



HOME Warren Bulletin SCHOOL

Parents & Teachers -- working together for children.

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Parent Conferences

Parent conferences will take place on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, March 18th and, the morning of Friday, March 19th. There is no school for children on that Friday. Please use the attached conference registration form to let Laurie know when you would like to have your conference (s), and return it this week if possible. If your schedule is flexible, please check more than one time request.

Lice Hearing

Dr Louis DiNicola will be the Board's "expert witness" at tonight's scheduled discussion of our lice policy and procedures. Dr. DiNicola is a pediatrician from Randolph with over 36 years of experience in community pediatrics. He has cared for hundreds of Warren children since 1976. He is currently the President of the Vermont Academy of Pediatrics. The purpose of the meeting will be educational – we need to be on the same page – and practical – what changes should we make in the way we handle lice in the school? How can we align our policy and our practice?

The meeting will start at 7 pm in the cafeteria. We'll provide a current status report.

Library News *Ellen Drysdale writes,*
Check out our new online library catalog at
<http://wrn.scolaid.net>

Our old library software dates back to the early 1990's – it only runs on Macintosh OS9, and we were running out of computers that still had that capability. After a comprehensive search, Ellen (with Dawn's help) settled on OPALS, an open source library automation system administered at a remote server. Now you can see the Warren School Library's catalog from anywhere with internet access.

There are several ways to search the catalog. The attractive "Owl Search" is the simplest, but you can click on OPALS home, go to "search," and choose other ways to search. The colorful beginners interface is especially great for browsing.

We are gradually switching over our circulation, checking books in using the old system, and out in the new. Bear with us during this process of about a month--if your child is notified of having overdue, and you think the books were returned, please let us know, and we'll check the shelves.

Poison Prevention *Fran writes,*
March 14-20 week is National Poison Prevention week. Our friend SPIKE, the porcupine, is coming to visit the lower unit classes. He will tell the students about what is okay and what to stay away from - His quills go up to tell you to stay away and his quills stay down to say it is okay. His message is "don't touch, taste or smell anything if you don't know what it is -- ask an adult."



Griffin has a firm bite on the "gold" medal he earned as the winner of the Warren School Geobee last week. Sally and Connor were first and second runners up.

Poisons just don't happen to children, it can happen to anyone, at any time and in any place. A poison is anything that can harm someone if it is (1) used in the wrong way, (2) used by the wrong person or (3) used in the wrong amount. Poisons can harm you when they get in the eyes, on the skin, if you breathe them in, inject them or swallow them. People live with poisons every day. Many of the products in our homes and garages are poison and many poisons exist in nature. In children the most common things that cause poisonings are: medicines, pest killers, hydrocarbons (such as lamp oil, kerosene, gasoline, lighter fluid), and plants. In adults the most common things that cause poisoning are: pain medicines, alcohol, bites and stings, spoiled food and beauty products. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a poison that can kill both children and adults. Poison HELP line number 1-800-222-1222 Post this number next to your telephone or in your addresses on your cell phone so it is always handy.

Little League Registration has begun!
Registrations for Tball, Softball, Farm, American, and National are now being accepted. You can pick up forms at local elementary schools, via email to Littleleague@madriver.com, via website at eteamz.com/madrivervalley, or at Registration Night on March 15th from 6-8 pm at Bonjornos. Registrations are due March 31st.