



HOME Warren Bulletin SCHOOL

Parents & Teachers – working together for children.

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Emergency Call List

It is time to get the snow day calling tree ready. Please let Laurie know if you would be willing to make a few calls on mornings when school needs to be delayed or cancelled. A number of families who have done this for many years have moved on to middle school so we really do need some new callers.

PTO Notes

- Thanks to everyone who sent in orders for Innisbrook. It's not too late to send in an order if you haven't already -- it's great quality gift wrap and our school earns 50% of the proceeds. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Darcy Perreault-Acker at 496-6937 or email tutfruti@yahoo.com.
- The PTO meets on Tuesday October 28th at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome! Agenda items will include an update on money raised, what we still need to raise, other fund raising activities, family fun nights.

WASP Party

The Warren After School Program will have a Halloween Party on Thursday. No costumes are needed.

Holiday Concert 2008 *Carolyn Adams writes,*

This year's concert will be a theatrical production of *The Nutcracker*. The production will include all students P4 - 6 as well as our band and chorus. The last production was in 2001, prior to the construction of our stage, and I am very excited to revisit this show with improved facilities. However, mounting a production of this size is a huge task, so I hope that some of you will be willing to help with scenery painting, construction of some simple set pieces and props, and costumes. Please let me know if you would like to help.

The cast assignments thus far are:

- *Battle Scene (mice and toy soldiers)* – Andra & Roni's classes
- *Waltz/Flowers (flowers and gardeners)* – Gina's class
- *Dance/Flutes (candy flutes and children)* - Whitney's class
- *Chinese Dance* – Prudence's class
- *Arabian Dance* – Katie's class
- *Russian Dance (bakers)* – Tim's class
- *Main characters, Chorus and Stage Crew* – Heidi and Elizabeth's classes
- *Waltz/Sugarplum* -TBA

More information about costume requirements will follow shortly.



Gina Gaidys receives her "Outstanding Teacher" certificate from acting Commissioner of Education Bill Talbott and UVM Dean of the School Education Fayneese Miller. It says: "Certificate of Recognition awarded to Gina Gaidys for excellence in Teaching and Devoted Service to Vermont Youth, presented this 22nd day of October 2008".

Health Notes: Halloween *Fran Blair writes,*

Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween for themselves and their children. The following are some tips to keep children safe:

- Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof, the eye holes should be large enough for good peripheral vision, any mask should have proper ventilation for breathing and it should be short enough that they won't trip on it.
- Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.
- Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or has reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to cars.
- Children should go out during daylight hours only, unless accompanied by a responsible adult or older sibling.
- Plan a safe route and stay together as a group.
- Go over basic safety rules i.e. don't go into a strangers home or get into their car, check both ways when crossing the street.
- Treating your kids to a spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat the candy they

collect before you have a chance to check it for them.

- If you are carving pumpkins use caution with sharp knives. It is best to let the kids clean out the pumpkin and draw a face on it, which you can carve for them.
- If you have pumpkins on your porch with candles in them, make sure they are far enough out of the way so that kids costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.
- Explain to your kids the difference between tricks and vandalism.

Make your child's Halloween a fun, safe and memorable holiday and they'll have good memories that last a lifetime!

Important Dates for your calendars:

10/31	Fri	Halloween Parade 8:15 am
11/12	Weds	Early Release Day 12:30 Dismissal
11/13	Thurs	Upper Unit Play
11/19-26		Book Fair
11/24	Mon	Report Cards sent home
11/25-26		Parent Conferences Tues pm, Weds am; no school Weds 11/26.
11/26-28		Thanksgiving Recess
12/17	Weds	Holiday Concert 6:30
12/24	Weds	Start of December recess

sibling in a family. Partial Scholarships are available, sponsored by the Valley Players - please let Ruth Ann know if you're interested in applying for a scholarship. The class will present a Holiday-themed play on Dec. 16 at 5 pm. It will not be a full musical, but there will be some carol singing. If interested please call her at 496-6318 or email thespians@gmavt.net.

One More Year *Andreas Lehner writes,*
I have told the Warren School Board that – if they'll have me back – I'd like to be your Principal for one more year. I do plan to retire in June, 2010, when I'll be 69! It'll make 22 years at the Warren School, and a total of 30 in Vermont.

With two of the four Valley principals leaving this year, as well as the CBMS principal, and a new Superintendent coming on board, I figured the district needed a Designated Geezer to tell the young 'uns about the old days...

Safety & Violence Prevention *Fran Blair writes,*
At the last nurses meeting we discussed what is being taught by guidance and health in this area in the elementary schools. Even though we do cover a lot of the content for this area we can still do more.

The following are some of the topics covered:

- Identify protective behaviors and strategies to avoid/manage unhealthy or dangerous situations (i.e., seat belts, protective equipment, following rules, adverse weather conditions).
- Stay safe in and around traffic, fire, water, weapons or other hazards.
- Stay safe when using the internet – know what your child is viewing and who they are talking to in chat rooms.
- Strategies to get away and get help in situations involving inappropriate touch or personal safety.
- What a child can do when he or someone else is being teased, bullied, harassed or threaten with some other kind of violence. Learn effective refusal and negotiation skills.
- The influence of media on everyone. Learn positive media strategies, including marketing to promote healthy choices.
- Differentiate between positive and negative internal (e.g., curiosity, fears) and external (e.g., peers, media, cultural) influences that affect violence.
- Be able to identify resources in the school and community that provide valid information and services about safety and injury prevention.
- Know the characteristics of a safe, healthy and respectful school and community, including pro-social behaviors (e.g., helping others, being respectful of others, cooperation, consideration that helps prevent violence).
- Identify safe people and places to go if feeling unsafe or threatened (e.g., parent, police, fire department, school personnel).
- Know basic first aid.

We'll be discussing some of these issues with classes throughout the school year.



The new slides on the main playground were enthusiastically received by the young and the young-at-heart last week. A little wax made the rides very satisfying, but the kids are looking forward to seeing what a light coating of dry snow will do for the ride.

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Halloween Candy

Warren village residents get hit hard by Halloween trick or treaters, so we try to ease their pain by collecting candy here at school. Afterschool students will deliver it to homes in the village. Please give your candy donations to Laurie. Thanks.

Theater Workshop

KidsACT! Holiday Theater Workshop for students in grades 2-6 takes place on Tuesdays 3:30-5:00, Nov. 4-Dec. 16 at the Valley Players Theater, Rt. 100, Waitsfield. Tuition is \$65 per student, \$40 for the second