



# Warwood School

March 2010



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Spring is a wonderful time of year, and I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL IT GETS HERE. It is a time when we finally can get outside and smell the fresh air without freezing our nostrils. It is a time for new beginnings and fresh starts. It's a time for cleaning and refurbishing the old to make it appear new again. It's the start of track, baseball, golf, and bike riding. It's time to take walks after dinner because there's actually still sunlight left to enjoy.

It's also the beginning of testing time in all the West Virginia school systems. All of our middle school students will be taking the **WV Writing Assessment on-line beginning on March 8 and concluding March 16.**

Our elementary students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will also be taking the **WV Writing Assessment on-line.** They will begin their testing on **March 30 until April 21.** Our teachers have done a great job preparing the students to perform well on this assessment.

## CALENDAR CHANGES

Due to the inclement weather when we had to close schools for 5 days in January and 11 days in February, school policy dictates that we make up only 5 days due to state law which limits our year to 43 weeks. Therefore, our spring break has been altered. **The students will still have school off on the Closed Days which are Friday, April 2 and Monday, April 5. School will be back in session for the rest of the week on Tuesday, April 6 to April 9 which are now instructional days. Additionally, Monday June 7 is now an instructional day.**

**Friday, April 30 and Tuesday, June 8** will now be instructional days instead of an ISE Days. On those days we will operate on a 2 hour delay so teachers will complete required faculty meetings prior to class time.

The last day of school for the year for students will now be **Tuesday, June 8.** There are no more make-up days left in our calendar to use for days closed due to weather. Hopefully, we can look forward to green grass and sunshine for the rest of the year.

## MOVE UP THE CLOCK

Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour on **March 14 at 2:00 AM.** We will be starting daylight savings time. (Remember Fall back / Spring ahead.)

## ATTENDANCE

As we continue to deal with the many illnesses that have afflicted our students, I wanted to send out a reminder to parents about some important attendance regulations. We ask that parents please call the school on any day their child is going to be absent. When the student returns to school, he/she needs to bring an excuse. Without an excuse, the absence will be counted as an unexcused absence. Attendance is monitored per semester and has very specific guidelines to be followed.

1. A student may only have a parent excuse for illness for 5 days per a semester. Each of these 5 days will be counted as an excused absence.
2. After the 5 parent notes, a student needs to have doctor excuses for any illness, or the absence will be counted as unexcused.
3. A student may only have 10 unexcused absences per semester. Once a student has accumulated 5 unexcused absences in a semester, a letter will be sent home. At this point the student may be referred to Juvenile Mediation to try to correct the attendance problem. Once a student has

10 unexcused absences, Ohio County School's Attendance Director may file a petition with the court system about the student.

Most attendance cases can be handled before a student gets to 5 or more unexcused absences. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school and ask to talk to Mrs. Hutchins.

### **KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

March is always a lucky month for the Kindergarten students. It has been a tradition for many years for the Leprechauns to visit their classroom. After each visit the Kindergarten children always have super discussions and use their reading and math skills in trying to solve the mystery about these visits. Great science lessons are created about the weather for this month. The students really enjoy trying to predict each day's weather. Will it be a "lion" or "lamb" day? A unit will be completed about "Balls and Ramps". It creates a great interest in spring sports and activities. Leveled readers have really helped with improving reading skills. Extra reading practice at home is always a plus for all the students!

### **FIRST GRADE NEWS**

**CONGRATULATIONS FIRST GRADERS** you have surpassed the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School. You are now 100 days smarter! We enjoyed participating in many activities for the 100<sup>th</sup> day such as making 100 day booklets, reading 100<sup>th</sup> day stories, and our 100<sup>th</sup> day name quilt. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we celebrated Dr. Suess's birthday. We honored him by completing reading and writing activities from his collection of books.

In math we are continuing to practice our basic math facts through twelve. In addition, we are learning to skip count by 2's, 5's and 10's to 100.

The children have once again done an amazing job on their third book report. Our "Hungry for Books" theme was demonstrated by completing a sandwich book report.

### **SECOND GRADE NEWS**

In the second grade we have started to practice cursive handwriting; which seems to be a favorite among the students. We are also working with counting coins and doing some addition and subtraction problems with money. We are continuing to sharpen our skills with nouns and verbs and are now engaging in adjectives. We have been practicing using adjectives by writing some descriptive stories. We finally have celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and we wrote a story entitled: If I had One Hundred Dollars... The students then used this topic to put together a story of how they would use one hundred dollars and we had some great ones. They are working very hard and learning new skills everyday.

Thank you, Mrs. Czapp & Ms. Gray

### **THIRD GRADE NEWS**

We are midway through the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks and moving right along. The second part of Acuity testing is finished and our students improved.

In Reading we will be starting *Suki's Kimono*.

In Social Studies we are discussing the first people to settle into America. In Science we are learning about the states of matter.

In Math the students are working on multiplication, division, equations, and problem solving skills. Please have the students work on their times tables at home. .

The students are finishing their papers for the Young Writers Contest.

We would like to congratulate our winners in the Warwood Civics League Poetry Contest. All of our students did a great job with their writing.

1st- Michael Ross  
2nd- Jacob Machine  
3rd- Kamryn McCardle

Mrs. Jebbia and Mrs. Chacalos

## **FOURTH GRADE NEWS**

Our fourth grade classes have been working very hard in preparation for the upcoming Writing Assessment. Our students are developing and improving their writing skills and are practicing their essays using the Writing Roadmap program. Our students have a strong focus on technology in the second semester and are also working on TechSteps and Acuity assessments in the computer lab.

Our Science classes have been taking an in-depth look at what ecosystems are and how they work and are beginning our hands on approach with the "Land and Water" kits.

## **FIFTH GRADE NEWS**

The fifth grade is back to work. In March, we are focusing on writing in Language Arts, and expressions and equations in Math. The West Virginia Writing Assessment will be conducted at the end of the month. Students are preparing for this in the classroom and computer labs by using the Writing Roadmap website. This site may be accessed from home, also. We learned several writing tips from Cheryl Ware, a WV author, in February. Ask your child to share their writings with you.

Math classes will be moving ahead to multiplication properties, divisibility rules, and fractions. Please practice basic multiplication facts at home.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, we will be happy to meet with you.

The Fifth Grade Teachers

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE CONCERN**

The morning arrival time continues to be between 8:15 and 8:30. Please do not drop children off before 8:15 as supervision does not begin until then. Please be reminded that there is a before and after care facility in our building should your child need to be at school before 8:15.

**Dismissal time:** Some people are still confused on how their child is dismissed in the elementary school. There are 3 methods. Your child is a bus rider, walker, or car rider. Walkers are dismissed from the front doors. Car

riders are dismissed from the side door as vehicles are ushered through the bus turnaround. If you are picking your child up from school, please be sure they know which they are so we can dismiss more efficiently and safely.

Thank you,  
The Safety Committee



## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS – MS. MAXWELL**

As we say good bye to Mr. Ben Howlett, who will be moving on to Wheeling Park High School, we would like to welcome Mr. Scott Davis to Warwood School as he continues his student teaching experience. He just recently completed his initial assignment at WPHS. They are both from West Liberty University.

The kindergarten students will begin the month with a review of tennis skills with their bump ups, downs and rolls. They will also participate in bean bag and hoop activities, jump rope activities and soccer skills including dribbling, trapping and the inside of the foot pass.

The fourth and fifth graders will begin with tennis as well playing Vic-o-Rama and 3 on 3. They will demonstrate their Frisbee skills with partner activities and playing Frisbee softball. We will round out the month with cone kick ball and mat ball.

The sixth, seventh and eighth graders will kick off the month by taking the Fitness Gram which is the state of West Virginia's fitness test. They will be tested in five categories attempting to land in the healthy fitness zone in all categories. They will participate in a variety of

activities the remainder of the month including mat ball, tennis, scooter pin ball, bandana bean bag, team hand ball, scooter cage ball and ultimate kick ball.

### **FROM THE GYM**

Due to the inclement weather, the instructional goals and objectives remain the same as last month. Rhythmical parachute play, endurance training, Rip Tag Flag, and locomotor skill development are still being remediated. FUN FACT: To avoid cramps or nausea, have your full meal three to four hours before exercising. Then one hour before your work out, eat a small snack of about 100 to 200 calories that is predominantly carbohydrates. Carbs are the key because they get into the blood stream faster than protein or fat.

### **FUNDRAISER NEWS**

The spring fundraiser for this year is our Sarris Easter candy sale. Students were given directions and flyers on Monday, January 25th. This year the TOP SELLER for grades PK- 2 will receive a Disney DVD package of their choice. Grades 3-5 will have a separate prize package containing an iPod shuffle and/or an iTunes gift card. Grades 6-8 will also have a separate prize package containing an iPod shuffle and/or an iTunes gift card. Sarris Candy graciously extended 'turn-in' deadlines due to the unusual weather circumstance this year. The TOP SELLER prize winners at these three levels will be announced on March 16, 2010.

Each student selling \$75 worth of merchandise was entered for a chance(s) to win ***incentive packages and cash prizes***. Prize winners to date are Kayden Hastings, Charlie Tamburin, Spencer Bliss, Nathaniel Mountford, Noah Bott, Kat Donzella, Dakota Wilson, and Ryan Huggins! Support for this fundraiser generates much excitement and we truly appreciate your cooperation. Delivery date is set for Monday, March 15th. Thank you for your support that enables great school programming for our children. If you have any questions or are willing to assist, please contact Mrs. Hutchins.

### **SOCIAL STUDIES NEWS**

For lo, the Winter is past...SPRING is in the air and with this most welcomed new season comes a bouquet of interesting Social Studies activities in Ms. Rinehart's sixth, seventh, and eighth grade classes.

Eighth grade WV History students have been focusing on the Civil War and its influence on the statehood of WV. Students completed individual newspapers highlighting famous events, people, and places of this famous historic war. In addition, good luck is extended to those WV experts who took the Golden Horseshoe on-line test; this rigorous test will be used as the main measuring stick for the selection of the Knights /Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe in May. Warwood School had a winner last year, and I feel very confident that once again a Viking will be knighted!

Mission S.T.O.P... (Strategies To Optimize Performance) has been the mind-expanding Fun-Friday competition in the classes as they sharpen their skill based knowledge. Using the newly acquired Smartboard, students used benchmark questions from Acuity, Odyssey, and WV Learns to compete in a variety of team games such as Rags to Riches and Geo-jeopardy to test their knowledge on a wide variety of learning goals. Prizes were awarded to the winning teams, who proved that they were smarter than a Fifth Grader!

In all grade levels we will continue to cover the content standards as we make our way towards spring and the WESTEST II. Please continue to check agendas and engrade.com for updates. I am really trying to use these tools for communication and encourage your contact. I will be testing our new wireless travel lab with my students in early March. This is another great way to incorporate 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in our classrooms. I am looking forward to great interactive lessons and I am sure our students will enjoy this learning environment. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Mr. Lindsay

## LANGUAGE ARTS

### WHAT PARENTS CAN DO TO NURTURE LIFETIME READERS

Dr. Steven Layne, prominent children's/young adult author, has written an article outlining the importance of parent involvement in children's reading. He has suggested that parents do the following:

1. Read to your child about things that interest your child.
2. Schedule a family reading time on your calendar just like soccer practice or piano lessons.
3. Read a book as a family and then watch the movie and discuss the differences and similarities.
4. Allow your child to have at least one magazine **IN HIS/HER OWN NAME, NOT YOURS.**
5. Take your child to the public library **OFTEN.** If he/she doesn't have a library card, make it a big deal about getting one. Everyone in the family should have one and use it. Kids respond to adult modeling.
6. Let your child see other family members reading----the newspaper, a magazine, a cookbook, even the repair manual for the lawnmower.
7. Keep a "bag of books" in each of your cars. Stock it with favorite reading material for each family member.
8. If your child is old enough, offer to read a book that he/she is reading and write your thoughts about it. Then share them with your child. You could also keep a dialogue journal where you and your child write to one another independently as you read.
9. Read a book aloud on family vacations.

We, the middle school LA/Reading faculty, hope that you will incorporate some of these in your family. They can help build a love of reading and books in your child.

Next month we will talk about things that can deter a love of reading.

Mrs. Crummitt, Ms. Conkle, Mrs. White, and  
Mrs. Smith

## SCIENCE IN MRS. CLARK'S CLASSES

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have completed the unit on types of waves. They have learned that there are different waves, light, sound and other forms of electromagnetic energy traveling through the air. The first part of March they are beginning the unit on mixtures and solutions. This will be their chemistry unit.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be finishing the unit on chemistry and beginning a unit on biology. They will begin with the parts of the cell, how cells replicate and what makes up DNA. They will then learn about the circulatory and respiratory systems.

## MRS. SGROI'S SCIENCE CLASSES

Eighth grade students are completing their science fair projects. A data table, graph, and conclusion were due March 1<sup>st</sup>. Completed posters are due March 8<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Clark and I agreed students can use either a 3-sided science fair poster or a 22" X 28" poster for Warwood's science fair judging. Students who complete an outstanding science project will have the opportunity to represent Warwood Middle School at the West Liberty Regional Science and Engineering Fair on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Any student entering this fair will be required to have their project displayed on a 3-sided poster. Also, it is the responsibility of any student who will be representing Warwood School to register and pay the \$10.00 fee. Information for West Liberty's fair can be found at <http://wlscregionalsciencefiar.com>. West Liberty is affiliated with the INTEL International Science and Regional Fair and thus, follows their rules which can be found at <http://www.societyforscience.org/Page.aspx?pid=312>. Finally, any 7<sup>th</sup> grade student is invited to participate in the science fair.

In class, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have been learning about the periodic table and atomic models. We will continue this study by investigating isotopes, catalyst, and chemical reactions. Next, we will begin studies pertaining to identifying and explaining the principle forces

of plate tectonics and related geological events (e.g., earthquakes, volcanoes, or landforms).

7<sup>th</sup> grade students have been studying minerals and rocks. They used a few simple tests and a flow chart to identify minerals and learned how to classify types of rocks and interpret the rock cycle. We will also be learning how to determine the relevant age of rock layers using index fossils and the law of superposition.

Another event that is taking place on March 13<sup>th</sup> is the SMART Center Middle School Science Challenge which will be held at Our Lady of Peace. Students will be selected by an essay contest. Their essay will explain why they should be selected. Warwood will have 2 teams with 4 students each. Students will be selected by March 5<sup>th</sup> and we will prepare for the event the following week. Students attending will need to provide their own transportation. Any questions, please call me at school. Lastly, to view homework assignments and class information please visit <http://teacherweb.com> and to view your child's grades visit <http://engrade.com>.

## MATH

Mrs. Hanna's sixth grade celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of school by creating 100<sup>th</sup> Day posters. The posters had to show 100 items of their choosing. They are being displayed on the second floor. The sixth graders are finishing up the book, *Bits and Pieces I.* This text has been teaching the students rational numbers. We are currently making connections between fractions, decimals, and percents. Our next book will be focusing on two-dimensional measurements.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students have started to work with fractions. They have been learning and reviewing how to simplify fractions and find equivalent fractions. They will be exploring fractions in more detail as the weeks go on. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-Algebra students are working in the book, *Comparing & Scaling.* The students have been learning how to use math to make comparisons. For instance, they have been studying real world problems and using ratios, percents and differences to make comparison statements. The Pre-Algebra students will be

moving on to explore ratios, proportions and unit rates.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are finishing their exploration of ratio and proportions and their application to similar figures and scale models. The students will be moving on to investigate fractions, decimals and percents as they relate to sales tax, tips, discounts, mark ups and interest.

The Algebra students have been working with relations and functions. They have been analyzing charts, tables and graphs and using them to create function rules. The students will be moving on to explore linear equations and slope.

## Math Counts

The Math Counts competition will be held on Saturday March 6, 2010, at Belmont Technical College. The students that will be participating in the competition are Jay Coleman, Bryce Leach, Nathan Mauck, Eric Bonar, Audrey Clark, Seth Porter, Kadie Stanford, Ike Tan, Robby Myers, Derek Pavlic, Kasey Freshwater, and Cassie Calvert.

## MEDIA

Thank You to all who made it possible to bring Cheryl Ware to Warwood School. The students enjoyed the presentations and writing sessions that she gave throughout her day with us. I have already begun reading a few of the titles to my classes and the students are enjoying the stories. In addition, the children will have the opportunity to check-out books written by Cheryl.

Mrs. Connelly

## TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Eighth graders are very busy completing the manufacturing of their wooden shelves. Our machine operators are producing high quality parts safely and quickly. Our safety staff has erected posters reminding our "employees" to follow safe procedures and our quality control staff is assuring a high quality product.

Seventh graders are finishing up their first chapter from the text and will be studying

transportation according to the environments of land, air, space, and marine.

Sixth graders are completing bridge building and will soon test the bridges for efficiency.

### TSA

Students are busy completing their competition requirements for the WVTSA spring conference. The conference will be held March 25 – 27, 2010 at Cedar Lakes Conference Center.

### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade -

Mrs. Jebbia- Eli Delatore  
Mrs. Chacalos – Nathaniel Mountford

4<sup>th</sup> Grade -

Ms. Lakios- Hannah Hercules  
Mrs. Tamburin- Sydnee Porter

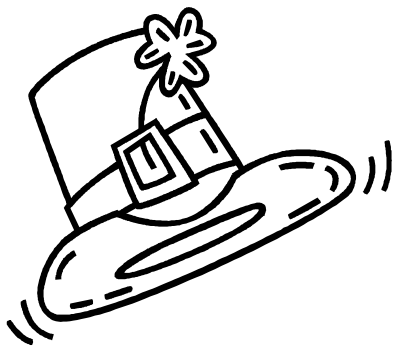
5<sup>th</sup> Grade -

Mrs. Hunley- Austin Crebs  
Mrs. Panas – Zachary Kovalski  
Ms. Vogrin – Austin Porter Klinger

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Bailey Nickerson

7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Ike Tan

8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Emily Maguire



### SPANISH

The World Language Fair is going to be held on March 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 at Wheeling Park High School. Students received information about this event in their Spanish classes. There will be a poster contest, a T-shirt contest, a video streaming in the cafeteria of activities from the classroom, and a live

performance by the Spanish 1 students. If you would like more information about this event, please feel free to contact Mrs. Finley. Hope to see you there!

### CHORAL NEWS

We are continuing to sing, sing, and sing despite all of our snow days. Our Middle School Chorus will be singing the National Anthem at the Wheeling Nailers game on **March 6, 2010**. If you are in attendance, give us a cheer!

The Fifth Grade Chorus will be singing for the Warwood Civic League meeting on **March 3, 2010**, in the Corpus Christi school cafeteria. Parents are welcome to come and hear these wonderful, talented students perform.

The Ohio County Honors Ensemble, which consists of 70 students from all of our elementary schools, will be rehearsing on **March 9, 2010**, at West Liberty University with our guest conductor, Mr. Bruce Ensinger. We will rehearse all afternoon and conclude with our concert at 7:00 pm for family and friends. I invite each of you to attend to hear this outstanding group of students. Warwood School will be represented by 14 of our Fifth Grade students. I am so very proud of them and all of their efforts. We have been meeting after school each week for 1 hour to learn the music and what a great time we have had.

Our elementary students will be attending the Wheeling Symphony Young People's Concert on **March 18, 2010**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to hear the Wheeling Symphony perform live once again at the Capitol Music Hall.

The RSVP talent show for elementary students will be held at the April meeting. I will only be able to select 10 acts to perform that night, but we will plan to have an all school talent show sometime in June. Remind students to be looking for those sign up sheets in my room.

The Middle School Chorus will be hosting the Middle School Dance in April. If you are interested in helping with the dance, please let Mrs. Mercer know. The money that

we raise at the dance is used to help us with our trip and to help purchase choral music.

The competition trip for our Warwood Choruses will be on **May 8, 2010**. We will be leaving the school around 8:00 am and will return to school around 10:00 pm. More details will be coming home with your child.

### ♪ BAND NOTES: ♪

#### Tri-State Basketball Challenge

Thanks to everyone who has been involved in planning our annual basketball tournament which runs from March 5-11. Many students and their family members are scheduled to work the tournament during the week. The Warwood Band Parent organization and Mrs. Coram all appreciate your time and effort! A special thanks to Laura Weigel, Beth Key, Joe Key, Stacy Mauck, Jodi Stewart, Karen Gibson, Jeff Turner, and Howard Karnell for their hard work (hope I didn't miss anyone!). We couldn't do it without you!

#### Spring Trip details

Our spring trip this year will take place on Friday, May 21-22, 2010. We're going to Hershey Park and will be participating in the "Music in the Parks" competition as well. Strings students will be joining us and will be competing too. We'll visit "Chocolate World" and then compete on Friday. Then we'll spend all of Saturday at Hershey Park where we'll also attend the awards ceremony!

Students have already made their initial deposit, and the second deposit (\$75) is due on Fri., May 5<sup>th</sup>. The final payment (\$75) will be due on Thurs., April 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Spring Performance Dates

Tuesday, March 30 – Ohio Co. Celebration of the Arts at WPHS Food Court

- 5:20 p.m. performance
- In polo shirt and black pants

Thursday, April 22 – WVSSAC Festival Adjudication at JMHS

- During school, time TBA
- In band uniform (white shoes and socks)

Thursday, May 20 – Warwood Spring Concert and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band banquet

- 6:30 p.m. concert with the banquet following the concert.
- In band uniform (white shoes and socks)
- Turn in uniform and garment bag after concert (bring a change of clothes)

Friday, May 21 – Music in the Parks competition at Hershey Park

- Approximate 9:00 p.m. performance time
- In polo shirt and black pants

### **STRINGS THINGS**

SELECT STRINGS will be participating in the Ohio County Schools Celebration of the Arts at Wheeling Park HS on Tuesday, March 30. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from this event.

HERSHEY PARK BOUND- the middle school strings and band will be traveling to Hershey Park, in Hershey, PA to compete in the "Music in the Parks" Festival on May 21-22. The total cost of the trip will be approximately \$225. The second payment of \$75 is due March 5, and the final balance will be due on April 2.

Don't forget to order pepperoni rolls from your strings student! All proceeds are directly credited to the students for the trip! Orders and money are due Friday, March 12.

#### IMPORTANT DATES-

- March 5 - Second trip payment due
- March - Countywide strings concert at WPHS (grades 4-12 date TBA)
- April 2- trip balance due
- May 20 – Warwood's Instrumental Music Spring Concert
- May 21-22 - Strings/Band trip to Hershey Park

Don't forget to bookmark our website!

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

To find this and other important and interesting information!

## **ART**

### **March is Youth Art Month**

March is Youth Art Month in West Virginia. At Warwood we will celebrate YAM by showing more student artwork throughout the building. Ohio County Schools will be celebrating Youth Art Month as well by having our annual Celebration of the Arts on March 30 at Wheeling Park High School. Each school in the county is allocated enough room to display 10 student works. Letters will be going home soon to those students whose works have been selected to be displayed.

I also encourage you to take a few hours this month and visit some local galleries in Wheeling. Take time to discuss the artwork with your children. I think you will be surprised to see how much they know about composition and particular artists. Wheeling has a lot of artistic culture to offer and a lot of it can be found at reasonable prices. Grab a copy of TGIF from the local newspaper this Friday and see how much you and your children can do in the area. Either take in a theatrical show, see a concert, or visit a local gallery to celebrate Youth Art Month, and I'm sure you will have a wonderful time with your son or daughter.

Russ Schultz

## **NOTES FROM THE NURSE**

The health and educational environment of all our students are our primary concerns. We take every possible precautionary measure, including the detection and treatment of head lice. We ask that you follow these short and simple steps at home for the next few weeks and then weekly, as needed, to detect, treat, and stop the spread of head lice.

1. Place the child in natural light (near a window) or beside a lamp. A magnifying glass may be helpful.
2. Begin by separating hairs over ears, near the crown, and the back of the neck. If no live louse or nits are found, continue to examine all areas of the head. (Note: A louse is a tiny, six-legged, visible insect. Color may vary from white to gray to brown. Nits are tiny oval-shaped,

whitish-tan specks, which are cemented to the hair shaft close to the scalp.)

3. Nits must be picked out or combed out with a fine-tooth comb to be removed. (Note: Dandruff, hair products, or flaky scalp can be mistaken for nits. These are easily removed by blowing, rubbing, or brushing. Remember, however, that nits can only be removed by picking them out or using a fine-tooth comb.)

If you find an active case of lice, use an over-the-counter lice treatment, such as Nix, repeating the treatment according to the directions.

If you still see lice after using this treatment, we recommend that you call your physician. There is a prescription medication for lice, called Ovide, which may be what is needed. Your doctor will decide if this is the appropriate treatment for your child.

Cleaning the environment will help you to remain lice free. Machine wash bedding and recently worn clothing in hot water, and dry at least 20 minutes on hot cycle in the dryer. Store all other exposed items in bags for two (2) weeks or dry clean. Vacuum all affected areas thoroughly. Disinfect combs and brushes by soaking in hot water (130 degrees F.) for 15 minutes.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact your school nurse.

## **YEARBOOKS**

Middle School yearbooks are still available for purchase. There are a limited number of books still available, so it would be in your best interest to purchase one as soon as possible. The cost is \$30.00 per book. If you would like to purchase one, send the money in an envelope with your child's first and last name on it. Give the money to Mrs. Crummitt.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

On Monday, March 29, Mr. Dolan, principal WPHS, and Mr. DiLorenzo, dean of students WPHS, will visit Warwood for an orientation presentation for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Then on Wednesday, March 17, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will visit the high school for a special breakfast, tour, and question-and-answer session. Parents are invited to attend a scheduling informational meeting at Warwood School on April 6 at 6:00 p.m. The students will then complete the scheduling process the next day at Warwood School with their counselor from WPHS.

There are several events scheduled to raise funds for Randy Stephens. In addition to the yard sale and spaghetti dinner, WPHS is having a Celebrity Server night at Undo's in Elm Grove on Wednesday, March 10 from 5:00 to 9:00. Warwood School will be contributing by having a bake sale at the restaurant that evening. If anyone would like to bring in baked goods for that benefit, please drop them off at school on Wednesday, March 10.

## GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR MATH AND SCIENCE

The Governor's Schools for Mathematics and Science are looking for outstanding students in math and science class. There are two sessions in July at WVU, one for 7<sup>th</sup> graders and one for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. There is also a session in August at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It is free, and all the information you need, along with the application, can be found at [www.wvgovschools.org](http://www.wvgovschools.org). You can also contact me for questions and assistance.

Mrs. Rodgers



## MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3/1 – Track begins; Label table
- 3/2 –RSVP Board meeting 6:30;
- 3/5 to 11– Tri-state Basketball tournament
- 3/6 – Science Bowl; Chorus sings at Nailers game
- 3/8 – Nurse's Screening- Middle School Writing Assessment until 3/16
- 3/9 – Chorus students at WLU; VIP Board
- 3/10 – Golden Horseshoe essay
- 3/12 –TSA Dance
- 3/15 – Forensics at WPHS
- 3/16 – RSVP / VIP general assembly- 6:30
- 3/17 –grade to WPHS
- 3/18 – Young people's Concert- grades 3, 4, 5 to Capitol Music Hall
- 3/20 – Medieval Games- Mr. Schultz
- 3/23- End of Third Term
- 3/24 –3/27 TSA Conference – Cedar Lakes
- 3/27 - Saturday Scholars
- 3/29 – 4/7- WV On-line Writing Assessment- Elementary
- 3/30- Report Cards; Golden Horseshoe on-line test; ; Celebration of the Arts- WPHS- 4:00-6:00
- 3/31 – Middle School Honors – 9:00
- 4/1 – Elementary Honors grades k-3- 9:00; grades 4 & 5 – 9:45
- 4/2 - No School- Good Friday
- 4/5 – No School – Easter Monday
- 4/6 – First Day back- 8<sup>th</sup> grade scheduling at WPHS- 6:00
- 4/7- 4/9- Instructional days
- 4/10- Elementary Spring Carnival
- 4/17 – VIP- Steak Fry- 6:00 – old “Graceland”

