



# Warwood School

January 2010



### Holiday Greetings from the Principal

I want to extend to you the warmest greetings this holiday season, and send out a very special thanks to everyone for all their support and help for the students at Warwood School. Thanks to you if you supported one of our fundraisers; if you volunteered to chaperone a field trip or help with homeroom parties; if you serve as a tutor; if you are active in VIP or RSVP; if you come to the student’s programs; or help your child with his homework. Everything that we do together to help our students is a victory for them. The more support we show each other the easier both our jobs become. Thanks Warwood- you are the greatest.

Happy Holidays!

### Emergency Alert

Warwood School can now use the emergency alert phone call to alert the community of delays, cancellations or special notices that affect only Warwood. An example was when we called home about the healthy snack. We still will continue to have alerts and cancellations posted on the Community Alert website. If you would like to receive alerts check out this site:

[http://www.communityalertonline.com/.](http://www.communityalertonline.com/)

### Student Records Update

We have included a page in the newsletter for you to update your personal and emergency information. We will be updating our WVEIS files to insure that we can reach you in an emergency. Please complete the form and send it back to school.

I want to wish your family a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year.  
M. Andy Garber

### Dates to Remember

End of Nine Weeks – January 15

Report Cards – January 20

Honors Assemblies:

January 21 - Middle

9:00 a.m. - Grades 6-8

January 22 - Elementary

9:00 a.m. –Grades K-3

10:00 a.m. – Grades 4-5

The back doors to the middle school gym will be opened so parents and grandparents may enter from the south alley playground parking area if they wish.

### Students of the Month of January

#### 3rd Grade

Kelsey Chacalos

Triston Curry - Francis

#### 4th Grade

Kenzie George

Hannah Chenoweth

#### 5th Grade

Noah Bott

Kyler Schnarr

Jarrett Delbrugge

#### 6th Grade

Patrick King

#### 7th Grade

Melanie Swann

#### 8th Grade

Miriam Flatley

CONGRATULATIONS!

### Kindergarten

The Kindergarten classes will be ringing in the New Year by completing a unit about winter. The boys and girls will continue that seasonal theme by completing units about penguins, polar bears, and arctic animals.

We will celebrate “Martin Luther King Day” by studying about his life and completing a creative writing activity about kindness.

Our math chapters for the month of January are “Numbers 10-30” and “Number Patterns”.

We are counting down the days until our “100<sup>th</sup> Day of School” next month.

All the children are making great progress with their reading skills. Please continue practicing reading, reviewing letter sounds, and high frequency words at home.

### **First Grade**

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by. We in first grade are gearing up for an exciting new year!! In January, we will be learning about Martin Luther King Jr. and what impacts he had on our society. In Language Arts, we are working on a new unit in our Reader about changes. We are discussing how things change and some things stay the same. We have talked about time lines and how we grow and change throughout our lives. In Grammar, we are learning about different verb forms and the different verb tenses. We have increased our vocabulary by over 100 words now!!!!

In our Math Class, we are working on graphing and ordering and comparing numbers. Keep practicing those basic facts at home so the students will become quicker in their responses and without using their fingers. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and we are looking forward to an eventful and prosperous 2010 !  
Mrs. Davis  
Mrs. Lash

### **Second Grade**

Our busy little elves have worked so hard this past month. We are reading wonderful stories that are teaching us all about the author’s purpose and drawing conclusions about certain things in our stories. We continue to practice our fluency and are improving everyday. In Math we just finished up two digit addition with regrouping and did a fantastic job with this concept. We need to continue to practice our Math facts daily. We also celebrated this wonderful season by reading lots of books about Christmas and made many nice projects for the holiday. We hope you have a wonderful holiday.  
Mrs. Czapp & Ms. Gray

### **Third Grade**

We are now at the halfway point for our second nine weeks. In Health we are studying about how many servings of each level of the food pyramid we need to have a health diet. We are also looking into goal planning and how to make short term and long term goals. We are happy to have Mrs. Rodgers with us for some lessons on social interaction.

In Social Studies we are discussing mountain communities, water communities, and crossroads communities. In Science living things and how they compete and interact with each other is what we are studying.

In Math the word is multiplication. The students are working on learning their multiplication tables. Please have the students work on their times tables at home.

Reading is a way of life-long learning and our students are proving that they can learn a lot. We are diving into Volcanoes: Nature’s Incredible Fireworks.

We are hoping that everyone had a safe and happy holiday. We are looking forward to a great start for 2010.

Mrs. Jebbia and Mrs. Chacalos

### **Fourth Grade**

Our fourth grade students were treated to pizza parties just before Christmas. This reward was earned for the door contest (Drug Awareness) and canned food drive for Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you, RSVP! Great work Fourth Graders!

All Warwood elementary students were entertained by a performance of the “Nutcracker” put on by the Oglebay Institute. Jacie Baker danced four roles and added to this timeless ballet. Great job, Jacie!

Our most recent addition - new student Craig Burt. Welcome!

### **Fifth Grade**

Happy New Year! Fifth grade is back and ready to work in 2010! First, we are looking forward to our first book report presentations of a travel agent for which the students created a brochure. These will be on display at the end of the nine weeks in the fifth grade hallway.

Next, fifth graders need to sharpen their multiplication skills. Please practice basic facts at home. This is a very important skill that must be mastered to make working with 2-digit multiplication, division, and fractions easier.

Last, please remember that it is the students' responsibility to get and complete make-up work in a timely manner. Students can pick up missed work upon returning to school unless they are absent for an extended period of time. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.

Mr. Beihl, Mrs. Panas, Ms. Vogrin

### Media

The students in grades TK-5 have been learning about books that have won special awards such as the Newbery Honor Medal and Caldecott Medal. We have enjoyed listening to stories that have earned these medals and I encourage the children to check out these award-winning books to share with you.

Grades 6, 7, and 8 have been working on strengthening their library skills and using different reference materials to find information. We have also been working with Microsoft Word and Excel. After Christmas break we will be creating and presenting PowerPoint projects. Happy Holidays!

### PE – Mr. Homer

Students in grades kindergarten to three have been working on an extensive unit involving speed and agility. This unit will continue through the month of January. All students are encouraged to do their best and work at their ability level.

Activities for this month include Oscar's Garage Can which develops throwing skills. Another activity is Bridge Tag; this is a great activity for fleeting and eluding one's opponent. Gross motor skills that are being remediated in transitional kindergarten are walking, running and jumping. These students have also enjoyed playing rip flag tag. Students are beginning to recognize sportsmanship at this grade level.

Fun Fact:

Carefully read restaurant menus for clues to fat and caloric content. The words baked, braised,

broiled, grilled, poached, roasted and steamed can mean fewer calories. Following these suggestions can lead to a healthier life style.

Mr. Homer

### Physical Education News from Ms. Maxwell

Welcome to 2010. I hope each of you had a wonderful and safe holiday season.

My kindergarten students will begin the month of January with scooter activities and continue with ball activities emphasizing rolling, catching and throwing. They will also participate in bean bag activities as well as musical hoops and stations.

The fourth and fifth grade students will participate in tennis activities, cone ball, scooter hockey and scooter relays.

The sixth, seventh and eighth graders will begin the month playing tennis, scooter hockey and scooter cage ball. They will end their nine weeks mid month with scooter pin ball and mat ball. My next group of students will begin their class fulfilling their health requirement.

Stay warm and remember to stay active.

### Hoop Shoot News

We would like to congratulate the following students for winning the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest at Warwood School. Each of these students moved on to the next round at the McDonough Center at Wheeling Jesuit University on January 9, 2010 and competed in the Ohio/Marshall County competition.

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Boy</u>	<u>Girl</u>
8-9	Ben Taylor	Kelsey Chacalos
10-11(Elem.)	Austin Crebs	Kirsten Petrini
10-11 (Mid.)	Chance Schirripa	Tabetha Fike
12-13	Ray Henry	Abbey Wilson

Congratulations to all our winners.

### Middle School Yearbook Sale Yearbook Sale

It is again time for the yearbook sale. The cost for the yearbook is \$25.00 without personalization and \$30.00 with personalization. If you would like to purchase a yearbook, bring



the money in an envelope clearly marked with your name and turn it in to your first period teacher.

If you are going to order personalization, you must clearly print what you want to appear on the cover of your yearbook and turn that in with your order.

The presale will begin on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and continue until Friday, January 15. The presale will determine the amount of yearbooks that will be ordered, so please order early.

### **Middle School Reading/Language Arts**

We have a lot of activities coming up when we return from the winter break. Due to inclement weather, the forensics workshop has been rescheduled for January 6, 2009. We will begin our spelling bee in January as well. This will take place during your child's reading/language arts class.

We would like to remind parents of the Viking Read Team. Make sure your child is filling out the forms each time he/she finishes a book. These forms are available in the reading/language arts class. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact us at 243-0394.



### **Math News**

The sixth grade recently completed the text, *Shapes and Designs*. We learned about the different transformations, types of symmetry, the sum of interior angles of polygons, and tiling. We are currently working on the book, *Bits and Pieces I*. This text teaches the students about understanding rational numbers. The students will be understanding, comparing, applying, and connecting fractions, decimals, and percents.

In Math 7, the students are working with equations. They have been working hard to create and solve equations from real world situations. The Pre-Algebra students are currently working in the book, *Stretching & Shrinking*. They are exploring geometric figures

and similarity, as well as developing some proportional reasoning skills.

In Math 8, the students just finished working with graphing concepts on a coordinate plane. They explored linear equations, slope, translations, reflections and rotations. They are currently working with problems that involve rational and irrational numbers. In Algebra, the students just finished working with inequalities. They are now moving on to discover problems dealing with ratios and proportions.

### **Future City**

The students are finishing the scale model of our city for the upcoming competition. Different students are in charge of particular areas. Our computer design was completed in November. The abstract and research essay were submitted in December. Our presenters will be competing in Pittsburgh on January 16.

### **Math Counts**

Math Counts has been meeting on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week to work on challenging math problems in order to prepare for the chapter competition in February. We will be forming teams as the competition nears. The students have been working hard and have been great problem solvers!

### **Science –Mrs. Clark**

Simple machines are the focus of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students as they learn about levers, pulleys, inclined planes, wedges and wheel and axels. They will determine the different types of lever systems, and find out that two pulleys are better than one. In the end they will learn that using a simple machine makes work easier.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students completed their roller coaster design before the holiday break using their knowledge of potential and kinetic energy and forces. They will begin the first of the year with a unit on biology.



### **Social Studies- Ms. Rinehart**

January brings the snow....makes our feet and fingers glow!

The sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students in Ms. Rinehart's Social Studies classes wish everyone A HAPPY NEW YEAR filled with health, happiness, and academic success! A blizzard of new learning adventures will be accumulating for the students as they begin the second semester of a fast-moving school year. Membership in the 212\* degree club will be heating up, as students heat up their motivation and achievement performances.

Seventh grade World Geographers will continue their study of the Western Hemisphere, with emphasis on Canada and Mexico. Students will be researching the Mayan calendar and the year 2012 theory. In addition, students will continue creating their own personal atlases of countries studied. Sixth grade World Historians will also be studying the ancient cultures of Mesoamerica including the Mayans and Aztecs, while Eight Grade WV historians will become Civil War experts as they realize how this war influenced the creation of our state.

KNOWLEDGE IS ACCUMULATING.

### **Social Studies – Mr. Lindsay**

#### 6<sup>th</sup> grade

We are leaving the continent of Europe and wrapping up the Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Empires. We will be making our way to North, Central, and South America to discuss the early cultures in this region. They continue to keep track of their travel adventures through their passports.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> grade

They also traveled through Europe preparing Microsoft Power Points of their travels. They discussed the culture and location of many cities throughout the continent then shared their information in the classroom through the Whiteboard. Everyone did an excellent job.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> grade

I would like to inform eighth grade parents that in April all students will participate in the state Golden Horseshoe competition. This

year it is open to all students in the eighth grade and will be taken on-line. This date gives us more time to prepare and hopefully Warwood will have a student who will be honored in Charleston in May. If they score well enough, they will be knighted Ladies or Knights of the Golden Horseshoe and receive a miniature horseshoe in recognition. This tradition dates back to Alexander Spotswood who was an explorer of western Virginia. He rewarded each person in his expedition a horseshoe for their participation in his expedition. A great resource for preparation is

<http://www.wvculture.org/history/trivia/quizindex.aspx>

I am asking over the holiday break for everyone to check their supplies of pens/pencils, paper, folders and especially colored pencils to replenish. I typically have a stash but this year it has depleted fast. It is really important that everyone have a set of 10 colored pencils for maps and other activities. If anyone would like to donate a pack for my room I would appreciate it. You can contact me at

[melindsa@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:melindsa@access.k12.wv.us) , or

<http://engrade.com/>

Have a safe holiday break and Happy New Year, Mr. Lindsay

### **Choral News**

I would like to thank the all of my students for outstanding performances this year. It started with the Eighth Grade Chorus singing for the Warwood Women's Club, and the residents of the Warwood Towers. Our Fifth Grade Chorus joined the Middle School chorus on December 1<sup>st</sup>. for an evening of choral music and holiday songs. I was so proud of each and every group that performed that evening. All of your hard work made for a beautiful concert.

### **Elementary Music News**

I would like to thank all of my elementary students who participated in the "Crazy Carols" musical performances. It was truly two evenings filled with holiday cheer. Mr. Garber did an outstanding job and we all want to say **THANK YOU** for making our program extra special!

Thank you to all of the parents who transported their children to school for all of these evening performances. What a great musical experience for your child. I wish a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year filled with much love and good health.

Mrs. Mercer

### **Strings Things**

Reminder! We will have strings even on two hour delay days. Please remind your child to bring instruments, book and music to class.

Please remember to keep instruments out of the cold air and away from heating vents.

Don't forget to check out the Ohio County Strings website for up to date information!

<http://teacherweb.com/wv/wphs/strings/>

### **Technology Education**

Sixth graders have been sharpening their drafting skills. Students have learned to complete three view drawings and are now learning to draw pictorial drawings using basic drafting tools correctly. I'm seeing some potential architects and engineers.

Seventh graders are designing dragster cars that will be raced when completed. Their power source will be CO<sub>2</sub> cartridges. The focus of the design is on aerodynamics.

Eighth graders just completed their mass production of poplar shelves. They are now making a wooden Santa face.

TSA had its first meeting to pass out information. Students will choose their events for competition and will begin preparing for the WV TSA Spring Conference after the holiday break. It's not too late for students to join. They just need to stop in Mrs. Myers' room for information.

### **January 2009 - Dates to Remember**

- 1/4** First Day Back to School  
Girls' Basketball- Triadelphia- H  
Boys' Basketball @ Triadelphia
- 1/5** 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball @ Triadelphia  
RSVP- Board meeting- 6:30

- 1/6** Forensics practice at WPHS- 9:00- 2:00  
Wrestling at Warwood- triangular meet  
Wrestling Pictures  
Future City Practice- WJU
- 1/7** Girls' Basketball- Sherrard- H  
Boys' Basketball @ Sherrard
- 1/8** Dance- Yearbook – 7-9
- 1/11** Label Table  
Girls' Basketball- @ Follansbee  
Boys' Basketball Follansbee - H
- 1/12** 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball Bridge St. vs.  
Warwood - H  
VIP- Board meeting- 5:30
- 1/13** Wrestling @ Wheeling Middle
- 1/14** Girls' Basketball- Bridge St- H  
Boys' Basketball @ Bridge St.
- 1/15** End of Term
- 1/16** Future City in PGH
- 1/18** **No School**  
**Martin Luther King Holiday**
- 1/19** RSVP - 6:30- 4<sup>th</sup> grade performs  
VIP- 7:00- Officer Maguire
- 1/20** Wrestling @ Triadelphia  
Club Pictures – Chap  
Report Cards out
- 1/21** Honors Assembly – Middle School 9:00  
Girls' Basketball- @ Wheeling  
Boys' Basketball - Wheeling – H  
Market Day pick-up
- 1/22** Honor Band at John Marshall  
Honors Assembly – Elementary  
9:00- K-3 / 10:00- 4 & 5
- 1/25** Girls' Basketball- Moundsville- H  
Boys' Basketball @ Moundsville
- 1/27** Forensics Tournament- 2:30- 6:30 at  
WPHS
- 1/28** Girls' Basketball- @ Wellsburg  
Boys' Basketball - Wellsburg - H
- 1/29** Wrestling @ Union Local  
Middle School Honors Choir in  
Charleston
- 1/30** Redbirds sign-up 9:00-12:00  
Wrestling @ Union Local

