

# Warwick Community Newsletter

## A D M I N I S T R A T I V E   D E T A I L S

All articles, ads and correspondence may be emailed to warwicknewsletter01378@gmail.com (or call Beth Gilgun at 544-3464) or dropped off in the black box in front of Town Hall **by the 20th of the month before the article will run.** Please note that we are no longer accepting FULL PAGE inserts at all for commercial ads, and are asking every organization in Town to keep their event flyers to 1/2 page or less. If a full page event flyer is desired, the organization may print the flyer themselves for insertion (call Beth for the number of copies required) if the information cannot be fit to 1/2 page and a waiver is desired. Business card size ads are \$7/month or \$70/year. All material may be edited for length, ink intensiveness, or content and may not be anonymous. Some logs and minutes provided may only be available on the Warwick Website at www.warwickma.org due to space limitations. **ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIBERS WILL GET FULL SELECTBOARD MINUTES. ANOTHER REASON TO SUBSCRIBE ELECTRONICALLY AND HELP US SAVE MONEY!!**

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**Dana and I are very grateful for all the support and kindness we received during my recent Thoracic surgery and subsequent stroke.**

**I hope to be strong enough by the end of October to begin my battle with breast cancer.**

**Again, thank you all for your love and support.**

**Much love,  
Diana Tandy**

**Thank You!**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the class or both sessions. The class is funded by Life Path at no cost to those attending, however a donation can be 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 October 1, 8, 22, 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](http://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



October 11th  
November 15th  
December 13th All at Metcalf Chapel

## Women's Guild

Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at:

Lynrose Farm and Wellness Center  
145 Shepardson Road  
Warwick, MA 01378

If you want to carpool, meet at the town hall about 1:15 PM after the senior lunch. Otherwise, just meet at 145 Shepardson Road, at 1:30 PM. See you then!

## Board of Health

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

October 23

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

**The position of Town Secretary to the Selectboard is open** and we are looking for interested persons to fill it. David Young would be the person to contact for administrative details as this is a paid hourly position.

Duties include:

Attending the Selectboard meeting twice per month to take the minutes

Writing rough drafts for board review

Final Drafts which are filed with the Town Clerk

Assembly of the meeting packets for the upcoming meetings

Attend the Annual Town Meeting and any special town meetings to take minutes

Posting of the Selectboard meeting agenda

Any interested persons can reach David at the Town Hall M - F after 11:00 AM

Phone: 978-544-6315

E Mail: [Towncoordinator@town.warwick.ma.us](mailto:Towncoordinator@town.warwick.ma.us)

## Warwick Cultural Council Seeks Funding Proposals

Warwick residents should consider requesting funds from the local Warwick Cultural Council for events during 2020. The submission deadline is October 15. The online application and supporting information can be found at <https://www.mass-culture.org/>.

These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Warwick-- including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures. Programs can be in the arts, humanities, and science.

The Warwick Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

If you have questions not answered on the cultural council website, contact Susan Wright, chair of the Warwick Cultural Council ([wrightsm175@gmail.com](mailto:wrightsm175@gmail.com)), 413-522-9208.

## Restaurant Review

99 Restaurant and Pub  
299 Tippyany Blvd. (Corner of Rt 2A and Rt 68)  
Gardner, MA 01440  
(978) 958-0399  
99restaurants.com

The 99 is open in Gardner now and I gave it a try the other night. The parking lot is huge and the wait wasn't too bad, only about 10 minutes. I've missed the 99 since it closed in Keene because I go to Keene more than I do Greenfield. But I think Gardner is even better since I am in Gardner once a week for bowling, so could order take-out if I choose.

They had a summer special of baked sea scallops with herbed seasoned bread crumbs and butter, and I selected a baked potato and carrots as my 2 sides. Scallops were excellent, cooked to perfection. The baked potato was nice and fluffy which indicated to me they don't cook way ahead of time. The waitress was very nice and prompt.

My friend had the Ribs which were basted with a sweet apple BBQ sauce, served with a honey-glazed biscuit and 2 sides (she chose French Fries and Broccoli). She had enough to take home for another meal.

The 99 usually has menus for different seasons and a special section for entrees for \$9.99 and those are available all day, any day. I like the restaurants because the food is always fresh and reasonably priced.

Another 99 available in the area, too bad it wasn't in Athol or Orange. Bon Appetite

Gloria Varno

## Library

Autumn greetings!

**"Pilgrims of Woodstock" - October 19th at 5 pm (Town Hall):** This Library-sponsored event honoring the 50th Anniversary of Woodstock features artist and professor John Kane's presentation entitled "Pilgrims of Woodstock: A 50 Year Retrospective." It includes rare 8mm and 16mm video footage, never-before-seen photographs by photojournalist Richard Bellak and new interviews with festival attendees by Kane. The event is co-sponsored by the Wendell and Athol Public Libraries.

Kane's new book *Pilgrims of Woodstock: Never-Before-Seen Photos* was published in August, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the iconic event that fulfilled its promise of "3 days of peace and music." An August 13th piece by CNN notes that "Kane, who was researching the festival for a book, purchased the negatives at an auction of the late photographer's estate." Bellak, who died in 2015, never published them. This free program is open to all.

**For Parents and Educators:** Two new educational resource books have been added to the Library Collection: *The Enchanted Hour: The Miraculous Power of Reading Aloud in the Age of Abstraction*, by Meghan Cox Gurdon; and *Middle School Matters: The 10 Skills Kids Need to Thrive in Middle School and Beyond - How Parents Can Help*, by Phyllis Fogell. Several top fiction CD audio books and a slew of excellent non-fiction books have also been added to the Children's Section, courtesy of educator extraordinaire Brian Snell (and more goodies from Brian to come!).

**11-2-19 is *Blade Runner* Day:** It's a good thing Doc Pruyne noticed that this classic sci-fi film takes place on November 2nd, 2019 (a Saturday). Now, what are we gonna do about it? The 1982 film starring Harrison Ford is loosely based on Philip K. Dick's 1968 novel *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sleep?* and helped bring Dick's work to a wider audience. In *Blade Runner 2049*, released in 2017, Ford reprises his character 30 years on--look for the sequel at the library, where it joins the original.

**Libraries in the News:** "To attract visitors from home and abroad, many libraries have advanced, even quirky amenities. They have rooftop gardens, public parks, verandas, play spaces, teen centers, movie theaters, gaming rooms, art galleries, restaurants and more. The new library in Aarhus, Denmark, has a massive gong that rings whenever a mother in a nearby hospital gives birth." - from "Where Libraries are the Tourist Attractions," *The New York Times*, 8-10-19. The Library's web page has a link to this inspiring article, which includes stunning photographs of new libraries around the world.

**Senator Jo Comerford - Saturday, January 25th, 11am - noon:** State Senator Comerford has organized a tour of all the town libraries in her district (there are 24!) to meet with constituents--you! She'll visit Warwick on January 25th, so drop by.

**Recent additions to the Library Collection** can be viewed on the Library's webpage at [warwickma.org](http://warwickma.org).

Best wishes - Ivan

## Memories of the Past

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8 Athol Road

Warwick, MA 01378

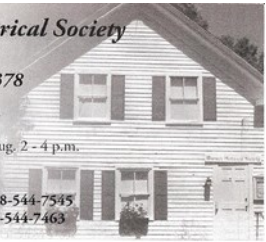
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### Wolf Farm: True Story

There was a magazine that was published for 23 years in Brattleboro, VT called "The Household". The magazine contained interesting stories and articles pertaining to local life. One of these stories was titled "The Wolf Farm" by a Mrs. Annie A. Preston. The story tells the experience of two pioneers who settled in Warwick. It also reveals the financial problems that existed in 1778.

Warwick town minutes reveal that in 1777, 10 pounds were appropriated for road maintenance; the following year the road appropriation was 400 pounds, showing the extent that Continental currency (issued by Congress) had depreciated in value. The same year the depredation on farm animals was so serious that a bounty of 20 pounds was voted for the head of each wolf killed.

"The Wolf Farm" tells of one David Neville who with his wife and six children had moved from New London, Connecticut to Warwick not long after the Declaration of Independence. He arrived in the early spring and hastily threw together a cabin and small barn to house his two cows with a loft to hold his hay for the winter. A few sheep and hens were turned loose to forage for themselves. The wild animals soon killed the sheep and hens. Then one cow sickened and died. He had built a pen or palisade on the end of the barn to house his animals that now he no longer had.

With but little time to cultivate a garden or stock up food for the approaching winter, he had little to feed his family and his remaining cow during the winter months. It was a tough winter for the Neville's who existed mainly on partridges, squirrels, and an occasional wild turkey they were able to kill. Finally, desiring a change in their diet, David decided to try fishing through the ice on the Connecticut River 5 miles to the west.

Building a fire near a hole he had cut in the ice the fish were attracted to the spot and he caught them in quantities. He made the mistake of broiling a fish on the fire, the aroma of which reached a pack of hungry wolves in the area. It didn't take them long to gather and find the source of the savory odor and it didn't take Neville long to vacate the spot. Leaving several fish on the ice for his uninvited guests he started for home with a bag of fish. When the wolves had devoured the fish left for them, they started to follow him.

For four long miles he was forced at times to walk backwards, lighting one flare after another to keep him pursuers off. And when they came too close, he would throw them another fish. A mile from home his wife heard his cries for help. Giving instructions to her oldest son to open the sheep fold and place a ladder from the barn window in the loft to the ground she started in the direction from whence she heard her husband. She took flares with her to supplement her husband's supply. They led the pack of wolves into the pen and leaving the remainder of the fish for the wolves to fight over they climbed the ladder to the loft where the boy had left his father's gun. The boy closed the door of the pen and the father killed 12 wolves, all good for a bounty of \$100 each. With this bounty of \$1200 the Neville's were able to pay off the mortgage, buy stock and supplies, and take their place in the society of Warwick.

Taken from documents in the WHS collection.

## 29th Annual Art Show and Sale, October 11-14th at the Warwick Town Hall

**Hours: Friday October 11: 7-9pm, Saturday, Sunday & Monday: 10am-3pm**

The Warwick Arts Council Art Show and Sale is almost here! Area residents from professional, highly-trained artists to amateur, occasional dabblers, can submit up to three art pieces for display in the Warwick Town Hall during Columbus Day Weekend. The show concept is to encourage all area residents to display their creations. This includes artwork from artists of all ages, hung together in a creative potpourri. Every year there are community members that "come out of the woodwork" to display for the first time. A variety of media are shown including: Paintings, Photographs, Ceramics, Collage, Quilts, Literature, Watercolors, Puppetry, Furniture, Monotypes, Jewelry, Drawings, Fiber Art, Wood Carving, Sculpture....

**"Meet The Artists" Reception:** Friday October 11th at 7pm. *Everybody's welcome to join in looking at the amazing art our friends & neighbors have created. There will be refreshments too!*

**Details: Art arrival times:** Thursday October 10th 5-7pm, Friday October 11th 1-3pm at the Town Hall. We cannot guarantee hanging space for artwork arriving after 3pm Friday. 3 pieces per artist: please make sure all pieces are ready to hang (wire, hooks). Artists that have cards, matted prints or small artworks may submit them in addition to their 3 pieces. All levels of experience accepted. Friends/family may submit for others. **Pick up time:** Monday October 14th - 3pm

**We need help:** Many shows have a submission fee, Warwick's does not, but we ask that all artists and/or their families lend a hand. Tasks:

staffing the town hall (can you sit at the show on Sat., Sun or Monday between 10-3?)

setting up the show (Thurs. 5-7 and Friday 1-5pm)

providing refreshments

breaking down the show Monday October 14th at 3pm.

**Questions? Special arrangements?** Call/email Tom: 413-768-8641 [tomwyattphoto@gmail.com](mailto:tomwyattphoto@gmail.com)

## 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 7:15 am Thursday 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** 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**

OCTOBER 2019

Gordon Ellis here, filling in for a vacationing Dan Dibble. Many of you know me but, by way of introduction, my wife, Diane, & I live on Moore's Pond in a home we've owned since 1981 and lived in since 2012. I am a retired *United Church of Christ* minister, who served large, progressive churches for 38 years in Seekonk, MA; Wallingford & Southington, CT; & Keene, NH. Since retiring, we have been worshipping at Warwick's little church (a huge adjustment for us), where Diane serves as a Deacon & I lead a choir that sings primarily contemporary & progressive Christian music. I also write & sing many original faith-oriented songs to our very affirming & forgiving congregation. It's a wonderful little community of which to be a part.

Like most of you, I have struggled many times in life with dreadful, soul-crushing news of death, trauma, or major illness in myself, my family members or my close friends. And years ago, I had to decide for myself, as we all do, whether there is a God at all, & if so, how that God might be involved. So many say: "everything happens for a reason" or "God never gives us more than we can handle." Their God is a God in charge & responsible! However, I kept asking: "What kind of God zaps a young child with cancer or causes the destruction of a Hurricane Dorian?" If that's the God I serve, I will no longer serve. Instead, I found on the pages of scripture a God whom I can serve -- & joyfully. Reading & re-reading scripture, I came to believe that, in the person of Jesus (found in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John), God offers us a portrait of God's Self. This portrait is not of a cold, hard God who is always in control, but a warm, loving, redeeming God who does not violate our free-will & human choice, but who responds to human need with compassion, healing, & opportunities for growth & new life. My teacher & mentor, William Sloane Coffin, Jr, said it best when his son, Alex, died in a tragic auto accident: "God's heart was the first of all our hearts to break." As Jesus wept with the sisters, Mary & Martha, at the tomb of Lazarus, as well as in Jerusalem because the people had rejected the prophets & refused to learn the way of peace, so God weeps with us. But God's tears & anguish do not render God helpless. When we see Jesus transforming the situation by raising Lazarus, we're seeing a picture of a redeeming God, who goes to work in the midst of pain, sadness, horror, & hurt to provide strength, courage, hope, peace, & new opportunities for growth & renewed life. Now, that's a God I can serve, & moreover, testify to, for I have witnessed & personally experienced that kind of redemption over & over & over during my life & ministry. And keeping this portrait of God in mind sure helps when I have to face the hurts & traumas that I both experience & witness.

Furthermore, keeping this portrait of God in mind helps me ask: "God, are there ways that I can serve You, which will help You accomplish Your work of redemption? Can You somehow make use of my hands, my voice, my heart, my money to respond to this circumstance, to provide relief, to offer healing & hope, & to somehow affect change? And most often, I find that God does use my compassion, faith, skills, talents, &/or dollars to make a difference & contribute to God's loving & redeeming work. And that, too, is a God I can love, worship, & serve -- & do so joyfully.

I hope this article helps as you to endure the inevitable hurts, trials & traumas life deals us.

Rev. Dr. Gordon E. Ellis

## **UP COMING EVENTS**

**ANNUAL APPLE PIE SALE** October is apple pie baking time. This year, we are trying a new approach to our annual pie sale, we will NOT be baking them, we will make them for you to bake at home. Order your pie, pick it up at the Town Hall, take it home and bake it or freeze it for the holidays (instructions provided for baking). Pies are \$10 and Orders may be called in to the Metcalf Chapel office (978) 544-2630 and picked up Wednesday through Friday **OCTOBER 9 – 11.**

CROP Walk, the primary fundraiser for the Church World Service, will be held this year in Sunderland on **SUN, OCTOBER 13**, starting at 2PM. CWS is an ecumenical organization that helps to both build resiliency in poor communities around the world and responds to disasters with immediate and long term aid.

**MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20.** The Mission Committee works with a lot of agencies both near and far, agencies like Church World Service, Doctors Without Borders, Save the Children, Franklin County Community Meals and the Franklin Emergency Shelter. Come to church on the 20<sup>th</sup> to hear more about the work we do through your generous donations.

### **ON-GOING ACTIVITIES AT THE METCALF CHAPEL**

**SACRED STONES** For millennia, stones have been used as a way to commemorate important events, times or places for individuals or communities. Abraham marked encounters with the divine presence, Jacob, on the run from his brother, marked the place where he saw angels going up and down a ladder and said, “Surely God is in this place.”

There is a place in front of the Chapel where we have gathered stones. We welcome people coming to commemorate some sacred event in their lives by either bringing a stone to add to the pile or rearranging the stones that are there as a meditation or dedication. Or if you have a “stone” that is weighing you down, leave it here and be free of its weight.

### **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.*



## Our plan forward with our Elementary School – David Young

There is a Public Hearing scheduled on Monday October 7 at 7 p.m. that I hope you will attend. The Selectboard is submitting a school conversion proposal (a provision of the state's charter school law) to the state. This would provide 5 years of stability for WCS. This will be our first formal hearing on the pre-application. It is a plan that makes no changes in revenue, simplifies, equalizes per pupil district spending, we do most of the work, and the final Memo between our school and the District will have the detailed answers in the final application.

The elephant in the room is the closing of our school which the school committee budget chair and chairman seem to favor. Because of the district's financial failings this school closing option has become a possibility. The district agreement does not provide for closing. Because school committee and District lost a half a million dollars it had to borrow from the state, and they legislated a provision that says the commissioner of education can close the school following a process. I hope you'll consider coming to this hearing and make your voice part of the process so we can be very clear that our community is not in favor of closing our elementary school – that school closing is off the table so far as Warwick is concerned, and that we want to be able to submit our plan to the state.

Despite our well-known efforts the Pioneer School Committee made its third try to vote to close our elementary school last month. I am writing as a neighbor, as an elected School Committee member, and as Town Coordinator to tell you about what your town is doing in response, doing in anticipation, and how you can help.

How do you talk to your kids about all this Warwick school closing conversation? It has got to be tough and you know they are listening. You know your child and can calibrate your communication; but in simple terms do this: Tell them it's not their fault. Tell them you love them. Finally tell them that people in our town are not going to let the school be closed. How you talk to yourself is important too. Stay out of that despairing lane and here is a great reason; it's not lined up with all we are doing as a community to re-design our high performing school for the future.

The ones who want to close us are ignoring data. Our project to keep the school open by embracing forward looking innovation and keeping its high quality has required us to analyze our regional school district, its policies, enrollment, and budget. The questions: what the reasons for Pioneer's budget strains are, are these related to Warwick elementary school, and what are possible solutions are being reviewed? We have been doing this ourselves and we should welcome this by others since Warwick has no interest in closing its school and because it only makes sense to close Warwick school if Warwick's school is causing the district's financial distress and there are no options, or if Warwick's residents want to close its school which they vigorously do not, or if Warwick had a severely underperforming school which it does not—it has a great school with excellent student achievement outcomes.

Our review shows exceptionally high central office cost. The district is in a prolonged period of annual student enrollment decline. The district has a huge retiree health insurance liability since the number of students served has been halved in a dozen years. We are further disadvantaged because the only model the state encourages is regionalization legislation from decades ago.

Our answer is an independent public school within the district. It is called a Horace Mann Charter School and we are pursuing the second type, a conversion of an existing school (HM II). HM II in a nutshell provides a way for us to innovate and be more independent. We looked at many options and chose this one as best. More than 20 residents and friends have been working on this alternative to closing Warwick school. It's a way to convert our school to be more independent, more future oriented, less costly and even more results oriented. After considering many options including a private school, an independent municipal school, and joining another District, we chose this as our best option.

It is not our only path. If they close us, we can change the application to an HMI or HMIII and

partner with another District. Or we can turn the proposal into a Commonwealth Charter and strip-mine all the sending Districts for tuition. Our money problems would be over in this case except for our continued involvement in PV District. Or, the Selectboard could enter into an intermunicipal agreement with Orange Elementary and have them operate a school at the closed WCS. Not where I'd like us to go but it is an option and Orange needs elementary classroom space fast. Our kids could then choice in to WCS operated by Orange elementary without leaving town. We have growing alliance with Commonwealth Virtual School where anything we do with them will be mostly for them found money, as they already have the curriculum in the can. And lastly, we could repurpose our school as a virtual and home school learning center and encourage and support home school and participation of individuals in the Commonwealth Virtual School (CVS).

Even though the School Committee voted two meeting dates to review the Selectboard's proposal they did not hold the meetings. If it becomes necessary to their gaining an understanding, we could put off for their benefit the submission for one year if they'd agree to the following:

- Take closing the school off the table.
- Create and identify a 6-member collaboration team (3 members each—to share information).
- Agree that the budget stays the same and that Warwick can add money to supplement and innovate.
- Agree that Warwick school staff are not prohibited from sharing ideas and information with us as applicant.
- Agree that Warwick can begin curriculum work with Antioch University.

Such a compromise would give the School Committee the time to find their policies and to study several true problems in the District. Warwick parents will have reason not to be so frightened by the School Committee that they are crying at the meetings

We must get the support via a memo of a majority of the educators in the building for a final application. The union's acceptance of a teaching principal at WCS tell us that they are very much part of the solution.

Finally, the 6 Town Planning reconfiguration / redistricting effort planning committee is being formed to look a district reconfiguration / rationalization and we have solid volunteers. And our battle over the superintendent's contract is over. We lost and he has assured me that there is no overhanging bad blood.



## September 2019 Newsletter

Mark Your Calendars!

**PTO Meeting:** Monday, Oct. 7 at 3:15pm

**Columbus Day - No School:** Monday, Oct. 14

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Oct. 18, 24, 25

**Fall Fest:** Thursday, Oct. 31 from 12:30pm-2:30pm

**PTO Pasta Supper:** Saturday, Nov. 2

### Notes from the Principal's Office

Welcome back! We are off to a great start to the new school year! Classrooms are busy creating their Hopes and Dreams and developing classroom rules. Much of our time these first few weeks has been spent getting to know each other and establishing expectations for classroom and school behavior. A Constitutional Convention will be held next week so that student representatives from each classroom can help develop the rules for our school community. We will be showcasing our School Constitution on Sept. 19 at our All School Meeting.

I have also been making my way around the classrooms to share one of my favorite books, The Dot by Peter Reynolds. After reading the story, about a girl who learns how to make her mark on the world and inspires others to do so, students created their own "dots" to decorate our school and showcase their individuality!

**Important Date Change:** October 18th will be a 12:00 dismissal for parent-teacher conferences, not a full day of school.

### New Drop-Off Procedure

Ms. Mullen and Karen Ellis will greet walkers and bussers at the door in the morning at 8:40am. If your child is being dropped off, please stay with them in your vehicle or wait on the benches under the portico until we come out to open the doors. If your child arrives after 8:45am, please have them check in with the office to ensure that they are marked present and their lunch choice is correct

### Classroom Happenings

#### First and Second Grade ~ Ms. Heather Willey

During these first few weeks in the Grade 1/2 Classroom we have been busy laying the foundations for the cooperative learning year ahead. Supplies have flown in with smiles and anticipation. The room has been weathered by brainstorming surrounding kindness and responsibility, wonder and discovery.

Daily greetings at morning meetings prove to have a percussive rhythm, students turning an

“old fashioned” song into something sweet and peppy. Their favorite subject so far? Laughology- an activity otherwise known as the Laughing Handkerchief... On a more serious note, we have started our writing journals, explored Math tools in the classroom as well as the Computer Lab, and have shopped several times around the room for collections of books that are just right for individual reading.

There has been an industrious and eager spirit in the Grade 1/2 Classroom which has been growing alongside the direct observation of part of the Monarch Butterfly’s life cycle. We have watched a handful of caterpillars feed on milkweed, form chrysalises, and emerge (some) as butterflies. Three have been released to join the Fall Migration south. Similarly, the First and Second Grade Artists, Musicians, Scientists, Mathematicians, Writers, Ambassadors (whichever you choose to call them...) are just setting out on their own journeys together!

### **Third and Fourth Grade ~ Ms. Christine Mullen**

The 3rd and 4th grade class has been working hard on creating a classroom where everyone is comfortable stretching their thinking and making mistakes. We are growing our brains and developing a Growth Mindset. We can do anything, be anything, get smarter at anything, as long as we keep practicing and trying. We are banishing the word “Can’t” from our vocabulary and embracing the power of YET!

Through STEM challenges and Math challenges we have been pushing ourselves to the very limits of what our brains can do and we are having a BLAST doing it! Students are working collaboratively and already showing that this will be a fantastic year for projects and partnerships!

We have also been working on building our reading stamina and can read for 18 minutes without interruption. During reading time we have been focusing on choosing Just Right Books and creating the best reading environment to help us focus.

### **Fifth and Sixth Grade ~ Ms. Lynn Hansell**

The beginning of the year is always busy and exciting! We have been establishing our classroom routines, Hopes and Dreams, culture, and rules while completing our initial beginning-of-year assessments. It’s exciting to find that all 5th and 6th graders have either held steady in their reading levels or actually grown since the spring because they engaged in reading over the summer!

Meanwhile, we have been starting up our first units of study. In reading we are studying character change through our interactive read aloud, *Because of Mr. Terrupt* by Rob Buyeau. This is a book that chronicles the events that take place each month through a school year as told from the perspectives of 7 different students.

Our social studies curriculum this year is World Geography and Cultures. We begin with a review of latitude and longitude and then dive into the Five Themes of Geography (location, place, region, interaction, and movement) and how they pertain to Warwick.

The 5th grade math curriculum dives right into fractions and mixed numbers as a continuation of the work the students started in 4th grade. They are now working hard on mastery of comparing, adding, subtracting, fractions and mixed numbers. 6th graders are learning about a handy tool called factor puzzles which will be helpful to them all year long. Right now, they’re using them to solve ratios, rates, and proportions.

Our first science unit of study will be index fossils and evidence of continental drift. I am in the process of planning a field trip for our class to the Beneski Museum of Natural History on the campus of Amherst College where a docent can show us real fossils and other aspects of continental drift.

Of course, this doesn't cover all of the incredibly busy activities that fill our days. Regardless of what we are engaged in, this group of students are friendly, kind, enthusiastic, energetic, bright, funny, and a joy to work with!

### **Art Studio News ~ Ms. Hillary Wilbur-Ferro**

Happy New School Year! I am thrilled to be sharing another year with the staff and students at WCS. Each class began the year with a name project.

**Grades 1 and 2** completed Sequin Names. Students used "just a dot, not a lot" of glue to trace their names and cover with sequins. Super eye catching!

**Grades 3 and 4** focused on patterns. We made Hand Zentangles, practicing the repetition of different lines and shapes to create wonderfully intricate patterned hands. These were painted with watercolors and cut out.

**Grades 5 and 6** created Name Mandalas. Students wrote their name on one-eighth of a square and repeated (by tracing) that name design eight times. These designs were colored with colored pencils and look amazing!

We are now moving on to collaborative art projects.

### **Music ~ Mr. Greg Williams**

We have hit the ground running at the start of this school year. Students are excited to be learning new songs and about musical instruments. We are overjoyed to restore 4th grade band this year, as well as continuing to offer band to grades 5 and 6. We want every student to be able to play an instrument who wants to play. Please contact the school at (978)544-6310 if your child would like to play but your family cannot afford a rental. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm for this program!

### **P.E. ~ Mrs. Sue Scott**

It has been a wonderful start to the school year! WCS students are excited and eager to stay active and participate in the many PE activities that will be coming our way. Our year started out with team building activities. We practiced soccer skills and drills and will now be having a couple of weeks of cooperative activities. Younger students will have station activities that focus on specific sport skills while older students will try out handball and speedball in the coming weeks. Please help your student to remember sneakers on Thursday. Many activities are not safe with flip flops etc. As always it is a joy teaching the children at WCS! I look forward to a fun year ahead.

### **Technology ~ Ms. Genni Garanin**

I am excited to start my second year as the elementary technology teacher! We are starting our year reviewing skills keyboarding and mouse skills from last year. For our younger students we will introduce coding later this year along with basic word processing skills. Our upper grades will continue to build on their coding skills from last year with the Lego robotics kits. We are beginning our year learning more about being good digital citizens. This is important for students to develop 21st century technology skills along with the skills to make smart choices online.

### **Library News ~ Mrs. Erika Nygard**

Hello families! I am excited to have the library back to the vibrant and colorful space it is. It's great seeing the students back after the summer and meeting the new students! Our library classes will be every Monday (or Thursday if there is a Monday holiday). Library time is an opportunity for students to explore their interests, discover the joy of reading a great book, and finding information for their classroom projects.

I remind students to find a spot at home where they can keep their books safe and will remember them for returning to the library the following week. It is also possible for students to leave their books at school in their locker or cubby. Some students may need a little help to establish a plan, especially younger students. If you think a library book may have been lost, is damaged significantly, or for some reason needs repaired or replaced, or if you have any questions please contact me [nygarde@pvrsdk12.org](mailto:nygarde@pvrsdk12.org).

### **Health Update ~ Mrs. Suzanne Linden**

As we head into autumn we also head into the cold and flu season. Here are some tips for everyday preventive actions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Stay home when you are sick and for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading your illness to others.

Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Use a tissue or cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands. Throw the tissue away after use and wash your hands.

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.

Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects that may be contaminated with germs.

The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses.

Practice other good health habits: get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

Children, 6-12 years old, should get 9-12 hours of sleep per night

Increase physical activity and active play – get at least 1 hour of physical activity per day

Switch from sugary drinks to water

Eat fruits and veggies – replace sugary, salty, fried, and fast food with fruits and vegetables

Let's keep healthy and enjoy this beautiful autumn season!

## **PTO News**

Happy 2019/20 School Year. Another wonderful school year at WCS is unfolding. Thank you all for your support in our successful Shoe Drive, with all your collective efforts we were able to raise over \$1000! That money goes directly back into our school. Our next fundraiser is our Annual PTO Pasta Supper which will be held on November 2, 2019. Ticket sales information will be going home with children soon. Please bring your family, friends and appetite for what is sure to be a great evening. PTO is always looking for volunteers to help with events, even if you cannot attend the monthly meetings. Be on the look-out for ways you can help. PTO meets, typically, the first Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct.7 at 3:15pm.

## **Garden Club**

Garden Club will begin next Friday, September 20! There is a lot of weeding and harvesting that needs to be done before winter sets in. Tracey Kirley is happy to continue running this club for students but is looking for two parent volunteers to help her supervise and run the club. Garden Club typically meets from 1:45-3:00pm on Friday afternoons. The September Fridays will be the 20th and 27th. Please contact Myndi Elwood, PTO president, at [boobalocha@aol.com](mailto:boobalocha@aol.com) if you are interested in helping.



## **Roast Pork Dinner**

St. Patrick's Parish, 80 Main Street, Northfield, MA will be holding a roast pork dinner with vegetables, salad and homemade desserts on Saturday, October 19 at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$12/adults - \$6/kids under 12  
To make reservations please call 413-498-2728.



*Warwick Church and WCS PTO present*

## **Warwick's Annual HOLIDAY FAIR**

*Sat. November 30<sup>th</sup> 10am - 3pm*

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*Theme Baskets, Handmade Crafts, Gifts, Coffee/Muffins  
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*Proceeds benefit the Church and PTO*

*Vendor? Contact Andrea at [andrea@woods4.com](mailto:andrea@woods4.com) for more info  
Or call Metcalf Chapel at 544-2630*

### **Annual Apple Pie Sale**

October is apple pie baking time. This year, we are trying a new approach to our annual pie sale, we will NOT be baking them, we will make them for you to bake at home. Order your pie, pick it up at the Town Hall, take it home and bake it or freeze it for the holidays (instructions provided for baking). Pies are \$10 and Orders may be called in to the Metcalf Chapel office (978) 544-2630 and picked up Wednesday through Friday October 9 – 11.





The Warwick Arts Council Presents:

# The 29th Annual Art Show and Sale

**Saturday October 12 - Monday October 14, 2018**



**10 am - 3pm**

**Warwick Town Hall**

*Come see : Paintings, Photographs, Ceramics, Collage, Quilts, Watercolors, Puppetry, Furniture, Monotypes, Jewelry, Drawings, Fiber Art, Wood Carving, Sculpture, and more from area artists!*

**“Meet The Artists” Reception Friday October 11 at 7pm**

*This is your chance to talk to the artists, understand their methods, and hear their stories. Refreshments will be served!*

**Artists** : The Arts Council is looking for greater Warwick artists to submit up to 3 pieces. We accept art for artists of all age & experience levels . If you know a friend or family member who has work that you think others would like to see, please encourage them to submit. Work that shows memorable times in one's life or a unique process are especially welcome.

**Details** : The Annual Art Show has truly become a community event, with volunteers doing it all! There is no admission fee but **we need help** with setting up the show, staffing the town hall, providing refreshments, as well as at breakdown . **Set up/Art Arrival Times** are: Thurs. Oct.10th 5-7pm and Friday Oct. 11th 1-3pm. We cannot guarantee hanging space for artwork that arrives after 3pm on Friday! Please make sure all the pieces are ready to hang (wire, hooks, etc). Questions or special arrangements please call: Tom – 413-768-8641 or email [tom@tomwyattphoto.com](mailto:tom@tomwyattphoto.com)

**Breakdown Time:** Monday at 3pm

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