



HOME Warren Bulletin SCHOOL

Parents & Teachers – working together for children.

May 11, 2010

On the calendar for this week:

NECAP Science assessments for 4th graders, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:30-10:00.

Early Release Day – last one of the year! – Wednesday 5/12. Dismissal is at 12:30 – kids go home or to WASP/KPAS. Day 1 for the WASP Fishing Club.

Parenting in a Technological World Workshop Thursday, 5/13 6:00 to 7:30.

Hike & Bike to School Friday, 5/14

Primary Unit Swim Program, Friday 5/14

Lice Notice

Thanks to an alert parent, we've identified what appears to be an isolated case in one of the younger children. Fran is making the rounds to see if she can find any additional cases.

Since this is the time of year when we can expect to see lice, we encourage you to check your child's head regularly. Please let Fran or Laurie know if you see anything suspicious.

Red Clover and DCF Winners!

Ellen writes,
After counting the 25,000 votes of VT students through 4th grade, the Vermont Center for the Book announced that the winner of the Red Clover Award is *Owney, The Mail-Pouch Pooch*, by Mona Kirby. The first nonfiction book to win the award, the book chronicles the life and adventures of a little mongrel that first adopted the Albany NY post office and then started hopping onto mail trains. Eventually, he traveled all over the country "guarding" the mail. He was cared for by the postal employees who affixed tags to his harness showing where he had been. He even was put on a mail boat for a trip around the world! After his demise, Owney was stuffed and put in the Postal Museum at the Smithsonian. (His statue also welcomes visitors to the building) If you visit Washington DC, be sure to stop in and see Owney and his harness with 1,017 tags!

A couple weeks ago, Warren School had a visit from a stuffed animal Owney, which has been traveling to many Vermont schools and libraries this year as kids read the book. He enjoyed visiting classrooms and meeting our kids, as well as listening to Jim Weiss tell stories -- although he wished more of the stories were about dogs. . .

The winner of the Dorothy Canfield Fisher award, with an overwhelming number of votes from a few thousand 4-8th graders, was *The Hunger Games*, by Suzanne Collins. As it was recommended for grades 7-8, we didn't even have it in the library, although I ordered it when I realized that most of our DCF readers had gotten their hands on it, devoured it and voted for it! This exciting, absorbing, disturbing novel depicts a chilling future, with the US divided into 12 "districts," ruled by a cruel central elite. Every year two young contestants are chosen from each district, brought to a central huge (many square miles) arena and made to fight to the death until just one is left. Meanwhile, as in a reality show, every move they make is videoed and the populace is forced to watch it. Yikes!

This well-written page-turner is not for the faint of heart. Although kids don't seem as horrified by the premise as adults, I would suggest that, if your child has read or is reading it, you should also read it and discuss it with your child.

PTO Report

Nancy Baron writes,
Thanks to all who came to our 4/29 meeting. Lots of changes are afoot to make the PTO a more smooth running organization with more frequent two-way communications with all school parents, teachers and



The Fifth & Sixth grade Boy Band – Noah, Drew, Colin, Enzo, and Keegan – brought down the house at last Saturday's Mothers Day Follies show with two rockin' songs. The program included funny skits, and lots of great songs. Some would say it was the best Follies ever!

administrators. As in previous years we will be responsible for fundraising to support the many student enrichment programs at Warren.

In addition, we want to be more than solely fundraisers and have lots of great ideas. Liz Raddock and Stephanie Reiskin have stepped in to be the PTO co-chairs, serving as a central point of contact for the PTO. Nancy Baron will be the secretary and Laurie Jones will continue to act as Treasurer. In the meeting we brainstormed potential activities for communication, support, outreach and fundraising for the coming year. Please watch your email for a full update of our activities. Also, we would love to have you join one of our BRIEF monthly meetings, the fourth Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 6:15 in the school cafeteria. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 28th.

Insect Bites

Fran Blair writes,
Insect Stings: Spring is here and with it we are seeing all the flying insects. Most insect stings cause minor discomfort and itching (mosquitoes, black flies). Stings from bees, wasps, hornets, and yellow jackets can be painful and frightening. Some people experience an allergic reaction and need immediate attention.

Common symptoms:

- Pain
- Swelling
- Redness
- Itching
- Warmth around the site
- Hives

More serious symptoms:

- Difficulty breathing, tightness of the chest
- Hives all over the body
- Dizziness or fainting
- Wheezing or swelling of tongue and face

Treatment:

- Calm the person
- Remove the stinger by gently scrapping across the site with a blunt-edged object
- Wash the area well with soap and water
- Apply a cold pack to help reduce swelling and pain
- To help reduce itching – apply a paste of baking soda or meat tenderizer, use calamine lotion
- An oral antihistamine may be used to relieve itching and swelling

If SERIOUS SYMPTOMS occur the person should be given epinephrine (epipen) and 911 called. People with known allergic reaction to stings should carry an emergency kit with them at all times and know how to use it.

Some general guidelines to help reduce the possibility of insect stings while outdoors include the following:

- Use appropriate insect repellent
- Avoid perfumes, hairsprays, and other scented products
- Avoid locations where hives and nests are present
- Teach children that if an insect comes near to stay calm and walk away slowly
- Wear light-colored solid fabrics as bees are attracted to dark colors and flowered prints.

Community Yard Sale

A Memorial Day weekend yard sale will benefit the East Warren Community Market. The sale date is Saturday, May 29 (rain date Sunday). You may participate in three ways – buying a selling space for \$12, donating your goods to the market for them to sell or coming to buy. The sale will be at the East Warren Schoolhouse grounds from 9-3. Contact Chrissy Gilhuly at 583-1460 or at chrissygilhuly@yahoo.com to reserve a space.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Bring the family, and come down the Rabbit Hole with Alice and all of her friends in The Valley Players rendition of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland".

Performances are May 14 -- 15 and May 21 -- 23. Tickets may be purchased for \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children 12 and under by calling 583-1674 or by visiting the Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce. More info available at www.valleyplayers.com.



Ahna (gr 4) sang her heart out with "No One".

You will not want to be late for this adventure or it may be "Off with Your Head"

Important Dates for your calendars:

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	Hike/Bike to School Gr 4 NECAP Science testing 8:30 am Primary Swim Program
5/17	Mon	School Board, 6 pm
5/21	Fri	Hike/Bike to School Primary Swim Program
5/25-28		Sixth Grade trip
6/2	Weds	Spring Concert
6/10	Thurs	Sixth Grade Graduation 6:30 pm
6/11	Fri	Last Day of School, Field Day

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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. 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.



Rex, Tucker and Raz (gr 3) got the show going with a delightfully menacing rap routine entitled "Ding Dong"

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

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. 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.

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



Ella (gr 2) and her dad Tim were crowd favorites!