



## COMING EVENTS

### October 1, Thursday

4-Yr All Day Preschool - Grade 8 dismiss at 12:30 p.m.  
Parent-Teacher Conferences  
Volleyball game vs. Living Word - POSTPONED

### October 2, Friday

Closed for Accreditation and Parent-Teacher Conferences  
Child Care open

### October 6, Tuesday

Volleyball game vs. Courtstreet Academy @ Courtstreet  
PTC Fund-raiser orders due

### October 12, Monday

WRCS Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A, 5- 8 p.m., Kiln Creek S/C

### October 13, Tuesday

Volleyball tournament

### October 15, Thursday

Volleyball Championship – GO RIPTIDES!

### October 17, Saturday

Early Childhood Educator’s Conference  
WRCS Youth Group go-cart trip (see below)

### October 21 - 22, Wednesday and Thursday

School pictures – group and individual

### October 31, Saturday

Barnabas Band Fall Breakfast, 8-9:30 a.m. at Warwick River  
Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall

### November 2, Monday

Middle School Invention Convention at 7 p.m.

### November 4 - 5, Wednesday and Thursday

Kindergarten and Grade 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences  
Kindergarten – Grade 1 dismiss at 12:30 p.m.

### November 6, Friday

WRCS Spirit Day  
End of Marking Period  
4-Yr All Day Preschool - Grade 8 dismiss at 12:30 p.m.

### November 7, Saturday

WRCS Book Fair at Barnes and Noble

### November 9, Monday

School closed – Accreditation Work Day

### November 11, Wednesday

Report Cards Issued

### November 25, Wednesday

Thanksgiving Vacation Begins  
Full-day 4-year-old preschool - G8 Dismiss at 12:30 p.m.

### November 26 - November 27, Thursday - Friday

School Closed for Thanksgiving Vacation

The WRCS Youth Group will be going to Go-Karts Plus on Saturday, October 17th. The time is yet to be determined. Cost will be \$25, which includes two hours of unlimited rides and transportation to and from Go-Karts-Plus.

## CHARACTER CORNER

Each month we focus on a different aspect of character development. **“Self-Control” is the theme for October.** Week one will focus on **self-discipline.** During week two, students will learn about **the ability to manage one’s emotions and impulses.** The **ability to delay gratification** is week three’s topic. We finish up the month with **the ability to resist temptation** 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.

## WRCS LAUNCHES RECYCLING PROGRAM

When children returned to Warwick River Christian School, Newport News, Virginia, this fall, Administrator Greg Sommers had a challenge for them: Which classroom could recycle the most material?



The school has signed on to a single stream recycling plan which will enable the children to place a mixture of paper, cardboard, cans, and bottles all in one bin. The recyclables will then go to a high-tech separating facility at TFC Recycling, a local company with an award-winning school recycling program that has diverted more than two million pounds of recyclables from landfills in the Virginia Beach area.

“We are part of a community that values stewardship of the land and natural resources,” Sommers says. “Like many schools, we go through a lot of paper and other easily-recycled items that were simply being tossed into the garbage. Recycling options, which were less cost-effective in years past, are now affordable enough for us to adopt.”

Children at Warwick have also been doing projects on garbage and water pollution in light of the call to care for creation. Middle school students wrote skits and in one case, a puppet-based music video, to show the impact garbage has on our water supply.

Warwick River provides education for children ages three through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is a ministry of local Mennonite congregations serving families from a variety of church affiliations.

-adapted from the *Mennonite Creation Care Network*

**The Child Care is now accepting new students!  
Call 877-0130 for more information.**

## FLU PREVENTION AT WRCS

Dear Parent,

As you may know, flu can be easily spread from person to person.

Therefore, we are taking steps to reduce the spread of flu at WRCS. We want to keep the school open to students and functioning in a normal manner during this flu season. **We need your help to do this.**



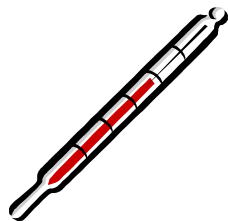
**If the flu becomes more severe**, we may take additional steps to prevent the spread, such as:

- conducting active fever and flu symptom screening of students and staff as they arrive at school,
- making changes to increase the space between people, such as moving desks farther apart and postponing class trips, and
- dismissing students from school for at least 7 days if they become sick.

For now we are doing everything we can to keep our school functioning as usual. Here are a few things you can do to help.

- Teach your children to wash their hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.
- Teach your children not to share personal items like drinks, food, or unwashed utensils, and to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues or cover up their coughs or sneezes using the elbow, arm, or sleeve instead of the hand when a tissue is unavailable.
- Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit, 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.
- Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have fever or do not have signs of fever, without using fever-reducing drugs. Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected.
- Do not send children to school if they are sick. Any children who are determined to be sick while at school will be sent home.

For more information, visit [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov), or call 1-800-CDC-INFO for the most current information about the flu. For more information about flu in our community contact Newport News Health Department. We will notify you of any additional changes to our school's strategy to prevent the spread of flu.



## SOMMERS FAMILY HEADING TO INDIANA

Our Administrator, Mr. Greg Sommers, has submitted his resignation to the WRCS Board and plans to leave the school at the end of July, 2010.

Mr. Sommers has accomplished some wonderful things for our school, including obtaining hundreds of computers and overseeing a complete overhaul of our technology infrastructure. While he continues to love and support Warwick River, Mr. Sommers and his family have been hoping to move back to Indiana to be closer to extended family. We ask that you please pray for the Sommers family as they go through this transition. We wish the very best for Mr. Sommers, his wife Sue, and their children.

As Mr. Sommers prepares to depart, the Board is engaging in a time of evaluation and strategic planning related to our leadership needs, enrollment, and economic forecasts. Please keep our board and staff in your prayers as we continue to care for our students, plan for the future, complete an accreditation review, and go through this leadership transition.

In Christ's Service,

Lynn Showalter, Board Chair



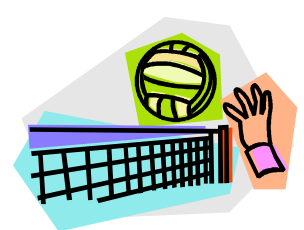
Middle School students, exploring the Fruits of the Spirit, spell one out for us.

## YOUR CHANCE TO TELL PEOPLE WHERE TO GO...

We still need volunteers to direct car line on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. The task takes 30-45 minutes, and is a great way to complete your 10 hours of required volunteer service. Call Kitty Shenk, 725-0707, to volunteer for this important task!

## A WORD FROM OUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The Volleyball Team continues to do well. Special thanks to our team and coaches for all their hard work. The schedule can be found on the web site.



## WRCS WEATHERBUG ONLINE!

WeatherBug®, the leading provider of live, local weather information, has announced that Warwick River Christian School joined the WeatherBug Schools Program. The school has installed a new WeatherBug



Tracking Station and is now able to provide weather data for the Super Doppler Weather Team at WAVY NEWS 10 to broadcast online and on-air. The Tracking Station will also be used to enhance the school's curriculum using the WeatherBug Achieve program.

The tracking station and accompanying WeatherBug Achieve software suite allows Warwick River Christian School students to more effectively understand the science of meteorology.

WeatherBug's media partner in Newport News, WAVY NEWS 10, leverages WeatherBug's national network of tracking stations to offer Newport News area residents the most local, up-to-the-second weather information available in Newport News and throughout the country. Now, WAVY NEWS 10 will also be able to feature neighborhood-level reports from Warwick River Christian School during its daily newscasts on-air and online. Watch WAVY NEWS 10 for more information.

The WeatherBug Schools Program is committed to providing an engaging teaching tool for schools nationwide.

WeatherBug's interactive software program, WeatherBug Achieve, enables teachers to apply real-world conditions in math, science, and geography. Teachers and students in K-12 have access to weather data from any WeatherBug site across the country. Using WeatherBug Achieve, teachers can create customized learning activities based on current and historical weather conditions from the Warwick River Christian School WeatherBug Tracking Station, such as wind speed or humidity. In addition, students can compare local weather conditions to data from more than 8,000 other tracking stations nationwide.



Many thanks to the generous donors and installers who made this resource a reality!

## BUTTERFLIES DELIGHT AND EDUCATE

WRCS first grade students enjoyed watching cocoons develop into monarch butterflies last month. What an exciting day it was when the teachers and students let the mature butterflies go free in the garden area! Mrs. Rancorn and Mrs. Wood had a wonderful time showing the students how to carefully handle the butterflies.

Preschool students were also invited to see the recently-emerged butterflies spread their wings and fly.

Middle School students participated in the event as well. They had tracking stickers, which were gently attached to the butterflies for scientific study.



## WRCS SPIRIT NIGHT at CHICK-FIL-A!

Invite all your family and friends to our WRCS Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A on Monday, October 12, in the Kiln Creek Shopping Center! Be sure to bring your flyer with you, or simply tell your cashier that you are supporting WRCS, and we will receive 10% of our total sales for the day. We will also receive credit for drive through and take-out orders. Watch for flyers coming home soon in your child's backpack.

## 2010 WRCS AUCTION

WRCS families are required to volunteer at least 10 hours of service during the school year. One fun and rewarding way to meet your family's hours is by serving on the 2010 Auction Committee. The auction is our largest school fund-raiser of the year, and it helps supplement a significant portion of our Annual Fund. Being part of this committee is an extraordinary experience, and has an eternal impact on the future of our students. For more information on committee opportunities, contact Vonda Bryant, Development Director, at 877-2941, ext. 124 or [vbryant@warwickriver.org](mailto:vbryant@warwickriver.org), and watch for more auction committee details to come.

## VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORMS

Completing a volunteer interest form allows you to indicate your preference for the many volunteer opportunities we have here at WRCS. **Please remember to complete and return your form to the office, and you will be included in volunteer opportunities to come.** Please call the office, 877-2941, or let your child's teacher know if you need a form.



## TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

WRCS Kindergarten students brought their Teddy Bears to school one day, and wouldn't you know it? The bears snuck off to have a picnic! The Bears (and elephants, and other favorites) were found outside sitting comfortably around blankets with all sorts of snacks. It was just like the storybook!

## DENBIGH DAY

Thanks to all the volunteers who staffed the WRCS booth at Denbigh Day on September 19. We had a lot of families come by to do our craft or try their hand at the bean bag toss.

Great job, everybody!



Please consider volunteering for other events like this one. They're important, fun, and a great way to meet other WRCS families!