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Early Ed Report

Next year's early education program in Warren will look pretty much the way it does this year. While Heather O'Hare spends time at home with baby Harper, Lyndley Mittler will continue to teach in her place. In a minor change, Lyndley's class will include both three and four-year-olds – right now, there are 14 children enrolled. Andra's class will have 15 four year olds. KPAS continues – if you want to reserve a space for your child, this would be a good time to enroll.

Kindergarten will continue to be a full-day, five day a week program, with an current enrollment of 16.

Spring Concert

Carolyn Adams will lead the annual spring concert next Wednesday, June 2, starting at 6:30 pm – no special costume requirements this time, just nice summer dress-up attire. Children should report to their classrooms at 6:15 to get ready.

Art on Display

In lieu of a formal, one-time art show this spring, Allyson Lavit has been hanging children's art work throughout the main floor of the building, on the corridor and lobby walls – take a look around next time you're in the building. At the spring concert, she'll also be hanging some additional work for your viewing pleasure!

From the library *Ellen Drysdale writes,*

Can you believe it--the deadline for returning library books is this Friday, May 28! This gives Ellen and Linda a chance to get them away, chase down late books and/or send out bills, and do a partial inventory of the library. If a student is in the middle of a chapter book and wants or needs to finish it, we'll have an extension list. Everyone who has returned all their books by May 28 will get a small prize from the TV turnoff box for their efforts!



A group of 5 avid DCF readers attended a DCF event on Tuesday at VTC in Randolph Center. Congratulations to Wilson, Anna and Sally, who read over 20 of this year's DCF list, and especially to Jon and Noah, who read all 30 books for the second year in a row! Although the

author of the winning book, *Hunger Games*, was not available, her substitute, Liza Ketchum, gave an interesting speech about her historical fiction book, *Newsgirl*, which has been nominated for the DCF list next year. Set in 1850, it chronicles the adventures of a couple of kids in the Gold Rush town of San Francisco.

Following the VTC event, Ellen led the caravan of readers from Waitsfield and Warren to Allis State Park in Brookfield, where we discovered the state parks aren't open yet! Not to be deterred, after a brisk hike up the hill to the picnic area, the group enjoyed their lunches and s'mores, a climb up the fire tower, and various hide'n seek games. Many thanks to Nancy Baron for driving a carload of excited readers all over Central Vermont!



Vermont Symphony Orchestra musicians came to Warren last Wednesday to demonstrate their instruments – trumpet, French horn, and trombone – provide some history and some of the physics involved, and play some great music. We were all thrilled! The cost of their visit was paid with proceeds from the library bookfair.

Step-Up Day

On Wednesday, June 2, kids will spend the morning in the next grade. 6th graders go over to Harwood, stay for lunch, and return around noon – they've received instructions from Harwood. All other grades will step down, so to speak, at 10:50 when, as Katie puts it, "everyone's drancy fess gown turns back into old rags..."

P4 students will return from Kindergarten also at 10:50, ready to go to KPAS or return home.

Golf Trip

When the fifth graders to up to the Sugarbush Golf course on Wednesday, they may show up in the background of a video being shot by Comcast Sport Network. They're filming at different New England Golf Courses to promote the resorts, and it just happens that they are there on Wed.

Ticks ☹ *Fran Blair writes,*

Ticks that can spread Lyme Disease are in Vermont. The VT Department of Health has had 15 reported cases so far this year.

Lyme disease is an infection transmitted by the bite of infected black-legged ticks, known as deer ticks. The disease can cause skin rashes, fatigue, fever, chills and pain and swelling in the muscles and joints. Patients treated with antibiotics in the early stage of the infection usually recover rapidly and completely.

Young deer ticks, called nymphs, are active from mid May to mid August and are about the size of a poppy seed. Adult ticks are most active from March to mid-May and mid – August to November and are about the size of sesame seeds. Both nymphs and adults can transmit Lyme disease.

If you do find a tick attached to your skin, do not panic. Not all ticks are infected and your risk of Lyme disease is greatly reduced if the tick is removed within the first 36 hours.

To prevent tick bites:

- Stay on hiking trails. Avoid walking through high grass and bushy areas.
- Use insect repellents that are labeled for ticks, but do not apply them to infants. Follow the directions on the label.
- Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts to minimize skin exposure to ticks.
- Wear light colored clothing so that it is easier to see ticks and tuck your pants into your socks.
- Check yourself, your children and your pets for