

The Ad: a business card size ad that will be grouped with all the other great participants making this event possible. Most have just had a business logo/ information and a salutation. But you can tailor the message as needed.

Do I have to be a business? No, in the past we have had many messages from families and individuals.

Can I have an anonymous ad? Yes. What is important is that we raise enough money to support our Valley neighbors. You can say "Happy Thanksgiving" or some other appropriate salutation and leave the rest blank.

How do I participate? Just contact a sales rep at The Valley Reporter, displayads@valleyreporter.com - 496-3607 or reply to this email, and we can walk you through the process.

We know these are tough times. But it is during the tough times that the spirit of what makes this Valley a special place shines through.

With your help we can make sure that as families and friends sit down on Thanksgiving Day that there is much to be thankful for living in such a special place.

Important Dates for your calendars:

11/10	Tues	Harwood Bond Vote (all day) School Board Meeting 6:00 pm
11/11	Weds	Early Dismissal; WASP & KPAS programs will be offered
11/14	Sat	Gingerbread Workshop 1-5 pm
11/24-25		Parent Conferences
11/26-29		Thanksgiving break
12/3	Thurs	Flu Vaccine Clinic



Thanks to Chris Kathan, who brought the town's loader to the school last Thursday to help us off-load 4000 lbs of "Fit-trail" equipment. Next spring, the Playground Committee plans to install a fitness center just off the school playground, to the left of the Little League diamond, where it will be accessible to community members as well as students during PE classes and recess. The 20 station center was purchased in part with a \$5k grant from the Valley Recreation Committee. For more information about Fit-Trail, see www.fittrail.com

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harwood Bond Vote *Mary Gow writes,*

The Harwood Bond vote is coming up next Tuesday, November 10th. Voting will take place on the stage at the Warren School.

I know the timing is dreadful with the economy and tax day, but this work really needs to be done. And the ARRA money will provide real savings on the cost of the bond. If we wait, we will have to pay more in repair bills and borrowing costs when we do the work.

If you want to see for yourself, come to the building tour at Harwood tomorrow, Tuesday November 3rd at 4 pm – it starts in the Cafeteria. And there will be a public meeting there at 6:00 pm where you can learn more about the proposal, and get your questions answered.

Gingerbread Workshop

On Saturday November 14th WASP is sponsoring a gingerbread open house and workshop at the Warren School from 1 to 5. Gingerbread Dough will go on sale that day as will other gingerbread supplies, tips, tricks and info. The workshop charge is \$8 but there will also

be free info and cider and cookies. Please check out the blog at warrengingerbreadcontest.blogspot.com

Holiday Craft Workshop

The Warren Public Library is sponsoring a Holiday Craft Workshop for individuals and families on Saturday, November 14, at the Warren Library from 10 am to noon. 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.

WASP News

Starting Monday, November 16th, Allyson Lavit will be offering a mural painting class during the afterschool program – they'll paint a mural in the entryway of the school. If this is something your little artist would be interested in, please contact Ashley Woods at 496-4170 or Allyson at 496-4539. There is no additional cost for this class just the daily \$7 afterschool fee.

Attention drummers: Caitrin Noel will teach a 6 week drumming session at WASP starting in January. Stay tuned for more specifics.

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.

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.

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.



At the Boston Science Museum, Lauren, Avery and Hunter ponder the differences between the three prehistoric skulls: which one was the meat-eater? (hint: look at the size of the brain). 28 Warren kids, 16 Waitsfield, and 14 Fayston kids made the overnight trip on our new bus – a cozy ride...