

NEWS & TIDINGS

WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal

November 2016

DATES TO NOTE!

JOHN PORCINO, STORYTELLER: 10:30am, Mon., Nov. 21

TURKEY TROT: 9-11am, Wed., Nov. 23

THANKSGIVING VACATION: 12:15pm Wed Nov. 23- Sun. Nov. 27

A BIG thank you to all who planned, shopped, cooked, served, supported and enjoyed our MARVELOUS Pasta Supper!

What a great, good & yummy time!

And BIG thanks to Erika Nygard and Laurel Powell for their help and organization of our World Eye Book Fair!

And to those who came and supported it!



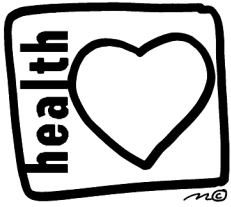
READERS' CORNER: It's important to read aloud to children of all ages. Reading aloud presents books as sources of pleasant, valuable, and exciting experiences. Children who value books are motivated to read on their

own. Reading aloud gives children background knowledge, which helps them make sense of what they see, hear, and read. The more adults read aloud to children, the larger vocabularies grow and the more they learn about the world and their place in it. Reading aloud lets parents and teachers be role models for reading. When children see adults excited about reading, they catch the enthusiasm. Reading aloud can introduce books and types of literature—poetry, short stories, biographies— children might not discover on their own. Reading aloud introduces the language of books, which differs from language heard in daily conversations, on television, and in movies. Book language is more descriptive and uses more formal grammatical structures. Reading aloud lets children use their imaginations to explore people, places, times, and events beyond their own experience. Reading aloud gives children and adults something to talk about. Talking supports the development of reading and writing skills. Reading aloud supports the development of thinking skills as children and adults discuss books, articles, and other texts they read together. Reading aloud is fun!

Mr. Tom Ziniti, Reading Specialist

COMPOSTING at WCS: We are getting two new composters for our garden! One is coming from the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District and the other is coming from The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for our participation in their Green Team program this year.

We need leaves to get the compost bins started. The best are mulched (shredded) maple leaves, but any clean leaves that are **not oak leaves or pine needles** are perfect for composting. Please bag up your leaves and bring them to the garden area in front of the school. We need as many bags as possible. Any leaves that we don't use for the garden compost bins will go into our larger, cafeteria compost bins which could really use them, too! Thanks! **Ms. Lynn Hansell, 6th grade**



HEALTH NOTES

The desired outcome of the MA Department of Public Health Screening Program is improvement in health and well-being of school aged children so that they are healthy, ready to learn, and achieve academic success.

During November and December all students will have their hearing and vision screened, their height and weight measured and their Body Mass Index (BMI) calculated. I will supervise your child's screenings and will make sure your child's privacy is respected at all times. The results of your child's hearing, vision, height, weight, and BMI measurements are confidential - the results will be kept in your child's school health record and will not be shared with anyone without your written permission.

Parents and/or legal guardians may request in writing that their child be excused from the screenings. This letter should be sent to me prior to November 21st. Please feel free to call me at 978-544-6310 Ext. 103 with any questions you may have about the screenings. **Ms. Suzanne Linden, RN**

*It's been a busy fall and we want to tell you all about it!
A full newsletter with news of all our classrooms and events
will follow in early December.*



Happy Thanksgiving!