



MARCH 15TH STUDENT LED WALKOUT AT BFA

Maple Run Unified School District

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Pride, Humility, Honor, Respect, Admiration, Optimism, Confidence, Courage. Any one of these words can be used to describe our students – *your children* – as well as our teachers and administrators for how they handled themselves in the wake of the Florida school shooting, followed by local threats.

In the midst of the nationwide movement after of the most recent shooting, our students wanted to participate in some way to show their support and have their voices heard. Administration set some guidelines for these student-led events: safety first, and respect for those who choose not to participate.

The students held meetings with the administrators, teachers and, for BFA, the St. Albans Police Dept. They discussed and crafted their message, and designed their “walkout”.

The St. Albans City Elementary School 7th and 8th graders also planned to participate, under similar guidelines. They took it a step further and discussed with administration their fears of having an active shooter, and where they felt the safety plan could use improvement. Staff will meet with students and hear their concerns and suggestions.

St. Albans Town Educational Center’s 7th and 8th graders also held a “walkout” and the 6th graders met in the Library and made orange ribbons.

This became a powerful learning opportunity. The students were responsible, thoughtful, and respectful. Our teachers provided support where needed and are actively listening to the students’ needs and concerns.

Administration at all district schools are reviewing and, if needed, updating safety plans, and many attended the rollout of the SURVIVermont, the active shooter training presentation. The program follows the proven steps of See Something Say Something; Run, Hide, Fight; and Stop the Bleed.

The video of the presentation can be viewed [here](#).

Safety Tip for iPhone users:

In an emergency, your iPhone can automatically call the local emergency number. To get the Emergency SOS slider:

On iPhone X, iPhone 8, or iPhone 8 Plus: Press and hold the side button and one of the Volume buttons.

On iPhone 7 or earlier: Rapidly press the side button five times.

Slide the SOS button to send the call and your location. Contacts can be notified as well. For more details visit

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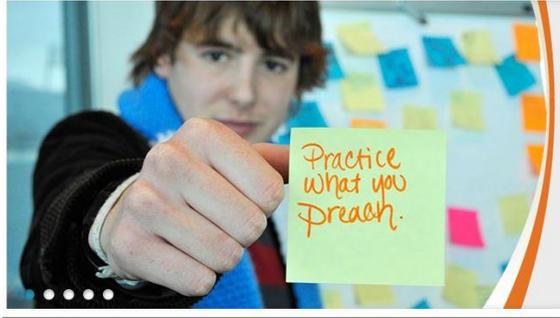
Celebrating Successes Across Our District

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Bellows Free Academy

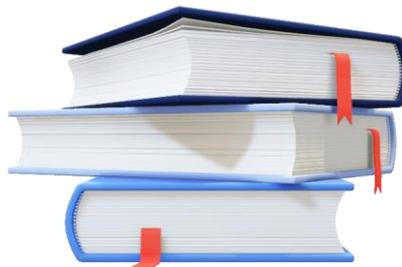
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On the cover - BFA held class meetings on February 23rd and March 7th to support students who are struggling with the impact of the tragedy in Parkland, Florida as well as recent events throughout our state and in school. We were very proud of the student led event on March 15th that raised awareness regarding school safety. Student voices gave us hope and inspiration during these very difficult times.



On March 15th we held a presentation by the Anti-Defamation League for all MRUSD athletic coaches and school administrators on the topic of creating a bias free environment in schools. We will also be hosting a seminar for the New England Association of Secondary Schools on April 10 as we begin preparations for our upcoming accreditation visit.

On Wednesday, March 7th BFA celebrated Spread the Word to End the Word, as they do annually. The purpose of the Spread the Word to End the Word initiative is to raise awareness of the derogatory use of the R-word (retard or retarded) and it's negative effects on people with intellectual disabilities, as well as their families and friends. However, this campaign is about more than just raising awareness about the derogatory effects of the use of the R-word; it is also about raising attitudes of acceptance and respect generally. They had a large pledge poster available for students and staff to sign in front of the Cafeteria during all of the lunches on March 7th. Please stop by and encourage your students to stop by to take the pledge. The Youth Activation Committee, a student led group to promote activities that support inclusion and respect were involved. Here's a link to some great information to get involved <http://www.r-word.org>



Forty-one BFA students attended a 3 stop college tour last fall.



BFA Girl's Hockey won the State Title



BFA Girl's Snowboarding Team won the State Championship

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Northwest Technical Center

Every year, NWTC second year students are asked to participate in mock interviews with our community partners and industry professionals. We are so proud of all of our students who participated this year!



Presentation matters! NWTC students are busy preparing for the upcoming SkillsUSA competitions. With some help from our Cosmetology students, Culinary Arts student Sebastian ensured that his hands were in tip top shape for his Food Service competition in Montpelier this weekend.



Become a Licensed Nurse Assistant in 5 Weeks. Class starts April 2! Call 527-0614 or register at: <http://www.maplerun.org/o/cardev/page/course-registration>

Fairfield Center School

2nd grade enjoyed the snow after the early March storm.



St. Albans Town Educational Center

At St. Albans Town Educational Center about 40 7th and 8th graders held their “walkout” outside and said a few words in support of school safety. There was a moment of silence in honor of the students killed in Florida. The 6th graders met in the Library and made orange ribbons.

Some 5th grade students rode the Tram to the top of Jay Peak.



2nd grade students @satecvt learn about winter wildlife with VT Fish & Wildlife’s Project WILD coordinator, Alison Thomas.



St. Albans City School

RENAISSANCE AND TRAVELERS HAVE TEAMED UP

On Friday Mornings 1st-3rd grade students from Travelers Mr. Pac's homeroom have been joining up with 7th and 8th grade Renaissance students to start their day. They say a pledge, do some wellness exercises and then dance and sing together. It is a great combination that starts both team's days.



IT IS MAKING MAPLE SYRUP TIME

Kindergarten students learned how to tap maple trees for sap on Tuesday, March 27th and then they got to try warm maple syrup right out of the school's sugar house. Staff and students from HOPE facilitated the learning experiences.



JILL, THE TALKING TRASH CAN

Our cafeteria hosted some special guests for lunch this past week- Jill, a talking trash can, her brother Jack, a blue recycling bin, and their pet pig Scrappy, a compost pail. The trio of waste receptacles visited students to give some reminders about where different kinds of waste should be going. [Video here.](#)



7th & 8th Grade Student "Walkout"

At 10:00 AM March 15th, St. Albans City School 7th and 8th graders honored the students and staff who lost their lives at Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida. The event was held inside and was delayed a day due to a large snowfall and snow day on Wednesday. At the gathering, students made it clear that if anyone sees something that could threaten lives they need to say something (see something - say something). The gathering was also an opportunity to read out all the names of those who passed in the Florida shooting.

Shortly after lunch students assembled in the Large Gym to create a large heart shape to be photographed. This picture symbolizes our student's empathy for those affected by shootings at Stoneman Douglas and schools across the country.



SPIRIT WEEK

This week we are having a Spirit Week to celebrate Music in Our Schools Month. The theme for the spirit week will be Music through the Decades. Through the week, music from each day's decade played in the cafeteria.

Early Childhood Programs

Town School AM & PM Preschool held an art show featuring art inspired by art focusing on our color unit. Get more information about Early Childhood Programs at <https://www.smores.com/y5woj>

