



HOME Warren Bulletin SCHOOL

Parents & Teachers – working together for children.

September 2, 2008

PTO Meeting

The PTO meets today -- Tuesday September 2, starting at 5:30 in the cafeteria. Please come if you are able and add your ideas to the group.

Picture Day

School pictures will be taken next Tuesday, September 9th, for all students and classes. There is no obligation to purchase a package; all children have a picture taken for their permanent record, and are included and receive a class photo. A portion of all the picture packages purchased goes to support the work of the PTO. We are looking for a couple of parents willing to help the photographers on Tuesday morning, combing hair, straightening collars, sorting forms, etc. please let Laurie know if you can help.

Upper Unit Play!

The annual Upper Unit Play will begin rehearsals on Tuesday Sept. 9 from 3:20 to 5:20 in the gym. Students should report to After School at 3:05. Rehearsals will continue on Tuesdays through October 28, with a performance that evening at 7 pm. The title of the play will be announced shortly by director Ruth Ann Pattee. Please contact her with questions - 496-6318 or thespians@gmavt.net.

WASP News

The Warren After School Program (a.k.a WASP) got off to a smooth start last week with three beautiful sunny days to enjoy the new playground!

- If you would like to enroll your child at WASP please stop by and pick up an enrollment form. Please note that we must have enrollment forms and medical releases filled out for each child in the program, so if you are already using the program or even thinking about it for the future please fill one out ASAP.
- Grace Holter and Allyson Lavit are the new directors of the program, Ashley Woods will stay on through the year as an employee and to lend a hand to Grace and Allyson.
- The price of WASP has increased to \$7 per day and \$4 per halfday (pick up by 4 pm) Some scholarships are available. WASP is looking for a chess teacher!

Registration Information

Thanks to all of you who have already sent in the registration and health forms that came home with last week's *Bulletin*. If you haven't returned yours yet, we hope you'll get to it today.



Upper Unit students spent some time on team-building activities, including this engaging pursuit tag game.

Counselor Notes *Jen Boland writes,*

Dear Parents:

I am Jennifer Boland the new School Counselor for the Warren School. Some of you may know me in my previous position as the Home and School Counselor for the Warren School.

I have masters' degrees in both psychology and social work and I have worked for over 20 years as a therapist for children and families. I have worked in schools, mental health facilities and residential programs. In my new role as a counselor for the Warren School, I am looking forward to continuing my therapeutic work with children and families and being able to focus more on prevention and education.

For the fall, I will work 5 mornings a week so that I can attend morning meetings and introduce myself to all of the students. I will also meet with each of the teachers to determine how best to serve the needs of each class and the individual students.

Throughout the year, I plan to meet with every student in a small group. These groups will focus on a variety of topics. Some of the topics we may cover are social skills, stress management, bullying, social problem solving, friendship issues, and coping with disappointments. Fran Blair and I will also work together to teach classes on drug and alcohol prevention and human development.

In my role as counselor, I am also available for individual help for students and families who may be going through a tough time as well as available as a resource for students and parents involved with special education evaluations and reviews.

I am planning to create a library list of resources for parents. Please let me know if you have books to add

to my list. The best way to know that a resource is helpful is if someone has found it helpful. If you are looking for resources, I would be happy to talk to you about some of the resources that are available.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with ideas, concerns or just to chat. You can reach me at school at 496-2487 ext #239 on my cell phone (802) 793-6911 or send me an e-mail at jboland@madriver.com

Since I am very conscious of everyone's confidentiality in all my work, when I use e-mail I like to use only initials when we write so that if an e-mail were to go to the wrong place it would be less likely to know who it is about. Thanks for understanding.

I love being a member of the Warren School community and being able to collaborate with all Warren School students, families and teachers. My goal is to work together to help students and families to be successful in their daily lives.

I am looking forward to a great year!

Jen

School Health Notes *Fran writes:*

No Lice! (Yet) We are off to a good start for the school year. I did lice checks last Thursday and Friday and found NO bugs. So for the time being we are lice-free. If you hear of anyone with lice I would appreciate hearing about it so we can deal with it in a timely manner. When you check your child's head you are looking for something that moves when you part the hair (live lice are about the size of a sesame seed) or for nits which are the sacs the lice lay their eggs in and attach them to the base of the hair shaft (the nits are grayish-white in color). The most likely place to find them is at the nape of the neck and around the ears. The difference between dandruff that attaches itself to the hair and a nit is that a nit doesn't pull off easily and it feels like a grain of sand. Dandruff comes off easily and is mealy to the touch. It is good practice to check your child's head thoroughly at least once a week. The life cycle of a louse is 10 days. Tell your child not to share combs, hats, headbands, etc. I really appreciate everyone's help in keeping us lice-free.

New Student Health Information For all new students entering the Warren School I need the following:

- health history and physical form,
- birth certificate, and
- immunization record.

Vermont law requires that children entering Kindergarten need to have had the following immunization: 5 DTap, 4 Polio, 2 MMR, 3 Hepatitis B and 2 Varcella (chickenpox). For Preschool the following is required: 4 DTap, 3 Polio, 1 MMR, 3 Hepatitis B, and 1 Varcella. Not complying with this law could mean that your child will not be allowed to be at school. Please get all necessary information to me A.S.A.P.

Mad River Kids Chorale

The Chorale starts September 8th on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:45 at the Bundy Center for the Arts, off Rt. 100 in Waitsfield. Children in grades 2-6 can participate -- no experience necessary. Call 496-4781 for information, dues amount, and scholarship availability; you can visit www.bundycfa.org

Ballet Opportunity

Ballet Classes will be offered at Waterbury Jazzerise with Helena Sullivan from Stowe Dance Academy for ages 4-6 on Mondays (2:30-3:15), for ages 6-7 on Mondays (3:30-4:30) and for ages 8-9 on Tuesdays (3:30-4:30). For Registration and information please contact Stowe Dance Academy at 802-253-5151 stowedance@aol.com

Employment Opportunity

West Hill House B&B is looking for part time house-keeping help, starting the beginning of September -- an ideal opportunity for someone with school-age kids as the hours can be Monday to Friday (not necessarily every day) for about 3 or 4 hours during each school day. For more information call 496 7162.



Elizabeth and Jacob enjoy the beautiful sand in the new pre-school play area. That project is still in process, with slides and climbing items still to be installed, and landscaping work scheduled for the near future.

Important Dates for your calendars:

9/3	Weds	Upper Unit Tool Bag day Instrumental Music Night 6:30
9/9	Tues	Picture Day
9/10	Weds	School Board Meeting 7:15 pm
9/16	Tues	Back to School PTO Barbeque 5:30 pm
9/22	Mon	School Board Meeting 7:15
9/22-23		Upper Unit Keewaydin trip
9/25		Button Bay trip grades 1-2 (day)
9/25-26		Button Bay trip grades 3-4 (overnight)
9/26	Weds	Early Dismissal; WASP & KPAS programs will be offered
10/10-11		Fifth grade camp-in trip at Boston Museum of Science

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gala Open House & Barbecue

On Tuesday, September 16, we'll have our Classroom Open House from 5:00 to 6:15, in conjunction with the bar.

Box Tops for Education & Shaw's Receipts

If you have been hanging onto a pile of box tops or Shaw's receipts, now is the time to bring them in. The Shaw's receipts earned us nearly \$1,000 last year; Box Tops were worth nearly \$300. Painless fundraising!