



### COMING EVENTS

#### February 2, Tuesday

Basketball game vs. Denbigh Christian at Denbigh Christian

#### February 6, Saturday

WRCS Middle School Chorus Breakfast Fund-raiser at Beef O' Brady's, 8-10 a.m.

#### February 9, Tuesday

Basketball tournament, preliminary round

#### February 11, Thursday

Basketball tournament, finals

#### February 12, Friday

Last day to receive early registration discount

#### February 15, Monday

School closed for Presidents' Day

#### February 16, Tuesday

Registration for 2010-11 opens to everyone  
Art Expo/Open House, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

#### February 25, Thursday

Christian Education Day and Pastors' Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.

#### February 26, Friday

School closed for teacher in-service

#### March 5, Friday

St. Jude's Math-A-Thon

#### March 19, Friday

Annual Grandparents Day Celebration, 10 a.m.

#### March 22, Monday

**MARCH MADNESS** "WRCS Spirit Night" at Chick-fil-A, 5-8 p.m. At Kiln Creek Shopping Center

#### March 27, Saturday

WRCS School Auction Kick-off Festival

#### April 24, Saturday

WRCS Auction at Virginia Living Museum

### CHARACTER CORNER

Each month we focus on a different aspect of character development.

**"Love" is the theme for February.** Week one will focus on **empathy**. During week two, students will learn about **compassion**. Week three will address **generosity**. Students will consider **forgiveness** during week four.



We encourage parents to ask students about these aspects as we go through the month, and work with them to further the character education they receive at WRCS.



### LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Adam Meade served as Principal for a Day this year, after his parents bid on and won the prize at the 2009 school auction.

During his one-day tenure, he granted extra recess to grade school students. Good job, Adam!

*Bring your family and friends, including children.*

## WRCS OPEN HOUSE and Fine Arts Expo

**Tuesday, February 16  
5:30 – 7 PM**

- Tell grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors.
- Bring friends who may wish to enroll in our school.
- Enjoy displays of student work in the hallways.
- Visit classrooms (not for teacher conferences).
- Visit your child's upcoming classroom/grade.
- See what's happening in
  - 🎨 Mrs. Neighbors' Art Classes
  - 🎵 Mrs. Field's Music Classes
  - 💻 Mrs. Blinco's Computer Classes
  - 🏃 Mrs. Gray's P.E. Classes

You may also sit in on 10-15 minute "rehearsals" of the Children's Chorus, and Middle School Chorus.

### REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS ANNOUNCED

To encourage early registration for classroom planning, the WRCS School Board is offering a discounted registration rate to current families who **register by February 12:**

\$100 for One Student per Family (save \$25)

\$125 for Two or More Students/Family (save \$50)

**Plan to reserve a space for your student by the 12th!**

### 2010-11 REGISTRATION OPEN

Early registration for the next school year began Wednesday, January 27, for **current families**. Registration opens to **new families** on February 16.

***A nonrefundable registration fee of \$125 per student or \$175 per family must accompany registration to hold a classroom spot for the 2010-11 year. Health forms and current tuition payments must also be up to date.***

We hope each household involved at WRCS will be part of our school family again next year. Along with visiting current classrooms during Open House on February 16, please check out the classrooms where your child will be next year.

## HOPPING TO HELP HEARTS

Warwick River Christian School has partnered with the American Heart Association to raise funds for children with sick hearts. Through the JUMP ROPE for HEART program the students will participate in a jump-a-thon and learn about heart health. More information and donation slips will be sent out soon. This event will be held the week of February 15 and be part of our Winter Olympics.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DAY & GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATIONS

February is *Christian Education Month* at WRCS. Your pastors and Christian education leaders will be invited to attend our *Pastors' Breakfast on Thursday, February 25, in the fellowship hall at Warwick River Mennonite Church*. After breakfast, our guests will receive a tour of the school and visit their students' classrooms. Your past support helped us reach record attendance of pastors and leaders, and we appreciate your help once again. Personally encourage them to join us, and remind them to RSVP when they receive their invitation. We appreciate your support and look forward to an enjoyable time of fellowship with our special friends of WRCS.

Our annual *Grandparents Day Celebration* will be held on *Friday, March 19. Parents, please invite your children's grandparents by giving them the special invitation coming home in backpacks. This is the only way they will receive an invitation, and they should RSVP through you.* Feel free to make extra copies if you need them. *Once you have received the grandparents' response, complete and return the requested information sheet for the grandparents who will be attending to Vonda Bryant no later than Tuesday, February 23.* Please be sure to return the completed form, because it is the grandparents' RSVP to the event.

We also need volunteers for both of these events. Contact Vonda Bryant at [vbryant@warwickriver.org](mailto:vbryant@warwickriver.org) or 877-2941, ext. 124 by Tuesday, February 23, if you can help. Watch for details in the newsletter, on the Web site, in WRCS E-NEWS, and in backpacks.



## RIPTIDES BASKETBALL SCORES!

With guidance and encouragement from Coach Neighbors and Assistant Coaches Boswell and Brown (pictured), the WRCS Riptides basketball team is off to a very good start this season.

They are undefeated in all five of their games so far this season.

**Way to go, Riptides!**

## SOWING AND REAPING: TUITION GRANTS

Encourage friends to inquire in the school office, and invite them to our February 16 Arts Expo & Open House. If your recommendation leads to enrollment, a credit will be applied to your November bill.

Although the WRCS Board does what it can to keep education affordable, we know that tuition and fees can be a challenge. Limited funds are set aside to help families with tuition costs. Ask the school office for a Financial Aid Application Form for 2010-11. **Confidential applications from registered families are accepted until Friday, May 28,** with grants awarded on the basis of need.

## WRCS 2010 SPRING AUCTION NEWS

The 2010 Auction Committee has been hard at work planning the most spectacular event of the year. They are looking forward to sharing all the auction excitement with all of our family and friends at WRCS! This year the auction will feature a new auctioneer, a delicious new menu of hors d'oeuvres, and a new selection of unique silent and live auction items. We are also excited about the return of our "Trinkets & Treats" auction store!

The auction is our largest fund-raiser, and this year our goal is to raise over \$30,000. Mark your calendar, and plan to join us on Saturday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the Virginia Living Museum, and be a part of this unique opportunity to support your school. Watch for more details on how you can become a part of the auction excitement on our Web site, WRCS E-NEWS, and in our school newsletter!

Warwick River Christian Child Care is accepting new students. Children as young as three years old receive loving attention and participate in age-appropriate activities. Call 877-0130 for more info.



## 2009-2010 Honor Roll – Second Quarter

Grade 3 – Blosser  
 Hunter Bowles  
 Gabrielle Bragg  
 Will Brooks  
 Brittney Evans  
 Autumn Ferrell  
 Patrick Hitchens  
 Jordan Mahone  
 Madalyn Morton  
 Logan Patron  
 Larry Rogers  
 George Schroeder  
 Jhenai Sewer

Grade 4 – Kyle  
 Sydney Blowe  
 Ethan Boldy  
 Lauren Brown  
 Connor Chapman  
 Hayley Chapman  
 Natalie Dudley  
 Jacob Durren  
 Sarah Hake  
 Curtis Hartzheim  
 Gabe Odachowski  
 Kelly Owen

Grade 4 – Odom  
 Noah Boldy  
 Katelyn Engle  
 Madison Hollowell  
 Lauren Morris  
 Alex Savedge  
 Garrett Warman

Grade 5 – Davoy  
 Courtney Bauserman  
 Alex Bruha  
 Katie Fannin  
 Corey Hayes  
 Madison Kilgore  
 Robert Locher  
 Ryan Phillips  
 Jay Pimblett  
 Lindsay Sexton  
 Heidi Turnitsa

Grade 5 – Hartzheim  
 Phillip Burke  
 Justin Dail  
 Maria Hedspeth  
 Kevin Lee  
 Samantha McVey  
 Adam Meade  
 Grace Shenk  
 Will Siebels  
 Evan Wilson



Grade 6 – Janzen  
 Michaela Clifford  
 Victoria Dayton  
 Chris Dey  
 Lydia Goyne  
 Stephanie Hayes  
 Sarah Holley  
 Thomas Mahone  
 Rayne Troxell  
 Alec Young

Grade 7 – Disla  
 Lisette Brondyke  
 Rachel Keeter  
 Gavin Prickett

Grade 7 – Ford  
 Hannah Hartzheim  
 Alexa Martin  
 Sean Schroeder

Grade 8 – Havens  
 Jamie Field  
 Krystal Hurr  
 Aaron Lewis  
 Britainy McDowell  
 Noah Shenk

Grade 8 – Huckaby  
 Ben Durren  
 Kaytlin Evans  
 Megan Holley  
 KC Locher

Please note: some students who are on the honor roll are not listed in the version of the newsletter posted on the website.

### COMING SOON TO A CAR WINDOW NEAR YOU!

WRCS plans to print static window clings to offer for sale.

Please let the front office know if you are interested.





**WRCS STUDENTS OBSERVE CHINESE NEW YEAR**

The 2nd graders reinforced their study of ancient China by celebrating the Chinese New Year. Students and their families enjoyed a catered lunch from the Hong Kong restaurant, followed by their very own dragon parade throughout the hallways in the school!

Everyone had a good time as they wished good fortune to one another...

*Gung Hay Fat Choy!*



**WARWICK RIVER  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS  
CARNEGIE HALL  
FUND-RAISER  
BREAKFAST  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6  
8 TO 10 A.M. at  
BEEF O' BRADY'S  
309 OYSTER POINT ROAD  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA  
249-WING (9464)  
Cost \$7 per person  
BREAKFAST INCLUDES:  
2 pancakes, 2 bacon, 2 sausages,  
beverage, & excellent service from our  
friendly chorus members!  
Get your tickets from a  
Middle School Chorus Member or the school  
office today & help send us to Carnegie Hall!**

*Come experience  
the WRCS  
Difference!*

**Warwick River  
Christian School**  
252 Lucas Creek Road, Newport News

Preschool & Kindergarten:	Ages 3-5
Elementary School:	Grades 1-5
Middle School:	Grades 6-8
Child Care by week, day, or hour:	6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

School Office: 877-2941  
Child Care: 877-0130  
[www.warwickriver.org](http://www.warwickriver.org)

Enrichment Classes for K-8 in Art, Physical Education, Music, Foreign Languages, and Computer Technology. Middle School Soccer, Basketball, and Volleyball via Peninsula Coed League.

**Open House & Art Expo**  
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**MISSION STATEMENT**  
Warwick River Christian School, Inc. serves families and Mennonite congregations on the Virginia Peninsula by offering quality education and child care for preschool, elementary, and middle school children in an environment that inspires students and their families to know and follow Jesus Christ.