



HOME **Warren Bulletin** SCHOOL

Parents & Teachers -- working together for children.

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Flu Clinic #2 this Wednesday *Fran Blair writes,* We'll hold our second H1N1 flu clinic on Wednesday January 13th, starting at 8 am with the P3 and working our way up through the classes. We expect it to take us about two hours. Only children 9 and under need the second shot.

Please let me know by tomorrow:

- if your child got their first shot somewhere else but needs a second shot -- we can do it here.
- if your child still needs the first shot, the vaccination – we can do it here.
- if there are any adults that need the H1N1 flu vaccine – we can also do it here.

I need to have numbers by Tuesday so I can request enough vaccine. Call me if you have any questions.

Budget Options

The Warren School Board invites interested citizens to attend a hearing on the proposed budget for the 2010-11 school year. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, at 7:15 pm in the school cafeteria.

The current budget draft includes funding to hire an additional classroom teacher for the Intermediate Unit, and provide classroom aides to support the larger classes in the Upper Unit. The Intermediate Unit is expecting 45 students next year, and 57 students the following year – with three teachers, their classes would average 15 students next year, and 19 students in 2011-12. The Upper Unit expects 49 students next year; with two teachers and two aides, their classes will average 24-25 students, but the student:adult ratio will be 12.5:1. The following year, Upper Unit expects only 37 students.

	Grade 3-4	Class sizes 3 teachers	Grade 5-6	Class sizes 2 teachers
2010-11	45	15	49	24.5
2011-12	56	19	37	18.5

Thanks to a 14% increase in "equalized pupil" enrollment and a significant increase in expected revenues, the cost per pupil in this budget will drop from \$12,335 to \$11,533, and the elementary tax rate will go down from \$1.23 to \$1.19.

Also under consideration: a plan to add another new teacher for the Upper Unit instead of the aides. This plan would reduce Upper Unit class sizes to 16-17 students, but has some troubling consequences: either we eliminate the P3 program or we displace Music and French classes to make room for the additional classroom. Our French teacher could go 'on the road' and come to the different classrooms to teach her lessons, but the



Kindergarten began their study of seeds last week by sorting and describing the assortment on their paper plates. Later, they'll plant them in the grow-lab and see what comes up!

music classes would have to be scheduled for the stage area, where they would conflict with PE classes for part of the week.

This alternative would raise per-pupil spending from \$11,533 to \$11,986 and increases the elementary tax rate from \$1.19 to \$1.24.

See Budget Comparison Table below.

Frostbite *Fran Blair writes,*

Frostbite is damage to the skin or extremities that has been exposed to the cold for a length of time. Any part of the body can be affected by frostbite; but hands, feet, cheeks, nose and ears are the most common. Watch for white spots on face and nose. If you notice anyone with white spots on their cheeks or nose they need to go in were it is warm.

First Aid: Immerse the affected area in warm NOT hot water or repeatedly apply warm cloths to affected ears, nose or cheeks for 20-30 minutes. Warming is complete when skin is soft and sensation returns. For severe frostbite of the fingers and toes place a dressing between the toes and fingers to keep them separated.

Budget Comparisons	FY 2010	+ 1 teacher	+ 2 teach- ers
\$ expenditures	\$1,889,811	\$2,101,883	\$2,152,521
% increase	3.87%	11.22%	13.90%
\$ local ed spending increase	\$66,840	101,568	\$162,564
% local ed spending increase	4.61%	6.7%	10.70%
Per pupil \$	\$12,335	\$11,533	\$11,968
Est. elementary tax rate	\$1.23	\$1.19	\$1.24

Frostbite, continued

Do Not:

- Use direct heat to thaw out frostbitten areas.
- Rub or massage the affected area
- Disturb blisters on frostbitten skin

Prevention:

- Be aware of factors that can contribute to frostbite, such as extreme cold, wet clothes, high winds and poor circulation.
- Wear suitable clothing in cold temperatures and protect susceptible areas. If cold and windy wear a face mask to protect nose and cheeks.
- In cold weather wear mittens, not gloves; wind-proof, water resistant pants and jacket; layer clothing; two pairs of socks (cotton next to skin, then wool), make sure socks stay dry; scarf / facemask to protect the face and hat to cover the ears.

East Warren Community Market PSA

Why not lower your carbon footprint in 2010 and join your very own community market, just up the road at the East Warren Schoolhouse. The co-op needs more members and you might be surprised at the wide variety of groceries for sale just up the road. If you haven't stopped in to check it out please take some time to make a trip. Family membership costs \$300, which may be spread over five years at \$60 per year.

Important Dates for your calendars:

1/13	Weds	School Board Budget Hearing, 7:15 pm
1/15	Fri	Ski Program 12:30-3:00
1/18	Mon	No School: Martin Luther King Day
1/22	Fri	Ski Program 12:30-3:00
1/25	Mon	School Board, 6:00 pm
1/29	Fri	Ski Program 12:30-3:00
2/5	Fri	Ski Program 12:30-3:00
2/8	Mon	School Board, 6:00 pm
2/12	Fri	Ski Program 12:30-3:00
2/20-3/2		February Vacation
3/2	Tues	Annual School Meeting 9:00 am
3/3	Weds	Classes resume

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Physical Education Notes *Leigh Clark writes,*
I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and vacation. A couple of notes:

- We started the basketball unit just before vacation. Depending on their grade, students are being introduced to basic balls skills, and /or practicing basketball skills and games.
- Fifth and sixth graders' December *Fitness and Activity Log* is due this week, signed by a parent. They will receive January's log sheet this week to be completed during the month and handed in the first week of February. This is part of their physical fitness grade.
- In celebration of the 2010 Winter Olympics, we will be having our own Winter Olympics during PE classes February 8-9-10 and 15-16-17. I am looking for parent help in making the medals for all the events for each class. It's a fairly pleasant crafts project you can do at home. Please let me know if you'd be willing to help with this.

- Please continue to keep the notes coming for the Mileage Club. Remember it is based on distance, not time. Students may bring in a note from you to get credit on their Mileage Club Card for running, hiking, biking walking, cross-country skiing or snowshoeing outside of the school time may.

Also, just as a reminder, for safety reasons students are expected to wear sneakers that are tied securely during PE classes. Please help your child remember to bring sneakers to school on P. E. days. Here are some examples of footwear that is not appropriate for PE: boots, crocks, slippers, and shoes with leather bottoms or high heels.

WWSU Report

Superintendent Brigid Scheffert invites you to read the Washington *West State of the Union Report*. You can find it on the WWSU website -- www.wwsuonline.org – click on “WWSU Newsletter” under the *Quick Links* heading on the left. You'll find an extensive and detailed report from the Superintendent, as well as interesting and useful reports from Sheila Rivers (Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment), Donarae Cook (Student Support Services), and Michelle Baker (Business and Financial Operations).

Theater Program

The Warren School theater program is still looking for your donations to support the Primary and Intermediate Unit plays this spring. Look on the Warren School PTO's *Facebook* page, or just send in your check payable to the Warren PTO, with “Theater Program” on the memo line.



Sophie and Ross studied their seeds carefully before making their groupings.