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Weather News

With the "S" word in the forecast, we're organizing our parent emergency calling list. If you'd be willing to make early morning phone calls to spread the word about a school delay or school closing, please let Laurie know.

Until we get the phone tree established, if you're wondering whether school is going to be delayed or closed, you can find out from the local TV stations (3,5, 22), WDEV radio (AM 550, FM 96.1), and on the web at www.sover.net/schoolclosings.

Flu Vaccine Clinic

With this *Bulletin*, parents are receiving information and permission forms for a H1N1 Clinic scheduled for Thursday, October 26

Picture Retakes Tuesday

If you're not satisfied with the photos you received, or if your child missed the first session, Lifetouch will be back tomorrow, Tuesday morning, October 13th to try again.

Harvest Dinner Thanks

We thought last Thursday's Community Harvest Dinner was a great success – great turnout, wonderful food, and a good time! We hope you felt the same way.

Thanks to everyone who shared that good food, to everyone who donated items for the PTO Silent Auction and who bid on those items. Looks like the PTO earned around \$5k to support this year's arts programs.

And Andreas offers a special thank you to Liz Raddock and her talented choristers for their special song!

Early Dismissal

This Wednesday, October 14, is another early dismissal day, #2 in the series. As usual, students will be dismissed at 12:30. WASP's extended day program features Fall Crafts.

Counselor Notes *Jen Boland writes,*

The year is off to great start. It is a wonderful group of students at The Warren School this year and I am thrilled to be working with them.

So far this year I have been busy trying to meet all the new students and reconnect with all the students during morning meetings, lunch and break times.

I have also been meeting with each of the teachers to determine how best to serve the needs of each class and the individual students.

Throughout the year, I plan to meet with every student in K- 6 in a small group. These groups will focus on a variety of topics. Some of the topics we may cover are social skills, stress management, bullying, social prob-



With the demise of our 1999 "spare" bus, we've just added this 2009 Bluebird 71 passenger beauty. It's a conventional front engine bus – the price of our preferred rear-engine models has gone out of sight, alas. Kenny will be driving it while we get some needed maintenance on his usual bus -- which is why, although we only have two bus routes, we need that third bus to maintain reliable service.

lem solving, friendship issues, personal safety and coping with disappointments. Fran Blair and I will also work together to teach age appropriate classes on drug and alcohol prevention and human development.

Currently, I meet with all the Kindergarten students on Wednesdays; we are learning about how to be a friend. I have been joining the lower unit and intermediate unit students during break times to play cooperative games and friendship games. In the next few weeks I will begin the lunch groups with the upper unit. Many students in the lower unit are asking to join me for lunch so I hope to create some groups for them as well.

In my role as counselor, I am also available for individual help for students and families who may be going through a tough time as well as available as a resource for students and parents involved with special education evaluations and reviews.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the guidance services or if you have ideas, concerns or you just want to chat. You can reach me at school and leave a confidential message on my voicemail at 496-2487 ext #239. You can also send me an e-mail at jboland@madriver.com

I am looking forward to a great year with your children!

PE Notes *Leigh Clark writes....*

I want to thank Bob Baron and Michael Ketchel and anyone else who helped maintain the lines on the soccer field this year. I appreciated it very much.

Here is a review on how the Mileage Club works. I have a card for each student in grades K-6. There are 20 small "feet" on the card. Each foot on the card equals ¼ mile, so the total on each card is 5 miles. I will cross off a foot for each ¼ mile a student completes from the laps they do in Physical Education class, and hiking, jogging, or walking at home. When a student completes the 5 miles on their card, s/he will receive a small plastic foot. So please send in a note stating the distance (not the time) they walked, hiked, jogged, or ran. A similar concept with a mileage card for biking is also in place, so if your child bikes, please send in the mileage he/she biked and for every 20 miles they bike they will receive a plastic #20.

Mad River Youth Basketball

Basketball Registrations for boys and girls in grades 3 to 6 will be held on Thursday, October 22nd at the Waitsfield Elementary School Gym from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Registration fees are \$35 per player (family discounts and scholarships are also available).

Practices begin in mid-November. Games are played from mid-December through February. Most games are scheduled on Saturdays. Parents can participate as well - there are opportunities for coaches, referees and scorekeepers. Basketball is a great way to keep your children active during the winter - and it's fun!

54 Wrapping Days 'til Christmas...

Get your gift wrap now and support the KPAS program with the *Innisbrook* sale going on until October 20th. You can return the paper forms or apply on line.

Warren PTO Benefit Dance Party

Shake your booty to 70's disco and funk classics by local celebs, *Polyester*, with Warren School dad Tim Holter. Don a costume or come as you are and dance the night away. Cash prize awarded for the best costume - 70's or otherwise.

Come to the Sugarbush Gate House Lodge on Friday, October 30, from 7pm to 11pm. \$15 tickets can be bought online at Polyester.EventBrite.com (with a \$1 service fee). Tickets will be \$20 at the door. Price includes admission and light appetizers. 21 and older.

Make the evening complete by spending the night at Claybrook! Discounted overnight rooms are available.

Hip Hop Dance Classes at Waitsfield

Kelly Sturgis of *One Studio Dance and Yoga* will be teaching hip hop dance classes in the Waitsfield School gym on Fridays starting on 10/30/09. Kids Hip Hop for grades 1-3 is 3:00-4:00 p.m. and Jr. Hip Hop for grades 4-6 is 4:00-5:00 p.m. They will perform in recital on May 22nd at HUHS. Tuition is \$40 per month (November - May) or \$280 for the year. Tuition assistance is available if needed. For information and/or to register, visit www.onestudiodanceandyoga.com, or call 244-8600.

Important Dates for your calendars:

10/13	Tues	Picture Re-takes
10/14	Weds	Early Dismissal; WASP & KPAS programs will be offered
10/16	Fri	Upper Unit Dance 7-9 pm
10/29	Thurs	Flu Vaccine Clinic
10/30	Fri	PTO Disco Party 7-11 pm Gate House
11/5	Thurs	Upper Unit Play, 6:30 pm
11/6-7		Fifth grade camp-in trip at Boston Museum of Science
11/11	Weds	Early Dismissal; WASP & KPAS programs will be offered



Warren Fire Dept volunteers Sheldon Foley, Butch Hartshorne, Robert Riversong, and Chris Kathan brought this amazing pumper truck and the big ladder truck to show the children at last week's Fire Safety Day. Michelle Eid did a fine assembly presentation to get thing started. Dr. L posed this little math challenge: the pumper truck holds 1000 gallons of water. It can pump 1500 gallons a minute. How long will it take to empty the truck? Hint: not very long...

School Bus For Sale

1999 International AmTran RE school bus, 78 pass, 230 hp T444E diesel engine (rear), Allison MD3080 5 sp transmission. 99,409 miles. Good running condition, decent body and interior but not suitable for transportation of children because of frame rot. Lots of useful parts. May be seen at the Warren School, 293 School Rd., Warren VT 05674. Sold as is, where is; purchaser must remove from school premises (can be driven away). Best offer by 12 pm, Monday November 2, 2009. Contact Ken Blair, kblairvt@yahoo.com or 802 496 2836 (home) for technical information. Send offers to Andreas Lehner, 802 496 2487 ext 222 or alehner@warrenschoo.org.

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS

NECAP Testing

3rd and 4th graders take the Math and Language Arts tests on October 12, 13 and 14. All I-team tests start at 8:30. 5th and 6th graders will 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. On the 13th and 15th, they'll also have an afternoon test session.