

If you cannot come, but would still like to support the event, you can make a donation in lieu of a ticket purchase by visiting the website or to Laurie.

Bill Koch League Nordic Ski Team

Nordic skiing is fun, fast, and a great way to enjoy the Vermont winter! Join the Mad River Valley Bill Koch League and learn a sport you will enjoy for a lifetime! Open to grades K-6. Practices are Tuesdays 3:30 - 5 at Ole's Cross Country Center, December 15 - March 16, school holidays excluded.

Interested? Contact Kate Williams at 279-8302 or kate@northernforestcanoetrail.org for info and registration materials. \$100 if you register before November 15, \$110 after.



Katie's students helped the P3 kids record what they have learned in life, and then had a chance to report out. Liam says he has learned not to close the door on his fingers.

Harwood Bond Vote November 10th

The Harwood School Board is proposing a bond of \$1.1 million. Voting will take place on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the usual polling sites – in Warren, it's on the Warren Auditorium stage at the school.

There will be a public hearing at Harwood Union High School on Tuesday, November 3rd, with a tour starting at 4:00pm, and the hearing at 6:00pm.

Why Now?

- Essential repairs, replacements, and improvements have been deferred for too long. For the health and safety of the Harwood community, this work needs to be done.
- Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 0% or very low interest Qualified School Construction Bonds are available for certain school projects, like Harwood's. To qualify for 2009 ARRA funds, a bond vote must have passed by November 13, 2009.
- With a 0% bond, which is possible, taxpayers will save over \$270,000, compared to a 2.9% loan for the same amount, over the 15 year term of the bond.
- This fiscal year alone (since July 1st) we have spent over \$13,189 on repairs with bills outstanding. The ongoing costs of maintaining deteriorating facilities is excessive and difficult to predict.

Here are the details:

Building Infrastructure - \$288,000 The main water line leaks. Part of the roof leaks. The building has uneven heat flow resulting in hot and cold classrooms. Outdoor lighting is minimal. The bond provides \$126,000 for roof repair, \$67,235 for the air handler. \$50,000 to replace the main water line, and \$25,000 for lighting.

Kitchen - \$77,000 The kitchen appliances are original from 1967. Ongoing cost of repairs is significant. Harwood will have considerable energy cost savings by replacing these appliances.

Potholes, Cracks, Crumbling Pavement - \$500,000 Driveway and parking lots are disintegrating and dangerous. At this point total replacement is necessary.

Athletic Fields - \$175,000 Harwood's fields were built in 1967 when we had four sports teams and 85 student athletes. We now have 11 teams; we have 240 students

competing for use of one soccer/lacrosse field. In 2000, taxpayers paid \$71,000 for adjacent property with the intention to create additional fields.

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 inspectable 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@warrenschoool.org

Gift Wrap

Help support our school's KPAS program by participating in our gift-wrap fundraiser. Orders need to be returned to school by October 27th. Thank you for your help and support!

Important Dates for your calendars:

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
11/10	Tues	Harwood Bond Vote
11/11	Weds	Early Dismissal; WASP & KPAS programs will be offered
12/3	Thurs	Flu Vaccine Clinic

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.

Holiday Wreaths

Fifth and Sixth graders are again selling holiday wreath sale. \$18 gets you a beautiful wreath you're your choice of red or plaid bow, and helps the children earn the money they need for their class trips. You can order from a student, or pick up an order form in the lobby. Deadline for order is Friday, October 30.

Gingerbread!

Coming soon to a kitchen near you: the Warren Gingerbread Contest! Please check out our new Blog dedicated to this event scheduled for December 11th, 2009 <http://warrengingerbreadcontest.blogspot.com/>

Four Winds in October *Tara Hamilton writes,*

The *Four Winds* topic this month is Tree Growth. Trees are amazing! Students will be learning that a tree is made of many parts, each designed to perform a necessary function during the tree's life cycle and within the cycle of seasons. They'll learn how each kind of tree has unique characteristics that make it possible for it to grow and adjust to seasonal cycles and changes in the environment in a particular place.



With help from our garden steward Jeannie Sargent and supervision by Poppy, Eva plants a garlic bud for next spring's harvest, with a "good night, sleep well" wish.