



# HOME Warren Bulletin SCHOOL

*Parents & Teachers -- working together for children.*

February 9, 2010

## Town Meeting Childcare

Grace Holter has offered to organize childcare for the School portion of Town Meeting, starting at 9 am. The goal is to get as much parent participation as possible.

As you know, the future of the Warren School depends on the citizens to be present to say "aye" when the moderator asks, "All those in favor..." so your vote will be important.

Please let Laurie know if you will be bringing your child(ren) so we can have enough staff on hand.

## NECAP Reports

With today's *Bulletin*, we're sending home individual reports for each child who took the tests last October. Those tests measured proficiency in the previous year's grade expectations – so the "Beginning of Grade 3" NECAP test reflects what the child learned in second grade. If you have any questions about your child's report, you can contact your child's teacher and/or the principal.

We're very pleased with these school-wide results:

### Warren NECAP Scores, Fall 2009 testing

READING	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6
Below	0	0	0	0	0
Nearly	1	1	1	0	0
Proficient	9	9	14	2	11
Distinction	5	8	9	7	1
Total	15	18	24	9	12
<b>% Proficient</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
WWSU	89%	80%	82%	79%	
VT	73%	70%	73%	71%	79%

  

MATH	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6
Below	0	1	1	0	0
Nearly	1	0	1	1	2
Proficient	7	8	6	3	3
Distinction	7	9	16	5	7
Total	15	18	24	9	12
<b>% Proficient</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>83%</b>
WWSU	83%	79%	82%	78%	
VT	66%	69%	67%	67%	62%

## Healthy Hearts *Fran writes:*

In honor of all the good work in raising money for *Jump Rope for Heart*, here is some information on our heart.

What is the heart? Why is it so important? What does it do in the body?

- The heart does not look very much like the shape we draw at Valentine's Day – our heart is shaped something like an ice-cream cone with a pointed bottom and a rounded top.
- It is hollow with four divisions that can fill up with blood. Our heart is about the size of our fist and weighs a little less than a pound. It is located in the middle of our chest and slightly tipped to the left. It fits snugly between our two lungs.
- The heart is a muscle and works like a pump and when it contracts it pushes the blood out and when it relaxes the blood flows in giving us the sound of lub-dub each time it beats.
- It pumps the blood to our body in a circle – from the heart in arteries, bringing oxygen from the lungs to all parts of the body and going back to the heart in veins. This is the circulatory system.



*Mme Veronique and Leigh Clark provide the double-dutch rope work as Aiden shows the others how it's done. Monday's Jump Rope for Heart kicked off the Warren Winter "Olympics". Thanks to everyone who sent in donations for the American Heart Association – it's not too late to send in yours!*

Because our heart is a muscle, it needs to be exercised. Getting 30 minutes a day of exercise – jump rope, sports, dance – helps keep the heart healthy. Eating healthy foods and 5 servings a day of fruit and vegetables and avoiding excessive sugars and fats helps keep your heart healthy. Don't smoke.

Even though the heart doesn't look like a valentine, it sure deserves to be loved for all the work it does.

**Cyber Safety at Home** *Dawn D'Angelillo writes,* As we begin our Cyber Safety education over the next few weeks here at school, we can offer the following suggestions for keeping your child safe on at the computer at home.

1. One easy step that is often overlooked is to have the computer located in a family space. This makes it much easier to keep you, as a parent, engaged in how your child uses their computer.
2. There are parental controls built into most computer operating systems if you want to set limits on content and usage of your child's computer – especially useful if you can't have the computer where you can see it. In Mac OS X, the Parental Controls are accessed in the System Preferences - Accounts. You can even set a time limit as how much the computer is used during the day as well as a bedtime which blocks access to the computer after a certain hour of the day.
3. Software that can filter and monitor computer use for both Mac and Windows can be found at: <http://kids.getnetwise.org>

Being an involved parent is the single best step that you can take to keep your child safe.

## Harwood Youth Wrestling Sign-Ups

Boys and girls in grades K-6 are invited to wrestle with the Harwood Hawks. Registration takes place this Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the Harwood Middle School Gym. There's no registration fee. Please bring sneakers, sweatpants and T-shirt to the registration. For more info please contact Kevin Streeter at 802-793-6793.

## Preventing Crime in the Valley

Come to a meeting on Thursday Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at the Big Picture from 3-5 pm. There will be a panel discussion moderated by Lisa Loomis. The panel will have reps from the state police, sheriff's dept., legislature (Adam Greshin), selectman, constables, etc. All residents and business people are encouraged to attend.

## Tile Workshop February 20th

Warren artist Mollie German will teach participants how to create a series of tiles that can be installed in amongst commercial tile or displayed on their own. They will learn the essentials of tile making, as well as some history of the craft. Several different techniques will be demonstrated. All work will be glazed, fired and 100% food safe.

The workshop takes place Saturday, February 20 from 9:00 am -12:00 pm upstairs at the East Warren School-house. Fee is \$55 per person (\$50 for members of Rootswork). Please call or email Susie Snow to register. Limit 6 people. 496-5772

### Important Dates for your calendars:

2/12	Fri	Ski Program 12:30-3:00
2/16	Tues	Primary Unit Play 6:00 pm
2/20-3/2		February Vacation
3/2	Tues	Annual School Meeting 9 am
3/3	Weds	Classes resume
3/23	Tues	I-Team Play, 6:00 pm



Mackenzie and Zak crank out the home-made pasta inspired by a trip to the Flynn Theater to see a performance of "Strega Nona" two weeks ago. Lily supervises.

### REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Cyber Safety** Dawn D'Angelillo writes, As part of the 2009-2012 Warren School Technology Plan, Jen Boland and I are putting together a Cyber Safety curriculum to help keep children in all grades safe while they are using the Internet. Topics will include:

- Understanding Advertising,
- Security and Safety,
- Cyber-bullying and
- Being a Good Cyber-Citizen.

We will incorporate these lessons into student's normal technology training as well as planned additional time in both the Upper and Intermediate Units. Role play and small group discussion will be part of the learning process.

Since children use the Internet at school only under supervision, we encourage all parents to have an understanding of how their child is using the Internet at home or while unsupervised. Here are several online resources that we all can make use of:

- <http://www.cybersmartcurriculum.org/>
- <http://theglobalclassroom.blogspot.com/2009/10/national-cyber-security-awareness-month.html>
- <http://usatodayeducate.com/wordpress/index.php/technology-cyber-security>

I'll also be adding a page to the Warren School web site with links to these pages as well as loads of others that I have found. Look for this new page, later this week!

If you have any questions at all about the Cyber-safety curriculum or specific questions regarding how your child might be using the Internet, do not hesitate to

email us.

## Primary Unit Set Painting Party

On Friday, Feb. 12, we need parents and students to help bring our two worlds of Fairy Tale Land and the Sea to life! Gina and Whitney's class should arrive at 4 pm to work on an under-the-sea mural, and Beth's class should arrive at 5 pm to work on a garden landscape. Parents – we need your help! Even if you don't consider yourself a "painter" please consider helping out. Look for a sign up sheet coming home with students today, which also contains important information about costumes. If you have any questions, please call Ruth Ann Pattee at 496-6318 or email her at [thespians@gmavt.net](mailto:thespians@gmavt.net).

## Supporting the Troops

The Warren Wolf Scout Den and the Warren Church Sunday School children are collecting items to send to our troops in Afghanistan. They have put a box in the lobby of the school for the next two weeks. If you can bring in any of the following items, they will be appreciated. Thank you very much for your support.

These are the items needed: toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap/body wash, Q-tips, baby wipes, hand sanitizer, books, DVD's, stamps, writing paper/envelopes, disposable cameras, foot powder, disposable razors, playing cards, Gatorade powder, hard candy/mints, nuts, beef jerky/slim jims, batteries (AA, AAA, C), gum, phone cards, lip balm

## Drumming at WASP

Join Caitrin Noel for Hand Drumming class on Wednesdays at WASP. Six week session begins Feb 10. Students in grades K-3 are welcomed to join from 3:30-4:00 and grades 4-6 from 4:00-4:45. Drums are available to borrow. Please contact Caitrin at [cnoel@uwm.edu](mailto:cnoel@uwm.edu) for more info, or Grace Holter at WASP to sign up.

## After-School Book Club

The Warren Public Library will be sponsoring an after school book club at the Warren School. This six session book club, based on the popular "-ology" series, will include Oceanology, Egyptology, Wizardology, Monsterology, Dragonology, and Spyology. The games, crafts and fun will happen on Tuesdays -- February 9, 16 and March 9, 16, 23 and 30. Please call the Warren Library (496-3913) or 793-7094 for additional information.

## Girls' Lacrosse Clinic

On Sunday, March 7, 2010, at Middlebury College Kenyon Arena, Middlebury Women's Lacrosse coaches and players will hold a clinic for players in grades 5 through 12 and their coaches. The coaches' clinic (\$10) goes from 12 to 1:00pm; the players' clinic (\$35) goes from 12:30 to 3:30pm. Registration is at 12 in the Bubble. The clinic will cover Lacrosse skills including catching, throwing, cutting, groundballs, shooting, checking, offense and defense strategy, goalkeeping, handling competitive situations and more! You can register via email to Assistant Coach Reid Berrien at [mberrien@middlebury.edu](mailto:mberrien@middlebury.edu) by February 26.



Corrina, Veda, Mia and Ashlyn rehearse their lines for the Primary Unit production of "Go Fish!". It will be performed next Tuesday evening, along with "Lemonade".