

NEWS & TIDINGS

WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal

June 2018

Where did the year go? **MARK the DATE!**

MOVE-UP DAY! 12:45pm June 20

FINAL ALL-SCHOOL MEETING: 2:15pm June 20

SPRING CONCERT & 6th GRADE GRADUATION! 6pm June 20

MT. GRACE STUDENT, STAFF & FAMILY HIKE: 9am June 21

OPENING DAY OF SCHOOL: August 29

ALL-SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT & GRADUATION! Please join us in the WCS Gymnasium at 6pm on June 20th to celebrate and send off our amazing young graduates, Rabya Dar, Ellianna Goulston, Erin Killay, Joseph Kirley, Ross

Nygaard, Luke Picard, Hailey Ring, and Otis Waggenbeek. And we will enjoy marvelous vocal music performances by all our talented students, who have been practicing their songs for weeks to honor their graduating friends!



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SPRING BAND CONCERT! Serious congratulations are due to our young instrumentalists, who gave a spectacular concert last week!

DID YOU KNOW?! Warwick Free Library has Museum Passes!

That you may borrow (just like a book!) Be sure to reserve in advance!



- State Park Pass - Free Parking
- Eric Carle Museum - Free Admission
- Magic Wings - 3 Free Admissions every 6 months (residents only)
- Historic Deerfield - Free Admission
- Mass MoCa - Free Admission
- Worcester Art Museum - Free Admission
- Springfield Museums - Free Admission
- Tower Hill Botanic Gardens - Half Price Admission
- Clark Museum - 1 Free Admission



PTO THANKS ALL THE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS who helped with so many fundraisers and events throughout the year!

AND WCS THANKS OUR PTO and all who helped make this year so very special. We loved Motion Man yesterday!

THE CLASSROOM BUZZ...

KINDERGARTEN and PRESCHOOL: What a joyful and busy end to our school year! In finishing up assessments, I am amazed at all the growth and learning that has happened in the children, both academically and socially. What a special group of children!

We are finishing up the year with several projects, including a music video for math, a play in literacy, and activities of self-exploration and reflection on all of the learning that we have done together over the year.

I hope everyone has a great summer, full of fun and reading!

Ms. Allison White



GRADES 1 and 2 are finishing off the year strong! We have been working hard to finish all of our end of the year assessments in both reading and math. It's great to see how much the children have grown as learners since the beginning of the year.

We recently finished up our poetry writing unit. First and second graders excelled at looking at the world in fresh new ways. They practiced using their poet's eyes to think about what common things reminded them of and use comparative, descriptive, or repetitive language to construct wonderful poems!

Our room has also been busy preparing for the play we are putting on for our school community. Our play is based off of a leader book we read in the beginning of the year, Tacky the Penguin. The children worked hard to think about their character, work in a group to create their costume and even construct our set. We're very excited about presenting all of our hard work!

We'll spend a lot of our last week closing down and cleaning up the classroom in preparation for summer while we work on some end of the year reflection activities, too! It's been a great school year and I know everyone is ready to start a great summer break!

Ms. Kristyn Gibbs

GRADES 3 and 4: It has been a fantastic year in 3rd and 4th grade! We have been enjoying the end of the year events such as our field trip to the Boston Science Museum and Field Day with the amazing Mrs. Scott, as well as special

guests like the Caterpillar Lab and Motion Man. The third and fourth graders have also been knee deep in project based learning this month!



We wrapped up the year with our fabulous State Fair today. Thank you to all the families who attended! The students put their best efforts into this project. They loved researching their state, creating their tri-fold displays, and video-taping their regions movies.

We also spent the last few weeks learning about rocks, weathering, and erosion. The students built sand castles, created lava, and studied how rocks roll down a river and down a mountain to break apart.

In math we celebrated the completion of our math curriculum with a geometry parade and the creation of geometry cities.

Our reading groups have all completed their book clubs. Many of the students remarked how much they enjoyed reading and discussing their books.

This week we began our end of year countdown. Each day the students are popping a balloon that has a special activity inside of it. We have enjoyed gum day, no shoes day, game day, and an extra recess day so far, we can't wait to see what else is in the balloons! We've also been creating memory books and reflecting on our year together. I look forward to seeing you for our Mt. Grace Hike on the last day of school! Have a wonderful summer!

Ms. Christine Mullen

**Dream
Big
READ!**

GRADES 5 and 6: It is the last week of school, and I would like to recap our recent events and give you a heads up about things to come.

Last week was chock full of exciting things! Band students had rehearsals at PVRs on Monday and Tuesday and then participated in the district-wide concert on Tuesday night. The 6th graders had a really wonderful time at Ware's Grove Beach at Spofford Lake in Chesterfield, NH on Wednesday which was generously sponsored by the PTO. On Thursday, we had a Volunteer Thank you Picnic Lunch which was well attended. It was followed by a highly successful Field Day during which each and every student showed tremendous leadership skills either as 6th grade station leaders or 5th grade group leaders. The adults in our school community were proud and impressed! Finally, the 6th graders took an excursion to PVRs for their 6th grade orientation on Friday.

This week, our final poetry anthologies are finished and we will have an author's tea next week. We had a special event on Wednesday with visitors from the Caterpillar Lab during which time we saw and learned about all kinds of amazing moth and butterfly caterpillars. Motion Man was here on Thursday for a fantastic display of physics in action! We have been finishing our science unit on Human

Body Systems. Our paper model skeletons and models of the respiratory system are complete, as are our paper models of the heart.

Next week is our last week of school! We will have an author's tea and poetry reading at 1:30 on Tuesday, June 19. Our WCS Move Up Day will happen in the afternoon of June 20, with the Spring Concert and 6th Grade Graduation following at 6:00pm. Students will need to be at school by 5:40p.m. And as usual, the last day of school is our hike up Mt. Grace followed by a noon dismissal. I look forward to seeing and hiking with all of our alums, current students, and their families!

My students and I thank all of the parents and community members who have supported us so generously this year. We couldn't do it without you! Have a great summer!

Ms. Lynn Hansell



GROWING READERS! Educators and literacy experts agree that children of all ages need to be read to or to read by themselves and to talk about books over the summer. When you read or talk to your young children about books, they develop important language skills, gain understanding of books and print, and learn about how stories are constructed. This will help them to become strong readers and writers.

Your school-aged children's summer reading and book discussions will help them maintain reading skills, improve reading fluency, and learn new vocabulary and concepts. Most important, when parents and children enjoy summer reading together, children develop a love of books and reading that lasts a lifetime.

Mr. Tom Ziniti, Reading Specialist

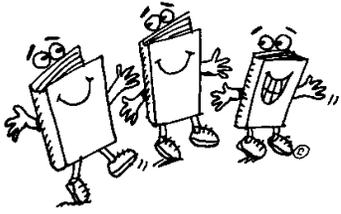
DIGITAL LEARNING! **PreK and Kindergarten** - Allison's students have been enjoying video stories from Storyline Online and using Wixie and other websites to review the lessons we've done this year in the WCS computer lab.

Grade 1 and 2 - In addition to finishing up their Reading Rainbow video projects, Kristyn's students have worked on an End of the Year Reflection poster project to document their favorite aspects of their year at WCS.

Grade 3 and 4 - Ms. Mullen's class has finished up a video project on the regions of the United States and are also completing an End of the Year Reflection poster project. They are using an online graphics tool called Canva.

Grade 5 and 6 - Ms. Hansell's students have used the final weeks of the school year to complete "Choice" projects. Students have chosen to use Spark Video, Powtoon, Canva, and Scratch to create projects on a wide range of topics of interest.

Ms. Mary Leyden, Digital Learning Coach



LIBRARY LEARNING The Warwick Community School library has a great collection of books! Over the years, the collection has grown based not just on curricular needs, but on student interests. The library also reflects the care and attention of previous librarians who have been attentive to acquiring award winning publications, and books appearing on various popular and bestsellers lists. Did you know we also have an archives section? Some students love looking through the graduation books, newspaper clippings, and photos we have, especially when they see photos of their parents or neighbors! The library also has collections of items from staff that travelled to exotic places: such as Japan, Thailand, the Philippines, Mexico, and Egypt. It has been fun exploring our library this past year! How lucky we are!

I will be sending home information about summer reading programs at your local library, as well as some suggested reading lists. If you do not already have a library card, I highly encourage you to get one from your local library. They are free and give you access to the various resources libraries provide. Many students have benefitted by our ability to get books through interlibrary loans. With this system, children can access almost any book. It is truly rewarding to see how excited they get when their book arrives!

I hope you all have a great summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

Ms. Erika Nygard, Librarian

MUSICAL NOTES! We can't wait to perform our songs for you at the Spring Concert and Graduation on Wednesday night! We've been planning and practicing for weeks! And wait until you hear our NEW WCS SONG!

Wishing everyone a wonderful, musical summer, it has been a pleasure, as always, to teach music to the WCS students this year. **Ms. Kim Wallach, Music**



PHYS ED IS A HAPPENING THING! We had a terrific Field Day! So much energy and joy all at once in the same spot! The 5th and 6th graders did an impressive job of helping with the activities and with leading groups of children through the stations. It's been a good year in PE at WCS and I wish you all a pleasantly active summer. **Ms. Sue Scott, PE**



ARTWORKS! It is hard to believe we are in our last weeks of school. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your children and we have gotten a great deal accomplished! Thank you so much for welcoming me into the Warwick Community.

With generous contributions from the Foundation for Educational Excellence (FEE), each class was able to complete a ceramic sculpture. The students were excited to play with clay and learn about the ceramic firing process.

- **Preschool and Kindergarten** artists made clay birds and nests.
- **First and Second** graders made pinch pot tea cups.
- **Third and Fourth** graders made pinch pot animals.
- **Fifth and sixth** grade made coil vessels.

All work was bisque fired in the kiln. With the exception of PreK/K, who painted with acrylic paints, all students then glazed their work and we again fired the work in the kiln. Students were amazed to hear that our clay art work was fired (cooked) to 1988 degrees! HOT!!!

Many of your students had opportunity to try their hand at plein aire painting on the day we were bisque firing the work in the kiln. Plein aire is French for painting outdoors. It is a lovely activity on a beautiful day to capture flowers, gardens or a beautiful landscape. We tried it with watercolors, but you could easily use any other drawing medium.

I enjoy the extra time over the summer to work on my own art. I hope you and your family have a restful and creative summer. You have a creative bunch of kids who I am sure find ways to be creative over the summer. I am listing below some ideas to that hopefully spark some creativity this summer. Enjoy!!

- Borrow a museum pass from the local library to visit MASS Moca, The Clark Art Museum, Brattleboro Museum, Springfield Museum and The Eric Carle Museum. No pass needed for Amherst College's, Mead Art Museum and Beneski Museum of Natural History.
- Build a fort
- Construct a fairy house in the woods.
- Draw a Portrait of a family member or look in the mirror and draw yourself.
- Set up a still life of your favorite books and toys and draw it.
- Draw your shoes.
- Pretend you are an ant and draw what something might look like if you were that small.
- Make a nature mobile with objects found in the woods or on the beach.
- Make a comic book.
- Draw a treasure map or a map of your house, room or neighborhood.
- Check out a book about a famous artist. Make art like that artist.
- Make a bracelet or necklace
- Make a collage postcard from old magazines and paper & send it to a friend
- Paint or draw what you see outdoors (Plein aire)

Have a wonderful summer!

Ms. Hillary Ferro, Art



HEALTH NOTES! Make Summer Safe for Kids - Beat the heat and sun! Heat-related illness happens when the body's temperature control system is overloaded. Infants and children up to 4 years of age are at greatest risk. Even young and healthy people can get sick from the heat if they participate in strenuous physical activities during hot weather. For heat-related illness, the best defense is prevention.

- Never leave infants, children, or pets in a parked car, even if the windows are cracked open.
- Dress infants and children in loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Schedule outdoor activities carefully, for morning and evening hours.
- Stay cool with cool showers or baths.
- Seek medical care immediately for symptoms of heat-related illness.

Just a few serious sunburns can increase you and your child's risk of skin cancer later in life. Their skin needs protection from the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays whenever they're outdoors.

- Cover up. Clothing that covers the skin helps protect against UV rays.
- Use sunscreen with at least SPF (sun protection factor) 15 and UVA (ultraviolet A) and UVB (ultraviolet B) protection every time you and your child go outside.

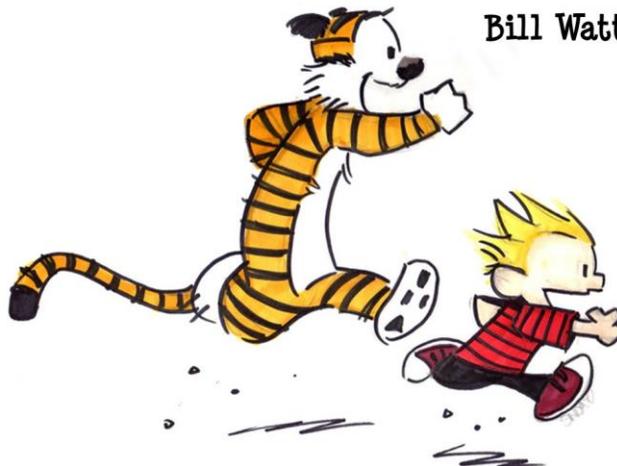
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Other summer fun safety at: <https://www.cdc.gov/family/kids/summer/>

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy and safe summer!! **Ms. Linden, School Nurse**

I say,
if your knees aren't green by the end of the day,
you ought to seriously re-examine your life.

Bill Watterson



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HAPPY SUMMERTIME WCS!