

Warwick Community Newsletter

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Warwick Council on Aging

The Tuesday exercise class at the Warwick Town Hall will begin at 9:45 AM. It will be followed by a Chair Yoga/Tai Chi class at 11:00 A.M. Chair yoga/Tai Chi will be offered by certified instructor Marcia Gobeil. One will get all the benefits of yoga without getting on the floor. All poses and exercises will be done while sitting. The second half of the class will be tai chi warm-up and poses. One can attend the 1st or 2nd half of the class or both sessions. The class is funded by Life Path at no cost to those attending, however a donation can is available and donations are gratefully accepted.

Tracy Gaudet, Outreach Coordinator for Orange COA and Shine Counselor (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone) will be at Town Hall Tuesday November 5, 19 and December 3, 17 and 31 from 10:00 AM until Noon. Stop by if you need help with health insurance or to talk about available program. Contact her, 978-544-3481 or @townoforange.org, she will be bringing application forms. Open enrollment for insurance coverage is October 15th through December 7th.

The COA Foot Clinic Dates

For 2019

November 15th

December 13th

All at the Metcalf Chapel at 8 a.m.



VENDORS WANTED

for November 30 Holiday Fair at
Warwick Community School

If you sell homemade products or art, offer services you'd like to display, want to "table" for a cause

Please contact Andrea Woods at 544-6844 or email andrea@woods4.com or call the Metcalf Chapel at 544-2630.

Set up will be Friday Nov. 29 in the evening or early on November 30. THANK YOU!

Board of Health

The Board of Health is now back to their winter schedule of one meeting per month.

November 20

December 18

January 22

February 19

March 18

Anyone with business with the BOH should call one of these numbers:

Helen Whipple 978-544-6838

Don Matthews 978-544-3595

Nancy Lyman 978-544-8229

Women's Guild

November 5, 2019 Change in plans. If you want to attend the wine tasting event at Cameron Winery in Northfield, meet at the town hall about 1 PM so we can carpool. They prefer us coming earlier as they have a dinner planned for later. We can each pick 5 wines to taste when we get there for \$7 per person. She said they give you a sheet and you check which wines you want to taste so we all don't have to taste the same ones. If they allow us to stay and have our meeting, we can have it there or come back to the town hall and have it.

Contact Gloria if questions 978-544-6323 or if you haven't already signed up, call me and I will put you on the list.

December 3, 2019 1:15 PM we will meet at the town hall for our annual fruit basket assembling and delivery to Warwick seniors over the age of 80. Always a great event!

Restaurant Review

Ginger Garden

351 Northampton Road (Rt. 9)

Amherst, MA 01002

413-256-6666

<http://gingergardenamherst.com>

Hours:

Sun-Thurs 11AM to 10PM

Fri- Sat 11AM to 11PM

Along Route 9 in Amherst and Hadley are a bunch of restaurants which my senior movie group has been to most of them. We do like Ginger Garden the best when we want Chinese food.

The atmosphere is pleasant. The main dining room is spacious and bright and they also have a smaller glassed in area like a 'greenhouse' on the other side. Both are very comfortable.

They have a large lunch menu which they serve from 11 to 3. You get a choice of soup and a choice of rice with the lunch option. Prices range on the lunches from \$7.50 to \$10.50 and the servings are quite large. Most of the time, you get enough for a 'doggie bag'. They also have a large menu for sushi if you are so inclined!

So if you are in the area shopping or going to the Hadley Cinemas, stop in for lunch or dinner. I think you will be pleasantly surprised. Bon Appetite.

Your Restaurant Reviewer,
Gloria

Inspirational BRETH Workshop *Sponsored by the Warwick Recreational Committee.*

November 17th 2019 9:00am-5:00pm at the Warwick Town Hall; \$100 fee - sliding scale upon request – Register online: <https://conta.cc/2MFr5Z3> or Call Pam: 978-790-9476

Join us for a sacred healing journey to release blockages this fall. Let your breath guide you to heal and release that which no longer serves you. Join **Pam Kimball** and **Sally Clinton**, certified Inspirational BRETH facilitators for a BRETH workshop (**B**reath **R**eleasing **E**nergy for **T**ransformation & **H**ealing). The life-force of our breath revitalizes each cell and organ and breaks through limitations that hold us back. BRETH is a powerful, highly individualized and experiential process that uses conscious breathing to facilitate rapid, dynamic and expansive insights that lead to an enhanced sense of well-being. Experiences can include deep physical relaxation, emotional release, psychological understanding, and expanded spiritual experiences. BRETH work is a way to open to deeper levels of loving, and accelerate your dreams, intentions and your soul's calling! Our teacher **Pranarose Meiss Ph.D.** founded Inspirational BRETH & led workshops internationally for 30 yrs.

Pam Kimball is an Earth Energy Healer, Dowser, Shamanic practitioner, Inspirational BRETH Facilitator, Geomancer and Reiki practitioner. Pam works to identify and protect native ceremonial stone landscapes and serves on the Board for Nolumbeka, a Northeast indigenous educational organization.

Sally Clinton has facilitated and supported individuals on their healing journeys for over 30 years through both nonprofit work and her business Ayushri Yoga, Ayurveda and Wellness in Blue Hill, Maine. She is a certified Inspirational BRETH facilitator, Yoga Instructor, Ayurvedic Practitioner, Ayurvedic Yoga Specialist and a Certified Transformational Coach.

Library

Rescheduled Woodstock Program - November 16 5PM Tow Hall: Due to the loss of power from the storm that affected the entire town, John Kane's October 19th "Pilgrims of Woodstock" presentation at Town Hall was postponed.

Story hour - now 1st Mondays: Clare green will now be offering Story Hour at 10 am on the first Monday of each month: November 4th, December 2nd, January 6th, etc.

Elaine Reardon - Book Reading: Thursday, November 7th @ 7 pm: Warwick's own poet laureate (ok, I just made that up—but she kinda is, or should be) kicks off the Library's next local author series, reading from her newly published work, *Look behind You*—which she calls "a story of immigration and assimilation." Poet Mu Soeng wrote of this volume: "Here you find her immigrant parents' pasts expressing themselves in the everyday habits and rituals of 'old country' and their assimilation into an American present that both distorts and keeps them alive as well as allowing Reardon to express them in delightful and engaging cadences. Enjoy."

Gregg Stone - Woodworking Presentation: Thursday, November 21st @ 7 pm: The Library is excited to feature master woodworker Gregg Stone of Warwick in the debut of its new "Made Here at Home" series. Gregg will share highlights of his career making hi-end custom furniture.

Statewide Library Resources: On October 11th I attended a workshop at UMass Amherst to learn about the many resources and services available to state residents through the Boston Public Library and UMass Libraries. I can only mention some of them briefly here: details, web addresses and contact info can be found below.

Through BPL's (bpl.org) **Library for the Commonwealth** program you can register online for an eCard—<https://www.bpl.org/ecard>: enjoy instant access to online services, including a broad selection of online resources, e-books, downloadable audio books and music, streaming services with audiobooks, music, television shows, and movies. An eCard provides access to over 100 databases and electronic resources. There are also Skill Building and Workplace Development resources for test prep, languages, resume creation, and "everything from web development to marketing." Contact BPL's Research Services team at 617-536-5400 or ask@bpl.org.

Services offered by **UMass Libraries** include: The [Learning Commons](http://library.umass.edu/learningcommons) at the W.E.B. Du Bois Library (library.umass.edu/learningcommons): visitors can get a guest card to load cash for printers, fax, etc., as well as access to librarians—and can also apply online for a community borrower card to borrow circulating material.

The [Mass Aggie Seed Library](mailto:pborrego@library.umass.edu) (pborrego@library.umass.edu): borrow, grow, save!

[Business and Entrepreneurship Services](#) (413-545-1454): includes over 550 library databases—100 just for-business; the Foundation Directory Online is available by computers while open.

Darwin on Worms: Also on October 11, 2019—from the *Writer's Almanac*: On this day Charles Darwin published *The Formation of Vegetable Mould Through the Action of Worms* on this date in 1881. It was his last scientific book, and his most successful. In it, he explains that the very ground we walk upon has passed through the bodies of worms and emerged as castings. He also estimated that there are more than 53,000 worms at work in any given acre of land, and reported that they had turned a rocky field behind his uncle's house into smooth soil over the course of many years. He was fascinated by the work of the earthworm, which he called an "unsung creature which, in its untold millions, transformed the land as the coral polyps did the tropical sea." On the surface, the study of earthworms seems to have little to do with the work on evolution and natural selection that made him famous. But this book, too, was about the inexorable processes of nature that, over long spans of time, can bring about dramatic changes.

Best - Ivan

Green Corner by Steve Kurkowski

CO₂ in our Atmosphere

Why is CO₂ so important?

CO₂ absorbs and emits infrared radiation and is a greenhouse gas that plays a significant role in influencing earth's surface temperature through the greenhouse effect.^[1-6] When we burn fossil fuel we release CO₂ into the atmosphere.

What is CO₂?

Carbon dioxide, or CO₂, is a common, naturally occurring molecule that contains 2 oxygen atoms and 1 carbon atom.

Plants use energy from light to convert water and carbon dioxide into sugar and oxygen in a process called photosynthesis. Chlorophyll, the green pigment in leaves, absorbs sunlight and uses the energy to convert six molecules of carbon dioxide and six molecules of water into one molecule of sugar and six molecules of oxygen. Plants use the sugar to grow and release the oxygen back into the atmosphere. They also help regulate the amount of carbon dioxide, which is one of the most important greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

Our air is primarily made up of two elements, nitrogen and oxygen. Nitrogen makes up 78.05% of air and oxygen another 20.95%. The remaining less than 1% is primarily argon, but carbon dioxide, neon, helium, methane and krypton are also present in air. Air also contains suspended dust, spores, and bacteria, as well as water.

How is CO₂ measured historically?

As snow falls, atmospheric air is trapped in the snow and over time, depending on the location of the snowfall, the snow is compressed by new snowfall into layers. Where the snowfall is great enough, and the average climatic conditions are cold enough, the compressed snow forms layers that become parts of glaciers. The annual layers may be counted like the rings of a tree due to annual variation in freeze-thaw cycles. By taking core samples, it is possible to measure the historic carbon dioxide levels of the (trapped) atmosphere.

How is CO₂ measured in modern times?

Measurements are made by two independent CO₂ monitoring programs (NOAA and Scripps) at the Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii, about 3400 meters above sea level.

Where does CO₂ come from and where is it going?

CO₂ is important to life on Earth, because we depend on the carbon cycle. Carbon is transferred from air, to living things, and back into air again. Carbon is also exchanged between the earth's oceans, soil, rocks and the biosphere. As it moves, it enables living things to build complex carbon molecules that we are made of. Like having fine wine at a party, too much can make things go haywire, and the next thing you know, the cops come, everyone's parents find out, and the house is a mess. Too much CO₂ in the atmosphere traps sunlight, and the carbon cycle goes off the rails. This is known as Climate Change. Concentrations of CO₂ in the atmosphere were as high as 4,000 parts per million by mass (ppm) during the Cambrian period about 500 million years ago to as low as 180 ppm during the Quaternary glaciation of the last two million years.^[2] Reconstructed temperature records for the last 420 million years

period, and again in the Triassic (220–200 Myrs ago) period. Global annual mean CO₂ concentration has increased by more than 45% since the start of the Industrial Revolution, from 280 ppm during the 10,000 years up to the mid-18th century^[2] to 415 ppm as of May 2019.^{[3][4]} The present concentration is the highest for 14 million years.^[5] The increase has been attributed to human activity, particularly deforestation and the burning of fossil fuels.^[6] This increase of CO₂ and other long-lived greenhouse gases in earth's atmosphere has produced the current episode of global warming. Between 30% and 40% of the CO₂ released by humans into the atmosphere dissolves into the oceans,^{[7][8]} wherein it forms carbonic acid and effects changes in the oceanic pH balance.

Climate Change or Climate Emergency as it is now referred to is a major problem for life on earth. We have done some amazing things such as discovering fire, inventing the wheel and learning how to fly. If we all pull together, we can tackle this problem. Bill McKibben, who is a Schumann Distinguished Scholar at Middlebury College and leader of the anti-carbon campaign group 350.org said "I think humans as a species are in the process of finding out whether our big brains are a good adaptation or not. Clearly, they can get us into a lot of trouble. Whether they can also get us out of trouble depends on the size of our hearts ".

More information and solutions will be coming in future Green Corner articles

1 Global CCS (Carbon Capture and Storage) Institute

2 Sarah Cairoli April 10, 2018

3 <http://www.faqkids.com/299-air-made-of.html>

4 Doug Norton Dec 29,2018

5 CO₂ . Earth

R E C R E A T I O N C O M M I T T E E

YOGA

Wednesdays 5:00 pm Saturdays 9:15am Town Hall

An all level Hatha Yoga class to meet student's needs, with an emphasis on proper alignment, Pranayama - breathing techniques deep relaxation and meditation. A dynamic, yet harmonious approach to cultivate strength, physical awareness and inner balance.

Taught by Warwick resident Kalliope Kalombratsos, she began training at the integral Yoga institute in San Francisco, CA and is currently finishing a certificate at Kripalu center in Stockbridge MA . She has been an active practitioner for over 10 years, integrating various teachings from yoga traditions and personal experience from a dance background as teacher and performer.

ZUMBA with Susan Krieger Tuesday 6 pm Thursday 7:15 am Town Hall

A Latin inspired fitness program designed to get your heart rate up and put a smile on your face. Everyone can join the party. Designed for fun, not perfection. \$5

ZUMBA Sunday 8am

Dance fitness performed to energetic music; hip hop, samba, salsa, mambo, Brazilian funk and country! Many people have enjoyed this class for the past 6 years. New comers welcome

Instructor; Christine Rouleau at the boiler room in Tully \$5

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
of WARWICK

NOVEMBER 2019

Dear Friends,

Jaylin and I took a trip out to Minnesota this fall, which we began with a stop at MASS MoCA in North Adams. It was not what I had anticipated. I had thought we'd see some art that would be interesting, enjoyable and get us in the mood for the rest of the vacation. Well, most of the artists' installations were commentaries on the cacophony of modern life. It was a bit unsettling to say the least. The effect was to raise the awareness of discomfort, that we have become adjusted to, to a heightened level of intensity that could not be ignored. After a couple of hours, I was ready to get out of the museum.

But the feelings and images have stayed with me and recently I was looking through some of the literature that accompanied the exhibits and came across a quote from 1963 by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.:

"Modern psychology has a word that is probably used more than any other word in modern psychology. It is the word 'maladjusted.' ... I say to you my friends, ... There are certain things in our nation and in the world which I am proud to be maladjusted (to) and which I hope all (people) of goodwill will be maladjusted (to)..."

I say very honestly that I never intend to become adjusted to segregation and discrimination.

I never intend to become adjusted to religious bigotry.

I never intend to adjust myself to economic conditions that will take necessities from the many to give luxuries to the few.

I never intend to adjust myself to the madness of militarism, to the self-defeating effects of physical violence. ...

In other words, I'm about convinced now that there is need for a new organization in our world: The International Association for the Advancement of Creative Maladjustment..."

In the subsequent 50+ years since MLK Jr's remarks, we seem to have become much too well adjusted to the very things he was highlighting. We seem to have become rather well adjusted to an easily ignored, for those of us who are comfortable, level of sexism, racism, religious bigotry and economic disparity. Social enforcement of Politically Correct Speech may have enabled us to paper-over the underlying *dis*-ease without doing the difficult work of confronting the issues head-on.

In a time when the religious elite of Jerusalem were able to adjust to the military and economic oppression of the Roman Empire, Jesus was seriously maladjusted. He was born to a young, unwed woman from the margins of society. He interacted with women as if they were of equal stature, in God's eyes, to men. He surrounded himself with "unclean" followers, ate with them, healed them (on the Sabbath no less!) and preached against the religious hierarchy of the day. How is it that "Christian" now evokes an image of the socially "well adjusted"?

Perhaps the increasing occurrence of "*Bomba*-storms", like the one we are just recovering from, will wake us up from some of the adjustments we have made to the environmental disruption we are causing. There are millions of people who won't be back-to-normal in a matter of a few days. Can we understand their plight a little better now, will we maladjust? There are millions of people who have lost their "economic security" to a few whose wealth is greatly "enhanced" by the "Great Recession". Will we maladjust? Maybe it is time for a revival of a Jesus-like Christianity, an International Association for the Advancement of Creative Maladjustment.

In hopeful faith, *Dan*

UP COMING EVENTS

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE TUES, NOV 26 @ METCALF CHAPEL

Full details are yet to be worked out, but the United Church of Winchester, NH, the Methodist churches in Richmond and the United Church of Bernardston will all participate. We will publish more details as they are developed.

HOLIDAY FAIR SAT, NOV 30 @ WCS 10 AM – 3 PM

The church and the WCS PTO will be coordinating the Fair again this year in the gym at the school. There will be the usual array of craftspeople, lunch and baked goods. Do some of your early Christmas shopping with the local artisans who will be at the Fair.

HUNTERS' SUPPER FRI, DEC 6 @ the Town Hall

The braised beef supper is always a great meal for a frosty late fall evening. Come share stories and comradery whether you hunt or not. Make up stories of the ten point buck you saw in your backyard.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

*Nonperishable food, personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies are collected in the front hall of the Chapel. **Disposable diapers, personal & household cleaning items are especially needed as they cannot be purchased with "food stamps".***

MEDICAL SUPPLY LIBRARY

We have crutches, wheelchairs, walkers and many other medical supplies for free loan at the Chapel. Check us out before buying new.

SHEETS, PILLOW CASES AND OTHER LINENS

There is a box in the front hall of the Chapel for these items for the Franklin Emergency Shelter in Greenfield.

Warwick's Elementary School. By David Young, Town Coordinator

The School Committee by vote chose not to support our school redesign proposal to be submitted to the state. I am writing to advise elementary parents and the rest of us of our next steps. The vote last night was about the school committee not supporting the Horace Mann II public charter proposal for Warwick. This was not a vote to close Warwick school. If we can see the best in the opposition, there was a concern about the need for more time.

The bulk of the proposal writing is finished. We plan to have a series of face-to-face opportunities to explain to parents and the community what we are proposing and provide more information on how to get involved. Our proposal for Warwick and Warwick's future is quite realistic, financially sustainable, and creates a model rural school for Warwick and the state. Stay with us—and let us hear from you.

We have received a tentative budget for the 2020-2021 school year, and we will work to assure our school is not closed next year while we continue to answer all the questions and concerns with facts. This plan created by the Selectboard and 25 others from our community for Warwick Elementary school redesigned within the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. The proposal is hundreds of pages of cogent impressive work. It is available for anyone to read (copies are in the elementary school office, library, and town hall.

The meeting started off answering questions about how the budget would work, questions and factual answers. The meeting at times devolved into a lecture about why Warwick should behave like Leyden and just let its school close. A Leyden selectboard member met SC members entering and urged them to vote down our proposal. During the meeting a Leyden school committee member argued at length that it wasn't fair for Warwick to have an extra year to plan for continuing its school because Leyden didn't have a year to plan an alternative.

Diane Noble (Warwick finance committee) and Sue Hollins (our consultant) answered the concerns about the school budget. Diana explained the sustainable financial model. Susan explained that after studying district budgets it was true that it cost more per student in Warwick to operate the school building than it cost to operate buildings in other schools, *on a per student basis*. She explained that the Town of Warwick was going to plan to assume the facility and grounds operating costs, creating savings for the regional district. Seemingly, this "costs-more" budget concern would be off the table.

And then to assure the Warwick students' school education program cost no more than elementary students in Northfield and Bernardston, the new model uses the average per pupil expense to fund Warwick students (budgeting Warwick each year using a fair and consistent amount equal to what is spent at the other elementary schools). And that would end the other argument about Warwick costing too much.

Even with the "costs too much" argument put aside, only two school committee members from other towns agreed to support submitting our proposal at this time. Leyden kept arguing it wasn't fair and Warwick should consider district students.

The Selectboard is committed to keeping the Warwick school open and we hope you will learn about our proposal. We welcome your continued support for our effort to keep Warwick's highly rated school in Warwick. We have two colleges that want to work with our school—to develop our 25 acres into an environmental science lab space and to expand our use of the community in learning about citizenship. We have a great rural school now—and we have a terrific plan to give our children an even richer education.

Another year then? We can make that work. On the other hand, there was a discouraging lack of interest

by most of the School Committee in Warwick parents and children altogether; and for this our town officials will never abandon concern for what is best for Warwick parents and children, and for the town.

Doc Pruyne spoke to the broader issue of how small towns are harmed economically when their vibrant community school is closed. To this, a Leyden school committee member who had already told us that we of Warwick are not special, argued that this wasn't true and didn't want to read any research about it either. Many thanks to all the contributors and to Tom Wyatt and Adam Holloway especially for their leadership; and to all the folks working until past midnight night after night to perfect the proposal.



Teacher In-Service Day - No School: Friday, Nov. 1

PTO Pasta Supper: Saturday, Nov. 2

PTO Meeting: Monday, Nov. 4 at 3:15pm

Turkey Trot: Nov. 27

Notes from the Principal's Office

I cannot believe it's already the middle of October! The building is buzzing with activity. Students are really getting into their studies. The growing and changing happening in our rooms is quite the sight. It's exciting to see the excitement around learning.

MCAS results are in and I am happy to report that Warwick Community School falls into the rating of "Not Requiring Assistance or Intervention." The reason we received this rating is we are Meeting Expectations in both ELA and Mathematics. In fact, our students "exceeded their typical growth" in ELA and made "typical growth" in Mathematics.

Achievement Levels:

Percentage of students "meeting or exceeding expectations" in comparison to the State

	2018		2019	
	WCS	State	WCS	State
ELA Grades 3-8	50	51	67	52
Math Grades 3-8	64	48	59	49

Principal's Table

Children may come home excited to tell you that they have been selected to eat at the Principal's Table. This is a new addition to our cafeteria seating that is set up like a fancy restaurant. It is my hope that every student will have the opportunity to eat lunch with me at some point this year. Students will be invited based on their role-model behavior and doing their best to be a helpful and respectful member of our school.

Website Changes

I am working on updating and keeping our website, wcs.pvrsk12.org, updated. You can find the newsletter, student handbook, and the district calendar on this site. For a more frequent updates and announcements, please request to join the Warwick Community School Facebook Page

Classroom Happenings

First and Second Grade ~ Ms. Heather Willey

The first and second grade classroom at WCS is hard at work, producing with a steady vibration as the crickets begin to quiet during these October days. We are both busy and settled in our learning routines. Phewie, Zowie, arrgh. There are complicated words and silly words floating around the room. Onomatopoeia. (I have asked the kids not to remember this word but some-how they just do!) We are nearing the end of our unit on small seed stories in both our Reading and Writing Workshops. We continue to look at Illustrated Children's Literature to help inspire us. We are learning that tiny ideas can lead to big inspiration and we can often find a sincere message between the pages of a short story.

We have moved our September classroom quote into the hallway with a concluding reflection on kindness. We press on to ponder problem solving in our classroom with October's quote: "Every problem is a gift. Without them we would not grow."

In Science, the seed discussion continues-literally. We enjoyed a walk in the woods collecting seeds and leaves. We talked about the leaves were falling and their importance to a tree's life cycle. We also dissected some plants that have gone from flower to seed. This journey started our talking about bees and the importance of pollination. We have been collecting certain seeds that we will be planting over the school year with hopes of attracting more pollinators to the already beautiful gardens surrounding our school.

In Math I was going to bring in some seeds to help us with our unit on addition and subtraction strategies, but I thought, hmmm. So instead we have been building math mountains and looking at groups of five to help us with our counting. (I will most likely bring in the seeds though to help us before the month ends...I just don't think I can resist!)

Third and Fourth Grade ~Ms. Christine Mullen

The 3rd and 4th graders have been working hard in all areas! We have just wrapped up our first science unit on the Human Machine. Students learned how their brains control their whole bodies. We learned about the eyes and how they work and how our brains flip the picture around so we see images right side up. We also learned how the eyes adjust to take in light and how our nervous system and muscular system get messages from the brain to tell them how to respond. We will be switching to a social studies focus this month and beginning our exploration of geography and the regions of the United States.

We are also wrapping up our first math and reading units. The first math unit focused on place value, rounding, addition, and subtraction. We were excited to learn that our numbers just keep getting larger as we progress through school! In reading, the students have built their reading stamina

to 20 minutes of read-to- self time and have been working on developing a love for books and creating a buzz around the books we read as well as learning to work in a reading partnership.

Fifth and Sixth Grade ~ Ms. Lynn Hansell

The 5th and 6th graders have been busy in every subject area. There is so much that we could share! This month's focus is on our studies of Earth's history which is part of both our science and our social studies curricula. We recently went on a field trip to the Beneski Museum of Natural History at Amherst College to learn about fossils, especially index fossils as evidence of continental drift. Mr. Alfred Venne, the docent and educator at the museum, was wonderful! He shared so many incredible enormous and tiny specimens and the things that we can learn from them. He also got the students involved in an activity recreating the evolution of life from soft marine invertebrates to land animals with internal skeletons.

To represent some of what we learned, students sketched and colored what I call "big pictures from close up" of several of the fossil specimens that we observed. We also made our own "fossils" by making impressions into modeling clay of natural objects that we found nearby and pouring plaster of Paris inside of our molds. We then painted our casts to mimic the natural colors of fossils that we have seen. The artwork that we have created is available to view in the display case in our school foyer. I hope everyone has a chance to stop by to see the students' work whenever you happen to visit WCS over the course of the next month.

Art Studio News ~ Ms. Hillary Wilbur-Ferro

This unit I often find very satisfying. It is so nice to see how students work together or individual artwork comes together to create a whole.

5th and 6th grade completed a mural project from the Tree of Life painting by Gustav Klimt.

3rd and 4th graders painted striped collaborative paintings.

1st and 2nd grade also painted collaboratively but could only paint circles.

All classes are now working on autumn themed artwork.

5th and 6th created their own leaf templates and are focusing on repetition and warm colors.

3rd and 4th are painting gold trees inspired by Gustav Klimt.

1st and 2nd grade made leaf prints from leaves we collected outside.

P.E. ~ Mrs. Sue Scott

Big happenings coming up in PE! Please help your child remember to wear sneakers on Thursday along with layers and possibly bringing a water bottle. We will be outside through November! The Turkey Trot is coming up on Wednesday November 27th! The Turkey Trot is celebrating its 10th year! We will be inclusive of all the elementary schools in the district with volunteer help from Pioneer students, making this a new district wide event. Because of the size of the event the trot will take place at Pioneer. Stay tuned for more information which will be coming soon.

Technology ~ Ms. Genni Garatin

Computers is off to a fast finger typing start! Students are practicing their typing skills with Keyboarding

without Tears and other typing activities. Our 5th and 6th grade students are learning about how to be good digital citizens online. In the coming weeks students will be introduced to coding. Remember many activities that students do in technology class at school can be accessed through the learning links on the WCS website. Ask your students about Prodigy and have them show you!

Library News ~ Mrs. Erika Nygard

There has been a lot of reading going on at the library this past month. It was particularly fun to read 'Fletcher and the Falling Leaves' by Julia Rawlinson, and 'There was an Old Lady who Swallowed some Leaves' by Lucille Colandro. They generated some fun seasonal comments and discussion with the younger grades!

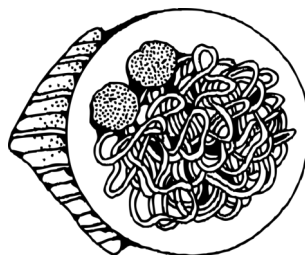
Students are now settled into our library culture, and I am impressed at how invested they are in using the library. Some have brought their interests and hobbies and want to research more. Others have favorite authors or have discovered a new series. Meanwhile most know how to use the catalog and are doing a great job locating books this way! Just like Google is a search engine for the Internet, Destiny is our search engine for our library materials.

The National Endowments for the Humanities donated a set of large posters of artwork some years back, and I display a few through the year. There was an audible gasp from the students when they saw a picture of a Tiffany stained glass window called 'Autumn Landscape' <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/282> and a picture of Fallingwater, house over waterfall designed by Frank Lloyd Wright <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fallingwater>.

This month in the library there will be a collection of rocks, crystals, minerals, and fossils for students to explore. We have samples of Herkimer diamond, quartz, mica, tv stone (aka ulexite), fossilized rocks, petrified wood, and even pieces of a dinosaur egg! There will be guidebooks for identification and magnifying lenses on hand.

PTO News ~

Pasta supper is quickly approaching on November 2nd. This annual event one of the highlights of our fall fundraising. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. This event raises money to support all kinds of events, projects and field trips for our students. Come Early! Only a limited amount of tickets will be available at the door.



MOORE'S POND SUMMER WRAP-UP

The Moore's Pond Beach Committee arranged to have the water tested for safe swimming all summer with fantastic results. Our Moore's Pond is unbelievably clean. Special thanks to Jean Haskell for transporting the samples to the EAI lab in Swanzey, NH. Anyone interested in the summary of 2019 testing results may contact any of our members: Jim McRae, Dave Shepardson, Diane Ellis, Matt Connelly, Kathy Connelly, Claire Michaels, Jean Haskell, Linda Strusa.

Our big Old Home Day event was the "Corregatta" (cardboard boat race) on Sunday, August 25, of Old Home Day weekend. Many came to cheer on the race. There were 5 boats made entirely of cardboard held together by duct tape. The 1st place adult winner was Joe Farley paddling, "Eager Beaver," built by Claire Michaels and Jean Haskell. The first-place kid's winner was Emil Marti in "Radioactive Raft" built by the Marti family.

Second Place winner for the adult race was Elianna Burnim in "Lightning," built by Gordon and Diane Ellis. The second-place winner in the kids' race was John Desmaris in "Eager Beaver" built by Claire Michaels and Jean Haskell. "Yes", Claire and Jean's boat and "Lightening" by Gordon and Diane Ellis survived 2 races. The oldest boat builder was 91-year old Russ Deane from Bernardston, Diane Ellis' dad. This was the 6th boat that Russ has made for the Warwick Old Home Day Corregata. Russ' boat, "Old Rusty," came in third in the adult race, with Josh Burnim paddling. The third-place winner in the kids' race was Hailey Ring paddling "Lightening." The Fan Favorite was "Lightning," and the first to sink award went to Caladonia McKoon from Northfield. There were 5 boats with 8 registered paddlers. Fun time for all.

Yesterday, 10/15/19, the pond was stocked with trout, and this morning a bald eagle was doing his/her best to make a catch. Stunning to observe!

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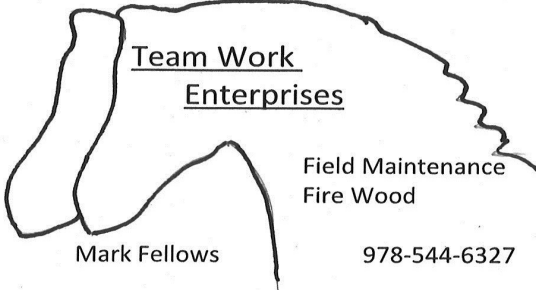
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- BRETH WORKSHOP—November 17
- WOODWORKING PRESENTATION—November 21
- THANKSGIVING SERVICE—November 26
- HOLIDAY FAIR—November 30