

WINNISQUAM REGIONAL
MIDDLE SCHOOL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/22- Pep Rally

2/22- 6th graders go
see The Spiderwick
Chronicles

2/25- Winter School
Vacation week

3/4- Students return to
school

3/5- 6:00 - Winter
Sports Ceremony

3/8- Regional Spelling
Bee

3/17- Spring Sports
begin

3/21- Project Safeguard

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Dancing at WRMS

January 25th, February 8th, and February 15th our school had its first three dances of 2008. Admission costing \$4, each dance ran from 7pm to 9pm. Jan. 25th's dance was sponsored by the Washington DC trip. They had hot dogs, drinks, and snacks for sale in the hallway. Near the end of the dance most of the students went down to the gym to watch the cheerleaders perform to give everyone a break. After the performance was over everyone was back in the cafeteria to dance some more. The next dance on Feb. 8 was for the Memory Book club. Drinks, hot dogs, cup-

cakes, brownies, chips, and glow sticks were sold in the hall. Again there were a whole lot of students dancing to songs like



Crank That, Cha Cha Slide, Stairway to Heaven, and the Cotton Eyed Joe. Feb. 15th's dance was sponsored by the Franklin Pop Warner Football Program. In the hall pizza, water, Hawaiian Punch, lemonade,

glow sticks, and flowers were sold. This dance allowed NPL students to come as well. When each of the dances ended all of the students looked satisfied and tired. They probably went home just in time to fall asleep. Mr. Hampe has informed me that the Student Council recently bought DJ equipment to use at the dance. Now they won't have to pay DJs to come, set up, and play. He also says that the next dance should be on the night of March 7th. If you plan to come to the next dance drinks and pizza/hot dogs are usually \$1.00 each. Hope to see you there!!

By: Barron Clogston

An Unfortunate Fire

On February 11, 2008, an unfortunate fire occurred in Sanbornton. The Van Tassel's experienced a life-threatening situation when an electrical fire broke out and spread through the whole house. The house burned down in

just 2 hours due to the wind. Luckily, no one was home when the fire occurred. Four animals survived the fire, a horse and three rabbits. But still many of their possession were lost. The towns Tilton, Northfield and Sanbornton are trying their best to help

the Van Tassel family. We had a bake sale on Friday February 15th to raise money for the Van Tassel's benefit. Families who have known the Van Tassel's and care about them are already making donations. We all wish the Van Tassels the best of luck.



Quote of the Month

“If at first you don’t succeed, skydiving isn’t for you”

In The News

A Heated Showdown

The last republican debate before the Florida primaries took place at F.A.U. in Boca Raton. The moderators were Brian Williams and Tim Russert, both from NBC.

The participants were Mitt Romney; former governor of Massachusetts; John McCain; senator from Arizona, Mike Huckabee; former governor of Arkansas, Dr. Ron Paul from Texas and former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani. Romney questioned Giuliani about whether or not he agreed with the president's signing of the stimulus package. Giuliani said that he agrees with the stimulus package because the economy might go through a recession. McCain then inquired about Huckabee's sales tax plan. Huckabee said if elected, he would abolish the IRS and instead would create a low sales tax. Huckabee asked Romney if he supported the 2nd amendment, the right for which people can own weapons to hunt, for self defense or target shooting. Romney responded yes because people need weapons for good reasons. Giuliani questioned Romney on home insurance. Romney said he would do what he did in Massachusetts, lower home insurance costs so that everyone can afford it. Romney was also asked what he would do if he was elected. Romney said he won't raise

taxes. Huckabee and McCain had some laughs about what Chuck Norris said about McCain. Chuck Norris is endorsing Huckabee. He said in a roundabout way, McCain is too old to be president at 72. Huckabee was asked if he agreed with Chuck. He said he did when he was next to him but now that he is far enough away it's safe for him to say he doesn't. Huckabee said he wants to be away from Chuck when he disagrees because Chuck could take him down with his foot.

I think Romney was the winner of the debate because he had very good answers for the questions. If the debate was this heated up, how are the primaries going to be on January 29th? The reason why the Florida primaries are so important is because the winner of the Florida primaries is usually the nominee for the general election.

Tuesday January 29, 2008

The winner of the Florida primaries is

John McCain!

That means he gets 57 delegates! The primaries were confusing. I didn't know who was going to win. It kept going back and forth between Mitt Romney and John McCain. First, Romney, then McCain,

then Romney and finally McCain. McCain had 37% and Romney had 33%. It was very close! McCain has a total of 93 delegates. He's in first place for the republican candidates. Romney is in second with 59 delegates. 1,000,000 people voted as an absentee last month. That means that they were unable to make it to the primaries so they voted early. Most of the people that voted as absentee wanted to change their mind after the debate but it was too late. Imagine that you voted for someone you liked. Then, you find out they did or said something, now you don't like. You don't want to support them anymore but you can't change. That would stink!! February 5th is Super Tuesday, the day that almost half of the country votes. I can't wait to see who wins all of those states!

By: Avery Audet

The table below indicates the number of delegates earned as of 2/18/2008.

Candidate	# of Delegates
John McCain	908
Mike Huckabee	245
Barack Obama	1,281
Hillary Clinton	1,218

Holiday Choir Performs...Finally



On January 22, 2008, W.R.M.S had their holiday concert. Due to weather conditions, the holiday concert was postponed twice and was forced to go on after the holidays, defeating the purpose of a holiday concert. Despite the postponements, the choir performed at W.R.M.S, directed by the

new chorus and music teacher Mrs. Grover, with as much enthusiasm as if it were before the holidays. Many people participated in chorus, and sang four songs called African Celebration, Winter-song, Seasons of Love, and New Year Comin'. Three of the selected songs involved a small group act, giving some of the chorus members a chance to stand out. The featured group soloists for African Celebration were: Nicole Swain, Crissy Cowan, Hailey Sereni, Gerry Craig, Ali Yandian, Karina Gomez, Nyasia Lewis, and Hannah Willcutt.

Small groups and soloists for Seasons of Love were: Katherine McKenna, Clarissa McDonald, Liz Davis, Jessica McDaniels, Kristie O' Connor, Teanna Bryson, Teanna Phinny, Jane Achorn, Nicole Weisman, Kristen Dupuis, Carrissa Archibald, Taylor Cavanaugh, Abbi Sleeper, Stacey Clark, Daley Buckwell, and Krysten Schmelzer. Later in May, the choir will perform their Spring or Pops concert. Hopefully by that time, we will be far away from the threat of a bad snowstorm!

By: Renee Boudreau

Drama Club Puts on a Great Show

December 2007 the Drama Club performed The Toys Take Over Christmas, by Patricia Clapp, in front of parents, friends, and classmates. It was about an evil toymaker who makes all these wonderful toys that walk, talk, and breathe. He never sold his toys to anyone, then a rag doll helps the toys decide that they want to be given to children and to be loved.

Student Council came in to help decorate for the dinner theater. The place looked great once it was finished. Toys decorated the cafeteria making it

look like a toy store. The backdrop (which is still hanging up on stage) was made by the assistant director Mrs. Cavanaugh. The director of the play was Mrs. D'Agnes. The cast had a wonderful time performing the play, multiple times. The Toys Take Over Christmas cast is: Ali Yandian as the Toymaker, Abbi Sleeper as Sunny, Krysten Schmelzer as Colette, Taylor Cavanaugh as Tina, Kandyce Tucker as Annie, Gerry Craig as Captain, Hannah Livernois as Soldier #1, Barron Clogston as Soldier #2, Morgan Johnston as a Ballerina, Natasha Jacobs as Old Woman/Christmas Fairy, Christina Crandall as a

Customer, Daley Buckwell as Santa Claus, and Brandi Knapp as Sprinkles the Elf. They did an excellent job all four times. There were added parts in their version as well as the Nutcracker, Crank That Dance by Soulja Boy, and I Won't Say I'm in Love. Congratulations to all for a job well done!



Spelling Bee 2008

Thursday, February 7, 2008 our school had the "Final Four Spelling Bee" of 2008. Weeks before, all the classes had their own bee. The winners from each reading/LA class, who then went on to the Finalist School Bee on Feb. 1st were: Sierra Paulhus, Barron Clogston, Ben Wentworth, Kaitlyn Bousquet, AJ Visconti, Bailey Long, Avery Audet, Jack Parsons, Taylor Chavanelle, Garret Flury, Desiray Walsh, Jillian Hanright,

Melissa Mekula, Ali Yandian, Anthony Weisensee, Karina H.Gomez, Melissa Broughton, Felicia Demers, Patrick Stock, Shawna Walsh, Hannah Twombly, Rachel Bodwell, and Stephanie Mason. The words are from the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Avery, Barron, Bailey, and Ali were the top four and the ones who went in front of the whole WRMS student body. Mrs. Bergman ran the bee while Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Doherty, and Ms. Doherty

judged. Once everyone was in the gym then the bee began. Barron was first out followed by Bailey. At least they made it that far. Then Ali became runner-up which left Avery as the winner. Avery will move on to the Regional Spelling Bee in Concord on March 8th. If Avery can't go Ali will take his place. Let's all root for our school's representative on March 8th. GO AVERY!!!!



6th Grade Enters the World of Spiderwick

The 6th graders have been reading the Spiderwick books for the past two months. Each reading class has read at least one of the five books in the series. On February 22nd all of the 6th grade students will be going to Smitty's Cinema Pub to see The Spiderwick Chronicles. The movie is 1 hour and 37 minutes long and is rated PG. It is a Paramount and Nickelodeon movie based on the series by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Back.

The Grace family just moved from the city to this beat up rusty house that belonged to their crazy aunt. But is she so crazy when they discover a book that is the key to magical creatures beyond their imagination? Now Mallory, Simon, and Jared are finding these creatures. Some are on their good side and some are not. I asked some 6th graders what creature would be fun to see come to life. Some thought Thimbletack, the brownie or Hogsqueal, the hobgoblin

would be cool. Others said the troll, a boggart, goblins, griffins, and sprites. I also asked if they thought the movie was going to be like the books. Few thought it would be the same word for word. Most thought it would be similar. Some thought it would be totally different than the books. Finally, I asked if they would recommend the books. There were more "yes" answers than "no". I myself have read some of the books and would also recommend them.

"The difference between school and life: In school you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson."

Hallelujah!

With MAP testing behind us I bet a lot of you are hearing the hallelujah chorus! Now that testing is over, until spring that is, we can return to our usual fun schedule, working. Now I know that working isn't fun either, but at least we don't have to sit in front of a computer for an hour!

If you are a student reading this go up to your teacher and give them a big pat on the back for working so hard this last quarter. Ok, you don't have to but

that's what every teacher deserves! I would hate to work out that crazy schedule! So from me to you, good job teachers! I would also like to say good job to all of you students for working your butts off!

Another bunch of people we need to thank is the lunch ladies! As you may have noticed the computers have been down a lot lately! But our staff has not given up yet. I know you think it is annoying to have to line up in alphabetical order and write all your stuff down but think

about how hard it is for the lunch ladies! They have to put all that info into the computers when they start working again! Good job lunch ladies!

Now that the chaos is over we can kick back and relax because we have an amazing school and an even more amazing staff! I am so glad to go to school here! Thank you W.R.M.S. staff!

By: Renee Boudreau

Live and Let Live Farm

Live and Let Live Farm is a non-profit rescue and rehabilitation shelter for abused, unwanted and/or abandoned animals. Financially, the farm is run on donations, sponsorships, and grants. All of the work is done by volunteers. Help is always needed with the maintenance and horses on the farm so volunteers are always wel-

come. Live and Let Live Farm would not exist without kind and good-hearted people donating their time to the animals.

The farm is home to a variety of animals but mainly horses. During an animal's stay at Live and Let Live Farm, volunteers work hard at

rehabilitating and retraining the animals. When applicable, staff at the farm will try to find loving homes for the animals. Animals that are not applicable receive life-long care. For more information about donating, volunteering or the farm in general please visit www.liveandletlivefarm.org.

By: Joanna Walsh

More News

Winnisquam's Efforts Leave Them Stranded

On Friday, Feb. 15th the Winnisquam Girls B team headed to Gilford for a tournament to play Newfound. When the game began, Newfound was quickly sent to the free throw line. For the most of the first half, the score was 1-0 Newfound. However in the last minute of the first half, Rachel W., #8, and Kendra L. scored points. At half time, the score was 3-1 with Winnisquam in the lead!

In the third quarter, Newfound tied the score at 5-5. The

better part of the third quarter went on with no points scored by either team. Unfortunately for Winnisquam, Newfound made a basket at the end of the 3rd quarter, leaving the score 7-5, Newfound.

Halfway through the final quarter, the score was still 7-5, Newfound. With three minutes to go, Newfound was in the bonus and Winnisquam needed to score. Two minutes and twenty three seconds until the end of the fourth quarter, Winnisquam coach, Mark

Prout called a time out. After a brief but serious talk with his team, Prout sent out the following line up: Hannah C. #11, Rachel W. #8, Karina G. #7, Taylor C. #12, and Melissa M. #33. Rachel made a foul shot, giving the team hope. Unfortunately, Newfound also made a free throw and the game ended Newfound-8 points and Winnisquam-6 points. GOOD JOB!

By: Abbi Sleeper

This Month in Sports

Perfect No More

Patriots day at the WRMS didn't help the New England Patriots to victory. We did not have a "winner of Patriots Day" because of our Early Release due to the weather.

Unfortunately, the Patriots couldn't pull off perfection. In the first quarter the Giants kicked a field goal that was good. Three points on the scoreboard. Then, later in the first quarter Tom Brady threw a T.D. pass. The 1-point conversion was good.

Seven points were on the scoreboard. At the end of the quarter the scoreboard read 3-7 Patriots. The score stayed the same until the fourth quarter. In the fourth quarter the Giants scored with a T.D. pass thrown by Eli Manning. The 1-point conversion was good. Seven more points on the scoreboard. Later on Eli Manning threw yet another T.D. pass. The 1-point conversion was good. Seven more points on the scoreboard. At the end of the game the Patriots had a chance to catch up but their plays didn't work for them. The final score was 17-7, Giants. Flashback: Tom Brady got sacked more times in the Super

bowl then in the whole season. Maybe we can blame Bill Belichick, who was not wearing his lucky sweatshirt.

By: Jonah Crandall



Students dress up for Patriot's Day.

Girls A Team Crushes Gilford

Tuesday January 29, 2008, the Girls A Basketball team defeated Gilford on Gilford's home court. Coach Everett led them to their 22-20 victory. Top scorers for the game were Sara Andrews with nine points, Nicole Weisman and Hannah Willcutt, both scoring four points each. The effort was tremendous from both teams, but the luck was with the wolves Tuesday afternoon.

The defensive and offensive plays

from both teams were great and worked to the benefit of Winnisquam. Player Nicole Weisman said, "We play well as a team!" She later proceeded to tell me that she is very happy with the team's success and hopes for the best in their tournament.



The A team was very successful in their first tournament game played on Friday the 15th. They played away against Newfound. The girls worked hard and in the end it all paid off. One of the players said that it was a rough game but they worked hard and won it in the end.

By: Melissa Mekula

Recess: Shouldn't 7th and 8th get it too?

What Do You Think?

Ever since kids have gone from elementary to middle school, the possibility of a good, quality, long-lasting recess has diminished almost entirely. 6th graders get a recess, but it is hardly more than 15 minutes. 7th and 8th on the other hand don't get recess at all. What's up with that?! Shouldn't 7th and 8th grade get it too? Just because we have new 90-minute blocks doesn't mean we shouldn't have a little fun and fresh air, right? According to the administrators, recess takes out too much time from class and gives teachers less time to teach. However long recess takes, teachers

have to make up the time missed in class.

Even so, research shows that "physical activity improves children's attentiveness and decreases restlessness." Furthermore, advances in brain research show that "most of the brain is activated during physical activity- much more so than when doing seatwork". So, if we had recess this could help kids to stay on task and get higher test scores. Before administrators totally eliminate the option of recess from their curriculum, they should consider the benefits. Studies show that recess could also help with stress, benefit-

ing both kids and adults. Kids would be able to let go from school work and have some fun in their day, and also time to talk with friends. Teachers could get lessons done faster because kids would be more alert and focused from recess, and some kids would have that time to finish things that need to be done. Basically, everyone would benefit from recess if we just give it enough time to work! So, hopefully I speak for the whole entire 7th and 8th grade when I say that we deserve to have recess too!

By: Renee Boudreau

Should 7th and 8th Get Recess: Teacher's Opinions

"The great and glorious masterpiece of man is to know how to live to purpose."

It's An Opinion

This issue our debate is: should 7th & 8th graders have recess? Now I know all you students are saying yes so I didn't get any student opinions. Instead I got a few teacher opinions. Our first speaker is Mr. Troy. When asked the question he replied "In many, many, many middle schools 6th, 7th, & 8th graders don't have recess and I don't see anything wrong with that." A lot of teachers don't want to have recess return! A couple of teachers were caught in be-

tween yes and no. for example, Mrs. Shuey said "I think it's healthy for everyone to take a break, especially outside. However having the privilege to go outside comes with certain responsibilities, including good behavior everywhere on school grounds. Students and adults need to get outside even if it's only for ten minutes."

Mrs. O'Donnell also said that students should have recess "once a week". Another teacher, Mrs. Large, said "Yes, because they need a break." A

lot of teachers have different opinions. I want to remind you that everyone is entitled to their own opinion so don't get upset at the teachers who said "No" to recess.

In conclusion, recess has it's good and bad points, but mostly good. To me it seems like recess might have a chance of returning but it may be highly unlikely.

By: Hannah Livernois

If you would like to comment on these articles, please feel to write a "Letter to the Editor" and it may be featured in our next issue.
Letters can be sent to Mrs. Hall's Room— Room 21

6th Grade Q & A

Interviewees include: Tim Beaulieu, Austin Blais, Rachel Frist, Steven Hanser, Kendra Lonergan, Rachel Willcutt

RF: Marcotte
 KL: Sanders and Meyer
 RW: All Teachers

SH: Pizza
 KL: Fajita
 RW: Sloppy Joe

How do you like the Middle School?

TB: I like it.
 AB: It is okay.
 RF: I don't know.
 SH: It's good.
 KL: It's fine. It's all good.
 RW: Okay, I guess.

What is your favorite U.A.?

TB: Tech Ed
 AB: Gym
 RF: Computer
 SH: Art and Health
 KL: Art
 RW: Art/Tech Ed

What is your favorite after school club?

TB: Guitar Club
 AB: Chess Club
 RF: None
 SH: Guitar Club
 KL: Chess Club
 RW: None

What is your favorite subject at WRMS?

TB: Science
 AB: Science
 RF: Reading
 SH: Science
 KL: Math
 RW: Every Class.

What is your least favorite U.A.?

TB: Health
 AB: Health
 RF: Gym
 SH: Tech Ed.
 KL: Guidance
 RW: Guidance

Is it cool to have Southwick and Sanbornton kids in the same school?

TB: Yes, there are new people to meet.
 AB: I guess so.
 RF: Yeah
 SH: Yes
 KL: Yes
 RW: Yeah

What is your least favorite subject at WRMS?

TB: Math
 AB: Math
 RF: Math
 SH: Math
 KL: Social Studies
 RW: None

Who is your favorite U.A. teacher?

TB: Mr. Jones
 AB: Ms. McCaffery
 RF: Don't have one.
 SH: Ms. Kemmerer
 KL: Mrs. Johnson
 RW: Mr. Howard & Mrs. Johnson

If you could change one thing in the middle school, what would it be?

TB: Amount of homework
 AB: Homework and teachers
 RF: Time school ends
 SH: Math/homework
 KL: Nothing
 RW: THE HOMEWORK!!!

Who is your favorite 6th Grade Teacher?

TB: Hampe
 AB: Hampe
 SH: Hampe

What is your favorite school lunch?

TB: Pizza
 AB: Pizza
 RF: Crispy Chicken

By: Barron Clogston

INTERVIEWS

Interview with Ms. Sanders

Question 1. "Is it frustrating being a 6th grade teacher?"

Answer 1. "No it is fun. I love it. There is always something that can make you laugh."

Q.2. "If you could teach any grade what would it be?"

A.2. "6th grade."

Q.3. "Why would you want to teach 6th grade?"

A.3. "I like 6th graders because they are

older than a little kid. They still have a good sense of humor and are fun. I also like it because I know all the kids in the building."

Q.4. "What is the hardest part about your job?"

A.4. "The hardest part is grading and planning."

Q.5. "What other grades have you taught before?"

A.5. "I did my student teaching in a 5th/6th grade class. Then worked in an elementary

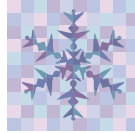
school worked with kids in readiness, and 2nd graders.





Winnisquam Regional Middle School News Club

Weather



This Newspaper was put together by the student members of the News Club.

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	Joanna Walsh

2/22—Snow Showers—high 29
 2/23—Few Snow Showers—high 32
 2/24—Partly Cloudy—high 35
 2/25—Partly Cloudy—high 37
 2/26—Rain/Snow Showers—high 42
 2/27—Mostly Cloudy—high 37

Bully or Bullied?

In schools across the nation we have a serious problem that some of you may have noticed. That problem is bullying. Now I know I sound a lot like a teacher, but this has to be said! Some of you here at W.R.M.S. may think its fun to be a bully, or that it makes you better than the poor kid who is the target. Well, you are not better. What you may not realize is that you could be permanently scaring these kids that you torment. As some of you know, it is terribly painful to be at the other end of these insults. If bullies could feel the pain that they cause I know that they would never bully again. Unfortunately, that's not the way things work.

Our Middle School has provided many anti-bullying programs over the past few years, especially this year. Some of these include: Rachel's Challenge, the Friends of Rachel Club, Jeff Yalden, Todd Crandall and there are more presentations on the way. For those of you who don't bully others, maybe you learned something at one or all of these programs. But remember, just because you aren't being tormented doesn't

mean you should ignore the problem. You could still help kids that are bullied. Instead of walking by, or laughing along, help the poor kids! Don't just stand there! Do something! If it ever happens to you I guarantee the kids that you help will remember and do the same for you. All those bullied kids need is a friend! You may be afraid that those bullies will target you next, but if you help others they will help you if the time comes! Don't ignore these types of problems, fix them!

As for kids who are bullied, I know it's hard to deal with but there are ways to help stop the pain. Find friends to help you out; if a lot of people stand up to one person then that person will back down. You could tell an adult. You might be called a tattletale but it's ok, adults can help immensely! The thing I found works best is not to let bullies get to you. It's your opinion of yourself that matters, not theirs. Don't let bullies affect your self-image! If you believe that you are a strong, independent, powerful, and amazing person then that is all that matters!

As for the bullies, stop it! If you could feel the type of pain that you cause you wouldn't bully others. Just because someone is different doesn't mean they deserve to be picked on! Some of you may have been hurt deep down inside and have decided to take it out on others. Some of you may just like to torment people. Just because something bad or upsetting happened to you doesn't mean that other people should have to feel bad or upset; you of all people should know that! If you bully because you can, then that is not right! Just because people are misunderstood doesn't mean they're bad kids or "geeks" as some of you call them. Leave them alone! When someone is bullied it could stay with them for the rest of their lives and never be erased! Something to think about is that some kids choose to commit suicide because they were bullied. Now, do you want to be the cause of that?

By: A WRMS student