



# HOME Warren Bulletin SCHOOL

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

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## Playground Report

With help from Tim Holter and two high school "volunteers" last Saturday, Lloyd was able to get the new structure open for use, including the cargo net climber and the trapeze monkey bars. We're still waiting for help to put up the Jungle Bridge that will connect the new structure with the older tower structure, and for the delivery of lovely white sand for the sandbox, and the two knotted ropes that will provide another way up to the platform.

## Storytelling Artist in Residence

Next Monday, we'll welcome storyteller Jim Weiss for 5 days of stories and workshops -- your PTO dollars at work! A professional storyteller since 1989, he has produced over 40 recordings of stories of all genres for all ages, and garnered a long list (over 80) awards. We will have an all school assembly Monday morning at 8, to welcome him and hear a couple stories. For the rest of the week, he will visit classes, tell stories galore, and do workshop sessions on story structure and organization, and performance skills.

Thursday evening we invite the whole school community to a public performance of his storytelling, from 6:30-7:30. To read more about Jim, go to <http://www.greathall.com/aboutus.html>. The school library also has several cd's of his that he donated, which can be checked out and enjoyed on those long family car rides!

## PTO TY

A huge thanks to all the families and teachers who helped make our dinner at Terra Rossa a success. We exceeded our fundraising goal *and* had a wonderful evening! Next time you're in Terra Rossa, please let them know how much we appreciated this event. Thanks to the parents who organized and helped run it: Deirdre, Nancy, Caitrin, Stephanie, Yuko, Keryn, Beth, Chrissy, Deb, Marie, Peggy, Becca R., Angela, Dan, and Greg.

## Immunizations *Fran Blair writes,*

Should your child be immunized? The short answer is "YES". Vaccines have proven their value in conquering diseases. There is little or no risk to vaccinations, but the consequences of failure to vaccinate can be crippling or fatal, not only to your own child, but to others as well -- think about what could happen to a pregnant woman if she catches mumps or chicken pox from an un-immunized child.

Some diseases that immunization helps prevent are: polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), measles, mumps, chicken pox, hepatitis, meningitis, pneumonia and flu.

Vermont State Immunization Law states that a child entering school should have the required immunizations unless exempt for medical, religious or moral reasons. Here's this list:

Kindergarten:

- DTaP (*diphtheria, adult tetanus, pertussis*) 5 doses
- Polio 4 doses
- MMR (*measles, mumps, and rubella*) 2 doses
- Hepatitis B 3 doses
- Varicella (*chicken pox*) 2 doses or report of disease.
- Influenza -- recommended annually

Seventh Grade: all of the above plus 1 TDap booster.  
Meningococcal: 1 dose is recommended

Each year the school nurse files a report for all her students and sends it to the Health Department. Follow up usually comes from the Health Department and the possibility that a child will not be allowed in school until the requirements or a record of those require-



*Olympian Caitlin Compton spent the morning at the Warren School last Wednesday, speaking to the whole school at a morning assembly, and then visiting individual classrooms to sign autographs and answer still more question. It was an opportunity for her to relive her memories of the school, and her former teachers, including Beth, her very first ski coach!*

ments are complied with is possible. A couple of weeks ago I sent home letters to those who I need updates from - if you haven't contacted me about the necessary information please do so or if you have any questions please call. It is important to keep your child's immunization up-to-date and to let me know when your child has a shot so it can be recorded in their health record and I won't keep asking for the information. You can call your primary care facility and have them fax the information to me.

## TV Turnoff Week *Ellen Drysdale reports,*

The week has been a great success, with lots of kids enthusiastically bringing in their slips and getting all those lovely sticky and disgusting prizes for their efforts. They've also been proudly reporting all the activities they did instead of watching their tv shows and playing their video games. I love reading their reports--here are some samples:

...Listened to music, read, swam, rode bikes, ran laps, played tennis, soccer, catch, basketball, lacrosse, marbles, hide and seek, tag, tug of war, and basement hockey.

...Played cards, legos, checkers, Scrabble, Mousetrap, Monopoly, Operation, Yahtzee, worked on a puzzle.

...Played with cat or walked the dog, saw the Harlem Globe Trotters (at Patrick gym), had a friend over, played with siblings, made paper flowers, painted a banner, "died" eggs, played dress-up, went to gymnastics or ballet, danced, went to a party.

...Baked cookies, made pizza, helped with dinner, collected sap, made maple syrup, helped Gramma clean out the barn, cleaned my room, went shopping, helped brother with homework.

...Practiced drums, the flute, the harp, piano, and a song for the Mothers Day Follies. Had a "boring dinner party," made a card for a friend's birthday, went to Passover, had a snack, and "hung out."

My favorites: "Took a long bath," and "went and picked up a new TV!"

On Wednesday evening many families entertained themselves at Family Game Night, where there were 10 venues of activities and games, from Dodgeball, to

Artistic Creations a la Sandy Calder, to "Puff pong", and bedtime stories as well as traditional card and board games.

Thanks to all those who volunteered their time: Sheldon (the King of dodgeball), Gina, Whitney, Beth, Katie, Laurie, Dr. L., Heidi Redding, Allyson Lavit, Cheryl Kingsbury, Jen Boland, and Colleen Mays.

TV Turnoff week concluded on Friday, April 2. We'll accept forgotten tv turnoff slips through Wed., April 7, and at the next assembly there will be a raffle, using the slips as tickets for slightly larger prizes.

We hope you use this opportunity to reevaluate your house rules regarding tv and video games. . . and that we all remember that it's fun to play and work together, enjoying family and friends.

### DCF and Red Clover Voting

Warren School students will join thousands of others next week as grades 1-4 vote for their favorite of ten picture books to receive the *Red Clover Award*, and grade 4-6 readers of more than 5 of the 30 DCF books vote for their choice to win the *Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award*. Ask your children which books they will vote for, and why.



3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders and Kindergarteners enjoyed the year's first outdoor lunch on the deck in last Thursday's sunshine.

### Annie Get Your Gun

The annual spring musical at Harwood Union High School this year is *Annie Get Your Gun*, a popular Broadway show first performed in 1946 starring Ethel Merman. The show will be performed April 8-10 at 7:30 pm, with a matinee at 1:30 pm on Saturday, April 10. The Matinee will feature an introduction to the orchestra for young people. Conductor Chris Rivers will showcase the sounds of *Annie Get Your Gun* and speak to the audience for a few minutes prior to the show. There will also be an opportunity to come on stage to meet the cast (in costume) immediately following the matinee performance.

The musical tells a fictionalized story of famous sharpshooter Annie Oakley (played by junior Sarah Reid), rival marksman Frank Butler (played by junior Joe Meade), and their life in the Wild West Show run by Buffalo Bill Cody (played by junior Ethan White). The Harwood production uses the 1999 revival script and music, which was updated to be presented as a traveling Circus "show within a show", and features over 35 students in grades 7-12 with additional students on stage crew and in the pit orchestra. This is the first Harwood High musical for director Ruthann Pattee.

With music and lyrics by Irving Berlin, "Annie Get Your Gun" features familiar songs such as "There's No Business Like Show Business", "Anything You Can Do", and "I Got The Sun In The Morning", and is appropriate for all ages. Tickets will be on sale at the door. For more information, call Chris Rivers at 882-1

### Host a Moldovan

Ten educators from the Republic of Moldova will be in the Valley from April 22 – May 10 through the work of PH International (formerly *Project Harmony*) These visitors will be studying secondary school administration and management by spending time at a number of schools, and receiving training from a diverse array of education representatives in the State of Vermont.

PH is currently seeking families in Washington and Chittenden Counties to host one or more of these participants for all or part of the 18 days during which the group is in Vermont, 2010. While the delegation is mainly comprised of school principals (former teachers), they are also here to learn about how parents and the community enhance the educational learning environment. The hope is that teachers, principals and parents of school children will volunteer to host our guests so that learning can happen in the host families as well as in the more formal, program-planned activities. Host families are asked to provide a comfortable and clean place to sleep, breakfast and dinner, minimal transportation to centralized pick-up and drop-off locations, and some weekend activities.

Importantly, the program will offer Moldovans an experience of life in the United States and afford Vermonters an opportunity to establish new relationships while learning about the culture and history of this unique country through the homestay experience.

For more information about becoming a host family, please contact Renee Berrian at (802) 496-4545 (x106) or email at [renee.berrian@ph-int.org](mailto:renee.berrian@ph-int.org).

### Poetry Slam

The Warren Public Library will be sponsoring a Poetry Slam at the library on Monday, April 12th from 6:30-8PM. We are looking for participants who need two original poems, 3-minutes or less in length, and audience members. Warren poets – students and adults – are invited to join in. The event is free; light refreshments will be served. For program details, call the Warren Library at 496-3913.

### Karaoke Pot Luck

Connor Barker and Brenden Degen are having a fund raiser this Sunday at the Warren Town Hall to raise money for their mission trip to Puerto Rico. The pot-luck lunch begins at noon and there will be karaoke. Call Dee Barker at 496-4352 to make a reservation or for more information.

### Important Dates for your calendars:

4/5	Mon	School Board, 6 pm
4/12 - 4/16		Jim Weiss residency
4/15	Thurs	Community Story Show 6:30 pm
4/17 - 4/25		April Vacation
4/26	Mon	School Board, 6 pm
5/8	Sat	Mothers Day Follies

### REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Mothers Day Follies!

We've scheduled the annual Mothers Day *Follies* show for Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – dinner and a show for mom! – so it's time to get your acts together. Auditions are coming up in a couple of weeks. If you've seen previous shows, you know what we're looking for – song, dance, skits, tricks – anything that will entertain mom and put a smile on her face.

Auditions will be held before April vacation – watch for announcements.

#### Slam Dunk!

The Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity presents an evening of Slam Dunk Fun and Entertainment on April 14, 2010 at 6 pm - Barre Auditorium

Habitat Partners will face off against the Harlem Ambassadors. Tickets will be available at the door -- \$5 Students/Seniors, \$10 Adults. Kids under 5 are free.

You can also buy advance Tickets (\$4 and \$8) in Waitsfield at Lincoln Peak Properties, Chittenden Bank, and Lee-Parrish Gallery.