

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 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 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.



Board of Health

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

December 18

January 22

February 19

March 18

The BOH clerk is available in the office from 1-4 pm on the Mondays of the weeks of the Wednesday meetings.

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 COA Foot Clinic Dates

December 13th

At the Metcalf Chapel at 8 a.m.



Women's Guild

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!

January 7, 2020 1:15 PM will be our regular monthly meeting followed by a presentation from Nancy Kilhart about her Canadian trip and maybe her Mississippi River Cruise.

Wooden Fender Concert Series – Coming Attractions 2020

Hello Everyone! Three seasons have nearly come and gone since we last danced together at a Wooden Fender music event, but have no fear! Another fabulous WF concert series has been lined up for your listening and dancing pleasure. Please save the dates for these three great shows coming in 2020:

January 11th – The Gaslight Tinkers

February 15th – Wooden Fender's Annual Blues Night with The Barrett Anderson Band

March 21st – The Green Sisters

A band for the April event has yet to be determined. Stay tuned for the January Newsletter and we'll fill you in with more details about these great shows. We look forward to dancing with you soon!

Restaurant Review

The Taste Thai Cuisine
25 North Main Street
Amherst, MA
413-256-5421

A pleasant surprise when we were looking for a Thai restaurant near the movie theater in Hadley. This place popped up on the GPS as having 4 stars. So off we headed. Parked in the lot behind and walked thru the narrowest alley I have seen and we were at the front door.

A pleasant hostess seated us in a cozy little room. The place is very small but quite a large menu. We were there for lunch so had the luncheon menu. It included a choice of appetizer, a salad and an entrée, with a choice of rice. All for under \$10 (ranged \$7 to \$10 depending on the entrée). I opted for a shrimp appetizer which was 2 small Siam rolls. The salad was a small green salad with peanut sauce (very tasty) and the entrée was beef and broccoli which also included carrots served in a bowl with rice on the side. Not large servings but plenty for lunch and all very good.

I would like to try it for dinner sometime and see what their desserts are like too. But we all liked it and I'm sure we will be making that our favorite Thai place after movies. Bon Appetite e Hadley Cinemas, stop in for lunch or dinner. I think you will be pleasantly surprised. Bon Appetite.

Your Restaurant Reviewer,
Gloria

HUNTER'S SUPPER

(not just for Hunters!!)

Friday, December 6, 2019

Warwick Town Hall

5-6:30pm

Menu:

Braised Beef

Mashed Potatoes Squash

Homemade Pies

Tickets: \$12/adults, \$6/ kids 12 & under,

Kids under 3 FREE

Proceeds benefit Trinitarian Congregational Church of Warwick

The Warwick Historical Society will meet at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 18 in the basement of the Town Hall for our Annual Holiday Party. If you would like to participate in the Yankee Gift Swap, please bring a wrapped gift valued at around \$5.00, and let the fun begin! All welcome to join in the festivities.

Library

2020 Public Libraries of Western Massachusetts Calendar available: The Warwick Free Public Library has been included in a new 2020 calendar featuring color photos of a dozen attractive public libraries in western MA taken by Priscilla White-Tocker, a former librarian and current Shelburne Falls resident. All the libraries selected are in buildings over 100 years old. The calendar sells for \$16, with \$4 going to the Library. Don't wait till the last minute —you can reserve one by letting me know.

Thursday, Dec. 12th @ 7 pm - book reading by Eveline MacDougall: MacDougall, founder and director of the Greenfield-based Fiery Hope (formerly Amandla) Chorus, has just published *Fiery Hope: Building Community with the Amandla Chorus* (Haley's Publishing), which recounts how Amandla evolved from its first informal session in 1988 to bring songs of human rights, justice and peace to venues large and small for over three decades. She will share stories about how freedom songs helped forge connections with people in prisons, homeless shelters, elder communities, and other places—often with surprising outcomes—and led to collaborations with leading figures of our time, such as Nelson Mandela, Pete Seeger and, more recently, Malala Yousafzai. Expect an inspiring song or two! Light refreshments will be served.

First library in America: from the Nov. 8th Writer's Almanac: On this day in 1731, a group of young men in Philadelphia pooled their money to set up the first library in America. The idea for a library came about when Benjamin Franklin started a club with about 50 friends so they could debate about politics, morality, and the natural sciences. The group was called the Club of Mutual Improvement. When they disagreed about a topic, they liked to consult books. But books were expensive in those days, so they combined their resources to found a subscription library. They called it the Philadelphia Library Company. The rule was that any "civil gentleman" could browse through the volumes, but only subscribers were allowed to borrow them. The library expanded over the years. Later it moved to Carpenter's Hall, the building where the First Continental Congress met in 1774. Franklin said that after the library opened, "reading became fashionable, and our people, having no public amusements to divert their attention from study, became better acquainted with books."

"Something for everyone": Check out the fascinating article on "The Complicated Role of the Modern Public Library" in the current (November) issue of *Humanities* magazine. A link to the article can be found on the library webpage under "Libraries in the News."

Authors speak - Library of Congress videos from the 2019 National Book Festival: The Library's webpage has added a link to dozens of presentations by authors of adult and teen books, including such favorites as Richard Powers discussing *The Overstory* and Barbara Kingsolver discussing *Unsheltered*. You'll find it under "Library News and Resources."

Visit the Library webpage for recent additions to the Collection.

Hope to see you soon!

Ivan

Who or What is Responsible for the CO₂ in our Atmosphere?

Last Green Corner article recap

CO₂ in our atmosphere has increased by more than 45% since the start of the Industrial Revolution, the highest it has been for millions of years. The increase has been attributed to human activity, particularly deforestation and the burning of fossil fuels. 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, changing the oceanic pH balance.

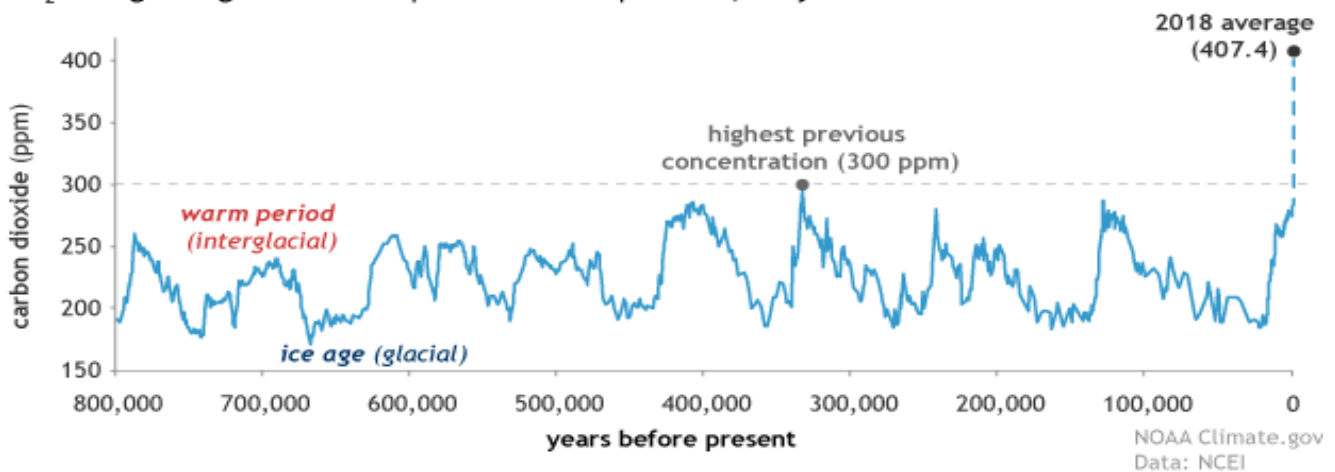
Where is the CO₂ coming from?

There are both natural and human sources of carbon dioxide emissions. Natural sources include decomposition, ocean release and respiration. Human sources come from activities like cement production, deforestation as well as the burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas.

Due to human activities, the atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide has been rising extensively since the Industrial Revolution and has now reached dangerous levels not seen in the last 3 million years. Human sources of carbon dioxide emissions are much smaller than natural emissions but they have upset the natural balance that existed for many thousands of years before the influence of humans.

This is because natural sinks remove around the same quantity of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere that are produced by natural sources. This had kept carbon dioxide levels balanced and in a safe range. But human sources of emissions have upset the natural balance by adding extra carbon dioxide to the atmosphere without removing any.¹

CO₂ during ice ages and warm periods for the past 800,000 years



What can one do about this problem?

There are many actions you can take to **lower** your CO₂ “footprint” and **save** money. Massachusetts has a program called Mass Save which can help you. Go to <https://www.masssave.com/> where you can view all their programs. A good place to start would be a No-Cost Home Energy Assessment. About a quarter of the way down on the site click on “**Home 1-4 Family Properties**”. Scroll down another quarter of a page and under “**No-Cost Online Home Energy Assessment**” click “**Your Online Assessment**”. You can explore the site further at any time. On the main page click on “Rebates and Incentives” to view more programs such as but not limited to “Electric Heating and Cooling”, “Electric Heat Pump Water Heaters”, “Insulation”, “Renovations and Additions” and “Smart & Programmable thermostats”. If you prefer you can call Mass Save at [1-866-527-SAVE \(7283\)](tel:1-866-527-SAVE). A Warwick resident who has gone through the program shared with me the following. “Ideal Home Improvement air sealed and insulated the attic, \$3,600. worth of work for \$600. Low income people would pay less. The result was a 1/3 reduction in air infiltration in the whole house. We effectively closed a wide open window into the attic”.

¹ whatsyourimpact.org

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
of WARWICK

DECEMBER 2019

Dear Friends,

*“I will change your name; You shall no longer be called;
Wounded, outcast, lonely or afraid.
I will change your name; your new name shall be;
Confidence, joyfulness, overcoming one.” from a hymn by D J Butler*

Tom Ziniti (God bless him) is our ONA coordinator. ONA is a designation describing Open and Affirming congregations in the UCC. This is commonly thought of as being open and welcoming to LGBTQ individuals, and it is that, but much more. Tom has put together a brochure that begins with;

*“Open and Affirming is a designation for member congregations of the United Church of Christ that have adopted a public covenant that welcomes **a diversity of people**. Churches become ONA to send a clear message that God’s welcome is for **all people** and that our church is a safe and welcoming place for **everybody**... We covenant to welcome and support all people, including but not limited to those of every race, ethnicity, ability or disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, political opinion, and marital, economic and immigration status.” (emphasis is mine)*

In keeping with this wide definition, Tom brings to us an awareness of special designations of days and months, such as Feb: Black History month, Mar: Women’s History Month, Apr 2nd: World Autism Day.

November is designated as Native American Heritage Month. November, when we traditionally celebrate Thanksgiving as a time of Pilgrims celebrating a successful harvest after living through a difficult ocean passage and a year of uncertainty in a new land, made possible to a great extent with the help of the indigenous people of the area.

As I was preparing for the ecumenical Thanksgiving service, with Native American Heritage Month in mind, I came across some resources that reminded me that what people are called is often an arbitrary and sometimes demeaning name that gets repeated and “sticks” long after the truth is revealed. I, and I am willing to bet most of us, have heard of the Iroquois Confederacy; a confederation of five indigenous tribes in what is now upstate New York. What I found out was that the name Iroquois is a misunderstanding, by Samuel Champlain, of an Algonquin insult. The name the people called themselves was, and is, Haudenosaunee (Hoe-dee-no-SHOW-nee), but the Algonquin, no friends of the Haudenosaunee, called them “snakes”. Champlain mis-heard the Algonquin word as “Iroquois” and that name has stayed with them since. No big deal, right? Unless you know the insult intended.

We live in a time of overt and covert insults. Our political discourse is full of words and phrases that demean and denigrate the “other”; Conservatives are racists, liberals are Socialists, Millennials are unmotivated slackers, Boomers are out of touch and irrelevant, Asian, African and Latin American immigrants are rapists, drug dealers and “illegals”. Some people are racists, some are Socialists, some deal in drugs, some are rapists, but no person is “illegal”, certainly not in the eyes of God.

We will soon be caught up in the frenzy of holiday shopping and parties that is collectively called the “Christmas Season”. The name derives from Jesus, called the Christ. But how much of the activity remotely resembles the worldview of the one called the Christ? Jesus was born a bastard, to a young, unwed mother. His family had to flee to Egypt to avoid religious and political oppression, immigrants. But now, billions of people world-wide regard that immigrant, bastard child the “Savior”. What a Christmas gift it would be to change the slurs and names they are called in fear and hatred to names of love and compassion – in the true Christmas Spirit.

In hopeful faith, *Dan*

CHANGE IN TIME OF WORSHIP

STARTING DEC 1 10 AM

ADVENT CHRISTMAS EVENTS SCHEDULE

In the church calendar, Advent is the four week season of preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

The theme for Advent this year will be "On the Journey". We will be carrying this theme through the 4 Sunday worships and the 3 Wednesday Discussion Groups. On **Sun, Dec 1**, Rev Dr Gordon Ellis will be sharing thoughts and slides from the "Holy Land" during our regular **10 AM** worship.

ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUP Wednesdays Dec 4, 11 & 18 @ 6:30 PM

Beginning on Wed, Dec 4, our discussion group will meet and begin a journey through time from early creation stories to the birth of Christ.

FRIDAY, DEC 6 HUNTERS' SUPPER

This is always a great time to gather in the warmth of the Town Hall dining room with friends and family and share a good, hot braised beef supper. Good food, good company good fun.

ADVENT WORKSHOP, SUN, DEC 8 5:00 – 8PM @ METCALF CHAPEL

We will begin the evening by sharing a light supper of soup and bread and fellowship downstairs in the Chapel. After that, while tables are being cleared and made ready for craft stations, Rev Ellis will present a ½ hour DVD titled, "The Manger Is Empty", featuring storyteller and author Walter Wangerin and musician Ken Medema. Then we will start making wreaths, decorations and "Gingerbread" houses made with graham crackers, "royal frosting" and all sorts of candies. Come one, come all to this FREE, family-friendly evening of crafts and fun at the **METCALF CHAPEL**

SUNDAY, DEC 22

COMMUNITY CAROLING (in the daylight) 2 PM

AFTER CAROLING OPEN HOUSE @ METCALF CHAPEL 4 PM

Warm up after singing out in the cold, or come from wherever, for hot drinks and tasty treats. We might be inspired to do a little more singing in the warmth of the Chapel.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TUESDAY, DEC 24

FAMILY SERVICE 5 PM

There will be plenty of music & stories for the young (at heart)

Coordinator for December Newsletter

The Selectboard extends its thanks to residents and the public for their patience, understanding, and perseverance in enduring our most recent heavy weather events. In addition to having days without power, we had no internet to share our misery with one another and the world. Thanks go to our Fire, Emergency Management, Highway and Police Departments. In the main outage, according to our utility, only one residence in town did not lose grid power. Some folks were not impressed by the numbers of trucks standing and waiting at sites around town. They were line crews waiting their turn to follow tree crews working in front of them on the limbs and downed trees. Or tree crews waiting for line crews to shut off the power. What you saw was not in fact disorder. It was part of the preparations. Thanks to the line, tree, fiber splicing, and phone line crews. And thanks to our highway department.

Last month I reported that Selectboard had written the Commissioner of Education and requested a meeting to review our school redesign plan including the agency's regulations which we find tend to exclude tiny and rural forward-looking solutions. That meeting is set for March and will occur after the Pioneer budget is set. Our community group meanwhile continues to work on the final public charter school application. If in the end Pioneer does not want it, we can shop it to another school system. That work is beginning, and while I wasn't part of it, I know at least one meeting with another District has occurred.

An element of our way forward with elementary education involves the proposal that the Town assume some of the building's operating costs. The Superintendent has indicated that we could stay open if we can equalize our costs, make them in line with the other elementary schools. Our redesign proposal did just that. In either case we envision ramping up our taking on some occupancy costs to address the now \$85k cost for energy and janitorial as a town cost. This is proposed in recognition that we do cost more; and that since we own the building in the last resort the building's costs would be ours anyway. The effect of our energy work will be to reduce these costs. Not everything between the Pioneer District and Warwick is frosty. As part of our planning for our next energy use reducing Green Communities grant application, the Selectboard intends to include some additional work at the regional school to reduce costs and energy consumption. There are some very appealing measures available with short paybacks.

It occurs to some of us that Warwick should negotiate its future elementary existence. This would happen in the context of a proposed changed District Agreement. We have a few bottom lines. Chief is that our elementary aged children will be educated in town unless the parent prefers an alternate education. A companion is that other towns don't get the right to close our school. And it bears saying that our "choice in" parents and kids are fully part of our community and our future considers and includes them.

As we dig out of our weather damage, I note that some of our internet customers are patient to a fault. Use the 413.676.9544 number to mobilize us. Try not to wait until Friday afternoon. I don't recommend a FB message to me, or even a call to my personal cell to be as helpful to your cause as a call to the WBS voicemail. That VM system mobilizes the team and not only me. If you don't want to engage that voice mail, you can, from a cell phone, text us too.

You may have read that the town needs to find a new accountant or accounting firm. There is no surplus of town accountants and treasurers and highway supervisors for that matter. We might hire another contractor and we are as well looking at collectively hiring and sharing an employee with Rowe and Heath. We need one more town to join us to make a fulltime job. FRCOG is assisting. We are also talking with employees of the current firm and I'd ask if you know a qualified person who might be interested that you refer them to me.

A ban has been proposed by our legislators on cutting trees on state DCR lands. It has been followed by a funeral for the trees cut in Wendell State Forest. It proports to be an anti-climate change measure. The Selectboard opposes the ban and I will write about this subject next month. Also, for next month I'll describe upgrades planned for WCS including generator work to make it more reliable, a video doorbell, better phones, and ultimately smart building controls. I also plan to write about the Town's net meter credits and our ongoing solar royalty income, and about our upcoming climate resiliency planning.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

Therapeutic Meditation Class 2020

Tracey Dawn Alden - Energy Therapist, will again be offering a Therapeutic Meditation Class Tuesday evenings January 7th thru March 10th from 6:30 - 8 pm at the Metcalf Chapel.

This 10 week class will be guided using Reiki and Solfeggio Sound Therapies in a group setting. We will also explore other healing and meditation modalities throughout the winter months. Including but not limited to aromatherapy, visualization, toning/chanting, crystals, plants, journeying, partners and more.

This is a great way to contribute to your individual wellness goals as well as gathering within the community to create universal peace and well being.

Tracey has been practicing meditation for approximately 10 years and uses it daily in her life and with clients in her practice.

Her scientific and teaching background lend an interesting "energy based" perspective to her work; guiding others to a more complete understanding of themselves in Body, Mind, and Spirit.

Pre-registration is required as space is limited.

Please email Tracey Dawn at torustraditionals@gmail.com to reserve your space by January 3rd.

Class is sponsored by your weekly donation (\$10 suggested) or you may pay all in advance as well.

Many blessings for the New Year



November 2019 Newsletter

Mark Your Calendars!

PTO Meeting: Monday, Dec. 2 at 3:15pm

Notes from the Principal's Office

Fall weather is upon us and with it, the chill of late November. Please make sure that your child is coming to school ready for outside play, even in the cold winter months. We have been reminding students that they need an extra layer to head outside and that shorts are no longer allowed for recess. In addition, as snow begins to cover the playing field, please remind students to have ALL FIVE THINGS (jacket, snow pants, gloves, boots, and a hat) to play in the snow. Extra snow pants and boots can be left at school in children's lockers and cubbies. It is also a good time of the year to send in extra socks and pants in case the children get wet while playing. We want everyone to enjoy recess and dressing appropriately for the weather helps ensure that is happening.

First and Second Grade ~ Ms. Heather Willey

It is just about time to fill up the bird feeders outside the windows of first and second grade here at WCS. There has been both bear and snowflake sightings on the way into school! We have been making many connections to our classroom "saying" of the month (not sure it's a quote exactly this time folks...) *Give Thanks*. It is a perfect time of year for us to be looking at necessities in our Social Studies unit- past and present, near and far... How would it feel to be a bear scurrying across the road in November? How do we survive the elements here in Warwick? What is most important? As social beings, how do we work together in our environment and stay connected?

Grades 1 and 2 will be hosted All School Meeting in November and shared our collaboratively crafted story *How the Goose Thanked the Farmer*. We have been learning how to spiffy up our stories with wonderful words and by writing together in both small groups and as a whole class in preparation of publishing our individual stories that the students have been busily brainstorming ideas for. We have also been working hard not only reading, but also reading with plot, setting and character development in mind. We kept these elements in mind when we each took a turn narrating and illustrating a page for our class story. We have also been working on a new song, "Black Bear Mama" (started before the sighting...!) and we have been talking about how it can be helpful and fun to also look at storylines and character development through song.

In 1/2 Science, we have put away the seeds we collected for spring and marked the ground where we recently planted Milkweed with intentions of seeing some growth in the spring. We are hoping to feed and support the Monarch butterflies when they migrate back north next year. We are moving from directly looking at plant and animal life cycles for the moment to learning about properties and phases of matter. The temperatures may be dropping but we are thankful for the opportunities this change gives us to now directly study why sometimes steam and fog mark our mornings, how water changes to ice, why snow falls, and why and when that ice will melt!...? Any guesses?

Third and Fourth Grade ~Ms. Christine Mullen

The students in 3rd and 4th grade have been working hard on their multiplication skills this past month. The third graders are just beginning to explore the concept of multiplication and are beginning to memorize their multiplication facts. The fourth graders are expanding their knowledge of multiplication and are challenging themselves to multiply double and triple digit numbers!

During reading, our class is focusing on the skills and strategies of fiction reading. We are working in partnerships to read various books and explore characters, setting, and plot. The classroom read-aloud has provided us with lots of opportunities to explore these concepts as a group.

We are wrapping up our final mapping activity in social studies this week and have enjoyed learning a little about the location of various mountains, rivers, lakes, and swamps in the United States. This activity will provide us with a solid knowledge base for beginning our studies of the Regions of the USA.

In writing, students enjoyed sharing spooky stories that they produced using a tool in Google called voice typing. It helped our budding writers develop their story teller's voice and their editing and revising skills. We shared these stories by the glow of flashlights, campfire style last week. It was an exciting and engaging project.

Our upcoming science unit will focus on sound and how it travels. This unit has a lot of hands-on activities and experiments. I can't wait to see what our little scientists think of it!

Fifth and Sixth Grade ~ Ms. Lynn Hansell

We have begun exploring elements of culture as part of our World Geography curriculum for the year. Culture is everything that people make, build, think, believe and do. All of us around the world and right here in Warwick come from backgrounds of different cultures.

As part of this unit, students will embark on a project in which they will explore their own backgrounds and cultures. We will be looking into our own families for customs and traditions, languages, the type of communities in which we live, types of housing in which we live, the role of the arts and religion, our family and social structure, etc. We will identify what makes us each unique and also find the commonalities among us. Students will make posters of their Family Culture Webs with artwork, knick-knacks and writing.

In December, we will study and find similarities among five of the world's major religions including Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam and Christianity. Students will make treasure chests for each religion which represent the common elements in all religions such as religious leaders, houses of worship, texts, customs and traditions, etc.

We will share our webs, writing and treasure chests with a culminating Family Culture Party before we leave for the Holiday Recess at the end of December. Stay tuned for the date and time. This is a bi-annual event in the 5th and 6th grades and one that we look forward to every year that we study World Geography and Cultures!

November Art Studio News ~ Ms. Hillary Wilbur-Ferro

Following our autumnal inspiration in the art studio, we moved on to some drawing lessons. Grades 3-6 have been exploring tricks that artists use to make their paintings and drawings look three dimensional. We have been practicing drawing three dimensional objects using linear perspective, specifically one-point perspective, using a vanishing point. We are practicing using a ruler and drawing straight lines that reach to the vanishing point. We are also making sure many of our lines that need to be parallel are parallel.

Fifth and Sixth graders are drawing building facades in the round. Working on a circle, students are drawing inventive buildings that appear 3D as they get smaller toward the top. This work requires patience and careful drawing. Students are doing great!

Third and Fourth graders are working on similar skills to design and draw a dream bedroom using a vanishing point.

First and Second graders have been practicing cutting circles and cutting lines in colorful construction paper.

I am so thankful to teach in such a wonderful community and share my love of art and art making with your creative children!

P.E. ~ Mrs. Sue Scott

Brrrrr.....It sure does feel as if WINTER has arrived! Students have been busy preparing for the Turkey Trot this past month. I am always so impressed with the drive and dedication our students have during the four weeks of training!

Technology ~ Ms. Genni Garanin

All students have been working on keyboarding and word processing skills.

Grade 3 and 4 are creating "Mystery Item" slideshows. Students are describing items using their 5 senses and giving clues with word art and pictures for other students to try and guess.

Grades 1 and 2 are working on Google Docs learning to cut and paste and how to insert pictures. We are also playing Prodigy, a math game that builds on students' individual skills.

Grades 5 and 6 are continuing their learning about understand copyright. Students will be creating a poster to show their understanding of concepts such as copyright infringement and plagiarism.

Music ~ Mr. Greg Williams

It has been a pleasure getting to know the students during our music making activities. We have been building a shared repertoire of music that we will later use to explore elements of music. Many of our song activities include games or movements, which I have seen many students singing and playing at recess. The lyrics of many songs have been interesting to discuss as a class, as students share what they believe might be happening or what they think the song is about.

Below are a few songs you might ask your student to share with you or to tell you about.

Grades 1/2: Bow Wow Wow, Lucy Locket, Charlie Over the Ocean, and See Saw

Grades 3/4: Oboshiotentoten, Telephone Song, Ye Toop Doram, and Left Left Right Right

Grades 5/6: Aquaqua Dela Omar, Great Big House in New Orleans, Four White Horses, and C-O-F-F-E-E

Library News ~ Mrs. Erika Nygard

There is a little bit of a fresher feel in the library as I have been weeding out some of the older books. It can be a hard task but taking away books that collect dust on the shelves or have old information is important. It means visitors can more easily find what they are looking for. It also removes books which have outdated information.

I welcome donations of books though. In particular if they are popular and in good condition. If you are looking for a place to donate books but they would not be a good fit for the WCS library you might consider taking them to Roundabout Books in Greenfield.

The library has a new website! It is in its early days. You can access it from the WCS website. If there are any problems with it let me know so I can fix it! Thanks, Erika :)

Health Update ~ Mrs. Suzanne Linden

Here are just a few notes from the Health Office:

~We are off to a good start with the Fluoride Mouthrinse Program and health screenings.

~For those students who will be participating in the School Dental Services Program, the hygienist will be here on Friday, December 13th.

~Please remember to send warm winter clothing (winter coat, hat, snow pants, boots, and gloves/mittens) with your child for outdoor recess as the cold windy weather has arrived! Please let me know if your child needs any of these items.

~If your child will be absent or tardy, please call the school before 9:00 AM.

Wishing you a happy and healthy December!

PTO News ~ The Pasta Supper was a success! Thank you for joining us for a meal, raffles and community. Together we raised over \$800 that goes directly to our school!

Make a Difference... Join the Foundation for Educational Excellence!

The Foundation for Educational Excellence (FEE), which began in 1991 when members of the Pioneer Valley Regional School (PVRs) Committee met with faculty and administration members to discuss how to restore educational enrichment programs that had been cut from the school curriculum due to budget constraints, is seeking people who are interested in supporting programs and projects that enhance the educational experience of students in the PVRs School District. Parents, teachers, administrators, students, business owners, and community members are encouraged to join the Board of Directors of this vital community non-profit entity. Board members do not need to be parents or from the four district towns, they just need to have an interest in supporting opportunities that augment the education of PVRs District students.

FEE offers educators the opportunity to receive grants that support engaging programs, projects, and classroom improvements that would otherwise not be possible. FEE's mission "is to promote educational enrichment, foster community awareness, and encourage individual and corporate involvement in the educational life of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District. The Foundation identifies appropriate educational programs and activities in the arts, the humanities, and the sciences, and seeks to support them and their implementation." FEE funds grants that support cultural enrichment, scientific exploration and study, artistic expression, how to be a strong and active member of the community, and more. In order to do this good work, the Board of Directors always needs people who are interested in volunteering to serve. **What does that involve?** FEE meets once per month. There's fundraising, grant reviewing, and other activities that support FEE's mission. It's not a huge time commitment, but it is a valuable one, and the more board members there are, the easier it is for the group to get its tasks done.

If you are interested in joining the FEE Board of Directors, or if you have questions about how you might be able to assist FEE in its mission, please contact foundedex@gmail.com. **We would welcome your support!**

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1st Floor: Kitchen; dining room; living room; half bath : 2nd Floor: Master bedroom; Full bath; 2nd bedroom; 3rd bedroom/office (no closet); Basement: Full basement; dirt & concrete. Wonderful antique home rich in town history. Many updates starting in 2007 were plumbing & electric. Remodeled Kitchen & 1st flr BA in 2000; New Buderus boiler in 2006; New well 2010; septic 2000; new roof 2006. House & barn painted in 2010; de-lead work done 2010 w/more cosmetics needed. Charming LR including FP & a pellet stove w/views from every window, including land on both sides of Mirey Brook



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Style:	Antique; Farmhouse
Color:	White
Age:	1933
Living Area:	1680 Sq Ft
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# Bedrooms:	2/3
# Bathrooms:	1 Full; 1 Half
FP/WS:	1 Fireplace
Exterior:	Wood
Deck/Porch:	1 Deck
Roof:	Asphalt Shingles / 2006
Flooring:	Wood; Tile
Heating/Zones:	Oil/2; Pellet Stove
Electric:	CB; 100 Amps
Sewer:	Private; Passed Title V 8 / '19
Water:	Private; New 2010
Cable:	Cable/Satellite available
Barn/Garage:	2 Car detached w/storage
Driveway:	Gravel
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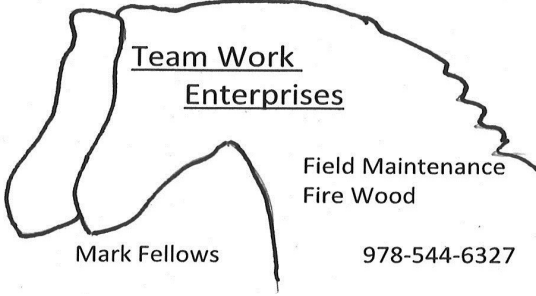
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1 Worship Service 10:00 Zumba 8:00 in Tully	2 Library Open 10-4 Story Hour 10am	3 Sr. Mealsite 11:45 Women's Guild 1:00 Library Open 1-8pm Zumba 6pm	4 Yoga 5 pm Advent Discussion Group 6:30pm	5	6 Hunters' Supper 5-6:30pm	7 Transfer Station 8-3 Yoga 9:15 Library Open 10-12:30
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ADVENT WORKSHOP—December 8
BOOK READING—December 12
FOOT CLINIC—December 13
HISTORICAL SOCIETY—December 18
CAROLING—December 22
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE—December 24