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# Superintendent's Update February 2021

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***"Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind." – Henry James***

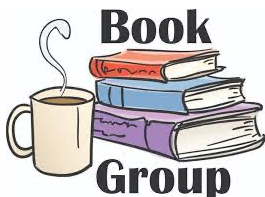


**Virtual Coffees** with the Superintendent are scheduled! Join the Superintendent for the second virtual "coffee" of the year! This is an opportunity to ask questions or just chat. Look for a "save the date" notice with the Zoom link in an email or text from your school's principal.

**Lincolnvilleville:** Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6PM

**Appleton:** Monday, March 1 at 5PM

**Hope:** Thursday, March 4 at 6PM



**Community Book Group** For those of you who are interested, we are going to offer a virtual book group starting in March. We will choose to read one of three books: *Riding the Bus With My Sister* by Rachel Simon; *The Art of Screen Time: Digital Parenting Without Fear* by Anya Kamenetz; or *The Happiness Advantage* by Shawn Achor. A Survey will come out after break, you can let me know if you are interested in joining the book group and which book you might want to read. We will read whichever book appears to be chosen by most folks who fill out the survey. The group will meet at least monthly via Zoom to share thoughts and ideas as we read through the book.

**Coronavirus Update:** Right now, the rates in Waldo and Knox County are the lowest they have been in a while! Dr. Shah, the CDC Director, says he's cautiously optimistic that the recent surge in cases is dropping off. Teachers are not in line to be vaccinated for some months, so we will need to continue to be diligent

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about following our health and safety protocols. The good news is that the rate of positivity in schools for the last 30 days has dropped to 36 out of 10,000, as opposed to 81 out of 10,000 in the community. That is great evidence that our health and safety protocols are working. It is hard work, sometimes uncomfortable, but our students, teachers, staff and administrators are making it work! Finally, please keep in mind that if you are planning to travel during break to anywhere other than New Hampshire or Vermont, your child(ren) must follow the Governor's rules about quarantine before returning to school.

Enjoy the break!