



HOME Warren Bulletin SCHOOL

Parents & Teachers – working together for children.

February 16, 2010

School Meeting March 2nd

This year the School Meeting starts at 9:00 am -- it used to be after lunch, but the town wanted to try this to get more people to participate in the vote on the school budget.

It's really important for parents and friends of the school to be there at 9. You have to be present to vote – there are no absentee ballots. Because the budget is voted, or cut, on the floor of town meeting, **the future of our school is in the hands of the voters who are there to say "aye" when the moderator says, "All those in favor..."**

The good news is that, with luck, we'll be done by 10 am – plenty of time to do whatever you like to do on Town Meeting day. We'll have child-care for the School portion of the meeting. Call Laurie or Grace Holter if you want to save places for your kids.

Folks in town notice that usually there aren't very many parents there for the school vote. They say, "Why should we vote for the budget if the parents can't even be bothered to show up?" There may be some effort to cut the budget if it looks like there isn't enough support for the school.

We hope you'll be there to help.

Early Release Wednesday

This Wednesday – 2/17/10 – is an early release day. For our new families: this means school ends at 12:30. Children can take the school bus home – buses leave the school at 12:30 and follow the regular routes. schedule. As an alternative, Afterschool offers an extended day from 12:30 to either 3:00 or 5:30.

Lice Checks *Fran Blair writes,*

The Dreaded "L" word! We don't usually see many cases in the cold weather but this year seems to be different, alas. We have bagged all pillows and stuffed animals and have made couches off limits until after vacation. Teachers are having students put their clothing in plastic bags at their cubbies. Lloyd has been doing extra vacuuming, and over the coming vacation, he will be giving the whole school a thorough cleaning and vacuuming. And in the last week, with the help of some great volunteers, we've been intensifying the school-wide lice checks in an effort to identify and wipe out all the nit cases.

The ten-day break coming up will provide a welcome respite. When we return, we will again do a school wide lice check.

Things you can do to help:

- Check your child's head on a regular basis – we suggest every day while until this episode is over. Most times the first indication is the finding of nits. Nits are tear-shaped and about the size of a grain of sand that are attached to the shaft of hair.
- Let us know if you have found nits or lice, so we can follow up at school. You should also tell everyone your child has been in contact with so they can check their own children.
- Tell your child not to share hats, combs, headbands, or any article of clothing.
- Girls with long hair should wear it up in a ponytail or braid.

If your child gets lice, treatment is important. There are many lice products to choose from – if in doubt as to what to purchase talk to a pharmacist or your health provider.

The important part of the treatment is the picking of nits – thus the saying 'nit picker'. The kit provides a fine-toothed comb to be used to comb the hair after the treatment. It is a tedious task but the better job you do of removing all the nits the better chance you have of



No, it's not Vancouver – it's the P3 medalists showing off their hardware in the Warren School competition. The thrill of victory is fresh on their little faces! (Leigh Clark photo)

the lice not reappearing. Sometimes using your fingernails to remove the nits works better than the comb.

It's very important to check your child's head every day, and pick out any nits before you send him/her to school. If they keep coming back, you may want to have your own head checked!

Re-treatment is recommended 7 – 10 days later. Wash all bedding and clothes that the infected person has come in contact with. Putting things in the dryer on high will also kill the lice. Vacuum car seats, sofas, carpets and surfaces that have been in contact with the infected person's head.

Lice is not life threatening just annoying. By all of us working together we can keep their spread to a minimum. Let us know if you need help with treatment and cleaning.

Thanks for your help and cooperation.

French nouvelles *Mme Veronique ecrit,*

- "Le temps fait l'étoile danser" (the weather makes the star dance) - Hunter
- "La terre est bleue et verte, ronde et grande et tourne a gauche" (the earth is green, round and big and turns to the left) - Wilson
- "La giraffe danse a droite , a gauche, en haut, en bas et sous la lune" (The giraffe dances to the right, to the left, up, down and under the moon) - Sally
- "L'orange est orange" - Karl (delivered in a rapping style)

Just a sample of the phrases the upper unit have been making up on the spot as they enter class and are handed an object to describe. They are not only bringing together the vocabulary, directions and adjectives they have been learning but are understanding the agreements that the adjectives must make with the noun they describe depending on gender and number - and they prove to be poetic at the same time – truly an amazing bunch! They are putting their story telling skills together in some very entertaining "petit histoire" that they will read aloud. These read-alouds will be videotaped and the plan is to get them on the school website for all to enjoy.

The Intermediate unit is also working on bringing together their French knowledge creating some mini books they too will read aloud.

We have celebrated *Fête des Rois* (merci beaucoup to the wonderful parents who baked for our celebration!) sampled some Swiss chocolate when yet again the bean jars were filled, and made some lovely valentines

that I hope made it home to you with lots of "Je t'aime" (I love yous). This week brings Mardi Gras and some Olympic talk.

The Primary Unit are having fun learning a recess clapping game straight from the playground of my nieces school in Geneva. (Ask them about "meli melo".)

The Kindergarten has enjoyed our "Barbapappa" stories also straight from Geneva - a well loved children's character with a colorful family who can all turn themselves into any needed object.

Thanks to Colleen Mays, the Warren Town library has added some French books to its collection that I encourage you to check out.

Coming soon: A French bulletin board outside the photocopy room on the main floor which I hope you will check out to see what your "fabuleux" students are doing!

Physical Education Notes *Leigh Clark writes,*
I want to thank everyone once again for the support you gave to make a successful Jump Rope For Heart and for helping fight heart disease! The total amount of donations thus far is \$3,243.68. Daniel Robinson got the gold medallion for the most money collected.

The Warren School "Olympics" has been a great success too. The students have been walking around proudly with their medals. By the end of the "Olympics" all students should have been able to earn at least one medal.

Girls on the Run®

Gina, Whitney and Prudence invite all girls in grades 3-6 to join our new Girls on the Run® program. This is a wonderful curriculum based program that utilizes the power of running to provide girls the tools to celebrate themselves, honor their voice and build their self-esteem. Girls who participate get the opportunity to have fun with other girls while exercising, sharing experiences and challenging themselves. We will meet twice a week from March 29-June 13 and the program will end with a 5K fun run with other girls from around the state who are also part of this program. We also invite adults who are interested in volunteering to speak to one of us. We would love to have you! If you are a girl who is interested in joining, please come to a meeting at 12pm in the gym on Wednesday, February 17, 2010.

Save the Date!! Upcoming PTO Fundraiser
Dinner for family and friends at *Terra Rossa Restaurant* on the Access Road on April 1st. No April Fools joke here, this will be a night you won't want to miss! Tickets to go on sale the first week in March -- \$15/adult \$8/child.

Come enjoy a wonderful meal and great service with our very own "Warren School Waitstaff".

Box Tops for Education

If you have been holding onto box tops they will soon be tabulated and sent for redemption so please send them in to school.

Learn to Skate

The Ice Center in Waterbury has lessons on Friday afternoons from 5:00 - 6:00, February 19th through March 26th. Lessons are available for 3-5 year olds and kids 6 and up in separate groups. The cost is \$80. For more information go to trinag@mindspring.com

Vermont Philharmonic Family Concert

The Vermont Philharmonic Orchestra will be performing its second annual Family Concert on Sunday, March 28, 2010 at 3:30 P.M. at the Barre Opera House. This year's concert is inspired by American history and invention. Concert highlights include a performance by Cecilia Brauer of the New York Metropolitan Opera Orchestra on the Armonica (or glass harmonica), an instrument invented by Benjamin Franklin; an original piece composed by a young Vermont musician through the Vermont Midi Project; guest appearances by the Green Mountain Youth Symphony and members of the Norwich University Band; and opportunities for audience participation by all ages.

KidsACT! Summer Musical Theater Camps

Director Ruth Ann Pattee is again organizing summer camps at the Valley Players Theater, Rt. 100, Waitsfield.

Students entering grades 1-3 in Sept. of 2010: July 12-16. Students will learn acting, singing and dancing to perform the musical play *Circus, Circus*. The show has great upbeat music and an opportunity for every student to be featured. Camp runs 9 am to 12 pm Monday through Friday with a free performance at 5:30 pm on Friday, July 16. Tuition: Register before May 1: \$85; After May 1: \$100

Students entering grades 4-6: Aug. 2-6. Students will learn acting, singing, and dancing to perform *Through the Looking Glass*, based on the *Alice In Wonderland* stories. Familiar characters include Alice, the Red Queen, Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, Humpty Dumpty and more! Camp runs 10 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday with a free performance at 7 pm on Friday, Aug. 6. Tuition: Register before May 1: \$150; After May 1: \$175

Students entering grades 7-9: Aug. 9-13. Students will learn acting, singing, and dancing to perform "Adventures of a Comic Book Artist", about a janitor who works for a comic book company and has his own characters come to life thanks to some magic pens. Lots of fun characters, solos, and dance numbers for guys and girls! Camp runs 10 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday with a free performance at 7 pm on Friday, Aug. 13. Tuition: Register before May 1: \$175; After May 1: \$200

Partial scholarships are available from the Valley Players. Contact Ruth Ann Pattee for more information and to register at 496-6318 or email thespians@gmavt.net.

Important Dates for your calendars:

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| 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 |



Friday mornings are "tea" time in the P4 classroom. The music of Mozart plays softly as kids sip herbal teas and enjoy tasty treats as they practice their manners and social skills.

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sunday, March 7, 2010, at Middlebury College, there's a clinic for players in grades 5 through 12 and their coaches. For more info, email Assistant Coach Reid Berrien at mberrien@middlebury.edu by February 26.