



Westford School News

May 6, 2011

Principal's Corner

A Thank You is Really Appreciated



Today is the last day of teacher and staff appreciation week and what a wonderful week it has been! We all really appreciated the kind efforts of our students and parents this week. The Westford PTO helped organize this event which was entitled "You Are O'FISH'ALLY Awesome." Teachers and staff arrived on Monday morning to see our hallways filled with fish cut-outs containing special messages of thanks from our students. Parents had also organized meals and snacks throughout the week which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

I was chatting with a few of teachers this morning about students they had taught years ago. It meant so much to have these students, now adults, remember them with a warm greeting. A few words of thanks and recognition are the perfect gift for any educator. Long after the tasty cookies are gone, the kind words live on.

With thanks to our students and parents,

Share your thoughts about teacher appreciation by clicking the "Principal's Blog" link on our school web page

Giant Map Visits Westford School!



Students at the Westford School explored South America in a big way this week --- with one of the world's largest maps of the continent. The map, measuring 35 feet by 26 feet and weighing 102 pounds provided student explorers with a fun, interactive experience through rich content and exciting activities that enlivened the study of geography. One of the activities our students participated in was "Cultural Geography Relay," in which students used photos to learn about cultural life in South America. We want to thank Diane Siegriest who arranged this Giant Map visit with her geography connections.

Fine Arts Night at Westford School



**Thursday May 19th, 2011 6:00-8:30pm
(School Report Information 5:00-6:00)**

**Join us to celebrate the arts and talents
of our young people.**

- **5:00-6:00, School Report Night in the cafeteria. Pizza, beverages and dessert provided.**
- **6:00, Doors to the Art Show open! View art works in the hall. Photography by the Shutterbug Society also on Display.**
- **7:00-8:00, Demonstrations in the Art Room**
- **6:20-7:20, Readers' Theatre in the Library**
- **7:30, Guitar Jam in the Common area**

Anyone interested in assisting with the gala event should contact Nancy Spier at nspier@ccsuvt.org



A new addition to our evening will be a **School Report Night** from 5:00-6:00 PM (right before Fine Arts Night). Parents, students and community members are invited to join David Wells as he highlights some of our students' academic achievements over the past year. A light dinner of pizza, beverages and dessert will be served.



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Girls on the Run Bake Sale!



Come one come all to the "Fun Little Cupcakes" sale to be held during the 5/8 lunch on **Wednesday, May 12th**. The GOTR group is selling cupcakes this one time only as their community project to benefit the Westford Playground on the Green. The "Funcakes" will be sold for **50 cents** each, so don't forget your quarters on Wednesday!

Girls on the Run is an educational program that combines lessons in positive self-image with the importance of regular exercise and good food choices along with a community service component. Girls meet twice weekly with volunteer coaches to discuss issues and take part in fun running activities. This year, there are 126 sites with 2,350 girls participating.

Girls on the Run Vermont's northern Vermont 5K Run/Walk is scheduled for 10 a.m. May 21 at the Champlain Valley Expo in Essex Junction. The girls' families and friends, and the public are invited to take part. All proceeds from the event benefit Girls on the Run Vermont.

For more information about GOTR, the 5K, including volunteering, call 246-1476 or email to info@girlsontherunvermont.org

Dates to Remember

- May 19th, Fine Arts Night, 6:00-8:30 PM
- May 19th, School Report Night, 5:00-6PM, Light Dinner included
- May 31st, School Board Meeting at Westford, 6:30 PM
- June 14th, Eighth Grade Graduation
- June 15th, Last Day of School