



Maple Run Unified School District

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school in the district.

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difference in homes throughout our region.



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7 Wonders of St. Albans

Students of Laurie Ely began their year by reading *The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs* by Betty G. Birney. The story details the adventure of a boy as he seeks out the seven wonders of his own community. After finishing the book, Ely's students would spend the following eight weeks doing the same. On December 12th, they all came together to share their top picks for the 'Seven Wonders of St. Albans'. The most popular choice: the famous 42-foot tall snowman built by BFA students in 1982. For further reading on this event, check out the article featured in the Saint Albans Messenger. (Photo © St. Albans Messenger)

St. Albans City School



Student Voices Award Webinar

Mackenzie Smith, Annabelle Peak, Elliot DesLauriers, Duffy Smith, Amelia Pinkham, and Alexis LaFreniere of St. Albans City School hosted an Ed-Webinar as the final step in receiving their State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA) Student Voices Award. Working under the direction of the SACS Innovation Specialist, Grace Borst, these six students talked about the ways they are able to add their voice to their education using the technology available to them in the classroom. Over 650 people worldwide signed in to watch these students present their first webinar, which was titled, "Students Leverage Technology Tools and Makerspaces to Personalize Learning". For further reading on this event, check out the article featured in the Saint Albans Messenger. (Photo © St. Albans Messenger)

SATEC

Read more about this event
online by clicking here!

SACS

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Northwest Technical Center



Harley-Davidson Teams with NWTC

Northwest Technical Center was approached by the team at Green Mountain Harley-Davidson to develop a partnership for this year's Battle of the Kings custom motorcycle build. This year, Harley-Davidson made it a requirement that each participating dealership should have a Career & Technical Center assist with the build—and participation will be factored into the final score for each bike. The Automotive Technology students have been working diligently alongside GMHD to design and build a bike that will compete with 274 international teams in January. NWTC's Digital Video Production group has been documenting this project heavily. Collaborative efforts with additional NWTC programs are in the works as they plan for their grand unveiling.

Fairfield Center School



Holiday Concerts

Fairfield Center School hosted families for their annual holiday concerts. Spectators got a chance to see the jazz band, as well as students in a new strings trio perform in the 6-8 Instrumental Concert on December 12th, while each class performed their holiday songs on December 13th. Photos from these events can be found on the FCS Facebook page.

PBIS Flash Mob

Students were surprised with a flash mob in the cafeteria on December 18th. The event was organized to celebrate progress in reaching their Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support (PBIS) goals. Footage of the flash mob can be found on the FCS Facebook page.

NWTC

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Bellows Free Academy

OPERATION HAPPINESS

BFA collected over 400 coats, SACS, FCS, & SATEC collected food, and NWTC helped the organization assemble boxes of food for distribution!



We are very proud of the schools and students in our district who contributed to Operation Happiness this year. Operation Happiness is an annual effort by United Way of Northwest Vermont to assist families in need during the holiday season. This is achieved through volunteer work, and donations of cash, food, winter clothing and toys. Donations are then sorted and delivered to qualifying families. Students of MRUSD have previously contributed to this cause, and continued to do so in 2018.

BFA collected and delivered over 400 coats, SACS, FCS and SATEC gathered food donations, and multiple programs from NWTC worked with Operation Happiness to box all of the food donations so that each family would receive an equal share. This collaborative effort between our schools is just one way that Maple Run has proven to be an asset to our community. Together, we assisted United Way in making the holidays enjoyable for everyone in our region. Thank you to all who contributed!

Ski, Skate & Board Swap

The first BFA Ski, Skate and Board Swap processed \$4,000 dollars of gross sales and recirculated alpine, Nordic, snowboarding, hockey and snowshoe equipment back into our community. The event, held at SATEC, was worked by over 15 BFA students who provided their expertise and top-tier customer service to buyers looking to get outdoors this winter with affordable equipment. This event could not have been possible without the efforts of the BFA Interact Club, BFA Ski & Snowboard Club, and Kevin Smith's Sports Connection—great work everyone!

(Photo: Bellows Free Academy - St. Albans Facebook Page)

Spreading Holiday Cheer

Students in Kristi Leet's French class spread holiday cheer through the halls on December 21st—singing *chansons* such as 'Vive le Vent', a song about the magic of winter wind and weather.

OTHER HAPPENINGS FROM ACROSS OUR DISTRICT:

- SATEC hosted their annual K-8 Talent Show.
- NWTC catered the Festival of Trees at St. Albans City Hall.
- BFA's 'a world of difference' group held a toy drive for the St. Albans Food Shelf.
- FCS students visited the Fairfield Community Center on Dec. 13th to deliver cookies and sing Christmas carols with the seniors having lunch.
- 18 middle school students from FCS have received free season passes to Jay Peak for earning 4s in HR3 (Honest, Responsible, Respectful, and Ready to learn).
- SACS held a College Day PEP Rally in their gym on Dec. 21st.
- SATEC sponsored the Dee PT Great Diaper Drive.
- SACS drama students performed 101 Dalmations for students and families on Dec. 14th.
- NWTC's Building Trades program assisted Martha's Kitchen with opening their new location on Lake St.
- BFA was visited by graduate, Mike Henderson (aka DJ Endo), for a two hour lesson in DJing.



Watch:
"Helping Children in Need with Operation Happiness" on Northwest Access TV



The BFA Experience

January 15th
6:00-8:00 PM
In the BFA Gym

BFA