Principal’s Message, Tricia Angelini

Here we are in the month of December! As we begin to gear up for the holidays, we continue to be busy with teaching and learning at Warren. We will continue to focus on the social-emotional wellness of our students, staff, and school community this month. Take the time to sit with your child and ask about their day, read together with them, or just spend quality time together. I wish you and your family a happy holiday and a Happy New Year!

Reading Specialist, Erin Hays

I hope that families are continuing to read Ways to Make Sunshine together! By spending the valuable time with your child(ren) reading this book together, you are directly supporting their development as a successful reader! Research has shown that children who have the experience of being read to have increased listening skills, develop knowledge of a wide range of vocabulary, build increased background knowledge, and tend to have strong recognition of sounds and letters. Please have your child log on to Schoology, click on Courses, go to My Courses (top right corner) and find the course related to the book. You will find our reading schedule, a fun discussion in which students can participate, as well as optional activities that relate to the book. If you have a busy schedule and can’t find the time to read with your child, he/she can read along with a Warren staff member on a pre-recorded reading of each chapter! Additionally, your child should have recently brought home a Reading Challenge, which is a fun way to stay engaged in reading in December and over the Winter Break. He/she can cut out a marshmallow for each reading activity completed and glue in in the hot chocolate mug…and there are even blank marshmallows for students to develop their own creative ways to enjoy reading. Students who return the paper after the Winter Break will receive a prize! Enjoy!

School Counselor, Laura Sherline

As part of Warren Elementary’s Virtue of the Month program, the teachers, and staff at or school emphasize a virtue every month, infuse it into our language and teach the students to understand its value. The overarching virtue for the month of December is Compassion. Compassion is understanding and caring when someone is hurt or troubled. In encouraging this value and guiding students to exemplify the
behavior we would like to see, we may make a statement like, "Let's show Compassion and help the younger students if they are upset or if they drop something. Let's show them how to get along with others by not arguing" We would really appreciate your kindness in supporting us.

When we feel the virtue of Compassion, we want to help even if all we can really do is listen and say Kind words. We are Forgiving, another virtue, and we are there when someone needs a friend. Some virtues that go along nicely with Compassion that some grade levels may be emphasizing are Service, Trust, Generosity, Peacefulness, and Understanding.

As the school counselor at Warren, I deeply appreciate your Service, Understanding and Support with all of our projects to help others, and I wish you all peace and joy this holiday season.

Habit #5- Seek first to understand; then to be understood.


School Nurse, Kate Melito

HEARING AND VISION SCREENING FOLLOW-UP The Baltimore County Health Department has completed their Hearing and Vision Screenings at Warren for this school year. Please check your child’s backpack or mail for letters regarding the November screenings.

If your child did not pass the hearing or the vision screening, please
1) Follow-up with your pediatrician or specialist,
2) Complete the required paperwork included with your notification, and
3) Return paperwork to Warren ES, Attention: School Nurse, as soon as possible to update their health record.

DONATIONS If any of your children have outgrown their pants, especially Girls and Boys sizes XS(4), S(6) and Med(8), we could use them in the health suite for emergencies. Feel free to send them in a bag labeled "School Nurse". It is a great idea for all students to keep a change of clothing in their lockers, to be sure we always have clothing that will fit them. Thank you!

A REMINDER FOR OUR STUDENTS, PER BCPS POLICY, PLEASE STAY HOME IF:

- you are sick (and talk to your doctor about whether you should be tested for COVID)
- you have a positive COVID test (and tell your school nurse)
- you have had contact with a person with COVID (and tell your school nurse)
- you have been tested for COVID (until the results come back)

COVID VACCINE APPOINTMENTS for ages 5-adult can be made through http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/vaccine

Please continue to send in your children’s updated immunizations (included COVID vaccination updates), physicals, dental, and lead forms.

NEW CONTACT INFO FOR THE HEALTH SUITE

The direct phone line to the Health Suite is now (443) 809-7377. The fax number for the Health Suite is now (410) 809-7344. My email address remains kmelito@bcps.org.
Warren PTA
December’s PTA Meeting... In-Person
Would you like to get to know other parents and teachers? Would you like to learn more about the programs the PTA has planned for the winter and spring? The PTA invites all members of the Warren community to gather in-person at the school on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. We will provide light refreshments for parents and craft activities for students. The meeting will be translated into Spanish. Masks are required.

Submissions Due Soon for Reflections
Reflections is an annual arts competition organized by the national PTA. Students in pre-k through fifth grade are encouraged to submit original works of art in response to the statement "I will change the world by..." Art works can fall into the following categories: dance choreography, literature, music composition, photography, film productions and visual arts (painting, drawings, etc.). Finalists at the school level will be submitted to the Baltimore County PTA. Entries are due Dec. 10. Contact Kristen Dreaper, kddreaper@gmail.com, with questions.

Chipotle Fundraiser, Dec. 14
Before you head to the in-person PTA meeting on Dec. 14, stop by Chipotle at 1830 York Road in Lutherville for dinner and mention the PTA. A portion of your purchase will go back to the PTA. You can also use code 867M7NA if you order online or through the Chipotle app.

Student Clubs Starting in January
Parent volunteers are planning to run two afterschool clubs this winter and spring. The Latin Culture Club will celebrate all things Latin American with dances, crafts, music and more. The Science Club will offer hands-on experiments for students to learn about physics, chemistry and biology. The PTA would like to identify parent or teacher volunteers to run at least one additional club, perhaps one related to the arts. We will send more details about sign-ups after the holidays, but please contact the PTA if you are interested: warrencubspta@gmail.com.