

Warwick Community Newsletter

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W o m e n ' s G u i l d

April 7, 2020 Due to the Corona virus, Robin Putnam, from the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation set for April 7th has had to cancel all public events for the next 30 days. I will look at our fall schedule in hopes of having her come then. Since that has happened the Women's Guild has decided to cancel the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. We will converse during April and hope to resume our meetings in May.

May 5, 2020 Elaine Reardon is scheduled to discuss and read from her latest book of poetry.

*** Everyone be safe and healthy ***

An idea for creating town-wide information from Stephen Ruggiero:

I would like to see if we can get together a list of all health care professionals as well as home care etc and possible expand to anyone in town who would like part time work here in town to help out our elderly and infirmed towns folk. . My idea is to have a board in town hall with a list of these people or even a list to compile and send out in a future newsletter for people to keep posted in their home much like your calendar. Hopefully we may be able to help people stay in their homes longer and at the same time find local part time work for those so inclined.

Example :

- NAME-----
- PHONE-----
- OCCUPATION-----
- HOURS PREFERRED-----
- DAYS AVAILABLE-----
- COMMENTS-----

B o a r d o f H e a l t h

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

April 10, 2020	July 10, 2020	October 9, 2020
May 8, 2020	August 14, 2020	November 13, 2020
June 12, 2020	September 11, 2020	December 11, 2020

**At the Metcalf Chapel at 8 a.m.
Subject to the current situation**



Restaurant Review

Asia Gourmet
144 Market Drive
Athol, MA 01331
978-249-3918
www.asiagourmetathol.com

Was able to get to Asia Gourmet the first week of opening and was very disappointed. I did not get a 'warm and comfy' feel in the restaurant. The environment color scheme is dark and dreary and modern. Not the typical Asian motif. We were seated in the front next to the 'frosted' windows with the trees and branches you see when walking up to the door. That turned to disappointment as we discovered they are not etched glass but pasted on cutouts. I can see those being pulled off by kids sitting at the tables.

We ordered hot tea and was expecting a pot of good Asian tea and they delivered 3 mugs, with a tea bag in hot water. My tea bag string was inside the mug and no spoon to take the tea bag out of the mug. And the tea was not that good either.

We selected options from the special lunch menu which also included an appetizer with your entrée, so I opted for a chicken wing as my appetizer along with my broccoli and beef entrée. The plate was so small that it was difficult to get anything on your fork without it dropping onto the table. The chicken wing was placed on top of the entrée so I picked it up and took a bite and it was COLD. You could tell they have been prepared well before serving (like hours) and served without reheating. My entrée was lukewarm. My friends had similar issues with their dishes.

After a disappointing lunch we left all saying the same thing.....very disappointing and won't go back any time soon. Was it first week jitters? Or is this going to be the norm? I haven't heard much positive feedback yet. Bon Appetite.

Gloria Varno

Help Make Sure Everyone Counts in Our Community

The 2020 U.S. Census is safe, easy and important.

Every ten years, the U.S. Census counts every person living in the United States. In mid-March every household in town will get an invitation to complete the 2020 U.S. Census. Most households will receive the invitation by mail, some households will have it hand-delivered. If no one from the household has responded by mid-April, you will be mailed a paper copy of the questionnaire to complete and mail back. If there is no response by late April, an official Census-taker may visit the household to complete the questionnaire in person.

The questionnaire is short and it takes just a few minutes to complete. The information gathered in the U.S. Census is safe and confidential. Only names and birth dates are collected, no one will be asked for Social Security numbers or bank or credit card information.

The U.S. Census impacts our community in two main ways: representation and money. The population count will be used to determine political representation at the state and national level. The count also helps determine how much federal and state money comes to our community to help pay for education, roads, transportation, housing, health care, and more. If we don't get an accurate count, our community will not receive the money needed to pay for crucial services each year for the next ten years!

Want to learn more? Visit <https://2020census.gov/>

Library

Hi folks - You'll find a detailed summary of the Library's emergency operations mode at the bottom of this column, combining two emails from March 17 and 19 to the Town's two online social media lists. But first, in an optimistic mode, here are the planned/hoped for April events:

***Bend it Like Beckham* - film screening Friday, April 17th @ 7pm:** Rescheduled from March 20th. A 2002 family romantic comedy sports film, starring Parminder Nagra and Keira Knightly in her breakout role. Rated PG-13, "no frightening or intense scenes" (kids-in-mind.com).

National Poetry Month celebration/readings - Sunday, April 19th @ 2-3:30 pm: Once again, we will be celebrating poetry's beauty, power and mystery with an open reading open to all in 5-minute slots, preceded by readings by Warwick's own Elaine Reardon and friends. To quote poet Billy Collins (a favorite of Elaine's): "Poetry is the only full history we have of the human heart". **Note:** If this event is postponed, go ahead and read/recite some poetry anyway! (There's plenty available at the Library.)

Exploring *Braiding Sweetgrass* - presentation Tuesday, April 28th @ 7 pm: Local author David Brule, who gave a smashing presentation of his own work in February, returns to Warwick to join Pam Kimball in an exploration of several notable strands of this much loved non-fiction book by Robin Wall Kimmerer (2013)—this year's *Libraries In The Woods* (LITW) selection for a multi-group read, and a recent addition to The NYT Bestseller's List.

***Braiding Sweetgrass* text now online:** While the Warwick Book Club is not set to read the book until May for it's June 10th discussion, most LITW libraries scheduled their readings for March and April. In any event, the full text of the book is available online for free—look for the link on the Library webpage.

Watch the Northern Lights live online: From Churchill, a town on Hudson Bay in the far north of Manitoba Province, Canada. Look for the link on the Library page.

Macmillan drops ebook embargo: In a surprise announcement today [March 17th], Macmillan abandoned its controversial embargo on new release e-books in libraries, effective this week. "There are times in life when differences should be put aside," reads a brief memo from Macmillan CEO John Sargent addressed to librarians, authors, illustrators, and agents. ...In addition, we will be lowering some e-book prices on a short term basis to help expand libraries collections in these difficult times. Stay safe." (From "Macmillan Abandons Library E-book Embargo," by Andrew Albanese, PublishersWeekly.com, 3-17-20.

Responding to the Pandemic - emergency operations:

Front door will be locked - no walk-ins.

Staff available during regular hours (Mon 10-4, Tues 1-8, Thurs 5-8, Sat 10-12:30).

All items now due May 1.

Inter-library loans temporarily suspended.

Trash bags: available during regular hours.

Books, DVDs and CDs can be obtained as follows:

SEARCH the Warwick Library's collection online at CWMARS.org. You will need your member/card # and password—contact the Library if you need that info or other help. Refine your search using "Keyword/Title/Author" and "Format" dropdown menus; to search by genre, use a keyword such as Western, Mystery.

ORDER available items by emailing the Library at warwick@cwmares.org or calling 544-7866 during regular hours. This includes Trash Bags.

PICK-UP: I will notify you when your “order” is ready for pickup during regular Library hours (no anchovies, sorry). Items will be placed outside when you arrive, or inside the vestibule if the weather is bad.

HOME DELIVERY: Volunteers may be available if you cannot arrange a pickup yourself.

*. Returns: Place all items (gently) in the bookdrop. *Please return Warwick Library items in a timely manner so they are available to others.*

Free online resources: Libby by Overdrive for audio books and ebooks, available using your online CWMARS account; Boston Public Library online — bpl.com (free e-card available!). See the Library webpage for more listings.

Computer access: For residents with no internet access and no online device of their own, limited computer station access will be provided for those needing to deal with urgent/emergency situations. The Library’s wireless internet signal is on and accessible from outside.

Everything is subject to change. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these challenging times. Ivan

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Recreation Committee will resume yoga, zumba, basketball and a rockin dance jam
as soon as we are able

YOGA with Kalliope Kalombratsos, 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.

ZUMBA with Susan Krieger, Tuesday 6 pm 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 with Christine Rouleau, Sunday 8am Boiler Room Tully

Dance fitness performed to energetic music; hip hop, samba, salsa, mambo, Brazilian funk and country! \$5

BASKETBALL at the school gymnasium on Friday nights from 7-9

Open to all, could be just shooting some hoops or a game. At the request of the school to help protect the floor; Please bring water only, and a clean pair of indoor shoes to change into. Children must be supervised.

Coordinator for April Newsletter—David Young

So much is changing. This week we postponed face to face workshop meetings about planning for climate resiliency because of the very real Coronavirus threat. It is changing how we do business. The Town Hall is closed to the public and employees are working from home or in the closed town hall. You may pay your bill by mail and by dropping in the Black mailbox outside. The way we meet to do our work is changing. The rules about Open Meetings have been altered to fully allow online meetings, provided they are recorded and available for the public to listen in; or that they are available live in real time to listen. We are implementing a telephone-based conference meeting system that also works on a computer but does not require more than a land line. We don't know yet how we will handle annual town meeting and await advice from the Commonwealth.

Almost two weeks ago five Warwickians led by Selectboard Chair Doc Pruyne met with the Education Commissioner and his key staff about our proposed innovation and our school's future. They learned that our elementary school is in the Pioneer Budget next year, and that the fate of our local elementary school, a decision about its future, rests in the Commissioner's hands. We remain hopeful for a favorable decision and continue our work on a new way forward including work on our school budget in the future. Current events would seem to support our notion that small and local is better.

Keep the important neighbor to neighbor contacts up as we adapt. Keep your distance. Beware of scams. Use delivery services either commercial or neighbor based. Wash your hands.

Wooden Fender Concert Series – April 2020

In light of all that is happening in our world these past few weeks, it should come as no surprise that we have cancelled the April 18th musical performance of the reggae band "No Lens" at Warwick Town Hall. When our world and life as we know it has returned to its normal rhythm (have no doubt – it will!) we will welcome The Green Sisters and No Lens to help us celebrate all that makes living in Warwick so wonderful – good music, good friends, and good neighbors. Stay safe everyone!

T O W N C L E R K

Annual Town Meeting: Monday, May 4, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Annual Town Election: Monday, May 18, 2020 Polls Open: 12 noon – 7 p.m.

Last Day to Object or Withdraw: **Wednesday, April 15, 2020**

Last Day to Register Voters for ATM and AT Election: **Tuesday, April 14, 2020**



Spring “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Recycling Day

The Spring “Clean Sweep” Bulky Waste Recycling Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. to noon, at three locations. The three drop-off sites are: Buckland Recreation Facility at 66 Ashfield Rd. (Rt. 112 South), Northfield Highway Garage at 49 Caldwell Rd., and Whately Transfer Station at 73 Christian Lane.

Residents from any member town of the Franklin County Solid Waste District may bring bulky items such as tires, appliances, scrap metal, furniture, mattresses, carpeting, construction debris, computers, televisions, propane tanks, and other large items.

Disposal fees, cash only, apply for most items. A price list for the most common items is at: www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweepprices.html and will also be available at the District office at 117 Main Street, 2nd floor, Greenfield.

Bulky Rigid Plastics accepted for a special recycling program; \$5 per load. Acceptable items for this special program are limited to 5-gallon pails, plastic lawn furniture, plastic trash barrels, recycling bins, laundry baskets, storage totes, and milk crates.

Clean, dry textiles (bagged) and books accepted for free reuse or recycling. Acceptable items include CLEAN & DRY clothing, shoes, curtains, bedding, towels and stuffed animals in any condition (except moldy or wet). Clothing or linens that are torn, stained, damaged or unwearable can be recycled into insulation. Hardcover or paperback books can be in any condition except moldy or wet. No encyclopedias.

Residents and businesses do not need to pre-register. Materials will be recycled whenever possible.

Did you know? Staples Stores accept computer equipment (no TVs) free of charge: call store for details. Various charities and non-profits accept donations of working electronics, including local Salvation Army and Goodwill stores. Before loading up your car, call to ask if they can accept your item.

For more information: (413) 772-2438, info@franklincountywastedistrict.org, www.franklincountywastedistrict.org. Please note our new address: 117 Main St., 2nd Floor, Greenfield, MA 01301. MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.

Moore's Pond Public Beach: Ten Years!

Have you ever visited the Town of Warwick Public Beach on the southwest shore of Moore's Pond? Maybe it was a place of your youth, for a dip, a bask, or a picnic. Or perhaps you have more recently wandered onto the ice to skate or fish. Or maybe you have enjoyed sitting under the pine tree, soaking up the spectacular view of Mt. Grace. All this is possible for us since 2010, when the Town Open Space Committee and town residents committed to owning and operating our very own public beach. The Moore's Pond Beach Committee was then organized and charged with stewarding the property.

Massachusetts State Sanitary Code has strict guidelines regulating the water quality and safety for all public beaches. For ten years, the Moore's Pond Beach Committee has maintained the beach area landscape, and tested the water quality for public bathing. We are lucky that Moore's Pond is a clean lake, with few invasive plant species, and that both pond residents and guests are committed to maintaining its health. MPBC begins our 2020 beach season to celebrate ten years of Moore's Pond Public Beach and renew our commitment to this local, precious, recreational resource. New York City has Central Park; we have our Town Green. Sydney has Bondi Beach; we have Moore's Pond Public Beach! Join us our next lasagna dinner, which we'll reschedule when health risks return to normal. Thanks for your support!

Your 2020 Moore's Pond Beach Committee: Claire Michaels, Jean Haskell, Kathy Tuttle-Connelly, Patty and Gary Bellemare, Matt Connelly, Jim McRae, Dave Shepardson, and Linda Strusa.

POSTPONED
Lasagna Dinner and Live Music April 18

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
of WARWICK

Dear Friends,

APRIL 2020

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness...”

Those words, from the prophet Isaiah, were directed at the people, especially the leaders, of ancient Israel, but boy are they relevant to us today. We have been balancing on the edge of this new world and now we have been pushed over the edge and need to figure out just what the new normal looks like and how to participate and facilitate a better “new”. I know there are a lot of individuals and some groups of people who are very much in the new, but the society as a whole, globally, has been resistant.

This isn’t just about virtual communication and social media. This is about how we will organize ourselves across the world. If there is one thing that COVID 19 should have shown us by now, it is how interconnected and interdependent we are; on a global level as well as a local level. Putting up walls means nothing to viruses or the climate. We live in a global environment and trying to divide up into isolated pockets does nothing but exacerbate the problems. Towns cannot adequately address the spread of this latest viral pandemic, neither can states nor even nations. Closing borders, mobilizing armies and enforced quarantines may help slow the spread, but what is needed is a new social awareness and sense of compassion for each other. “Social distancing” seems to be the most effective immediate course of action, but I doubt that many of us want to live in isolation for very long. We are not going to come out of this in a couple of weeks; this is going to be a long period of adjustment.

As difficult and disruptive as this crisis is, both physically and financially, there may be some positive, lasting (?) effects arising from our best responses. “Business as usual” has been pretty much suspended and business as help to others has taken its place. Concern for the most vulnerable among us has replaced indifference. People are looking for helpful, meaningful ways of safely connecting with those in need.

From an environmental stand point, carbon emissions have been drastically reduced. Some are wondering if this way of living might not be such a huge sacrifice after all. Can we learn to live with less and actually enjoy it? Of course that’s easier to think about in rural Warwick than in a large city. But even in the cities, people are beginning to work out ways of sharing resources that before were thought to be “needed” as personal possessions. People are organizing in communal groups rather than as heroic individuals. And, maybe it’s just me, but has the public discourse become more care-filled? Having a common enemy seems to have lowered some walls between us.

This is a horrible crisis and thousands of people are suffering, but we could come out of it a better world for more of the world population and for the earth itself. Concern for the vulnerable, a sense of cooperation reducing competition, a sense of community that gives individuals meaning to their lives, if these become valued parts of society, we could emerge from this “wilderness time” with a more hopeful vision of the future for our children. To paraphrase JFK;

Ask not what the world can do for you; rather ask what you can do for the world.

In faithful hope, Dan

UP COMING EVENTS

ALL OUR FACE-TO-FACE EVENTS ARE BEING SUSPENDED

WE ARE TRYING TO DO SOME THINGS VIRTUALLY, SUCH AS

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 AM

WE ARE OPEN AND AFFIRMING ALL ARE WELCOME

We will be holding worship on ZOOM and it will be open to all. The platform is capable of video and audio and those without internet will be able to connect by telephone.

EARTH DAY RELATED PROGRAMS

“The Need to Grow” is a film that documents the struggles of three individuals as they try to address the intertwined issues of feeding the poor while feeding the soil, creating ways that mitigate or reduce the human impact of food and energy production on the atmosphere and holding large social organizations to high standards of ethical behavior.

We will be rescheduling this as soon as it is safe to do so.

“The Time of the Sixth Sun” is an “inspiring and uplifting documentary film about the shift in the global consciousness and the emerging movement to find a new way to walk more lightly on this earth.”

This was scheduled for EARTH DAY, WED, APRIL 22 6:30 PM in the Metcalf Chapel. If we can do so safely, we will, but it probably will need to be rescheduled for a later date.

ROADSIDE CLEAN UP

Looking for something to do outside and for your community? Pick up the trash along your road or a favorite spot where you like to walk. Large yellow plastic bags for road-side trash are available in the front foyer of the church any time before April 18. We will not be cleaning and sorting recyclables this year so all trash can go into one bag. When full, you can drop off your bag or bags at the church (At the back of the parking lot, please.) or bring it to the road-side clean-up on the 18th. Please remember to wear gloves!

The church is still planning on the **Earth Day Roadside Clean-up on Saturday, April 18th** from 10 to 12 noon. If group activities are still suspended we will not be gathering or serving lunch at noon. You can still drop off bags of road-side trash at the church. If you are unable to bring your bags, call the church (978-544-2630) and leave a message and someone will come to pick them up. Please do not take your road-side trash bags to the transfer station yourself.

Happy picking and enjoy the spring weather before the blackflies make their appearance.

THE POOR PEOPLES' MARCH ON WASHINGTON, DC SAT JUNE 20

Keep watching for further details.



March 2020 Newsletter

ALL EVENTS ARE CANCELLED AT THIS TIME!

DUE TO COVID-19 THE SCHOOL BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL AT LEAST APRIL 7, 2020. PLEASE VISIT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE UPDATES, TEACH FROM HOME RESOURCES, AND MORE.

<http://wcs.pvrsk12.org>

Please email mullenc@pvrsk12.org if you have further questions.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be done via phone, please check your email and send teacher's your available times for these meetings.

Notes from the Principal's Office

Dear Families,

District administration is working closely with the MA Department of Public Health and the Department of Education to make educated and informed decisions regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. Please be patient with us as this is an ever evolving situation. Currently, school is closed through May 1, reopening on May 4. This date may change as the situation continues to evolve.

On March 13, we sent home review packets/work for students since we are in a quarantine situation. Please read the orange notice inside of our Homework Bags for the expectations regarding this work. It is currently only a suggestion, not a requirement, that students work on these to keep their skills fresh during an extended time away from school. Spending an hour or so a day on these assignments and reading for an additional half hour is all we are asking that you encourage at this time. In addition, both the $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{5}{8}$ students have Google Classroom activities to explore if they have access to the Internet at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions and check your emails often, we are in touch a few times a week.

Classroom Happenings

First and Second Grade ~ Ms. Heather Willey

"I think I can, I think I can..." Our March Quote in First and Second Grade in response to a much enjoyed unit on neuroscience and the ability to grow the brain by going through challenging and "sticky" situations. As we head into spring, I look forward to bringing in some more hands on activities such as hatching chicks and starting plants from seeds we collected last fall for science study. We also had fun listening to various frogs from our region and challenged ourselves to name the frogs based on what we could just hear on a recording. We hope to also walk around outside once we review again what it looks like to be an "outdoor classroom".

The first and second graders have been very busy stretching their minds as we start stretching towards spring. In Math, both First and Second Graders have wrapped up Unit 5 and Unit 4 reviews and are moving on. Second Graders are become professional change counters while the first graders are making number scrolls as a challenge to see how far and how many numbers they can actually record 1- ...? Second Graders will now be doing double digit subtraction and First Graders are working with equations involving numbers higher than 10 and learning place value as well.

In Reading and Writing Workshop students continue with non-fiction using graphic organizers to learn to take quick notes while reading and using word tiles with partners to work out complete sentences. We also looked closely at some tough vocabulary involving plants and garden planting and discussed ways that we can tackle these tough words. Students have been brainstorming and using tri-fold project boards as sort of inspiration jump-offs for their Fact Books which they have chose a topic to research for. They have also shared with each other facts they have already learned and noted on their graphic organizers while reading in Epic about different weird animals of choice.

We are starting a pilot curriculum in Social Studies to supplement out already in place designed curriculum. It uses primary resources to explore such ideas as "Why do people move?". With all the walking field trips signed I look forward to connecting the first and second graders with the outside community with trips to the library, historical society and town offices. We are also hoping to get some folks from town and moms and dads to come in and talk about what they do and what skills they have needed to get there as an adult after April Vacation.

Third and Fourth Grade ~Ms. Christine Mullen

The 3rd and 4th grade students have just launched their Genius Hour Projects. Genius Hour, also known as Passion Projects, is a chance for children to research and create around a topic that they are interested in. We will be presenting these projects to families at a later date this spring.

In math, students have been hard at work learning various forms of measurement. We are also reviewing multiplication, division, rounding, addition, and subtraction on a daily basis in preparation for MCAS, which begins in May.

We completed our non-fiction reading unit last week and began our unit on Literary Essays. Students have been working on writing well developed paragraphs and essays that use evidence from the story to support their thinking about characters. This is another piece of MCAS preparation as well as good practice in writing about our reading, a skill students need to write across all content areas.

During science we built roller coasters to explore potential and kinetic energy as well as energy transfer. The children had a lot of fun with this project. We also went out and explored height energy in relation to the swings on the playground. This unit on energy is shaping up to be exciting and engaging for all. Next week we will begin exploring electrical energy as well.

Fifth and Sixth Grade ~ Ms. Lynn Hansell

March has brought with it the newness of warm weather and opportunities for outdoor time and open classroom windows. It is also a time of many new units in the 5th and 6th grades.

In social studies, students are currently working on individual google slide presentations on a European country that they have decided to study. They are learning about the physical and political map, climate, history, government, population characteristics, religious make-up, and culture of their countries. They will then work on their presentation skills in preparation for sharing their projects with the class.

In science we have started our unit on properties of matter, density, measurement, and chemical reactions. We will soon be mixing household “chemicals” to make reactions that either give off or absorb heat. That will be a lot of fun!

We are shifting our focus in English Language Arts to writing in response to our reading. Students are writing compare and contrast essays and other literary essays in preparation for our upcoming MCAS tests.

There is a lot going on in math. Some students are extending their prior learning of division to include two-digit divisors working with decimals in division. Other students are working on expressions and equations and analyzing statistical data.

This group of fifth and sixth graders always work hard and have a natural love of learning. They also have a great sense of humor and get along well. There is never a dull moment, and it is always a pleasure to see these kids laugh, learn and grow.

Art Studio News ~ Ms. Hillary Wilbur-Ferro

March in the Art Studio

First and Second grade artists have been upcycling corrugated cardboard to create an abstract assemblage. We looked at the work of London based artist, Marcus Oakley and discussed how some of his work is representational while some of it is non representational or abstract. We painted our assemblages by mixing colors with white to create tints. We then added pattern details with sharpies.

Third and fourth grade just wrapped up their collagraph prints. Students added details atop their prints with oil pastels and mounted them to a border. This week we viewed masks from around the world and discussed their variety of uses. We then began our own upcycled masks using egg cartons.

Grade five and six viewed islamic tiles and a variety of tile designs that when repeated create intricate patterns and new designs. Students designed their own 2” square block that has at least one line of symmetry. We used rulers to make precise lines and shapes. We are carefully using carving tools to carve an eraser like material to create a relief block. These blocks/tiles will be printed in a four by four array to demonstrate repetition and contrast.

Technology ~ Ms. Genni Garanin

Grades 5 and 6 have been introduced to Google Maps. They have even been creating their own maps and trips. We will be working with Google Maps for a few more lessons. Then moving on to Google Sheets.

Grades 3 and 4 will be starting to work with the Spike lego kits. These kits allow for building, coding and investigating science and engineering concepts related to real world issues. We are excited to get building and coding!

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