

WARREN ELEMENTARY NEWS

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DATE	EVENT	TIME
4/5/24	Third Marking Period Ends – All Schools Close 3 Hours Early	12:30pm Dismissal
4/8 – 4/12	MCAP Testing – 5 th Grade	Testing Begins at 10:00am
4/10/24	Systemwide Professional Development Day- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	
4/11/24	Pre-K and Kindergarten Enrollment	9:00am-3:30pm
4/15 – 4/18	MCAP Testing – 3rd Grade	Testing Begins at 9:10am
4/16/24	Family Game Night	5:00pm – 6:30pm
4/19/24	First Grade Field Trip to MD Science Center	
4/22 – 4/25	MCAP Testing – 4 th Grade	Testing Begins at 9:10am
4/26/24	All Schools Close 3 Hours Early	12:30pm Dismissal
4/27/24	Warren Spring Festival	2:00pm-5:00pm
4/29/24	Pre-K and Kindergarten Conference Day – No School for Pre-K and Kindergarten Students ONLY	
4/30/24	Pre-K Conference Day – No School for Pre-K Students ONLY	

Principal's Message, Tricia Angelini

The third marking period will end tomorrow, and we have a very busy few months left in the school year! Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be taking the standardized MCAP assessment beginning next week. It is imperative that students are present and on time each testing day. Prekindergarten and kindergarten registration will take place on April 11. If you have friends or neighbors with students ready for school, please share this information with them.

Literacy Committee

We are so thankful for the support of our Family Literacy Night and Read Across America Week in March! Supporting your child's literacy at home is such a wonderful way to ensure that your child is meeting with success at school. With the summer break rapidly approaching, think about how you will provide your child with opportunities to read and write over the summer. Please check out this link for

some ideas of ways to support literacy at home! <https://www.readingrockets.org/literacy-home/literacy-tips-activities>

Visiting the public library is a great way to support your child's literacy. There are many free programs and speakers throughout the year, even during the summer! Please check out this link for more information about events at the nearby Cockeysville Library and other branches in the Baltimore area! <https://www.bcpl.info/events-and-programs/list>

Finally, this month, the NEA has a focus on poetry. Check out this link for more information on texts and activities to support your child with reading, writing, and enjoying poetry! <https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/student-engagement/read-across-america/2023-2024-calendar/april-2024>

Mathematics Committee

Warren Elementary's Math Committee's resource for this month is a list of math activities for young learners that can also be elevated for slightly older students to help develop math knowledge. These ideas are excerpted from *Winning Ways to Learn: 600 Great Ideas for Children* by Meisels, Marsden, and Stetson.

Numbers

- Find lots of things to count - buttons, pockets, fingers, toes, crayons, pennies...
- Read lots of different kinds of counting books.
- Put some magnetic numerals on the refrigerator for your child to play with.
- Play board games that involve rolling a die and counting the dots.
- Encourage your child to make "guesstimates"- How many beans do you think are on your plate? How many pennies do you think are in a year?

Patterns and Relationships

- Play matching games: Look for all the things that are the same color as your shirt. Let's find things that are round like a clock.
- Arrange objects (buttons, crayons, milk jug lids, etc.) in patterns:
 - Black, green, black, green, black, green ...
 - Big, little, big, little, big, little....
 - Metal, plastic, metal, plastic, metal, plastic ...
- When cleaning up toys, help your child sort them into groups: trucks, dolls, games, puzzles, books, etc.
- Make up rhythm patterns:
 - Clap, clap, stomp, stomp, clap, clap, stomp, stomp...
 - Stomp, stomp, clap-clap-clap, stomp, stomp, clap-clap-clap, stomp, stomp...
- Look for patterns all around, in fabric, in nature, in buildings, etc.

Geometry and Spatial Sense

- Make different shapes when you play with clay or play doh.
- Play Simon Says and use position language: over your head, under your arms, below your knees, to the side, behind, in front, etc.
- Cut shapes out of paper so your child can make shape pictures.
- Look for shapes when you are driving in the car or out for a walk.
- Use positional words when giving your child directions:
 - Put it on the bottom shelf.
 - Hang it next to the blue coat.
 - You'll find it behind the couch.
 - Look under the table.

Measurement

- Create a family calendar and mark off the days before a special event, such as a birthday or a visit from grandma.
- Make a point of using words such as yesterday, today, and tomorrow.
- Let your child help you measure ingredients when you are cooking.

Counselor's Corner: Virtue for the month of the month for April: Respect

We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. We treat others with dignity and honor the rules of our family and school. Respect yourself and others will respect you. This essential virtue informs how we treat others and will determine the quality of our friendships and how often we have conflicts. It is incredibly important right now as some students struggle with conflicts and can improve their quality of life, if they choose to treat others the way they want to be treated.

Tact supports this virtue in that it is a part of treating others thoughtfully and respectfully. Tact is telling the truth kindly, considerate of how your words affect others' feelings. Think before you speak, knowing what is better left unsaid. 'Roasting' and saying unkind things is popular with some students. Please support us, your child and the entire school community by encouraging your children to be kind and not 'roast' others.

We need to create a safe space for students and adults where we know no one will say unkind words 'just for fun.' We need friends and adults we can trust. Trustworthiness is being worthy of trust. People can count on you to do your best, to keep your word and follow through on commitments. You do what you say you will do. Caring is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you. When you care about people, you help them. You do a careful job, giving your very best effort.

Remembering and embracing these virtues helps us to create harmonious, joy-filled spaces for the children we love. (Source- Virtues Project International, www.virtuesproject.com)

School Nurse, Kate Melito

Upcoming Solar Eclipse And Eye Protection : On Monday, April 8, a total solar eclipse will pass over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. While Maryland will not fall under the direct path of the eclipse, the state will experience a partial solar eclipse beginning at approximately 2:05 p.m. and peaking around 3:21 p.m, and ending about 4:33 p.m. Students and staff should be warned that the only safe way to look directly at the sun during an eclipse is through special purpose solar filters, like eclipse glasses or handheld solar viewers. It is never safe to look at the sun without solar filters during any other phases of the eclipse, or if you are viewing a partial or annular eclipse. <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse2024/safety/>. Teachers and staff have received this same information from the Office of Health Services. Please reinforce with your children prior to school on April 8.

Updated COVID Protocol: Office of Health Services has released an updated protocol for COVID-19. Treating COVID-19 like other respiratory viruses, students and staff should stay home when they have a fever of 100°F or higher, have vomiting or diarrhea, or have other signs of illness such as cough or sore throat accompanied by body aches and fatigue. Sick students and staff are encouraged to consult with their health care provider to determine if they should be tested for COVID-19, flu, or other conditions. In general, testing is recommended when a person is sick with a fever that is accompanied by a cough, sore throat, and/or upset stomach. Students and staff may return to school after symptoms improve and the fever is gone for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medicines. To stay up to date with the

BCPS COVID-19 plan, please follow this link:

https://www.bcps.org/dos/socialemotionalsupport/office_of_health_services/covid

Please continue to send in your children's updated immunizations, physicals, dental and lead forms! If you need help with obtaining general medical care for your child, please reach out to me so that I can connect you to the Baltimore County Health Department for assistance.

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Thank you!

Kate Melito, School Nurse

Warren PTO

We are just a few weeks away from this year's Spring Fest. Join us for a fun-filled day on Saturday, April 27 from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. at Warren. We'll have food trucks, live entertainment, carnival games, awesome prizes and so much more! Mark your calendar and check our [Facebook event](#) for updates. If you want to help with planning Spring Fest, we are hosting a planning meeting at 6 pm (before the general PTO meeting) on Tuesday, April 9.

We also need volunteers to help us set up, sell tickets, run games, assist with the silent auction, clean up and more at Spring Fest. If you're a middle or high schooler, this is a perfect way to earn service hours! [Sign up here](#) to help out!

We have a half day of school this Friday — what better way to celebrate than with some [Tutti Frutti](#)! Eat some sweet treats and put your printed receipt in the jar at the register and Warren PTO gets 25% donated back! Stop by the [Tutti Frutti Spirit Night](#) from 4 - 10 p.m.

It's baseball season and we have the gear for you to support your favorite Baltimore baseball team and your favorite school simultaneously! Kids and adult sizes are available. Place your order by April 7 and it will be delivered to Warren: <https://warrenelementaryomazing2024.itemorder.com/shop/home/>.

Join us on Tuesday, April 9 for the [monthly PTO meeting](#) at 7 p.m. at Warren. Pizza and babysitters will be provided! We'll be talking about Spring Fest planning, Teacher Appreciation Week and more! If you're interested in helping us plan some wonderful treats for our Warren teachers and staff, email us at warrencubspto@gmail.com.

On Wednesday, April 17, grab dinner at Jersey Mike's and support the PTO at the same time! Look out for a flyer and more details!

On Sunday, April 14 at 10:30 am, everyone is welcome to help us clean up the butterfly garden. Kids are encouraged to come and help! Gloves will be provided for all volunteers. Parents are invited to also help us touch up the paw prints around the school sidewalks with paint. Rain date will be April 21. Look for

more details in the coming days.

Join the PTO Executive Board! If you're interested in joining the PTO Executive Board, please let us know! Next school year we will need a new president, 2 vice presidents and a treasurer. The PTO is a great way to be involved at Warren Elementary and make an impact. Talk to us more about it and see what's possible! Email warrencubspto@gmail.com or reach out to any of the current members.