



WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

March 2016

Westford Town Office

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Town Office Notes

Property Tax Installment

The third property tax installment is due Tuesday, March 15th. Payments will be considered timely if they are received by this date, have a March 15th postmark (postal, FedEx and UPS), or are in the drop box located to the left of the Town Office door before the office opens at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 16th.

Important Information & Deadlines for Town Meeting & Presidential Primary

- **February 24th (Wednesday)** – 5pm deadline to submit an application for addition to the checklist, or to file a written notice of intent to apply for those who are not eligible to register to vote but will be by Town Meeting.
- **February 29th (Monday)** – 5pm deadline to request absentee ballots.*
- **February 29th (Monday)** – Town Meeting and public hearing for Australian ballot questions (including town and school budgets), 7pm, at the Westford School in the gym.
- **March 1st (Tuesday)** – Voting day for Australian ballot articles and for Presidential Primary. Polls will be open from 7am to 7pm in the Westford School gym.

*Please note, we are required to ask voters which ballot they want for the Presidential Primary (Democrat or Republican). When requesting an absentee ballot by email for the Presidential Primary, please indicate which ballot you would like.

If you have any questions concerning Town Meeting or the Primary, please call or email the Town Office.

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses are due by April 1st. A current rabies certificate is required. If you are unsure if the current certificate is on file, please call the Town Office. **If you no longer have your dog or your dog has died, please let us know!** For your convenience, you may mail or drop off the fee and rabies certificate along with a self-addressed stamped envelope and your license will be mailed to you. The fee until April 1st is \$11.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$13.00 for dogs that are not spayed or neutered. Dog licenses obtained **after April 1st are subject to a late fee.** We encourage all dog owners to register their dogs before April 1st.

Senior Luncheons

We sure have had an unusual winter. Hope all of you have been able to avoid the illnesses that have been out there. Our luncheons will start back up this month. The date is March 14th at noon at the Brick Meeting House. Again, this is the perfect place to come and visit with friends and neighbors for a couple of hours AND A HOME COOKED MEAL!

Mark March 14th on your calendar. Stay safe and healthy. Carol Howrigan, President

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the April Newsletter is 12:00 noon, Monday, March 28th.

Town Office Closed

The Town office will be closed Tuesday, March 1st.

*** Westford Planning Commission News ***

Westford Select Board approved new Land Use and Development Regulations at the February 18th meeting. The new regulations replace the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations adopted in 1972 and represent years of work toward that goal by the Planning Commission. The Commission reached out to the community for input through numerous surveys and town workshops. The newly adopted regulations support the vision of the community for the future of Westford. The purpose of the regulations is to:

- Strengthen the sense of community in Westford.
- Protect public health, safety, and general welfare.
- Guide the future growth and orderly development.
- Provide for safe, sanitary and affordable housing.
- Provide adequate and efficient public facilities, transportation, potable water, and wastewater treatment, schools, parks, playgrounds, greenways, recreation, and other public requirements and facilities.
- Provide the most beneficial relationship between land use and traffic circulation in order to avoid congestion and enhance safety.
- Prevent pollution and encourage the wise use and management of natural resources, including actively farmed agricultural soils, managed forest soils, wildlife habitat, greenways, significant natural areas, and water resources in the Water Resources Overlay and Flood Hazard overlay zoning district, in order to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the community and the value of the land.
- Establish standards for the design of subdivisions and development so that the traditional character of the Common and Village zoning districts and the rural character of the Rural zoning districts is maintained, and development along the roads is visually pleasing and preserves the beauty of the countryside.

You may find the regulations on the Westford Town website: www.westfordvt.us or at the Town Office. The Planning Commission meets the first Monday and/or third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm downstairs at the Town Offices. Meetings are open to the public. Please come join the planning. For more information on current projects and the agenda and meeting schedule visit:

<https://westfordvt.us/boards/planning-commission/>

~The Westford Planning Commission

Selling or refinancing? Zoning FAQs

The real estate market is rebounding and borrowing rates are very competitive. If you plan to sell or refinance your property be aware that most banks, title attorneys and mortgage brokers now require borrowers to verify their property is in zoning compliance. Discovering your property is not compliant can be an unpleasant (and sometimes costly) surprise and can impact the timing of your property closing.

Before you refinance or sell please check on your zoning status with Westford Zoning Administrator Kate Lalley. She can help you resolve any outstanding zoning requirements that may exist before you close. You can reach Kate at zoning_admin@westfordvt.us or 878-4587.

Getting into zoning compliance can take time! Depending on the situation, it can take 30 days or longer to achieve zoning compliance. Only afterwards can the ZA certify the full zoning compliance most purchasers and lenders now expect. Plan ahead!

SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, March 1. Our proposed school budget material is available on the school board website and in the Westford Town Report.

In brief...

- Total budget is down by 0.76% to \$5,052,810
- Education spending (total budget – anticipated revenue) is down 1.94%
- Equalized pupil count is down 3.5%
- Education spending per pupil is up 1.62% to \$15,054.81

New to this year's ballot is the requirement to include both the total budget and the "education spending per equalized pupil" amount/change. You can see that, despite our decrease in budget and education spending, the change in number of pupils was large enough to still result in an increase to "per pupil" spending. Towns are taxed based on this number.

This past legislative year resulted in a great deal of change in general budgeting practices. First off, Act 46 initially imposed strict "allowable growth" numbers for each town's per pupil spending. Exceeding that growth number would result in double taxation for the amount over the limit. The intention of this law was twofold—to lower total education spending statewide, and to raise additional revenue for the education fund from districts that chose to spend more.

Westford budgeted such that we met our "allowable growth" target. The board felt it was responsible to meet this goal. Our efforts were encouraged by the estimated tax rates. With the state assuming that budgets would be lower and that some additional revenue would be available, Westford tax rates were predicted to **decrease by 1.87% (homestead) and 4.27% (income sensitivity)**.

As we worked to finalize our budget, the state conversation around Act 46 exploded. There was talk of repeal of the "allowable growth" provision. It was realized that the formula used to calculate that growth number was incorrect in many cases. Estimated tax rates were inching upwards in response. Ultimately, the updated legislation changed several of the factors affecting Westford, but we chose to keep our original budget in place. The resulting tax rate implications are still not clear. Our best information indicates that the state rate will most likely be higher than earlier estimates. This will raise the rates, likely by about 2 cents. Keep in mind—this is with us still meeting the original growth goal. The impact of other school budgets has a real effect on what happens in each town.

The second legislative change was much more subtle, but extremely helpful to Westford. Due to the lobbying and testimony from two Westford residents, the state instituted an exception to the method of accounting for drops in student population for schools actively involved in a unification study. These served to preserve our "hold harmless" protection and limit our drop in equalized pupils to -3.5%. Without it, our per pupil spending would have been calculated at a higher rate—causing a tighter "allowable growth" limit, and either large budget cuts or tax increases (or both!). This bridge was invaluable to our town, and will no longer be needed as our unified district will set future student population numbers going forward.

The good news to all of this is that our budget, though lean, chose to make some positive changes to student opportunity. Due to some new hire savings, changes to health benefit elections, and decreases to special education costs, we were able to restore the literacy specialist role in our school to its former number of hours. Additionally, we were able to support an additional 0.1 FTE for art, bringing it up to 0.5 FTE (50% time). These two changes, while minor, will have a real impact for students. More opportunity, availability, and scheduling flexibility brings these important roles to the current level of student need.

This will be our final budget as the Westford School board. I'd like to thank everyone for their hard work and input during this and previous budgets. I feel our community engagement and understanding are high, which will serve us well as we transition to the unified district.

Respectfully,
The Westford School board

Mark Drapa, Christian Frenette, Martha Heath, Kim Phinney, Andre Roy

WESTFORD SCHOOL

News & Events

Pre-K & K registration

Westford School is requesting information on pre-school aged children living in the Westford community. If you have a child that was born in 2011, 2012, or 2013 we are asking you to complete this contact Westford School to support our planning of appropriate pre-school and kindergarten programming. Please contact Terri Martin, Office Manager by phone at 802-878-5932, or by email at tmartin@ccsuvt.org

Pre-K Opportunities

1). School Based Program:

Westford School offers preschool to 16 children within the Westford School setting. This is a four day, ten hours per week program that is accredited by the National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The program runs a morning and afternoon session Tuesday through Thursday during the weeks school is in session.

Westford Elementary school has a limited number of slots available in the school-based preschool program. Families must inform Westford School via the preschool request form (available on line and in the main office) of their interest in attending. A lottery system is used when determining slots at Westford School Preschool. The preschool teacher, Kendra Dibble contacts families accepted into the Westford Preschool. Families simply complete the general school district registration form after being selected.

2). Private Preschools

Westford is an early adopter of Act 166 and provides 10-hour private preschool slots to approved private preschools. A link listing all Pre-qualified private preschools for access of Act 166 funds is available on line under the families tab on the Westford webpage.

To get an Act 166 slot at a private preschool, contact the preschool of interest to investigate availability at the approved program of your choice and complete the preschool request form.

The Childcare Resource Center (CRC) and CCSU have a collaborative partnership where they support the management of Act 166 slots on behalf of our school districts. This means that the primary contact for parents for Act 166 slots is Megann Flanders, CRC 802/863-3367.

Kindergarten Orientation

Westford School hosts a Kindergarten Orientation for all incoming K families, which is scheduled for Friday, June 3rd. This is a wonderful time to connect with all school resources available to students. Students are encouraged to attend to become familiar with the kindergarten classroom and met their teacher. Parents are encouraged to participate and begin a strong partnership in providing the highest quality of education and care.

Italian Dinner

Please save the date: April 8, 2016, for the annual Italian Dinner. This special community event and 8th-grade fundraiser should not be missed. Students and families transform the gym into a wonder dining experience where students serve the community.

100th Day of School Food Drive

Westford School celebrated the 100th day of school with a food drive to the local food shelf. Students and families were encouraged to donate items in hopes of collecting 100 donated items. Students collected, sorted then carried items to the food shelf. Thank you to Mrs. Piotrowski and the primary team for another successful year of this tradition.

Exxon Mobil Grant recipient

Westford Elementary School recently received a \$500 grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program to support the school's math and science programs. Funds are used to purchase STEM Science equipment, including, recently, a set of robotic arms.

Therapy Dogs

Westford School enjoys a wonderful partnership with Ruby & Ozzie, VT Therapy Dogs. Our students are enjoying the positive impact of our furry friends on a weekly basis. Ruby & Ozzie visit classrooms and spend time with individual students and small groups. Often students read to these dogs in addition to their sheer joy and excitement of having such special dogs in our school.

Stream of Lights

The stream of lights on February 12th was an amazing sight. Thank you to an outstanding art teacher, Amanda Feller, for her efforts in support such quality student art. Westford students led the lantern parade. This cross-district artist residency with artist Gowri Savor was a huge success.

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

In addition to the exciting events mentioned above, we continue to focus on student academic growth. This time of year we are engaged in mid-year assessment checks and reviewing services and programming for all students. The use of data to make informed decisions on what each student needs is a strong commitment as well as partnering with parents in this process. Please note that trimester progress reports will go home Friday, March 18th and student led conferences are scheduled for Monday, March 21st.

Income Tax Forms

The Vermont Tax Department is no longer sending income tax booklets to the town office. There are 3 ways you can get your state income tax forms:

- Print forms from the Vermont Tax website (www.bit.ly/vttaxforms).
- Order forms by email (tax.formsrequest@vermont.gov)
- Order forms by phone (855-297-5600)

You can also access the Federal forms online at <http://www.irs.gov/Forms-&-Pubs>.

United Church of Westford March Schedule

March 6 & 13, 8:30am – Worship Services with Rev. Katherine Arthaud

March 27, 8:30am – Easter Service with Rev. Katherine Arthaud.

We are an Open & Affirming Christian Church. All are welcome!

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Travel Talk

Wed., March 9 7-8:30pm

This Month's Destination is:

Myanmar (Burma):

Emerging from the Shadows

Presented by Andrea Letorney

Our perspectives on the culture, religion, people, and sights as we biked through this exotic and authentic country just recently opened to foreigners.

Share a fun evening with fellow travel enthusiasts.

Refreshments served.



Kelley Robie of Horsetail Herbs

The Spring Flower Facial

"The Earth Laughs in Flowers."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Friday, March 18 7-9pm

Space is limited,

registration required

Spring is time to enjoy the blooming flowers! This class focuses on the face & how to care for your special skin type with wonderful natural beauty products you can make yourself using herbal spring flowers. Together we'll make our own natural face care products & then indulge in a five-step facial. Recipes galore will be available to fit your skin type. Come in stressed & go home relaxed & glowing! You will go home with four facial products. **Please bring a large towel, bowl, & something to tie your hair back.**

Got Book Donations?

The Library will SOON (not now!) be accepting donations for our annual Fourth of July Book Sale. Watch Front Porch Forum and Facebook for more details.



Library Hours

Wednesday:	1-7pm
Thursday:	10am-7pm
Friday:	1-7pm
Saturday:	10am-2pm

Adult Book Group

Wed. March 16

7-8pm

Pick up your books

at the front desk!

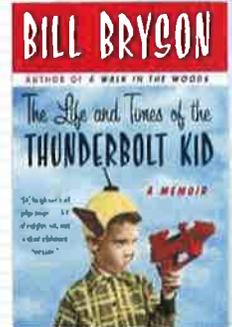
We will be reading

The Life and Times

of the Thunderbolt

Kid: a Memoir

by: Bill Bryson



A vivid, nostalgic, and utterly hilarious memoir of growing up in the 1950s

As one of the best and funniest writers alive, he is perfectly positioned to mine his memories of a totally all-American childhood for 24-carat memoir gold. Warm and laugh-out-loud funny, and full of his inimitable, pitch-perfect observations, *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* is as wondrous a book as Bill Bryson has ever written. It will enchant anyone who has ever been young. (from Amazon.com)

Next Month: Jojo Moyes Me Before You



PJ STORYTIME

Wed. March 23

6:30-7:30pm

Theme: Easter

Come listen to

stories and do a

craft IN YOUR PJs!

Early Literacy Storytime :Birth to Pre-School Every Thursday at 11am No registration required!

3/3/16: Theme: Voting

3/10/16: Theme: Birds

3/17/16: Theme: Green/St. Patrick's Day

3/24/16: Theme: Easter/Eggs

3/31/16: Silly Stories

Storytime consists of several stories around a theme, as well as a theme-based craft. All ages and levels of attention are encouraged to come. Don't worry if they fidget - they are still getting a lot out of it!

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March Library Events

- March 2 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
 - March 9 - Travel Talk: Bhurma 7:00-8:30pm, refreshments served
 - March 12 - Stretch Your Shamrock 10:30-11:30am
 - March 16 - Book Group 7:00-8:00pm, refreshments served
 - March 17 - Celtic Coloring afterschool-5pm (for kids in 2nd grade and up)
 - March 18 - Spring Herbal Facial Class with Kelley Robie of Horsetail Herbs 7:00-9:00pm - Limited space, registration required
 - March 23 - Crazy 8's Math Club grades K-2 begins
 - March 23 - PJ Storytime 6:30-7:30pm
 - March 24 - Crazy 8's Math Club grades 3-5 begins
 - March 26 - Easter Crafts (after the Rec. Dept. Egg Hunt on the Common) 10:30-Noon
- Playgroup every Monday 9:30am**
Tai Chi 2 every Tues & Thurs 9-9:45am
Crazy 8's K-2 Wednesdays afterschool-5pm
Crazy 8's 3-5 Thursdays afterschool-5pm
Storytime every Thursday 11am

Celtic Coloring: March 17 3-5pm for kids grades 2 and up. Kids can ride Bus #3 (w/ note from parents) to the library and enjoy detailed Celtic drawings to color. Snack is also provided.



Easter Crafts 10:30-Noon Saturday, March 26

Come by the library for more fun after the Rec. Dept. Egg Hunt on the Common.



It's back!! The super fun, super wacky Math Club from Bedtime Math! We are gearing up for Season Two (completely different from the first session). Set up is similar:

Kids ride the bus (Bus #3) from school to the library, there's a snack and then we get into some pretty fun math! Club is over at 4:30, but parents can pick up as late as 5:00, allowing kids to explore more math, check out books, or just have fun.

The session runs for 8 weeks:

- K-2 - Wednesdays 3/23-5/18 (no class 4/20)
- 3rd-5th - Thursdays 3/24-5/19 (no class 4/21)

Space is limited to 12 kids/club level

Sign up begins ASAP for families who did not participate in the first session. Sign up opens to everyone 3/11/16.

- Sign up via email at westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com
- Priority will be given to kids who DID NOT participate in the first session. Kids whose behavior was an issue during the first session may not be able to participate at the discretion of the librarian.

Stretch Your Shamrock!

Saturday, March 12 from 10:30am - 11:30am

Celebrate St Patrick's Day with healthy green snacks and yoga! Miss Anne from the Rec. Dept. Tuesday Evening Yoga Class will lead us in stretching our shamrocks! All ages welcome to attend.



The Library is **not accepting** donations of books, audiobooks, and DVDs **at this time** for our annual Fourth of July Book Sale. We will begin accepting donations again in the late winter/early spring. Thank you to community for all your wonderful support!

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Westford Recreation Department

Mission Statement:

The Westford Recreation Department was created to provide recreational, educational, athletic, cultural, and entertainment activities to all Westford residents and neighbors. We strive to offer programs for a wide variety of ages, abilities and interests. We depend on community input, support and volunteers to make these programs successful.

For Families

Open Gym

Sundays through February 28th
10:30am - 12:00pm
Westford Elementary School Gym



Family Skate

March 6th * 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Join us on the Westford Rink
for music and hot cocoa.



Stretch Your Shamrock



Saturday March 12th
10:30am - 11:30am
Westford Library

Celebrate St Patrick's Day with some healthy green snacks and yoga. Miss Anne from our Tuesday Evening Yoga Class will lead us in Stretching our Shamrocks!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 26 * 10:00am * Westford Common
All ages * All weather



Bring a basket
Collect eggs
Turn them in for a goodie bag!

Edible/Medicinal Hike

May 21st * 10:00am - 12:00pm * Trail TBD
All ages * Rain Date May 22nd 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Edible/Medicinal vegetation is all around us. Come see what the Westford trails have to offer!



Sangha Yoga with Anne

Tuesdays * 7:00pm - 8:00pm

\$12/Class * RBMH

Please contact Anne with questions at
(802)598-6299 or aeorellana@yahoo.com

For Adults

Yoga with Cat

Thursdays * 6:15-7:30pm * RBMH
Fee: \$12/Class or 6 weeks for \$66
Please contact Cat with questions
at cearisman@yahoo.com

Adult Pick Up Basketball

Wednesdays through May 25th
8:00pm - 9:30pm * FREE
Join us for basketball.
Bring a friend or two.

Please Note:

Adult Nordic Ski Clinic
been cancelled due to
lack of snow and low
enrollment.

**We are looking for
another committee
member!**

**If you are interested
in joining us please
email us.**

**Our Next Recreation
Committee Meeting**

Mar 15th

7pm

Westford Town Office



Restorative Yoga with Kim

Wednesday, March 23rd * 6:30-7:30pm * Cost:\$12
Please contact Kim with questions at Kim@annecy.us

For Kids

Kid's Yoga with Kim Horton

Grades 3 - 8 * \$60/Student for 6 Weeks

Session begins Thursday March 31st

3:00pm - 4:30pm

RBMH * Bus Transportation Provided



Students practice yoga through playful, creative and fun poses paired with cool music, games, stories and journaling. Students are having fun as well as learning new skills focused on keeping their mind and bodies healthy. Relaxation or savasana as it is called in yoga will be sure to be wonderful with a mist of heavenly scents and foot massage!

Mini Milers

April 9th - June 4th

Saturdays 9:00am - 10:00am

WES

Boys and Girls * Grades K - 5

\$35

If you are interested in joining us, please

RSVP to

westfordvtrec@gmail.com.



Baseball Warm Up

Sundays March 6th - March 27th

10:30am - 12:00pm

Boys and Girls * Ages 8 - 12

WES Gym * FREE

Warm up for the upcoming baseball season

Players should bring their gloves and indoor sneakers. Bats and catchers gear can also be brought. Players should leave hard baseballs/softballs at home.

Kids' Cooking Classes

Coming during April Break at RBMHI

Cake Decorating with Leta

Grades 4 - 8 * \$15/Student * Minimum 10 Students

Tuesday April 19th * 9:00am - 12:00pm



Cooking with Kim

Grades K - 8 * \$30/Student * Minimum 10 Students

Fee Includes: Pizza Pan, Food, and Recipe Cards

Thursday April 21st * 9:00am - 12:00pm

Recreation Department Committee Members

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Maureen Carpenter (802) 893-5096
Martha Bennett (802) 878-9269
Greg Baker (802) 324-5537

Danielle Vierling (802) 871-9404
Noel Boutin (802) 878-3632
Meredith Irish (802) 373-9980
Email: WestfordVTRec@gmail.com

Basketball Wrap Up

Our Basketball Teams have had an amazing year!
The season would not have been possible without our amazing coaches!

1/2 Co-ed Coach Jeff Labossiere
1/2 Co-ed Coach Laura Lucas
3/4 Co-ed Coach Bert Sheltra
5/6 Girls Coach Shane Desautels
5/6 Boys Coach Renee Denison

1/2 Coed Basketball is currently underway under Coach Labossiere and Coach Lucas.

And now a word from our coaches!

"The 3/4 co-ed team played very hard this year. We played as a team and although we lost every game, we went toe to toe with all boys teams. The one exception was Bishop Marshall, the only co-ed team we played, and we lost that game in the last minute. The difference from our 1st game to our last game was noticed by not only the coaches, but the parents, and players alike. We played hard. We got better. We played as a team. We had fun. I could not be happier with the teamwork, sportsmanship and sportswomanship we showed. We played with heart, and respect. I was proud to have coached these kids."

~Coach Bert

5/6 Girls:

"We had a lots of first time players that gave it their all. The returning players came back strong to lead us to a successful season that ended with a championship win. Many thanks to parents and referees that helped make this a successful year. Go Westford wildcats! "

~Coach Shane

"The 5/6 boys wrapped up a winning season with a 9-3 record! With only 9 kids, the boys had plenty of active court time and each were able to develop their skill sets all season, establishing a solid stature within the recreational league. The boys placed second in the annual Cambridge Tournament, displaying a high level of individual class and team gamesmanship. This enabled Westford to secure its reputation as a force to be reckoned with and a team to mimic in all aspects of team performance, sportsmanship and individual excellence. "

~Coach Denison



First Row: Robble Morse
Second Row: Colin Bombardier, Kayden Lovejoy
Third Row: Renee Denison (Coach), Alex Wams-ganz, Zach Brisson, Josh Lovejoy, Aran Denison
Final Row: Peter Armata, Thomas Price Gonzalez

Westford Lacrosse

We are NOW accepting registrations to play
Westford Lacrosse!

Tiny Cats K-2

This program typically runs for an hour in the evening (6-7pm).

The program will run from the last week of April until the beginning of June (usually 6 weeks).

Players need to have their own sticks. Westford Tiny Cats t-shirts are included in the registration fee.

The fees are still \$35.00 per player or \$25.00 if received by March 1st.

Last year our program was able to play a set of games against Milton. This year, we are hoping to play one or two jamborees against St. Albans and Milton.

Scholarships available.



3/4 Coed

This program runs from the middle of April to middle of June.

Players will begin to build on skills and basic game play. In the beginning of the season, we will practice three times a week (two week nights and Saturday morning) until we start playing games in May.

Then we practice twice a week with Jamborees on Saturdays. The team will play around ten games during the season. We are part of the Northern Vermont Youth Lacrosse League.

Registration fees are \$50.00 per player or \$40.00 if received by March 1st.

Players need their own sticks, padding and helmets. A limited number of helmets are available from the Recreation Department use (with deposit) on a first come first served basis. Please put a note on the registration form if you need a helmet so one can be set aside.

Players will need to have a US Lacrosse membership. This year membership is \$25.00.

Scholarships are available.

We are open to any players wishing to join our team!

If you have any questions, or wish to request a scholarship
Email Bekah at WestfordVTRec@gmail.com.

If you have questions about the game of lacrosse, or wish to speak to the coach
Contact Brent Carpenter at brent.carpenter29@gmail.com.

Westford Recreation Department

Summer Camp Special Edition

American Revolution

June 27 - August 1 * 8:30am - 4:30pm * Grades 1 - 3 * RBMH * \$175/Child

Just in time for 4th of July! Participants will explore the time period surrounding the signing of the Declaration of Independence through active games, hands on activities, cooking, and crafts.

Participants are invited to march in the 4th of July parade with the Westford Recreation Department.

Cycles and Circles

July 11 - July 15 * 8:30am - 4:30pm * Ages 6 - 12 * WES * \$175/Child

Let's follow a drop of water. Find the eggs of baby bugs and seeds that will become mighty trees. Investigate the life cycles that surround the Westford School.

Art Adventures

July 18 - July 22 * 8:30am - 4:30pm * Ages 6 - 12 * WES * \$195/Child

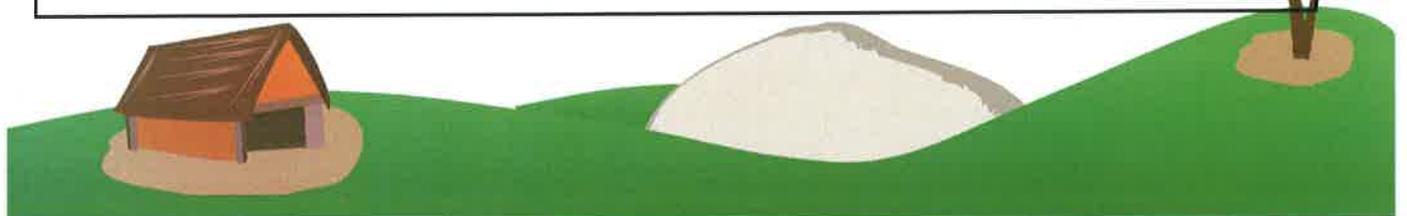
Have you ever painted with a flower or tie-dyed with beets? Explore different out-of-the-box ways to create art.

Westford Explorers

July 25 - July 29 * 8:30am - 4:30pm * Ages 6 - 12 * RBMH * \$175/Child

Using the Red Brick Meetinghouse as home base, we will discover the historical and modern town of Westford.

Who built the covered bridge? Who keeps the town running? What can you do to help your town?



Westford Recreation Department

Summer Camp Special Edition

Soccer Camp

August 1 - August 5 * Grades 3 - 5 * WES * \$55 each session / \$100 for both

Session A 8:30am - 12:00pm * Coach Joe Aiken is back! Practice your soccer skills in a fun way.

Session B 12:00pm - 4:30pm * Sports exploration.

This summer we are offering two sessions per day. The morning session will be spent working on soccer skills and scrimmaging.

The afternoon session will be more laid back and offer a variety of sports and physical activities.

Vikings

August 8 - August 12 * 8:30am - 4:30pm * Grades 1 - 3 * RBMH

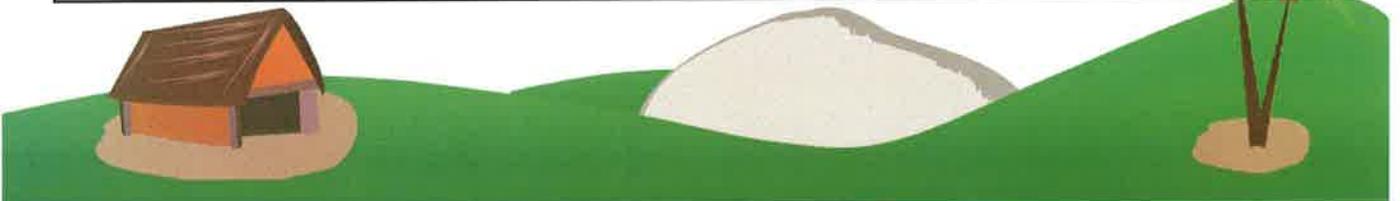
Want to know more about these Norse explorers? This is the camp for you!

Participants will explore the time period surrounding the Viking explorations through active games, hands on activities, cooking, and crafts.

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Westford Recreation Department—Registration Form

NAME (Parents) _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (only to be used for WRD mailings) _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL/WORK PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

DOCTOR'S NAME _____ PHONE _____

Please list medical conditions, physical limitations, allergies, or restrictions WRD should be aware of:

Name	Grade	Program	Fee
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
Total Fee:			_____

How did you here about this program? Please circle: Front Porch Forum Facebook Town Newsletter

Rec Dept Member Parent/Neighbor WES Other _____

*****Please contact a Recreation Department member if your financial situation is preventing you from signing yourself, or your child, up for a program. Scholarships are available.*****

RELEASE/WAVIER AGREEMENT:

I am fully aware of the inherent risk, and give my consent for the above named applicant(s) to participate in the program(s) listed above. I hold harmless the Town of Westford, Westford School, their employees, elected officials, and/or any volunteers or instructors from any and all liability from any injury, claim, costs or loss of services which may be incurred by me, or us, or our minor children on account of participation in said program(s). Permission is hereby granted for me or us, or my child(ren) to receive emergency treatment if needed and I authorize the attending physician to administer any needed medical attention. Furthermore, I certify that I, or we, or my child(ren) are in good health and that there are no limitations to my/our participation except in writing above. I have read this document carefully and sign it voluntarily with full knowledge of its significance.

Signature _____ Date _____

Send registration with check payable to:
WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT
 Town of Westford, 1713 VT Rt.128, Westford, VT 05494



Westford PTO

March 2016 Newsletter

The Westford PTO mission is to enrich our children's lives with educational and extracurricular activities.

Join our school community for an afternoon of fun!

Family Bingo!

Saturday, March 5th 2:00-4:00pm, Westford School Gym

Bingo game cards: 6 cards for \$5.00; 14 cards for \$10.00

3 cash prizes: \$50.00 - \$75.00 - \$100.00

Other game prizes include:

- **Green Mountain Coffee, Cabot Cheese, Chester basket** (\$25.00 value)
- **Essential Oils and Natural Products Basket from Natural Oily Mama** (\$75.00 value)
- **Personalized throw blankets** (\$20.00 value)
- **Essex Cinemas – Two Movie Passes** (\$19.00 value)
- **More prizes to come!**

Raffle tickets: 6 tickets for \$5.00; 14 tickets for \$10.00;
30 tickets for \$ 20.00

Raffle prizes include:

- **Smugglers Notch Bash Badge** (\$139.00 value)
- **The Pump House at Jay Peak family** (4-person) day pass (\$136.00 value)
- **Vermont Teddy Bear** (\$59.00 value)
- **Northern Lights Rock and Ice** gift card (\$50.00 value)

Cash and Checks – Children must accompanied by an adult
Complimentary refreshments will be served.

PTO Calendar

February 22 – March 1

Winter break - have fun!

Saturday, March 5

An Afternoon of Bingo!
Westford School, 2:00 pm.

Wednesday, March 9

PTO monthly meeting,
Westford School, 7:00 pm.

Friday, April 9

8th Grade Italian Dinner,
Westford School.

Wednesday, April 13

PTO monthly meeting,
Westford School, 7:00 pm.

Thursday, April 14

Annual Science Fair,
Westford School.

April 18 – April 22

Spring break – enjoy!

Wednesday, May 11

PTO monthly meeting,
Westford School, 7:00 pm.

REMEMBER:

Clip your Box Tops –
Over \$500.00 collected!

Email: westfordvptpto@gmail.com • Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/westfordvptpto>

Web: <http://westford.ccsuvt.org/hope-parent-organization/>

Westford Music Series

presents the

GREEN MOUNTAIN CHORUS



Event Date: Sunday, March 13th
Time: 4-5pm
Where: UCW white church on village commons, Westford VT
Contact: Marjorie Hamrell; 802-879-4028

The final concert in this year's Westford Music Series will offer Vermont's premier male a cappella barbershop chorus under the direction of Jim Coates. The Green Mountain Chorus with their extensive and diverse backgrounds from throughout northern and central Vermont promise an exciting and fun afternoon. With over 25 members the Green Mountain Chorus traditionally ranks high in region wide competitions and recently placed first in the Mountain Division chorus contest.

The Green Mountain Chorus is well known for its lively and entertaining style of barbershop harmony singing, performing a varied program representative of America's rich musical heritage. Barbershop harmony is one of four music forms originating in the United States and is beautifully sustained in Vermont with the GMC.

The men of the chorus represent gentlemen from eight to eighty who treasure the tradition of barbershop singing. Both professional and amateur voices are included within the group of voices which blend in musical delight, fun and camaraderie obvious to audiences everywhere.

Concert is free will donation with refreshments to follow with opportunity to meet chorus members. Call 879-4028 for more information about concert.