Spring Concert
Our annual spring concert will take place this Wednesday, June 4, at 6:30 pm. All classes will perform. There is no special dress code, just nice concert clothes. See the WASP announcement regarding dinner before the concert. We hope you can make it. Carolyn and our students always put on an amazing show.

Caring for Karen
By Sophie K., Rachel G., Abigail D., and Nora H.
As some of you know our much loved coach, Karen Derrick, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Luckily she caught it early, but we still want to support her by raising money. Warren Girls on the Run (GOTR) and Girls on Track (GOT) have organized a Caring for Karen day on Thursday, June 5th. GOTR girls hope that all members of the Warren community will wear "Pay to wear PINK" for Karen. Pay $1 or more to wear pink on June 5th. We are also organizing a bake sale. Breast cancer ribbons and more will be available to purchase during lunch times and after school. The money raised will help Karen with the cost as she battles the fight against cancer. Go Karen!!! So don't forget to bring $ for Caring for Karen Day on June 5th.

Warren After School Program
Let's Go Fishing!
We will be hosting a fishing clinic June 4th and 11th for ages 5 and up. This exciting program is hosted by Vermont Fish and Wildlife’s Let’s Go Fishing Program. This is a free club...don’t miss out. We’re going to fry our catch! Please sign-up at the wasp sign-out desk.

PIZZA DINNER
A delicious pizza dinner with salad and spinach pie, lemonade, and dessert will be served, June 4th. The cost is $5 a plate/$20 per family. Please join us for dinner at 5:30 prior to the spring concert. See you where it’s cool after school!

Dyslexia Information Evening
Last week parents and teachers gathered in the Warren School library for a very important evening to learn more about dyslexia. Irene Keithcart, Special Educator facilitated an engaging, powerful presentation. Mary Wright and Melissa King, Educational Consultants from The Learning Curve in Essex Junction. Thank you very much to Irene, Mary, and Melissa for taking the time to bring this topic to the forefront. There are plans for additional learning opportunities on the topic of dyslexia at the start of the coming school year.

The Lake Monsters Fundraiser
The Mad River Valley Schools have come together to do a fundraiser! We are selling tickets to families and friends so we can all head up to Burlington on Friday, June 20th and watch a Lake Monsters game. Packets are being sent home today and we will also be selling tickets at the EWCM during the yard sale. A valley fun event that we hope everyone can attend! Thanks, The PTO

CALLING ALL PARENTS!
Monday June 9th from 3-6 is a garden work day at the school. We will be building, cleaning, and taking down gardens around the school. There will be food. Children are welcomed we just ask they don't interfere with after school. Thank you all! The Warren PTO

From the library: ALL BOOKS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4! We ask that you bring them in now, so we can do a final accounting, inventory, and weeding. If a book has been lost or destroyed, it needs to be paid for so it can be replaced. (If you are sure a book has been returned, don’t hesitate to let us know.) Students who are in the middle of a chapter book and want to finish it may put their names on an extension list and keep it a couple more weeks.

All returning K-5 students who are in good standing (books all back or paid for) by June 12 may...
check out up to five books over the summer. We ask them to sign a contract acknowledging this is a big commitment and promising to bring them back the first week of school. Put it up on your home bulletin board or refrigerator, and help your kids find a safe place for them—probably not the beach!

Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award Day! Last Tuesday, 8 avid DCF readers joined 500 others from all over the state at VTC to celebrate the reading and writing of books. Because R.J. Palacio, the author of the Wonder, the winning title was not able to come. They heard short speeches by two Vermont authors whose books are on the new DCF list. Linda Urban, author of The Center of Everything, talked about keeping a writer’s journal and how small experiences in life can trigger ideas for plot, character and settings of fiction books. Tanya Lee Stone, author of the historical nonfiction remembered the set of “biographies” she loved as a child, and the anger and let-down she felt when she found out they had been liberally fictionalized. She resolved then to write really true non-fiction, and spent 10 years researching and writing Courage Has No Color, about a squadron of African-American paratroopers fighting for their rights as well as their country in World War II.

After the speeches and questions, students from Warren, Waitsfield and a few other schools drove to Allis State Park for a picnic, smores, and climbing the delightfully scary fire tower. Then they drove home, to continue reading—some have already read 10 of the 30 books on the new list! Many thanks to Keryn Nightingale and Marie Schmukal for transporting the students!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NOTES:
Leigh Clark writes….I want to thank the parents who volunteered to help make the Primary Swim Program a success by helping students in the locker rooms and for providing extra eyes. Also to a big thank you goes to SHARC for allowing us to use their swimming pool in May, the Bridges for lending us their life jackets as part of learning water safety skills and the Town of Warren for supporting this swim program involving a life saving skill and is a lifetime sport.

I want to extend a thank you to the Sugarbush Golf Course staff and especially to RJ Austin, Diane Jones and Jerry for making the 5th graders welcomed last Wednesday for our "First Tee Program" field trip. Students had an opportunity to practice their swing using the driving range and practice their putting skills on their practice green. Student’s also learned more about the life time game of golf and what it takes to operate a golf course.

In physical education classes during the last few weeks of school we will be playing children’s games and spending sometime on the tennis courts.

Just a reminder, the Mileage Club is still going strong and will until the last week of school to determine the total distance all the students have traveled. If your child runs, jog, walk, hikes or bike please have them bring in a note from a parent or guardian stating the distance of their mileage. Please remind your student to have appropriate footwear on P.E. days. Please no flip flops or sandals.

Rapids Swim Team Registration
Register and meet the coaches this Friday, June 6, from 6-7 pm at the pool or at the first practice on Monday, June 23 at 5 pm. Registration is $50 per swimmer/or $85 per family, and swimmers must purchase a pool pass from the Waterbury Town Offices. Scholarships are available!

The Waterbury Rapids is looking for swimmers ages 5-19 of all swimming abilities. We are a parent-run organization whose mission is to create a safe and caring environment for swimmers to increase their swimming skills, set goals to improve their own time records, persevere to beat team records, and have the opportunity to compete at their own level against the stopwatch and swimmers from the Montpelier and Stowe swim teams. Swimmers can also work to qualify for States at the end of the season August 2 and 3. Practices are held Mondays-Wednesdays and optional Fridays, 5-6:15 pm at the Waterbury Pool, and meets are Thursdays at 5. For more information, check out our website at www.waterburyrapids.com or contact Shannon Wisdom at shannonwisdom@gmail.com.

Important Dates for your calendars:

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A Message from HUMS: Step Up Day at Harwood Union Middle School
This Friday, June 6th, sixth grade students should plan on riding their morning bus directly to Harwood. Students will meet the 7th grade teachers, visit classroom spaces and have lunch in our cafeteria. Students will board their busses after lunch and return to their elementary school to complete their day. Students may bring a bagged lunch from home or purchase a breakfast and /or lunch at HU. If they purchase either, the money will be directly removed from their elementary school food service account so students do not need to bring money to Step Up Day. In addition to the daily sandwich and salad bar options, the hot meal choice for this day is stromboli.

Important! The First Day of School for 2014: Will be on Tuesday, (not Wednesday) August 26, 2014. The full 2014-2015 school calendar is enclosed with the Tuesday envelopes and can be found on the WWSU website www.wwsu.org. It will be posted on the Warren School website upon completion of the new website overhaul, soon.

Looking for a Bike
Do you have a 20 inch bike you would be willing to donate to the school so kids can practice their bike riding? The bike will stay at school. Boys or girls bike - it doesn't matter. Call Laurie, 496-2487, if you have one to donate. Thank you, in advance!

Lost and Found: Items in the lost and found will be cleaned out on Friday, June 7th. Please take some time to take a look this week.

Gardening Tools Needed
The gardening program is still in need of tools, particularly hand cultivators and trowels. Would also gladly accept large terra cotta pots for growing herbs on the cafeteria deck. Please drop off with Laurie or call Jeannie Sargent (496-7468) to pick up. Thanks!

Summer Art Camp at Fayston School
July 28-August 1
9 am - 1 pm
$120 includes all materials. Additional afternoon care available. Sibling discount and per diem rates available.
Come get creative this summer with fine arts and crafts for all interests and abilities.
Contact Nora for more information.
Nora@madriver.com

Sixth Graders at Woods Hole

More pictures and a blurb to follow in next week’s bulletin.