please call the nurse's office. There are no promises, but we will help when we can. Judi Manfre, R.N.
860 870-6185



FREE Nutrition Education & Weight Management Class

This 4 week class is taught by a Registered Dietitian and is offered to residents of the North Central Health District free of charge.

This class focuses on increasing the awareness of dietary practices that promote heart health & reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease through the adoption of a heart healthy lifestyle. Each two hour class provides a wide range of nutrition and exercise information, including discussions about fat, fiber, calcium, sodium, and physical fitness. Classes are tailored to provide participants with the opportunity to increase their skills in creating a lifestyle which reflects a reduction in dietary fat, and increase in dietary fiber, and increase in physical activity.

Each participant receives the following materials:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's
Nutrition and your Health: Dietary
Guidelines for Americans,
Choose My Plate Guide,

A Collection of Recipes booklet, selected healthy recipes provided by our registered dietitians.

The location will be Rockville Public Library.

The class will be held on Thursdays,
January 26, and February 2, 9 & 16, from
5:30-7:30 PM.

**TO REGISTER CALL (860) 745-0383
Or contact Judi Manfre, the School
Nurse.**

Program funding is provided by a Preventative and Human Services Block Grant from the State Department of Health Services.

And is sponsored by: North Central District Health Department *Servicing the towns of Vernon, Ellington, Stafford, E. Windsor, Windsor Locks, Windham, Enfield & Suffield.

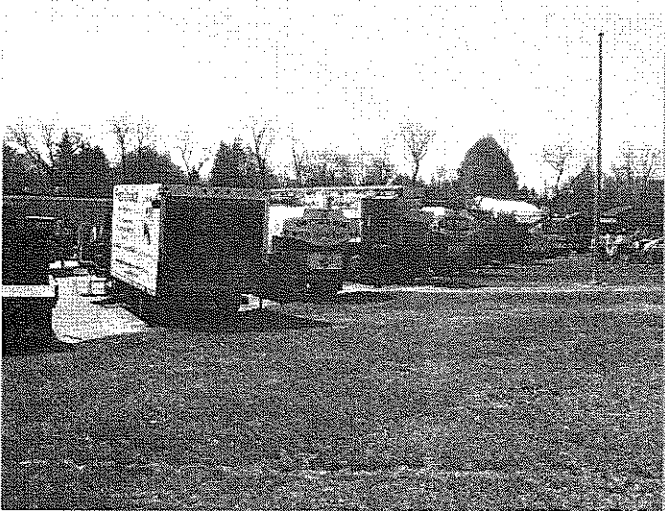
Touch a Truck April 2012

Skinner Road School in Vernon, CT will be having a Touch a Truck event on Saturday, April 28, 2012. This event will allow children and their parents in our community to get up close to a variety of different vehicles, such as emergency vehicles, tractor trailer cabs, oil trucks and construction vehicles, to name a few.

This event will also allow your business to advertise your services to the community and in turn drum up sales for your business or interest in your organization.

The purpose of this event is to raise funds for the 5th grade class promotion event. We do not receive any funds from the Town of Vernon for the promotion events which includes a bus trip to the Boston Museum of Science. I anticipate at least 150 people at this event. The 5th grade classes in the past have loved the trip to Boston and we spend an easy \$1,000.00 per year in funding this trip, as well as, a t-shirt and book for the 5th grade child.

Set up for the event will be any time after 7AM. Start of the event will be at 9AM. Event will be over at 1 PM, clean-up will be done by 2PM. Let me know if you can send a vehicle to the event and help support our school community. **slintonsrspto@comcast.net**



Fifth grade parent volunteers needed for the Touch a Truck event at our school. We are looking for volunteers to help with vehicle set-up in the morning. We will also need bakers and helpers for a Bake Sale to be held during the event. We have a donation of a sound system by Jim Mc Cormick, but need a DJ to play some tunes and make announcements. At the end of the day we will need help with cleaning up. **If you think you can help please contact Steve Linton at slintonsrspto@comcast.net.**