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Last Day of School

Despite the mention of snow in the forecast for Wednesday, it appears likely that the last day of school this year will be Friday, June 11th – when was the last time we ended this early?? That's the 179th day of school, but no one thinks bringing everyone back for the last day on a Monday is a good idea. The teachers will have in-service work on Monday and Tuesday, however.

Sixth grade graduation will take place on Thursday, June 10th.

Parenting in a Technological World

On Thursday May 13th, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, join us for a program designed to educate parents about the newest technology related activities and how children are using them. Kathy Kretz and Erin McKenney from *Prevent Child Abuse Vermont* will present information about how parents can safely introduce technology to young children and how to encourage safe online behavior of older children while using these technologies.

We'll have one session for parents of younger children, pre-K through grade 2, and one for parents of children in grades 3 through 8. During the school day, the presenters will work with children in grades 3-6. There will be a session for teachers at 3:15.

We're offering this event in conjunction with Spring Hill School; they will offer childcare for children who are pre-registered. Limited space and childcare available. Call 279-3218 or e-mail sheilam@madriver.com to reserve your space

Upper Unit French Class *Mme Veronique writes,*

Chers amis et parents,
En classe de français on va manger une fondue au chocolat, jeudi 29 avril. S'il vous plaît aidez -nous à apporter les fraises, "marshmallows", les bananes, ananas, pommes, poires pour le fondue. Merci beaucoup!

-- Les deux classes 5/6

Yes more bean jars have been filled in the Upper Unit and it is time to celebrate! We welcome any cut up item appropriate to dip into chocolate with a skewer. I will have enough chocolate for everyone to have a couple dips. If your child brings something in they can bring it straight down to the French room in the morning. Merci in advance!

Any questions don't hesitate to email me:
vbernicke@warrenschoool.org

Green Up Day *Fran Blair writes,*

May 1st is Vermont's 40th *Green Up Day*. We celebrate is because our environment is important to us; we depend on it for everything we need to live.

People share the planet with trees, flowers, insects, fish, whales, dogs and many other animals and plants. Each type (species) of animal and plant has its place on Earth, and each one is dependent on the others. Plants give off oxygen that animals, including humans, need to breathe. Animals pollinate plants and spread their seeds. Animals eat plants and are in turn eaten by larger animals. When plants and animals die, they become part of the soil in which new plants, in their



Heidi Hill is our newest teacher – she'll be teaching 3rd and 4th graders next year, joining Katie, Prudence and Cheryl on the I-Team. Heidi is currently the Assistant Teacher in our Kindergarten, so she knows the school community; she's also Harwood's Varsity Field Hockey coach. She did her teacher preparation work at UVM's Post-Baccalaureate Program, and graduated from Plymouth State College with a Health Education major. Thanks to our interviewing committee, including Sheryl Platt and Tracy Lynn, for helping us make this good decision.

turn, take root and grow.

Many people are becoming more aware of how we treat our environment and are doing things to help prevent further damage. Unfortunately we are a 'throw away' society and because of that our landfills are filling up fast. We can all be encouraged to recycle.

An interesting fact – The United States accounts for only 5% of the surface of the planet, yet it generates more trash than any other country.

Pollution affects our environment. Types of pollution are: air (dirty air with chemicals and or other materials i.e. cars, trucks, buses, factories), water (i.e. sewage, chemicals from factories, fertilizers, leaking landfills), land (deforestation, over harvesting), noise (loud machinery, traffic, music), and radiation. Having clean air to breathe and safe water to drink are essential to life.

We can do our part to help the environment by: Reducing the amount of trash produced; Reuse something that might normally be thrown out; and Recycle.

Green Up Day gives us an awareness of how inconsiderate people are to throw their trash out their car windows. Have a trash bag in your car to put your trash in to help keep our roadsides clean and free of pollutants.

Finish the day by celebrating on the State House lawn. Featuring Banjo Dan and the Midnite Plowboys and Bill Shontz from 3 – 5:30 pm.

If you want more information on *Green Up Day* go to www.greenupvermont.org

Local Beef

Speaking of the cycle of life, Claire reports that the lunch program recently purchased a beeper (together with the Fayston School) from Flint Brook Farm in Roxbury. It's "natural beef, raised without added hormones or antibiotics". There will be no mystery meat in our lunches!

Walk And Bike To School Fridays

This spring Warren School will encourage health and environmentalism by supporting walking and bicycling to school each Friday starting on May 7th.

Goals are to encourage physical fitness, decrease carbon emissions, pollution and traffic, and use the bicycle as a mode of transportation and not just for recreation.

To ensure safe travel to school please consider walking or biking with your child(ren) to school. If you have not participated in these events in the past, here are some suggestions for how you might do it. Consider the age and skill / comfort level of your child (and yourself) and pick an appropriate distance. You don't have to bike the whole way. You could drive part way, and bike or walk the rest. You can bike the whole way (downhill), and take the bus home (uphill). Call your neighboring friends and team up to bike in a group.

Keep safety in mind. Everyone should wear helmets, know the rules of the road, and have a bike in good working condition. No children should ride or walk without adult supervision. Let's see if we can fill the school bike rack!

The busses will drop students off at the bottom of School Road if they want to walk up the school driveway.

If you have the bright colored road signs from last year, please help by placing them out on the roads each Thursday night or Friday morning. If you have a traffic vest from last year please let Grace know.

We need volunteers to help with traffic control in the village intersections and on School Rd. Please contact Grace Holter at 496-5448 if you are interested in helping on Friday mornings.

School Nurse Survey

The WWSU School Nurse group reports: "It was a busy and eventful year for school health services with the unexpected arrival of the H1N1 virus last spring and reemergence of cases this fall. School nurses across the country became an integral link in state and national health departments' pandemic response, in the area of infection control and disease prevention. Unfortunately this public health event emerged at the busiest time of the year in the school health office. This is typically the time of the year when school nurses are doing the essential work around care planning for the medical needs of students, attending IEP, & 504 meetings, reviewing medical records for immunizations and training staff who interact with students with medical needs.

"Thanks to an effective partnership between schools, state and community health organizations and a number of parent and community volunteers the first school-based vaccination clinic in decades was held in November and hundreds of students and some high risk staff received the H1N1 vaccine. Because school nursing has played a more visible role over the past year, the nurses in the Washington West Supervisory Union would like to take this opportunity to further educate the community regarding specific elements of our practice as well as receive feedback on how we do our jobs. Please complete the brief survey that we have developed so that we may gather data to improve our practices and programs. Please click on the link to complete our short survey. Your feedback is much appreciated

"To participate in the survey, please go to:
www.surveymonkey.com/s/XW9HPNS

Primary Swim Program *Leigh Clark writes...*

This Friday, April 30th, primary unit children will have their first swim lesson at the Sugarbush Sport Center.. Students need to bring to school a towel and a bathing suit; if they wish, they can also bring swim goggles if they have ones that do not cover the nose. They'll need these on the April 30, May 7, 14 & 21. Students with long hair should bring a tie to keep the hair away from the eyes and mouth.

If you volunteered to chaperone, here is the timeline: Beth's class and Gina's first graders leave the school at 11:40 and arrive at the Sport Center at 11:50am. They'll leave the Sport Center at 1:00 to return to school. Whitney's class and Gina's second graders leave School at 12:40 and arrive at the Sport Center at 12:50. They'll leave the Sport Center 2:00.

Thanks to the parents who have offer to chaperone – we couldn't do the program without your help!

Warren Summer Program

Summer Program and Day Camp brochures will be coming home next week. But, mark your calendars now for the four weeks starting on Tuesday, June 22nd and ending on Thursday, July 15th.

Jen Mozdzier Recital

Jenn Mozdzier students will have their annual recital on Wednesday May 5th starting at 7:00. Students should be here in recital clothes at 6:30.

British Soccer Camp – July 19th-23rd

The Mad River Valley Soccer Association has once again teamed up with Challenger Sports to offer a unique soccer experience at the Moretown Rec Fields. This is a great camp for kids ages 3-14 wishing to improve their soccer skills and have some fun. The camp will run Monday through Friday and each child will be coached by a member of Challenger's British coaching staff flown to the USA exclusively to coach camps throughout New England. Each camper will receive a free soccer ball, camp T-shirt and a hand written coach's evaluation as part of the camp package. Children who sign-up online before June 4 will also receive a free Challenger Sports soccer jersey. For more information contact Nancy Baron, 496-2763, Nancy@TheBaronFamily.com, or visit www.bit.ly/BritishMRV.

Important Dates for your calendars:

4/27	Tues	Follies Auditions 3:15
4/29	Thurs	Follies Auditions 3:15 PTO Meeting 5:30 pm
4/30	Fri	Primary Swim Program
5/3	Mon	School Board, 6 pm
5/5	Weds	Jen Mozdzier student recital 7pm
5/7	Fri	Primary Swim Program
5/8	Sat	Mothers Day Follies
5/13	Thurs	Cyber safety event
5/14	Fri	Primary Swim Program
5/17	Mon	School Board, 6 pm
5/21	Fri	Primary Swim Program
5/25-28		Sixth Grade trip
6/2	Weds	Spring Concert

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS



After a day-long struggle last Friday, Lloyd and Tim Holter finally succeeded in mounting the Jungle Bridge linking the old and new towers on the playground. This was definitely a non-standard installation, so considerable ingenuity was required. Saturday's work crew included the Gilhuly, Groom, Holter and Ketchel families – they helped Lloyd put the finishing touches on the project and spread large quantities of mulch around the area. The kids are pleased with the results!

Mother's Day Follies Raffle

Tickets for the annual *Mothers Day Follies* raffle are going fast. Prizes include a chance to win 4 tickets to the August 23rd *Red Sox-Mariners game* at Fenway Park, a *Sugarbush* season pass, a night at the *Pitcher Inn*, gift certificates to Valley restaurants, a season pass to *Ole's Ski Touring Center*, a *Mad River Glen Family Mad Card*, and 12 yards of black sta-mat donated by *Kingsbury Construction*. Tickets are \$5 each – you choose the prize basket. Drawing takes place at the *Mothers Day Follies* show on Saturday, May 8th.

Rally the PTO Troops!

Warren parents -- please come to a short PTO meeting at 5:30, Thursday, April 29th in the school cafeteria (kids can play in the gym while we meet). We'll outline a fun, productive, creative plan for the Warren School PTO 2010-11. All Warren parents are encouraged to attend, *especially* parents of kids just starting out or if you're new to the school, it's your turn to step up to the plate!