



HOME Warren Bulletin SCHOOL

Parents & Teachers – working together for children.

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Harvest Dinner Thursday

Seating starts at 5:30. The entrance is at the rear of the building – you can drop off your food contributions at the front door, and then walk around to the back door. There's no charge for this event, but bring your check-book and bid generously at the silent auction on the state to support the good work of our PTO!

Playground Report

Thanks to Tim Holter, Matt Groom, Andy Cunningham and Lloyd Cuenin for the terrific work they did on the new playground structure last Saturday. Jane Cunningham and Sheryl Platt provided logistical support (and lunch!).

The work is not quite ready yet, but it's very close! The final step will be the installation of the rope "jungle" bridge that will connect the old and the new towers – wait till you see it!

Deal or No Deal? Liz Raddock writes,

We say, DEAL! There are many, many deals at the **Harvest Community Dinner Silent Auction on Oct. 8th**. All proceeds from this event will be used for PTO events. The best deals are the ones donated by you.

Here's a taste:

- Guitar lesson you've always wanted...from rockin' Tim Holter.
- Sushi? In the Valley? Our Yuko has donated a Japanese dinner for four.
- Let's party! Chef extraordinaire Jeff Lynn will cook a gourmet dinner for 15. Follow it up with...homemade pies by Ginger Becker. Follow that up with.... a diet consult with Deb O'Hare.
- Bring it home! Adina Ford will spruce up your house w/a whirlwind cleaning. Follow it up with a closet purge with Liz Raddock. Dress it up with throw pillows from Pam Craft.
- Seen your spouse lately? How about your best friends? Go out and let the Montgomerys or the Platts babysit!
- Calling all sports: Fly fishing lesson from Spike Brodeur. Telemark lesson from Mike Skroski, a bike tune up from Stark Mountain Bikes.
- The BIG-time: take a float plane ride, land on Waterbury Reservoir; soar & see the foliage on a glider ride.

In this economy, we can support each other and our kids. Let's DEAL!

Chères Parents Veronica writes,

It was great to meet so many of you at the open house! Our French students have done an amazing job learning their colors, directions, and body parts as well as vocabulary that comes up every day in the classroom. They continue to make connections between English and French as well as other languages and the bean jars are filling. We have also learned a French version of "Eenie -meenie- minie -moe"

Pique, pique ma bourique
Compte bien s'il y' on a huit:
un, deux, trois, quatre, cinq, six, sept, huit."

And a poem full of directions for the hands to follow:

En haut, en haut (*Up, up*)
À droite, À gauche (*to the right, to the left*)
Derrière, devant (*behind, in front*)
Et sur le front. (*and on the forehead*)
Dans les poches, (*in the pockets*)
Sous les bras, (*under the arms*)
Droit devant, (*straight in front*)
Et contre toi! (*and against you – find a partner and put hands together making a bridge*)



3rd & 4th graders started NECAP testing this morning with a rousing Math session. They're also scheduled on October 7, 8, 12, 13 and 14. All I-team tests start at 8:30. 5th and 6th graders take the Math and Language Arts tests on October 13, 14, 15, and 16, and 5th graders take the writing test on October 19 and 20. Upper Unit tests start at 9:15 or 9:55 am.

The Intermediate and Upper grades have moved on from following directions to giving each other directions. This has introduced them to some reading which they were eager to do after hearing the words for several weeks. We are now working on numbers from 20-100, harvest vocabulary, answering and asking questions, and more involved directions.

The Primary grades have enjoyed using their individual white boards, (les tranches-blanches) following directions (in French of course) and playing a variety of games to practice their vocabulary.

In Kindergarten we have read several books in French, played hiding games (cache-cache), and are learning a poem about "Pêches, pommes, poires, abricots," (*peach, apples, pears, apricots*).

Please come join us for a class – you never know what directions the students might give you! As always don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns – vbernicke@warrenschoool.org or 603-738-6776

4th Grade Math for Parents

Katie invites parents of 4th graders to come to a help session on Tuesday, October 13th, from 5:30 to 6:30 in her classroom.

Fire Prevention Week Fran writes:

We will have our local fire department visit us to talk about fire safety at an all school assembly Tuesday morning. Some of the things that we should be aware of:

- Make sure that you have working smoke alarm in your home. Pick a date you can remember and change the battery yearly on that date. When a smoke alarm sounds, it warns you that there is a fire and you should exit the building.
- Plan an escape route with your family. Know two ways out of each room (door & window) and have a designated spot for everyone to meet once they are out of the house. Make a map of your house and mark all the exit routes. Practice using your escape route and meeting at the designated spot to make sure everyone knows what to do in case of a fire.
- If your smoke alarm goes off remember to: 1. Get out of the house fast and never go back in. 2. Never hide from a fire under a bed or in a closet. 3. Don't stop to take anything with your – just get out.
- If there is smoke, crawl low under it. It is easier to breathe near the floor, where the air is cooler and