White River Valley Elementary School
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Above Left: A reading group in Mrs. Russ' classroom.
Above Right: Problem Solving at One Planet!

Elementary School Reminders

3/20	½ Day: SU-wide Inservice
3/26	Art and Soul
3/27	Reports Cards Sent Home
3/30-4/17	VTCAP State Testing Window
3/31, 4/1, 4/2	Conferences
4/3	No School

From Principal Bowen

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our school at the recent budget meeting—we truly appreciate your involvement. If you would like to stay informed and learn more about what's happening at our school throughout the year, we encourage you to attend the regular **WRUD board meetings**, held on the **third Tuesday of each month**. Meetings alternate between the **Bethel and Royalton campuses**, and there is also a **virtual option** available for those who prefer to join remotely. Your engagement and support make a difference!

We are still encouraging parents to complete our Parent Feedback Survey that can be found here. We value your input and invite you to share your experiences. The survey includes questions about student learning, school safety, interpersonal relationships, the overall school environment, and family involvement. Your responses will help guide our efforts to strengthen student relationships, learning conditions, and school climate.

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up **March 31th April 1st, and 2nd**. Your child's teacher should have already reached out to you to schedule a time to connect. In **PreK–3**, conferences will be teacher-led, with the option for your child to join. In **Grades 4–5**, conferences shift to a more **student-led format**, where students will share their strengths, challenges, goals, and examples of their academic work. During these conferences, students take the lead in explaining what they have learned, what they have mastered, and what they plan to work on next in conjunction with their teachers while families are encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback. If you have any questions ahead of conferences or want certain essentials teachers present please let them know asap!

There is so much great work happening across WRVES! Be sure to check out highlights from PE at BES and SRES and Third Grade at BES and SRES.

During morning meetings this past week, our focus was the character strength of Love. Love means you value close relationships with others and being close to people. Love is shown through our thoughts, feelings, and actions toward those we care about. When we love someone, we comfort them, make them feel safe, support them during tough times, and often put their needs before our own. When someone loves us, we feel safe and secure and can be ourselves around them. We miss them when they are not around.

Love is important for our community and society. We all depend on each other for happiness and well-being. Love creates positive feelings, helping to reduce loneliness, anxiety, and depression. Without love, we can't form strong bonds with our families, friends, or communities. A world without love would be a lonely and unsafe place.

To practice and encourage the character strength of love at home, please visit The Positivity Project's mobile-friendly P2 for Families (available in English and Spanish), where you will watch a video together and discuss a quote and three questions. Below are links to this week's P2 for Families lessons. Click on the grade level that best meets your child's needs.

Pre-K–K	Grades 1–2	Grades 3–5

If you have questions, concerns, or just want to share something great your child is doing, please reach out—we're always happy to hear from you.

Think Spring!

Principal Bowen