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Budget Vote

At last night's meeting, the Warren School Board voted to adopt the "one teacher" budget discussed in last week's Bulletin. It will allow us to hire an additional classroom teacher for the Intermediate Unit, and provide classroom aides to support the larger classes in the Upper Unit. The per-pupil cost will be well below average for the state, the lowest in Washington West.

Now we need to persuade the voters to adopt it at the Annual School Meeting on Town Meeting Day, Tuesday, March 2, 2010. The School Meeting will go first this year, perhaps starting as early as 8 am to accommodate voters who must go to work that day.

The Board hopes that every parent will come to the meeting, because *the future of the Warren School depends on the people who show up to say "aye" when the moderator says, "all those in favor..."*

Hope and Hats for Haiti *Heidi's class writes,*
We assume you all have heard about the earthquakes in Haiti. Heidi's class has decided to help, but to make a difference we need the help of the whole school. We will be having two different fundraisers on Thursday, January 28.

The first fundraiser is what we call "Hats for Haiti." On Thursday, January 28, your children can bring in \$2.00, and then they can wear a hat of any kind (as long as it is appropriate for school) throughout the school day. Make sure to remind your children not to share hats because of the lice issue.

The second fundraiser will be a bake sale. It will be during your child's lunch and recess times, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Each item will be \$1.00, so if your children would like to have a treat please bring in that dollar. This is optional but every dollar helps. All the proceeds will go to *Unicef*, an organization dedicated to helping children in disaster zones.

Thank you for making a difference.

Theater Program Report *Ruth Ann Pattee writes,*
I'm so pleased to be back at Warren School this year directing plays for the Primary Unit and the Intermediate Unit. I hope everyone will turn out for the shows and support the theater program, and these young actors!

The Primary Unit will be performing two musical plays on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 6 pm. The first play, by Beth's class, is titled *Lemonade* and features a host of characters from classic fairy tales, folk tales, and Mother Goose nursery rhymes: *Chicken Little, Red Riding Hood, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Miss Muffet and her Spider, and Humpty Dumpty*, among others. The characters all relate their stories, focusing on the unhappy details, until Mother Goose herself makes an appearance and shows them all how to look on the bright side



Allyson Lavit helps Blaise, Tucker and Sophie find inspiration for their undersea creatures that will be part of the mural she is helping them create in the basement corridor. This week and next, she's working as a PTO "Artist in Residence". After that, she'll be taking over regular art classes as Heather phases in her maternity leave. Allyson has a degree in art education, and is a favorite WASP teacher. She has three kids currently enrolled here.

of their situations with the expression, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!"

Gina and Whitney's class will perform *Go Fish!*, an underwater tale of Tiger Shark, who can't understand why the other fish are afraid of her and won't be her friend. On day she meets a group of "misfit" fish: a Zebra fish with spots instead of stripes; an octopus with only seven legs; a tuna fish who can't carry a tune; even a blow-fish with allergies! Together they travel around the ocean meeting even more distinct groups of fish until the Great White Shark comes along to show them all that being different is not a bad thing, it's something to celebrate!

The Intermediate Unit will be starting rehearsals this week for *Folk Tales for Fun*, a play that offers seven folk tales elaborated by narrators, a foreign language guide, and a tour guide to the lands where the stories originated. All the students will have a part to play in one of the folk tales, which come from all over the world and include *The Tortoise and the Hare, The Bremen Town Musicians, and Why Bears Have Stumpy Tales*, to name a few. I believe this production will prove to be a wonderful theatrical challenge to the students and a very entertaining and educational experience for the audience! The show will take place on Tuesday, March 23, at 6 pm. Hope to see you there!

Physical Education Notes *Leigh Clark writes,*
For a third year in a row the Warren School received an award for *Jump Rope For Heart*, coming in first for