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Dinner and a Show for Mom!

It's one of our favorite nights of the year – the annual *Mothers Day Follies* this Saturday, May 8. Students from all the grades have been working hard to get their acts together, ready to entertain you.

This year's dinner menu features baked ziti with a variety of toppings – meat or vegetarian, local greens salad, Red Hen garlic bread, fresh homemade baked desserts, and lemonade or iced tea. Dinner and the show cost adults \$7, children \$5 – with a family maximum of \$30.

And don't forget the fabulous raffle – tickets are still available – with opportunities to win ski passes, restaurant meals, a night at the Pitcher Inn, 12 yards of Sta-Mat, and Red Sox tickets – don't miss out!

Science NECAPS

All fourth graders will take the Science NECAP test this month in three sessions, on May 12, 13, and 14. Each session will start at 8:30 am. Katie Sullivan is in charge of test administration.

We hope you will make sure your 4th grader is in school on time on those days, alert and ready to shine on this statewide assessment. As with all state testing, the results are posted on the Internet. If you look at our record, you'll see that there's room for improvement in the scores. We've been working on building up our Science instruction through the grades, so we're hoping the fourth graders will give this assessment their best shot.

Make-up sessions are available, but they are hard to schedule and less than ideal for the child.

Contact Katie if you have any questions about the test or the schedule. Thanks in advance for helping to make this as positive as possible.

Early Release Day #8

Wednesday May 12 is the last in this year's series of professional development early release days. Students are dismissed at 12:30. As always, WASP will be there with an extended program for children – please let them know if you intend to have your child attend.

Blaire Scaglione's *Fishing Club* starts on the 12th – watch for more details and upcoming fishing events. Enrollment forms are available from WASP.

Hike/Bike to School

This Friday, May 7, is the first in this year's series of hike or bike to school days. The forecast shows a cool but dry morning – no snow expected...yet. For more information, see last week's report in the *Repeat Announcements* section below.

Food Allergies *Fran Blair writes,*

Next week is Food Allergy Awareness week, so this is a good time to review what we know about them.

Eight foods account for 90% of all allergic reactions. However, any food can cause a reaction. The eight foods are: *peanuts, tree nuts* (walnuts, almonds, cashews, pistachios, pecans), *milk, eggs, wheat, fish, shellfish, and soy*.

1 in 25 children have food allergies – in our school, we know of five children with serious allergies. It is estimated that between 150-200 people die annually from food allergy reactions or anaphylaxis; including children and young adults. We need to take all food allergy reactions seriously.

Currently there is no cure for food allergies. Strict avoidance of food allergens and early recognition and management of allergic reaction to food are important measures to prevent serious health consequences.



Heidi brought a gr. 5-6 writing class to the Eaton woods last Wednesday to generate material for their poems – they're preparing a book of poems celebrating the nature trail there. When she told them they'd be going out no matter what the weather, they really didn't expect it would be snowing. It doesn't seem to bother Aurora or Karl, however. (Heidi Rinøer photo)

Common warning signs and symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction:

- Complaint of a tingling, itchiness or metallic taste in the mouth
- Hives
- Swelling and/or itching of the mouth and throat area
- Difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Cramps and stomach pain
- Paleness (due to drop in blood pressure)
- Loss of consciousness

In order to keep children with allergies safe at school everyone -- family, staff and children -- need to work together to provide a safe environment. Good communication between family and school is essential. Staff is trained to recognize the signs and symptoms of a reaction and how to use an epi-pen. Children with allergies are taught to communicate to an adult when they aren't feeling well or have eaten something that makes them feel 'funny'. Other classmates need to support their fellow students by "being a pal".

A Good Pal will:

- Not eat the food their friend is allergic to when their friend is around.
- Always washes his or her hands and keeps the eating areas clean.
- Doesn't tease their friend or call them names because of having a food allergy.
- Doesn't try to get the friend to eat foods they shouldn't.
- Helps the friend avoid eating foods that could cause a reaction.
- Knows the symptoms of a reaction and how to get help for their friend.

Harwood Musical

The Harwood Union Middle School Musical Club will present *Once On This Island* on Friday, May 7, at 7:30 pm, and Saturday, May 8, at 1:30 and 7:30 pm in the Harwood Auditorium. This highly original and theatrical Caribbean adaptation of the popular fairy tale *The Little Mermaid* received eight Tony nominations for its Broadway run, including Best Musical, Book and Score. In almost non-stop song and dance, the show tells the story of Ti Moune, a peasant girl who rescues and falls in love with Daniel, a wealthy boy from the other side of her island. When Daniel is returned to his people, the fantastical gods who rule the island guide

Ti Moune on a quest to test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred and death. The show is suitable for all ages.

The Harwood cast of 25 includes Warren alumni Katie Robinson, Marla Davidson, and Sam Robinson. The show is the eleventh middle school musical directed by Ruth Ann Pattee. Tickets are \$4 for students and seniors and \$6 for adults, and will be on sale at the door. For more information, call Pattee at 802-793-4220, or email thespians19@gmail.com.

Soccer for 5/6 Year Olds.

Mad River Soccer will offer a series of 4 fun, introductory soccer clinics for kids age 5 thru 1st grade. The clinics will be held from 3 to 4 pm on Sunday, May 16, June 6 and June 13, and Saturday May 22 from 10 to 11 am. The clinics will be held at the Waitsfield Elementary School field. Please arrive at 2:45 pm on the day of the first clinic to enroll your child. Bring a ball if you have one. Kids should wear shin guards (check with a friend to see if you can borrow some). The coaches encourage parents to participate (more fun for you and your child)! The cost for the 4 sessions is \$15, which covers insurance and equipment costs. Checks should be made payable to MRVSA.

Surf-n-Turf Equipment Sale

Harwood Union athletic department will be hosting the inaugural *Surf-n-Turf* equipment sale on Saturday May 15 from 9 to 3. The sale will include sporting equipment such as baseball, softball, basketball, golf, soccer, lacrosse, fishing, paddling, backpacking, camping, rock climbing and more.

If you have equipment to sell, drop off is at school on Friday, May 14 from 5-8pm. You will have the choice to sell on consignment or donate outright to the sale. So, search those basements, sheds, closets and garages and help the student athletes at Harwood Union.

Any questions, contact Jon Hammond at 882-1184 or hammondj@harwood.org

Important Dates for your calendars:

5/5	Weds	Jenn Mozdzier student recital 7pm
5/7	Fri	Primary Swim Program
5/8	Sat	Mothers Day Follies
5/12	Weds	Gr 4 NECAP Science testing 8:30 am Early Release Day #8 12:30
5/13	Thurs	Gr 4 NECAP Science testing 8:30 am Cyber safety event 6:00 – 7:30 pm
5/14	Fri	Gr 4 NECAP Science testing 8:30 am 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

Jenn Mozdzier Recital

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

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

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. **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.



The new Jungle Bridge was a perfect place to enjoy the April snowfall last Tuesday.

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..."

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

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... For more information contact Nancy Baron, 496-2763, Nancy@TheBaronFamily.com, or visit www.bit.ly/BritishMRV.