 Principal’s Message, Tricia Angelini
Fall has arrived and the weather is certainly turning cooler. As the first quarter of school comes to an end, it is important to stay connected to your child’s progress through the FOCUS parent portal and conferencing with your child’s teacher(s). Conference Day is scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2022.

American Education Week is the week of November 14-18. Plan to celebrate American Education Week by visiting classrooms. To accommodate our many visitors during the week, we have created a schedule. Visitors are welcome to observe in classrooms from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

**Monday, November 14 - Grade 1**
**Tuesday, November 15 - Grades 4 & 5**
**Wednesday, November 16 - Grades Prekindergarten & Kindergarten**
**Thursday, November 17 - Grade 2**

Thank you to all the families who have joined the Warren Elementary PTA and participated in the Read-A-Thon!

Reading Specialist, Erin Hays
Last month I shared details about the benefits of your child reading for 20 minutes (or more!) a day. If your child is not doing so, I encourage you to work with your child to find time for him/her to do this one
simple thing that can have such a huge impact! Reading with your child for some (or all) of these sessions can have so many benefits, too! You have an opportunity to bond, have some great discussions, and model great reading strategies and thinking with your child. How can you do this? I suggest finding a book in which your child expresses an interest—maybe a library book brought home from school, or one that you pick up together at the public library. Use these strategies to help you to read with your child!

BEFORE READING: Here are some things parents can ask their child before reading a book.
- What do you think this story will be about?
- Do you think this book will be funny/serious/sad/spooky etc.?
- Do you think this story will be real or made up?
- What do you wonder by looking at the cover?
- Who do you think the story will be about?
- When do you think the story is happening?
- Do you think you’ll like this book?

DURING READING:
- What do you think will happen next?
- How does the character feel?
- Why do you think that happened?
- Would you have made that same choice?
- Let’s pause and talk about what’s happened so far.
- What is the most important thing so far?
- Have you learned anything new?
- Does this part remind you of anything?

AFTER READING:
- How did the book make you feel?
- What was your favorite part?
- How many stars would you give the book?
- Would you recommend it to a friend?
- Who were the characters?
- If you could change the ending, how would the story end?
- What would you have done if you were the main character?
- Tell me about this book in one sentence.
- Use one word to describe the book.
- Did this book remind you of anything?
- Would you like to read more books like this one?
- What are you still wondering?
- Can you tell your teddy bear (little brother, cat/fish etc.) about the story?

For older children, you can still have great discussions and read with your child. Pick out a chapter book/novel and read it together. You’ll be amazed at the discussions and connections your and your child can make as you spend this time together reading! (Feel free to visit https://www.myprimaryparadise.com/2021/05/10/free-parents-guide-reading/?fbclid=IwAR1puWire8k01m5KNIx2T76Re2fpiqx7cVoyVAwaTsyBKOqBItxW_c_o&fs=e&s=cl for more information and resources related to this topic!)

School Counselor, Laura Sherline
Virtue for the month: Acceptance
Acceptance and Tolerance are words we use to describe respecting and appreciating all people, no matter what about them might be different from ourselves. Sometimes we can get stuck in a rut of being friends with and being with the same people over and over again. By ‘Mixing it up’ and spending time with new people, getting to know a person from a different culture, race, gender or perspective, we grow personally and make the world a better place.

Acceptance is embracing life on its own terms. We are open to what is rather than wishing for something different. We affirm others and ourselves for the qualities we do have and avoid judgment and criticism for what we don’t have. Accepting myself allows me to give what I have to the world.

Please model acceptance of others for your child by accepting others and getting to know new people yourselves! We will be encouraging everyone to get along here at school by asking children to cooperate and accept each other!

(Source- Virtues Project International, www.virtuesproject.com)

School Social Worker, Aislinn Taylor
The role of the School Social Worker is to provide a unique service that supports intervention to identify and eliminate barriers to students’ educational achievements and their healthy social-emotional development.

School Social Workers provide both direct and indirect services to students to help students achieve the maximum benefit from their educational experiences.

These services can be provided through:
- Individual and family counseling
- Teaching conflict resolution, problem solving, and decision-making skills
- Provide training to help students develop self-esteem and self-control
- Provide crisis intervention support
- Provide referrals to community resources.

School Nurse, Kate Melito
EXTRA CLOTHING
ALL students should keep a change of clothing in their lockers. Everyday children of all ages have bathroom accidents, yogurt spills on their shirts, wet, muddy knees from a fall on the playground, and so on. While the Health Suite has a limited amount of clothing for emergencies, having backup clothes in your child’s locker will assure they have something that will fit, allowing them to quickly get back to the classroom.

COVID REMINDERS
We have seen some recent cases of COVID in our community. Please remain vigilant with monitoring for symptoms, keeping your child home when sick, and testing for COVID whenever your student has COVID-like illness. Please refer to the BCPS COVID Testing FAQ on the BCPS.org website.

PER BCPS STUDENT/STAFF POLICY, PLEASE STAY HOME IF:
o you are sick (and talk to your doctor about whether you should be tested for COVID)
o you have a positive COVID test (and tell your school nurse)
o you have been tested for COVID (until the results come back)

Please continue to send in your children’s updated immunizations, physicals, dental and lead forms!

CONTACT INFO FOR THE HEALTH SUITE:
**Warren PTA**

**Read-A-Thon:** Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s Read-A-Thon! **We raised $9,343!** This is the PTA’s biggest fundraiser of the year — and you all outdid yourselves! The money raised is used to purchase classroom supplies, musical instruments, books and to cover the costs of assemblies, clubs and special activities. Thank you!!

**Room Parents:** Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who volunteered to be room parents this year! We appreciate the time you put into Warren to help the teachers and the students! We’re so lucky to have you in our community!

**Sky Zone Spirit Night:** Join us at Sky Zone in Timonium on Monday, November 7 from 4 - 8 p.m. (kids have off from the school the next day). Anyone who buys a ticket and mentions the Warren Elementary PTA helps us raise money! More details are in our Facebook event: [https://fb.me/e/30IDP6UoR](https://fb.me/e/30IDP6UoR).

**Taharka Brothers Ice Cream Fundraiser:** Place an at-home order from Taharka Brothers between November 7 - 9 and you raise money for the Warren PTA! Your favorite flavors get delivered to your home on November 11. Anyone can participate—just use the regular Home Delivery option but you must remember to put the coupon code for WARRENPTA when prompted. Place orders here: [https://deliver.taharkabrothers.com/](https://deliver.taharkabrothers.com/). More details are in our Facebook event: [https://fb.me/e/2WBllxlz5](https://fb.me/e/2WBllxlz5).

Here’s how to order:
1. Between November 7 - 9, go to [https://deliver.taharkabrothers.com/](https://deliver.taharkabrothers.com/).
2. Enter your home address.
3. Select November 11 as your delivery date.
4. Choose 8 of your favorite pints (this offer is only good if you order 8 pints). Too much? Split it with a friend.
5. Use code WARRENPTA and we earn $10.
6. Sit back and wait for it to be delivered on November 11. If you aren’t home at the time of delivery, have a neighbor keep it cold for you or leave a note for the delivery person telling him/her where to leave it.

Invite a friend to purchase too! Just don’t forget to enter the coupon code: WARRENPTA!

**November Monthly Meeting:** This month’s meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15. Join us in-person at Warren or join us online on Google Meets. You must use your child’s BCPS login to access the meeting. Meeting code is: WarrenPTANov.

**American Education Week:** Begins on Monday, November 14. If you’d like to volunteer to help us this week, please email [warrencubspta@gmail.com](mailto:warrencubspta@gmail.com)

**Check out the new Warren PTA website:** Bookmark our new, easy-to-navigate website. It will let you keep you posted on the latest events (with one click you can add our calendar to your Google calendar!), provide school resources, answer your frequently asked questions, and much more. Check it out: [https://sites.google.com/view/warrencubspta](https://sites.google.com/view/warrencubspta).
Follow the PTA on social media: For all the latest school news, events and much more, follow us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/WarrenElementaryPTA/) and Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/warrencubspta/).

Volunteers: If you want to get more involved with the school or the PTA, we have plenty of volunteer opportunities! Check them out here: https://sites.google.com/view/warrencubspta/volunteer-opportunities.