



HOME Warren Bulletin SCHOOL

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NECAP Science Results

Last May, 4th graders across Vermont took the NECAP Science assessment for the first time (a pilot version was administered in 2007). Warren's micro 4th grade class (11 students!) was on par for Washington West schools, and did well compared to the state, but clearly there's a lot of room for improvement everywhere.

The table below shows the percent of students who scores were at least proficient:

Warren	WWSU	State
64%	66%	48%

Hike for Hunger

Tomorrow's *Hike For Hunger* at Blueberry Lake looks like it will be a go! Children should bring water bottles and wear sturdy shoes, as the path is quite wet. Parents are welcome to join in the hike and should meet the buses at the Blueberry Lake Ski Center parking lot at 12:45.

Pledge sheets to support the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger should be turned in by the end of the week. Laurie has more of them if you need them.

Harvest Dinner October 14

Mark your calendars for the upcoming annual dinner and silent auction on October 14. The invitation and specifics will be coming home next week.

Book Buddies

If you want to be a Book Buddy of a 4-6th grader, please make sure you're signed up by next Friday, October 3. See last week's Monday Notes, or ask your child, for a full explanation of our Book Buddies reading club.

Library Volunteers

The library could use a couple volunteers, to help shelve books and help with occasional special projects, like organizing the magazines, etc. If you came on Thursday afternoons or Friday mornings, reading with small groups of kids could be part of the fun. Contact Ellen (ext 230 or edrysdale@warrenschoool.org) on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday, or Friday if you're interested.

PTO News

Just a reminder of the PTO meeting scheduled for Wednesday morning, October 1, at 8 AM. We hope to see you there! Agenda items include: Silent Auction, Innisbrook gift wrap sale, family fun nights, possibility of a haunted house, a February fund raiser and much more! If you can't make it but would like to weigh in on something or volunteer for something, please feel free to contact Laurie or any of the PTO members by phone, email or in person!

Art Notes

Please try to send your child to school with older clothes on days they have art class. Elizabeth, Katie, Prudence's students have art on Mondays. Andra, Tim and Whitney's kids have art on Tuesdays. Roni, Heidi, and Gina's kids have art on Thursdays.

We are looking for a new supply of smocks. Donations of men's long-sleeve shirts would be appreciated!

WASP Art Club has started on Mondays, 3:15-5:30. We explore clay, paint, drawing skills, reading and other various mediums. Cost is \$10 per child each class. Scholarships are available. Please email Heather with questions: heather@warrenschoool.org.

Use Your Fuel to Get to School Oct. 8

Warren students are encouraged to participate in *International Walk and Bike to School Day* on Wednesday October 8th. Using the bicycle as a mode of transportation is a great way to increase physical exercise and decrease carbon emissions, pollution and traffic.



Third & Fourth graders seem pretty cheerful after a night in the lean-to's at Button Bay. Everyone agrees that the trip was, once again, a great success. (Liz Raddock photo)

As a way for kids to be safe during this fun and educational event, parents might want to do it with them. Here are a few suggestions:

- Consider the age and skill / comfort level of your child (and yourself), and pick an appropriate distance. You don't have to bike or walk the whole way. You could drive part way, and bike or walk the rest.
- Call your neighboring friends to team up for a group ride
- Keep safety in mind. Everyone should wear helmets when bicycling and know the rules of the road. Make sure bikes are in good working condition.
- No children should ride without adult supervision. There will be extra law enforcement on the roads. Signs and volunteers will signal to motorists that a walking and biking event is taking place in the morning and afternoon.

The *Safe Routes to School* team is looking for volunteers who are willing to help out during this event. We will be tallying the number of students who walk and bike to school and taking note of where students cross roads and the routes they choose to travel. Let us know if you are able to volunteer on this day.

Let's fill the bike rack!

If you have any questions about this event please call Kirstin at 496-9857.

Spring Travel League Tryouts

Mad River Soccer Association is holding tryouts for the Spring Travel League program on Sunday, October 5 for U-12 and U-14, and Sunday October 19 for U10 and U8.

Sunday, October 5 at Mad River Park

12:30 sign-in for U12

2:30 sign-in for U14 (note that the time in Valley Reporter is incorrect). U12 are children born between 8/1/96 and 7/31/98. U14 are born between 8/1/94 and 7/31/96.

Sunday, October 19 at Mad River Park

3:00 U10 (born between 8/1/98 and 7/31/00)

4:00 U8 (born between 8/1/00 and 7/31/02)

Required: photo of your child (1" x 1"), and check made out to Mad River Soccer for \$75. Children who have not played previously in the spring league need to bring a copy of a birth certificate or passport. Please also bring emergency phone numbers and the name and phone number of your child's doctor.

Harwood Honors Program

How can Harwood's honors program be structured to best serve the entire Harwood student body? Principal Duane Pierson is looking for parents to participate in a three-part Study Circle discussion on supporting Harwood's commitment to academic excellence.

The Study Circles will take place on three consecutive Monday evenings, October 20 and 27, and November 3, from 6-8 PM at Harwood Union High School.

There will be facilitated discussion each night to explore and develop options, and give parents a better understanding of just exactly where the honors program will head in the near future.

Questions? Want to sign up? Call Wendy Gilbert at 882-1101

School Health: The Flu Fran Blair writes, Flu season is approaching. According to the Department of Health, everyone would benefit from a flu shot, and there appears to be plenty of vaccine available for this season. However, some of the vaccines have products in them that some people are allergic to, so please check with your health care provider to find out what is in the vaccine before getting a flu shot.

People who should get vaccinated each year are:

- People at high risk for complications from the flu: children aged 6 months until their 5th birthday; pregnant women; people 50 years of age and older; people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions; people who live in nursing homes and other long term care facilities.
- People who live with and care for those at high risk.
- Healthcare workers.

To prevent the spread of flu and any other illness that can be spread from person to person:

- Get a flu shot each fall
- Cover your cough
- Wash hands often and well
- Keep yourself healthy with rest, exercise, and eating healthy foods.
- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.

Common symptoms of flu are:

- Fever – usually high
- Headache
- Tiredness and weakness
- Body and muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea (much more common among children than adults)

If your child has the flu, it is important for them to stay home from school *until the fever is gone for 24 hours*. Rest, drink plenty of fluids and give children's dosage of Tylenol or Ibuprofen to help relieve some of the symptoms. Never give aspirin to children or teenagers who have flu-like symptoms without first speaking to your doctor. Giving aspirin to children and teenagers who have influenza can cause a rare but serious illness call Reye Syndrome.

If Flu symptoms don't improve or get worse after three or four days, call the doctor.

What Was It Like, Grandma?

Children's writer and frequent visitor to the Mad River Valley, Ann Morris, will present a talk about her most popular 7 book series, "What Was It Like, Grandma?" , at the Warren Public Library on Tuesday, October 7th at 7:00 PM. Morris has written more than 100 books for children and has worked as a teacher, a teacher of teachers, and was head of the early childhood development department at Scholastic Books for several years before deciding to develop her own educational book ideas.

Geared to teachers, parents and especially grandparents and other interested family members, this talk will help families translate their family heritage into teachable moments for grandchildren. Her seven colorful and well illustrated books in *What Was It Like, Grandma*



Hunter and Dakota tend the fire in their "hobo stove" that's cooking their hamburger dinner at the Keewaydin Environmental Education Center. (E. Tarno photo)

series deal with Hispanic, British, Chinese, Jewish, Native-American, African-American and Arab-American cultural traditions as learned from Grandma.

This presentation, which is free and open to the entire community, will feature refreshments, a question and answer period, and real life experiences.

Digital Photography Workshop

Sam Krotinger is leading workshops on Saturday, October 18 and Sunday the 19th. Day one will cover digital cameras, exposure tricks and essentials and Day 2 digital workflow, importing, Photoshop, and inkjet printing. Contact Sam at samk@madriver.com or 882-1124 for more information.

Important Dates for your calendars:

9/30	Tues	Hike for Hunger
10/1	Weds	PTO Meeting 8 am.
10/10-11		Fifth grade camp-in at Boston Museum of Science
10/14	Tues	Warren Community annual Harvest Dinner Celebration 5:30
10/21	Tues	Picture re-takes
10/23-24		Teachers' Convention No School

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upper Unit Study Hall

Starting October 1, students in grades 5-6 will again have the option of attending an afterschool study hall on Wednesdays and a second day that will alternate monthly between Tuesday and Thursday. For the month of October the days will be Thursday and Wednesday. The study hall session ends at 4:30 – students will either have to be picked up at that time or go to WASP for \$3 a session.

Valley Players present *Oliver!*

Lionel Bart's classic musical *Oliver!* will be on stage at the Valley Players Theater October 3 – 12. The cast includes three Warren school students. Isabel Carr and Eleanor Reilly are orphans and thieves, and Brin Schoellkopf has the title role, Oliver. Warren parents Michael Carr and Kirsten Reilly are also in the cast.

Show times are 7:30 pm on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$12 for students and children.

IMBA'S Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day

IMBA will celebrate its fifth annual International Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day on Saturday, October 4, 2008. Schwinn has generously donated 10 youth-sized mountain bikes which will be awarded by raffle to participating clubs who register and ride on International Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day. Sugarbush's own John Egan and John Atkinson will be hosting a free bike clinic for parents and kids October 4, 2008 from 10-12 at the base area. Bring your bike, water bottle, and helmet

Silent Auction

The PTO is seeking donations for our major fundraiser of the year, a silent auction to be held in conjunction with the annual Harvest Dinner on October 14. Please be creative in thinking of an item, a service, a talent you have to offer.