

NEWS & TIDINGS

WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal

May 2017

MAKE A DATE: YOU ARE INVITED!

MEMORIAL DAY: May 29 No School

ELEMENTARY BAND CONCERT: 7pm June 6, PVRs

FAMILY LUNCH and FIELD DAY: Noon-3 June 8

SIXTH GRADE GRADUATION & ALL SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT

6 PM Wednesday, June 21st



Please join us in the WCS Gymnasium to celebrate our graduates, and enjoy the musical efforts and talents of all our students!

DISTRICT-WIDE SPRING BAND CONCERT 7pm June 6th

WCS musicians will join musicians from Bernardston, Leyden, and Northfield and for the spring concert in the auditorium at PVRs. Musicians are to wear white tops and black bottoms, and arrive at 6:45. This concert is always an impressive display of young talent and hard work. Come early, it's always packed!

CONGRATULATIONS WCS! Our children collected a total of 388 non-perishable food items for the North Quabbin Food Pantry. Our friendly school competition was won again this year by the 4/5 class, who collected 162 items and won the delivery prize. Our thanks to Ms. Mullen for leading our drive again this year, to the parents who helped with transportation, and to all for their generous contributions.



SPIRIT WEEK BEGINS FRIDAY, May 26th! Join the fun!

Friday: Colors Day (K & 1- Red, 2&3 - Orange, 4&5- Yellow, 6 - Blue)

Tuesday: Hat Day

Wednesday: Costume Day (no masks, weapons or accessories, please!)

Thursday: Wacky Hair Day

Friday: Mixed-up Mismatched Shoes/Socks Day



WE REMEMBER OUR PAST and HONOR OUR HEROES.

MAY 27, WARWICK MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Meet at the Church on the Hill at 1:00 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome!

A SPECTACULAR PANCAKE BREAKFAST, BOOKFAIR & CARWASH!



Thank you PTO; we all had a really good time! Full tummies, good friends, exciting new books, and lots of shiny cars in Warwick! And it was even more fun because our wonderful cooks, servers, and helpers all were enjoying themselves too! PTO and WCS want to thank everyone who supported the event. Between the raffle, syrup sales, and breakfast, over \$700. was raised by the PTO to support WCS events, celebrations, special trips and projects!

OUR CLASSROOM BUZZ...

KINDREGARTEN and GRADE 1: This is a busy time of year. We took our first field trip to Stonewall Farm last Friday. We are learning about plants and animals on the farm. In June, Clare Green has generously agreed to a walking trip to her house for a special end of the year activity visiting her fairy houses, exploring pond life, walking her labyrinth and doing storytelling and a picnic. It should be great fun!

Our next units in science and social studies are: landforms and maps, plants, ways to take care of the earth.

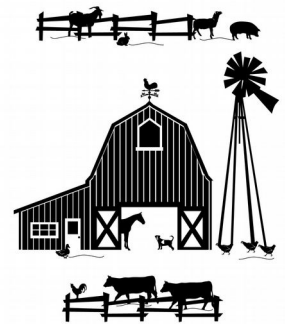
We have several end of year projects in the works. We will be creating our bottle-cap mosaic. Thank you to Dan Dibble for donating and framing a piece of wood to be the base of the project. (wow! It is beautiful!) We have collected many, many bottle caps and will be excited to see how our mosaic turns out. The children have really loved learning about Spain and the architect, Antoni Gaudi, through my sharing my summer trip.

We will also be repairing and redoing the "stained glass" in the circular library window. This week 1st graders have applied their math skills by measured the window and figuring out how many pieces of 29" paper it will take to make our plan for a 59" window.

Ms. Allison White

GRADES 2 and 3 Our class has been working hard on our study of rocks and minerals as well as the integrated units of opinion writing and studying Puritan life from the 1600's. As we move into the final stretch of the year we will start focusing on current times in Massachusetts as we explore local government and commerce. In science we will start to explore plants structures and life cycles.

Both grades have finished up their direct math instruction and lessons for the year! This means that we will be incorporating



math into all parts of our day with different activities and projects that allow the children to practice their math learning in more hands on and real life applications.

As emotions run high with thoughts of summer vacation lingering in the air our class is taking some time to revisit what being a bucket filler looks and sounds like. We are practicing doing and saying kind and caring things for each other throughout our day. We are also talking about empathy as we explore understanding how someone else might feel in certain situations in our Second Step lessons. **Ms. Kristyn Gibbs**

GRADES 4 and 5: We are sprinting to the finish line in 4th and 5th grade! Most of May was spent on MCAS and district tests, but we managed to squeeze in a little fun, too.

We celebrated finishing our informational writing with a publishing party on May 19. The students wrote books about colonial America and the Revolutionary War. They are also creating documentaries about the Revolution using a new slideshow program that includes narration.

We prepared for the 5th grade science MCAS with a science carnival. We completed several science labs, played science trivia games, and practiced open response questions.

Our final Genius Hour project of the year is based on Cain's Arcade. We are working in pairs to create cardboard arcade games that we hope to showcase on Field Day.

For the last stretch of the year we will be wrapping up assessments, creating a 3D geometry city, and settling the West as Pioneers in a Pioneer Simulation. We are also planning a field trip to Sturbridge Village on June 7.

Ms. Christine Mullen



GRADE 6: Our Gaga pit has been completed!

We want to thank everyone who helped us make a wish a reality! This includes The Foundation for Educational Excellence, the WCS PTO, Forest Products Associates, Mr. John Passiglia and his Design and Engineering students at Pioneer, and the parents, family members and Warwick community members who participated in our many fundraising efforts. Mostly, I want to thank this amazing group of 6th graders who were dedicated,

patient, and worked so hard! Come by and see our new addition to the playground!

The students have initiated plans for a craft fair that will take place on the school grounds on Saturday, June 10th from 10:00 - 1:30. This is a fair for homemade crafts. There will be ice cream for purchase from 12:00 - 1:00! The students themselves plan to have tables to sell some of their own homemade products including, jewelry, honey and soap, but they are also seeking other craft vendors from the area. If you or someone you know may be interested in being a vendor, please email the students at wccraftfair@gmail.com. There is a \$10 table/space fee for a 6 ft table. Table rental profits will go to the Monadnock Humane Society. Vendors keep their own profits. Vendor set up is at 9:00. Please stop by and visit the fair on Saturday, June 10th!

Sixth Grade Graduation and the Spring Concert is 6pm Wed, June 21st in the WCS gymnasium. We look forward to seeing everyone there. **Ms. Lynn Hansell**

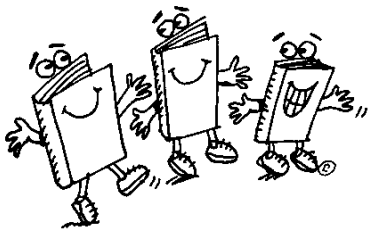


PHYSICAL EDUCATION It has been a wonderful year of Phys Ed at WCS! I enjoy each and every day that I spend teaching your children. Thank you for sharing your kind, considerate, respectful and happy children with all of us at WCS! I hope that you all have a fun and safe summer vacation. See you next year!. **Ms. Sue Scott**

READER'S CORNER: DON'T LET THE BOOKS GET DUSTY!



Summertime is reading time! It's a great time to explore special interests, meet new characters, visit far off places, and enjoy favorite authors! Watch for Summer Reading suggestions coming home! Turn off the TV on summer evenings and share stories instead. Pack a book to the pool. Join the Library's summer program for young readers. Open a book with your child everyday!



LIBRARY LEARNING! Thank you for supporting the World Eye book fair! The funds raised totaled \$150, which will go directly to purchasing new books for the library. Most books I purchase are based on student interests and feedback. Some are purchased for classroom projects such as non-fiction studies and social studies projects. It is important to have current books for these purposes because, although these days much (too much) information can be found online, books still offer an important source of information as well as aiding the research process.

Periodically, I remind students to look after their library books. It can be a source of stress when children have difficulty locating their books or return books damaged. Although students do take responsibility for the care of their books,

some students (especially younger ones) need help: perhaps finding one safe spot to keep their book, and periodic reminders to keep books off the dinner table, and away from pets and younger siblings is very helpful! I offer students the choice to keep their books in the classroom if they find this hard to manage.

Get ready for some summer fun! Free Fun Fridays offers no-cost admission to many of the most treasured venues in Massachusetts: 85 museums & cultural events from June 23th through August 25th. You can go online and find out more here: www.highlandstreet.org/programs/free-fun-fridays. Also, look out for summer reading programs at your local public library. I will be sending home more information on this soon.

Ms. Erika Nygrad, Librarian

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC: Don't miss the District-Wide Elementary Band Concert on June 6th at 7 p.m. in the PVRs Auditorium. It will showcase students from all four elementary school and feature music by Beethoven, George M Cohan, Elton John, and more!

Ms. Lynette Sneadeker



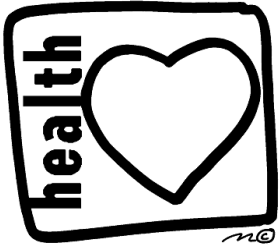
VOCAL MUSIC! It's finally warm and the lilacs are in full bloom.

We have embarked on our end of the year music activities. Each class has chosen the song they will practice and memorize for the graduation and concert. The sixth grade is still making some decisions about the processional and recessional. In addition, 4, 5 and 6 will learn songs from Mexico and South America in the last leg of our musical journey around the world, and will review all the songs they've learned this year. The 2/3 class will learn "America the Beautiful", and a song about the Mexican rainforest called "the Mahogany Tree". The K/1 class will learn several patriotic songs in honor of Memorial Day, as well as songs about animals and their habitats. I look forward to seeing you all on June 21st for the WCS Grade Six Graduation and Spring Concert. **Ms. Kim Wallach**



SPRING FASHION is blooming at WCS! Just a few reminders about our dress code, designed with fun, safety, and respect in mind. Sneakers are always the best choice for footwear. They offer good grip and ankle support and are safe for running games, jump-rope, kickball. Flip-flops, slides and high-heels are not safe on the playground and not allowed in school. Midriffs must be covered.

Spaghetti straps, revealing necklines or "belly" shirts are not allowed. Shirts with inappropriate wording or graphics must stay home. Hats may be worn at recess.



HEALTH NOTES: Tick Tips!

- ❖ Deer ticks (adults and nymphs) may carry Lyme disease, babesiosis and ehrlichiosis. American dog ticks have not been shown to carry these diseases, but they may carry tularemia and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.
- ❖ Wear repellent containing at least 20% DEET or permethrin-treated clothing. Additional repellent options are available.
- ❖ Ticks are found generally found near the ground, in brushy or wooded areas. They can't jump or fly. Instead, they climb tall grasses or shrubs and wait for a potential host to brush against them.
- ❖ They may be active during any month, but late spring to early summer, and fall are seasons of high risk.
- ❖ Be sure to do a tick check every day. Take a shower as soon as you can after working/playing outdoors.
- ❖ Ticks may be seen readily on light colored clothing. Ticks can hide under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the legs, around the waist, and on the hairline and scalp.
- ❖ Remove embedded ticks promptly. Grasp the tick at the point of entry and pull back steadily, using tweezers. Avoid squeezing the body. Then, swab the site with an antiseptic.

Note: Avoid folklore remedies such as "painting" the tick with nail polish or petroleum jelly, or using heat to make the tick detach from the skin.

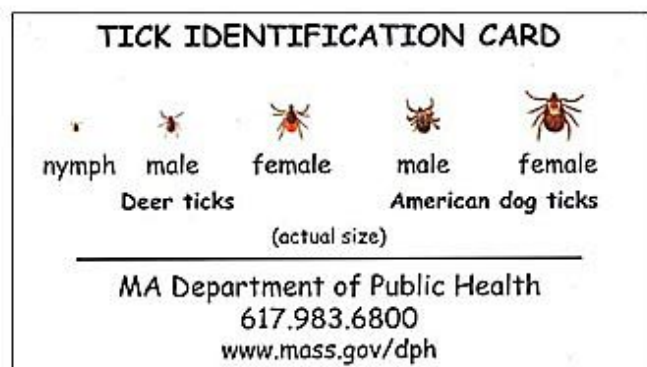
- ❖ See a doctor if you develop a fever, a rash, severe fatigue, facial paralysis, or joint pain within 30 days of being bitten by a tick. Be sure to tell your doctor about your tick bite.

Ms. Suzanne Linden, RN

From the MA Department of Public Health Division of Epidemiology and Immunization-Tick Tips and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

For more information:

www.state.ma.us/dph and
www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/



HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

