

KidsACT Modern Christmas Carol

The Valley Players will offer a KidsACT! Holiday Theater Workshop at the Valley Players Theater on Rt. 100 in Waitsfield, for kids in grades 3-6. The play will be *A Modern Christmas Carol*, written and directed by Ruth Ann Pattee, with 22 speaking roles and a Carolers' Chorus for kids ages 4 and up.

Rehearsals will start Saturday, Nov. 7, and be held on Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am, and on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00. Younger students singing in the Carolers' Chorus only will not have to attend every rehearsal. The performance will be Saturday Dec. 12 at 1 pm, and is free and open to the public.

Students who wish to be considered for speaking parts need to make a commitment to come to rehearsal when scheduled and learn lines at home in-between rehearsals. There is a tuition fee to participate in the workshop. For more information and to register, email thespians@gmavt.net or call 496-6318.

Holiday Craft Workshop

The Warren Public Library invites the Warren School community to a Holiday Craft Workshop on Saturday, November 14, at the Warren Library from 10 am to noon. This educational and fun event is for both individuals and families. Carol Collins instructs as stiff garlic stalks are turned into practical dusters, with a handle for hanging, and magic wands for the younger set. Materials are supplied, but participants can bring some colorful fabric, yarns, thread, string, beads, sequins, Elmer's Glue and scissors. Library workshops are free and all ages are welcome. Please call the Warren Library (496-3913) or Gail Hietzker (583-1935) for suggested reservations. Light refreshments will be served.

Karate Classes

Green Mountain Dojo Kyokushin Karate and Cultural Arts Center currently offers karate classes for children at Waitsfield Elementary. They are opening a new facility at 158 South Main Street in Waterbury in November. Beginner classes for adults and lunch time express classes are also new to the schedule. Come to the Open House on November 15 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm to see the new dojo, talk to instructors, enjoy refreshments, and learn more about classes and activities offered. Enter the drawing for a free month of karate! For more info, please visit www.greenmountaindojo.com or call 253-2050.



Throwing all that nutritional counseling to the winds, teachers dressed up as Candyland characters -- Plumpy, Princess Lolly, Queen Frostine, two Candyland Kids, Mr. Mint, and Lord Licorice. (Liz Raddock photo)

Important Dates for your calendars:

11/4	Weds	UU to Flynn Theater
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

Holiday Wreaths

Fifth and Sixth graders are again selling holiday wreath sale. \$18 gets you a beautiful wreath with 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.

H1N1 Flu Clinic Postponed

The Vermont Department of Health has notified us that we're going to have to wait until early December before we can expect to receive the 135 doses of H1N1 vaccine we need for our clinic. If your situation is critical, you may be able to find limited availability at local health care providers.

So our new tentative clinic dates are Thursday, December 3rd for the first vaccinations, and Thursday, January 7 for children needing a second dose. Stay tuned!

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.

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.