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The End is in Sight!

Suddenly, there are less than four weeks of school left this year – how did this happen??

Next week, the sixth graders, all ten of them, will be leaving for their Cape Cod trip, Tuesday through Friday, along with Laurie and Andreas and parent chaperones Sheryl Platt, Anne Greshin, and Clayton Paul Cormier. Susan Swenson will drive the bus -- Lloyd will be driving her routes here for the week. Fran will be answering the telephones for Laurie, while Elizabeth, Anne and Heidi share principal duties.

The following Monday, May 31, is the Memorial Day holiday. Step-up day is Wednesday June 2 – everyone moves up to next year's grade for the morning, as 6th graders go over to Harwood.

The Spring Concert is in the evening of June 2, starting at 6:30.

WASP Newsletter

Dear Parents and families,

Thanks to you, the Warren After School Program has had another great year! We are proud to be beginning our 21st year of operation this coming fall.

With the new school year, WASP will be making a couple of necessary changes. First, we will no longer be accepting children under the age of four because our day-care license will not permit it. We have tried repeatedly to change the terms of our license so we could legally accept three-year-olds, but have not been successful. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but we have exhausted all avenues. We will be happy to accept a child in the program as soon as s/he turns four.

The other change that will happen in the fall is that WASP will be increasing our daily rate from \$7.00 to \$8.00 per day. Half days, as well as early pick up, will remain at \$4.00. We have offered our program at our current rate for four years but in order to meet our program's operating expenses, we must make this small increase. If this presents a problem for you please speak to Mollie or Grace,

We always welcome your feedback and enjoy having your children in the program. We look forward to another great year providing a safe and enjoyable after-school environment for the kids of the Warren School in 2010-2011. Thank you very much for your support.

-- Ashley Woods, Allyson Lavit, Grace Holter, Mollie German

Golfing & Swimming Leigh Clark writes,

Last week students started the golf unit. Students in grades 1 -- 6 learned skills using a putter. Students in grades 3 -- 6 also learned chipping skills using a wedge. Pre-school and kindergarten students worked on the prerequisite skills for safety, which is also a prerequisite to the use of a putter by using a small ball, thus working on their ball skills too. On May 26, 5th graders will visit the Sugarbush Golf course.

This Friday is the last swim program for the Primary Unit. I want to thank the parent volunteers for their help, the Bridges for the use of the life jackets for water safety skills, and the Sugarbush Health and Racquet Club for the use their pool. Also a big thank-you to the town of Warren and the PTO for their support helping



Welcome to our new School Nurse, Deirdre Fennelly. Thanks to our interviewing committee, including Grace Holter and Tracy Lynn, and Board Members Mike Ketchell and Rob Rosen, along with staff members, for helping with this decision. Deirdre has worked in the school in various capacities – this morning she was subbing in Beth's classroom. She has the requisite BSN degree from Salem College in Mass., and has worked as a professional nurse in various settings. Too bad the kids don't like her...

to pay for the program. It is a delight to see all students make progress in their swimming skills.

Each student will be given a progress report of their skills and a certificate if they passed a swim level. Please note, that the students were taught the new and updated American Red Cross version. The various skills needed to pass each level have changed from the levels that were taught last year. Since the level skills are different, it is a bit more challenging to pass a level. If your child is going to attend a camp or swimming lessons this summer it may be useful information to share the American Red Cross level that your child has accomplished or is working on.

Rabies Fran Blair writes,

Now that the warm weather is here and wildlife are appearing in the fields, we need to aware of the possibility of rabies. Rabies is caused by a virus. Any mammal can get rabies – raccoons, coyotes, skunks, foxes, dogs, cats and ferrets. Cattle and humans can also get rabies. You get rabies from the saliva of a rabid animal, usually from a bite. It is not spread through contact with urine, feces or blood of an infected animal.

The target of rabies is the nervous system.

Signs of rabies in animals:

- Change in an animals behavior
- General sickness
- Problems swallowing
- Increased drooling
- Aggression
- Wild animals that appear abnormally tame or sick
- Difficulty moving or paralysis

If you are bitten by an animal, it is important to tell an adult immediately. Have an adult wash the wound well with soap and water for a least five minutes. You should see a doctor as soon as possible for additional evaluation of the wound. The adult should also contact the local animal control officer. If the animal that bit you is a pet (dog, cat or ferret), the animal may be watched for signs of rabies for about 10 days. If it is a wild animal, the animal control people will need to catch it and euthanize it to test its brain for rabies.

If a human is bitten by an animal with rabies, the treatment is much simpler than 10 years ago. Today you are given one dose of immune globulin and five rabies shots over 28 day period. Ten years ago you got 26 shots in the stomach.

Ways to prevent rabies:

- Vaccinate your dog, cat and ferret against rabies
- Keep pets under supervision
- Don't handle wild or stray animals
- Call animal control if you see a wild animal acting strangely
- If an animal bites your pet, handle them carefully so as not to get bitten and take them to the vets to have a vaccine booster

Today, many states are vaccinating animals in the wild to prevent the spread of rabies. This is done by putting oral vaccines in a special bait and dropping it by airplane in areas where wildlife are likely to be. The wild animals eat the food with the vaccine in it.

Monday & Friday Camp

Lisa Hodgson will again be offering a Monday & Friday camp to fill in the missing days in the Warren Summer Program. Swimming, hiking, biking and arts & crafts are just a few of the activities that are offered.

Call 496-5305 for more information or to reserve a

Important Dates for your calendars:

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

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.

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.



You can just feel the effort the fourth graders are putting into answering the questions on the Science NECAP assessment. They spent three mornings on this last week.

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



Game Warden Chad Barrett spoke to the WASP fishing club on Monday about manners and respect for the fishing regulations. Wednesday May 26 is our field trip to the Roxbury fish hatchery and fishing at Robinson's Pond will be June 7th AND June 9th! With 35 fishermen this year we have to make 2 trips, so if one day works better than the other for your child please let Blaire know. Check the WASP bulletin board for more information. We will try to be back by 5pm for all field trips. We will also continue to make lures, so everyone WILL get a chance to make some kind of lure! "Let's Go Fishing!"

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

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.

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



Up and down the climbing ropes, up the cargo net, over the big rope bridge, across on the monkey bars – kids are really enjoying the new playground structure! There's a little wobble we still need to fix, and the sandbox needs lovely white sand, coming soon!