



Rick Marcotte Central School
Where Everybody is Somebody

Moose Memo

Weekly Newsletter January 6, 2023 Vol. 1, Issue 21

IMPORTANT DATES

January 11- All School Field Trip to UVM Women's Basketball Game

January 14- RMCS Family Night at UVM Hockey vs. AIC

January 16- MLK Day, No School

January 27- Early Release and Bag Lunches

January 27- PTO Math Night



From the PrinciPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Happy 2023! We've had a smooth start to the new year, and students have settled back into the routine nicely. I have to admit that while I enjoyed the rest over break, I really missed everyone and it's great to be back. This year is flying by!

In December I communicated with 5th grade parents about classroom read alouds related to the 5th grade curriculum. Since then, I've engaged in multiple conversations, in person, on the phone, and via email, to answer questions and address concerns. I continue to work with 5th grade teachers to carefully consider the feedback we have received. To bring clarity from the administration to the greater community, I'm sharing information about the 5th grade curriculum in this week's issue of the Moose Memo.

Separate from the Beginning with Books program, the 5th-grade team will introduce texts about racism and gender identity as read-alouds and teachers will facilitate guided, restorative

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- *Refuge*, by Di
- *Melissa*, by Alex Gino
- *Stamped (For Kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You*, an adaptation by Sonja-Cherry Paul of Ibram X. Kendi's *Stamped from the Beginning (for adults)*

Why are we introducing these topics to our students? Members of our community are represented in these texts. To ignore this fact is to ignore the mission of our school. If everybody is truly somebody, we must reach all the way out to the margins of our school population and acknowledge the stories, experiences, culture, and history of all represented. Research shows a connection to kids' healthy self-esteem when they see themselves represented in text, especially when the portrayals are positive and hopeful.

I assure you our teachers are prepared to facilitate guided conversations about these topics with empathy, understanding, compassion, respect, dignity, and love. When we approach topics from this perspective, we teach critical thinking skills that support creating communities of belonging and acceptance for all identities and we honor our school's mission by truly acknowledging that at RMCS, everybody belongs...is seen...is somebody.

Respectfully,

Lissa McDonald
Interim Principal

At SBSB, our work is guided by:

- [District's Global ENDS Policy](#) (1.4 Citizenship)
 - [SBSB Office of Equity and Anti-Racism](#)
 - [SBSB Equity Monitoring Report, Approved September 7, 2022](#)
 - [The Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying of Students](#)
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- [Report 2.10 \(excerpt provided\)](#)
- [Continuing Best Practices for Schools Regarding Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students](#)



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Parents and caregivers may contact me directly to request their child opt out of the experience.

All School Field Trip on Wednesday, January 11!

We have been invited to attend a University of VT Women's Basketball game on Wednesday, January 11th. We'll be joining other elementary school students from across Chittenden County to cheer on the Catamounts! Our K-5 classes will travel by bus to Patrick Gymnasium to see the team play against the University of Massachusetts Lowell at 11:00 AM.



Kindergarten and grade 1 students will return to school after halftime for lunch. Grade 2-5 students will carry a bag lunch from home or select a bag lunch from the RMCS cafeteria to take to the game. Thank you to the University of Vermont Women's Basketball team for this invitation. We look forward to cheering for the UVM "Hoop Cats!"



5th Grade Announcers- Week 17



Welcome Student Teachers!

Please welcome our student teachers from Saint Michael's and Champlain College. They will be with RMCS students from January-May. Our talented teachers are their mentors and I can say with confidence that these young educators are learning from some of the best!



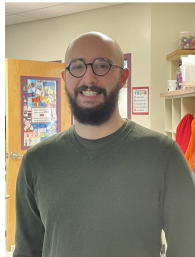
**Miss Jordy is teaching
with Mrs. Hale in Special
Education**



**Mr. Haddad is working
with Mrs. Belisle's 2nd
grade class**



**Miss Hurley is student
teaching with Mrs.
Kavanagh in the 5th
grade**



**Mr. Dylan is student
teaching in Miss Ligouri's
3rd grade class**

Third Grade Percussion Ensemble

Ms. Liguori's 3rd graders learned about becoming a "Percussion Ensemble" this week. We learned that an ensemble is like a "team" of musicians. We learned that sometimes we take turns and wait

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edition” meant that you can turn everyday household items into percussion instruments. You might want to try your own “home edition” as a family!



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From Miss Hilary:

I am SO excited to share that GOTR will be returning to RMCS this year for girls in grades 3-5!!!! Girls on the Run has fun, evidence-based programs that inspire all girls to build their confidence, kindness and decision making skills. Dynamic lessons instill valuable life skills including the important connection between physical and emotional health. In order for GOTR to work, WE NEED YOU!!!! We need a minimum of 2 coaches per group (15 girls per group). The more coaches we



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willingness to bring your best self to practices and a desire to help teach and reinforce healthy habits for these amazing girls!!

If interested, please contact GOTR directly by emailing Stephanie Dorgan at stephanie@girlsontherunvermont.org. You can also sign up to volunteer on the GOTR website, www.gotrvt.org. ALL volunteers MUST register with GOTR and have a background check (found on the GOTR website) prior to our first practice at the end of March (starting date and session days, 2 times a week, are still TBD).

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, hsales@sbschools.org. GOTR is SUCH an amazing program! Thank you in advance for volunteering!!!

Girls on the Run is SO MUCH FUN!!!!

Hilary Sales, Music Teacher and Head Coach GOTR

RMCS Family Night at UVM vs. AIC Hockey Game January 14

As you know, UVM Hockey players have been visiting RMCS classrooms and making connections with our students. I'm excited to announce that we have been invited to participate in an RMCS Family Night at the UVM versus AIC hockey game on January 14. Students will be admitted for free!

Here's the link to:

The password is:



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parents and caregivers to purchase tickets for \$10.00 each. If you are purchasing a combination of free and purchased tickets, the system won't let you choose two offers for one "cart." There is a limit of 1 comp per order, so parents and caregivers who are claiming for multiple students should place a second (or third, or fourth) order if you have more than one child. This is UVM's first attempt at ticketing like this, so please be patient. The comp tickets (free tickets for students) will all be at the Will Call booth. Please reach out to athletic.tickets@uvm.edu if you have questions.



These are general admission tickets in sections 9-12, so your family members and friends will be able to sit together no matter the number on the ticket.


As always, reach out to a member of the care team (counselors, nurse, princiPALs) if you need financial assistance for this event. See names and emails above. We hope to fill the rink with RMCS families!!!

January & February Sign Up Genius for Recess Volunteers

We continue to welcome volunteers to help us at recess. We are fortunate to have a large playground and appreciate the parent volunteers who sign up to help us with supervision from time to time. If you have availability, please visit the [Sign Up Genius](#) to schedule the times you are available to join us in January and February (the next winter break). Thank you!



What's for Lunch?

Lunch Menu Basics for January 9 - 13				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mac & Cheese Green Beans <i>or</i> Fresh Salad & Veggie Bar 	Sloppy Joe Lentil Sloppy Joe Sweet Potato Fries <i>or</i> Fresh Salad & Veggie Bar	Chicken Pot Pie Gardener's Pie Dinner Roll <i>or</i> Fresh Salad & Veggie Bar	Chili Con Carne Homemade Vegetarian Chili Tortilla Chips <i>or</i> Fresh Salad & Veggie Bar	Chicken Ranch Panini Panini Caprese Roasted Corn <i>or</i> Fresh Salad & Veggie Bar

**For Breakfast Menus and more information,
go to our website → *click on Families* → *click on School Lunch Menus***

Note:

On Wednesday, January 11, K-1 students will return to school for the meal listed above. Students in grades 2-5 will carry a bag lunch to the UVM basketball game. Bag lunch choices are Bagel with Cream Cheese, Chicken Salad Sandwich, or Tomato Sandwich. All bag lunches will come with veggies, fruit and milk.

School Nurse Notes

INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS (ILL)

According to the Vermont Department of Health: Influenza-like Illness activity level has increased from high to **very high** in Vermont.

Reminders:

Get vaccinated! *Per the health department, everyone six months and older should get a flu shot.*

Avoid those who are sick.

PLEASE STAY HOME WHEN SICK!

Stay home 24 hours after fever is gone (without fever-reducing medicine)!

Cover your cough (cover your mouth and nose).

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Wash hands often.

Clean/disinfect commonly touched surfaces.



COVID-19

State-wide COVID-19 community levels are considered to be at a *medium* level.

Walk in clinics will be closing by January 31st.

Updated vaccines for children ages 6 months- 5 years are available in Vermont.

Contact your health care provider directly for details on available vaccines and scheduling.

Stay healthy, be well~



Please RSVP for RCMS PTO's 5th Annual Family Math FREE Night!

Join us Friday, January 27th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the gym for Family Math Night! Come play lots of fun math related games, such as building Lego Marble mazes, Rubik's cube mosaics, chess, art, Lego marble mazes, estimation, and many more games that even the most reluctant math student will enjoy! Prizes and games will be raffled off at the end of the night. This is a FREE event!

Please RSVP with the number attending to sutherland.erinc@gmail.com .



RMCS 2022-2023 Yearbook NOW ON SALE!!! \$16.00 Each

Don't miss a single edition of the Rick Marcotte Central School Yearbook!

Order forms have been sent home, but if you would like purchase your yearbook online, please click [here](#):

<https://www.josteschool/>



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Then select Order My Yearbook to make your purchase and check out. Please put your teacher name under 'Homeroom' All yearbooks are shipped to the school then delivered to your child's classroom the last week of school.

Any questions, please contact Holly Young or Carrie Rice.

From the SB Community

Opportunity for Softball Players!

PLAYERS!

WINTER LITTLE LEAGUE CLINIC FOR
SOFTBALL PLAYERS AGES 8-13

**SATURDAYS AT SHELBURNE
FIELD HOUSE FROM 9:30-
10:30AM**

THE CLINIC WILL RUN FROM JAN. 7
THROUGH MARCH 31

**HELP US GROW THE SB SOFTBALL
PROGRAM!**

PARTICIPATION COSTS \$100 (THIS COST COVERS
FIELD RENTAL, BUT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE)

PLEASE REACH OUT TO [KATHIEBORRAZZO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:kathieborrazzo@gmail.com)
WITH ANY QUESTIONS



COOL CHEMISTRY!

WITH REBECCA RUPP

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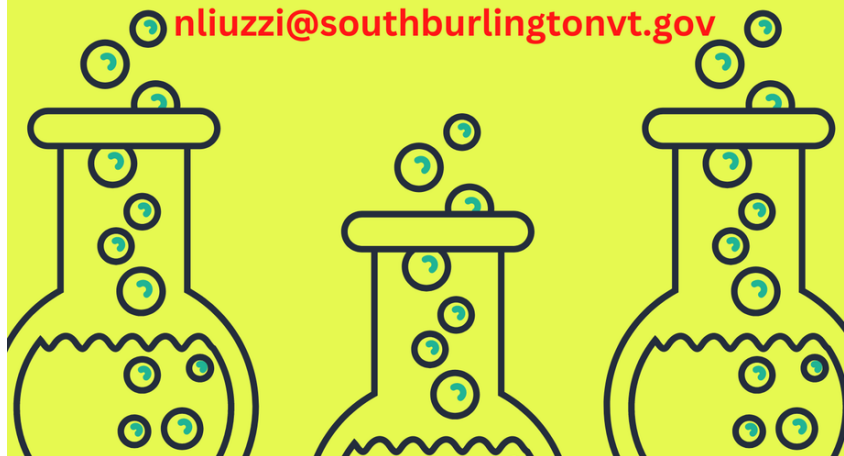
January 12

3:30-5pm

For kids 8 and up

Registration is required

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Library Closed	3 10:30 Toddlertime 3:00 Craftytown- Snowflake Star Baby	4 10:30 Babytime 3:00 LEGO Builders	5 10:30- Music & Movement with Miss Emma 4:00 Kids' Book Club K-2 and their parents 3-6pm-Knit for your Neighbor *Drop-in	6	7 10:30-noon- Kids Chess Club *registration required*
8	9 3-6pm-Knit for your Neighbor *Drop-in	10 10:30 Toddlertime 3:00 Craftytown- Stuffed Chicken	11 10:30 Babytime 3:00 LEGO Builders	12 Cool Chemistry with Rebecca Rupp 3:30-5pm *REGISTRATION REQUIRED* 3-6pm-Knit for your Neighbor *Drop-in	13 3:00- Kids Movie Walt Disney's Alice in Wonderland	14 10:30-noon- Kids Chess Club *registration required*
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22	23 3-6pm-Knit for your Neighbor *Drop-in	24 10:30 Toddlertime 3:00 Craftytown- Rod Puppets	25 10:30 Babytime 3:00 LEGO Builders	26 4:00- Middle School Makers- Cooking Homemade Pizza 3-6pm-Knit for your Neighbor *Drop-in	27 3:00- Kids Movie Jim Henson's Muppets Take Manhattan	28 Baby Brunch 10:30-12noon *REGISTRATION REQUIRED*
29	30 3-6pm-Knit for your Neighbor *Drop-in	31 10:30 Toddlertime 3:00 Craftytown- Perfect Parakeets	1	2	3	4

Employment Opportunities

Opportunities at Rick Marcotte Central School

RMCS is still hiring. Please contact us about joining our team if you qualify for these openings. Training will be provided for all new hires.

- Clerical Assistant
- Special Educator
- Interventionists - working 1:1 with students who have Individualized Education Plans
- Recess Monitor





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