



## WESTFORD NEWSLETTER October 2017

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### Selectboard FY'19 Budget Workshops

The Selectboard will begin working on the FY'19 budget in October. Workshops will be held on:

- October 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>
- November 9<sup>th</sup>
- December 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

If needed, additional meetings will be held. The Board encourages residents to attend these meetings to provide feedback to assist the Board in developing a budget to be voted on in March 2018.

### Senior Luncheon

The Senior Luncheon will be on October 9<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Red Brick Meeting House on the common. All seniors are welcome. Please join us for a home cooked meal and catching up with the news of your neighbors and friends. If you need a ride, please call me at 878-3090 or Beth Menut at 893-2263. If you have a neighbor that isn't coming, please contact them and see if they would like to give it a try. The Adams Turkey Farm has graciously donated roasting chickens for our meal this month. Hope to see you there. Carol Howrigan, President

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the October Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Town Office Hours

The Town Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Please note:

- The Town Office will be closed Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> for employees to attend a training seminar.
- The Town Office will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\***

**As of June 1 RECYCLING IS BEING PICKED UP ON A WEEKLY BASIS.**  
**You may put your recycling out with your garbage every week.**

### **FRONT PORCH FORUM**

If you have not joined the Westford Front Porch Forum, please consider doing so. Everyone is invited to participate and it's free! This is a great way to connect with neighbors and the community.

Check it out at [http://frontporchforum.com/!](http://frontporchforum.com/)

*This community service is brought to you by Burlington residents Michael and Valerie Wood-Lewis.*

# TOWN OF WESTFORD EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## Road Foreman

The Town of Westford is seeking qualified candidates for a full time, salaried, Road Foreman position with benefits. This position involves administrative and supervisory skills, manual labor tasks and the knowledge and operation of various highway equipment for maintenance and repair of town roads.

Requirements: valid Vermont CDL Class B license; good driving record; supervisory experience; experience operating and maintaining various highway equipment; familiarity with road construction and maintenance for all seasons; ability to plan and project costs for road projects; willingness to work long hours; strong computer, organizational and communications skills, budget experience; ability to complete and maintain various administrative tasks; possess physical strength, agility, endurance, mental ability to concentrate and mechanical abilities; willingness to participate in random drug/alcohol testing. Candidate must live within a 30-40 minute winter time commute. Welding and grant writing experience preferred.

Must pass pre-employment physical exam and drug test and a background check.

## Road Crew Member

The Town of Westford is seeking qualified applicants for a full time Road Crew position with benefits. This position involves skilled and unskilled labor tasks and the knowledge and operation of highway equipment for maintenance and repair of town roads.

Requirements: valid Vermont CDL Class B license; good driving record; experience operating various highway equipment; willingness to work long hours, especially during winter months; ability to maintain logs; participate in random drug/alcohol testing; possess physical strength, agility, endurance and mental ability to concentrate, mechanical abilities and good communication skills.

Must pass pre-employment physical exam and drug test.

## How to Apply

For consideration of the Road Foreman or Road Crew position, please submit resume, references and employment application (found at <https://westfordvt.us/administration/highway-department/>) to: Town of Westford, Attn: Nanette Rogers, 1713 VT Route 128, Westford, VT 05494.

For more information, contact Nanette Rogers (Town Administrator) at 878-4587 or [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us). Positions remain open until filled. Westford is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## OPENING ON REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Selectboard is seeking town residents interested in serving as Westford's representative on the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC).

The CCRPC is one of eleven commissions serving Vermont municipalities and operates under the Vermont Municipal and Regional Planning and Development Act and its bylaws. The CCRPC is guided by Commissioners that are appointed by the City Councils, Village Trustees, and Selectboards of the municipalities within the region. The Commissioners meet throughout the year and act as the Board of the organization, conducts business, and is responsible for the fiscal soundness of the organization.

For more information on the CCRPC please go to <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/about-us/commission/>.

Please contact the Town Office at 878-4587 or [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us) if you are interested in representing Westford on this commission.

## SEEKING RESIDENT TO SERVE ON CLEAN WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Selectboard is seeking town residents interested in serving as Westford's representative and alternate representative on the Chittenden Regional Planning Commission Clean Water Advisory Committee.

The Clean Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) oversees the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission activities and policy development regarding but not limited to, the Vermont Lake Champlain Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Plan and its related plans and programs. The CWAC will meet at the call of the Chair. The typical meeting time will be the first Tuesday of the month at 11:00am. Full agendas and minutes for Clean Water Advisory Committee meetings can be found at <http://www.ccrpcvt.org/about-us/committees/clean-water-advisory-committee/>.

Please contact the Town Office at 878-4587 or [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us) if you are interested in representing Westford on this committee.

## ATTENTION DOG LOVERS

The Town of Westford is looking for someone who is interested in serving as Dog Warden. What is a Dog Warden? A Dog Warden is a person who helps dog owners comply with the Westford Dog Ordinance. What qualifications do you need in order to be considered for the Dog Warden position? A love for dogs, the ability to communicate effectively, and a location to bring dogs until they can be reunited with their owner, to name a few. Some people think they need a kennel in order to be a Dog Warden. This is not the case. However, a stray dog does need to be placed in a healthy environment until it is reunited with its owner. A healthy environment includes shelter, food, water and a suitable area for them to relieve themselves.

The Dog Warden position receives an annual stipend of \$500. The Town budget also includes funds for training, supplies and mileage. If you would like more information on helping the community by serving in this position, please contact the Town Office at 878-4587 or [townclerk@westfordvt.us](mailto:townclerk@westfordvt.us). You do not need to be a Westford resident to apply for this position.



## Think Globally, Act Locally.

The Town of Westford currently has a volunteer opportunity in the field of land use planning, community building and development review.

The position is **Development Review Board Member**. Members receive an annual stipend and meet the second and fourth Monday of the month as needed based on the number of applications submitted in a given month. Board Members review local land use and development applications including subdivisions, commercial developments, etc. using our *new* regulations which include the latest land use planning and design techniques.

### Benefits of serving the community:

- Participate in project and Board meetings.
- Gain experience communicating directly with municipal officials and the public.
- Gain experience and knowledge of municipal land use laws.
- Enhance your knowledge and understanding of natural resources planning, neighborhood design, context sensitive design, and form based design.
- Learn how to read surveys and site plans.
- Gain career experience working in a dynamic team of fun individuals.
- Expand “soft skills” critical to advancement in today’s job market.
- Enhance community and opportunity in Westford.

### **Warning of Meeting for United Church of Westford**

**Sunday October 22, 2017 at 8:45 AM**

**at the United Church of Westford**

Our former minister, Katherine Arthaud, has agreed to be there to start us off.

The Agenda is:

1. Sharing of Advice from the UCC
2. Discussion of our intent as a congregation
3. Discussion of the care and maintenance of the church.
4. Motions will be generated and voted upon.

**Fall  
Yoga**

at  
**Westford's Brick  
Meeting House**

**7weeks for \$84**  
Thursdays 6:15 & 7:30 PM  
9/28-11/16  
with  
**Cat Earisman**  
[cearisman@yahoo.com](mailto:cearisman@yahoo.com)  
802 324 8363

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## Travel Talk Returns! Not to Be Missed!

Wednesday, October 11 from 7:00-8:30pm

Destination: Africa

Presented by: Thomas Vogelsand (Thomas is the talented photographer who did the talk on Antarctica)



"I traveled to Botswana in 2015 and 2017 and visited also the desert of Namibia and the Victoria Falls region of Zambia and Zimbabwe. In this talk, I will share my photos and experiences in this area of Africa. The wildlife and landscapes there are truly amazing."

Refreshments served. I highly recommend this talk.

## Jacqueline Woodson is speaking at Burlington High School

Monday, October 23, 6 p.m.

The 2017 Vermont Reads author of *Brown Girl Dreaming* discusses her journey as a writer, and shares stories of her creative process, followed by a book signing. Many people in Westford read her book or participated in *Moth Girl Dreaming*. This is a great opportunity. Sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council.



## Mask Making & Halloween Fun - Sat., Oct. 29 10:30-Noon



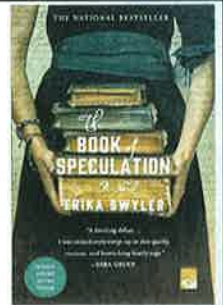
**Wear your costume and have a ghoulish good time!**

**Come make a spooky mask (or a fabulous one!) at the Library. We'll also have games, crafts and goodies.**

## Library Hours

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

**Adult Book Group  
Wed. October 18  
7:00-8:00pm  
Pick up your books  
at the front desk!  
We will be reading  
The Book of  
Speculation  
by: Erika Swyler**



Simon Watson, a young librarian, lives alone in a house that is slowly crumbling toward the Long Island Sound. His parents are long dead. His mother, a circus mermaid who made her living by holding her breath, drowned in the very water his house overlooks. His younger sister, Enola, ran off six years ago and now reads tarot cards for a traveling carnival.

One day, an old book arrives on Simon's doorstep, sent by an antiquarian bookseller who purchased it on speculation. Fragile and water damaged, the book is a log from the owner of a traveling carnival in the 1700s, who reports strange and magical things, including the drowning death of a circus mermaid. Since then, generations of mermaids in Simon's family have drowned--on July 24, which is only weeks away.

Could there be a curse on Simon's family? What does it have to do with the book, and can he get to the heart of the mystery in time to save Enola? This month's choice is a debut novel about the power of books, family, and magic. (from Amazon.com)

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

10/5/17: Theme: Dinosaurs

10/12/17: Theme: Pumpkins

10/19/17: Theme: Owls

10/26/17: Theme: Not so Scary Monsters

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!

The WESTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY provides access to materials, technology, reference services and programs to meet the informational, educational, and recreational needs of the Westford community.

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<http://westfordpubliclibrary.org>

(802) 878-5639 ♦ [westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:westfordpubliclibrary@gmail.com)

## October Library Events

- October 4 - Trustees Meeting 7-9pm
- October 6 - STEM Buddies  
afterschool - 5pm
- October 11 - Travel Talk: Africa 7-8:30pm  
Presented by Thomas Vogelsand,  
refreshments served
- October 13 - STEM Buddies Family Night  
6-7:30pm
- October 18 - Adult Book Group 7-8pm,  
The Book of Speculation by Erika  
Swyler, refreshments served
- October 23 - Jacqueline Woodson Speaks  
at Burlington High School 6-8pm
- October 25 - 4th grade Dorothy's List  
Book Group celebration 3-5pm - The  
Wild Robot (note from Ms. Shelley)
- October 26 - Bedtime Math Grades 3-5  
begins, afterschool-5pm
- October 27 - Bedtime Math Grades K-2  
begins, afterschool-5pm
- October 28 - Halloween Crafts and Fun  
10:30-Noon, mask making, crafts and  
goodies. Come in your costume!  
**Storytime every Thursday 11am**



**Bedtime Math's Crazy 8's Math Club!!!**  
**Weekly October 26/27 - December 21/22**  
**Grades 3-5 - Thursdays (begins 10/26)**  
**Grades K-1 - Fridays (begins 10/27)**  
 Bus transport provided from school (Bus #3),  
 pickup at Library between 4:30-5:00pm

Crazy 8's is an afterschool Math Club sponsored  
 by Bedtime Math. There will be two clubs: grades  
 K-2 and 3-5. This is a FUN, exciting enrichment  
 opportunity. Clubs will be led by fantastic  
 moderators (hint: volunteers needed!) and follow  
 an action packed curriculum. More information will  
 be given to those who sign up. Your child should  
 plan to attend all classes - best behavior expected.  
 Permission slips and more information emailed  
 home to families who sign up.  
**SPACE IS LIMITED! Call or email to sign up.**



My name is Paula Coli and I've lived in Westford for the past 23 years. I have always enjoyed painting. I am self taught, but it seems to run in my family. In 2015, I began doing Paint Parties. Most of my students have never painted before. I am always fascinated and amazed at all the fabulous masterpieces created! I believe we are all artists...some just haven't picked up the brush yet. **Paula's paintings will be up Oct-Dec.**



**VELI-STEM and the Westford Public Library present: STEM Buddies - Year Two!**

We wrap up this month with our last class, Friday, Oct. 6 and  
**Family Night: Friday, Oct. 13 from 6:00-7:30pm.**  
 Family Night is a required part of the program. Siblings welcome!

Transportation will be provided via Bus #3 from Westford School. Class ends at 4:30pm, but parents can pick up as late as 5pm.

Westford is proud to be one of only 25 libraries in the country to participate in this federally sponsored program.

The Library is **no longer accepting donations** of books, audiobooks, and DVDs **at this time** for our annual Fourth of July Book Sale. We will begin accepting donations in the spring of 2018. Thank you to community for supporting our annual Fourth of July Book Sale.

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# Westford Recreation Department

[www.westfordvt.us/recreation](http://www.westfordvt.us/recreation)

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.



## BASKETBALL

Starts in November

Grades 3/4  
Fridays and Saturdays

Grades 5/6  
Monday, Wednesday,  
and Saturday



\$40/player

*Coaches needed!!!*

## AUTUMN FENCING SERIES

Begins Tuesdays in November  
at the RBMH

Youth ages 9-13  
3:30 - 5:00 PM

Ages 14+  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
Fee \$90



## NEW and COMING SOON: T.W.W.A.X.



The Westford Wildlife  
Access Experience  
Seasonal Presentations  
on wildlife conservation,  
scientific study  
and guided exploration.



Tom Schmidt, Recreation Department Coordinator: 802-858-6211 or [WestfordVTRec@gmail.com](mailto:WestfordVTRec@gmail.com)  
Committee members: Danielle Vierling, Greg Baker, Nancy Volkers, Maureen Carpenter, Jeff LaBossiere

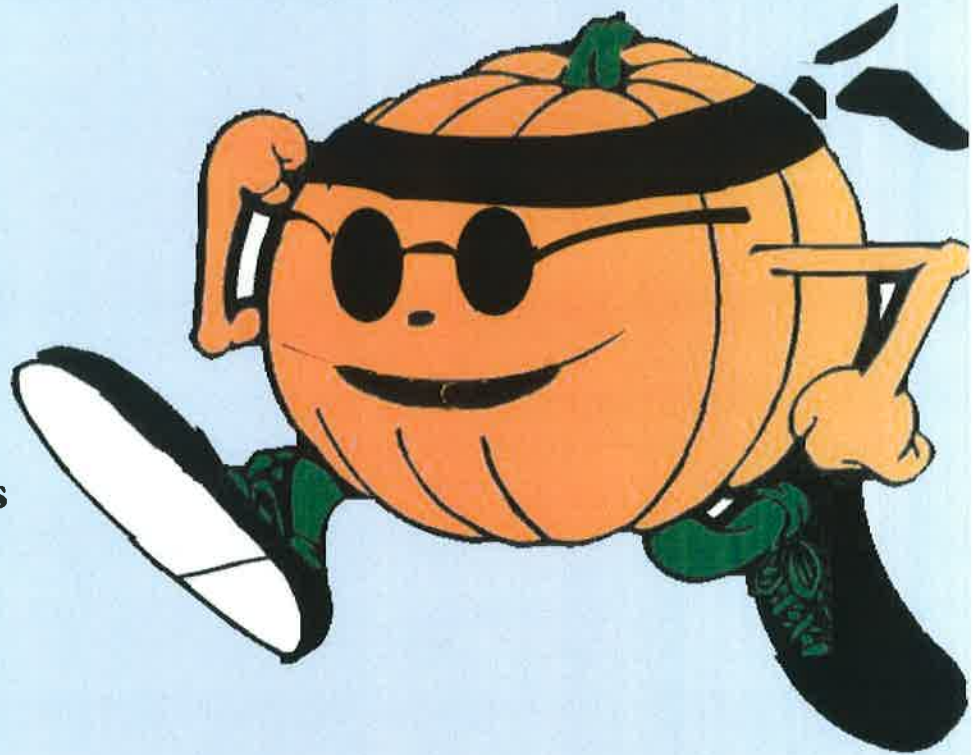
# The 6.5K Great Pumpkin Run/Walk & 1K Fun Run

Saturday  
October 21

1K Fun Run Starts  
at 9:30 AM  
*Registration opens  
at 9:00 AM*

6.5K Run/Walk Starts  
at 10:00 AM  
*Registration opens  
at 9:00 AM*

Westford School  
Parking Lot



**Fee: \$10/Adults,  
\$3/Children up to age 17**

**Registration:** You can drop off,  
or mail your registration ahead :  
Town Office., Attn. Westford Rec  
Dept., 1713VT. Rte. 128, Westford, VT 05494.  
Or, you can register the morning of the event.  
Make checks payable to WRD.

**Prizes:** Awarded for the  
Top Male, Female, Under 18  
Runners, & Top 3 Walkers.

**OPEN TO ALL TOWNS!**

Volunteers are needed for timers, food table, results board;  
please email: [WestfordVTRec@gmail.com](mailto:WestfordVTRec@gmail.com)

or call Tom Schmidt  
Westford Recreation Coordinator  
802-858-6211

Thanks and see you there!

## KIDS

bring 2 non-perishable food items  
to donate to the Westford Food Shelf  
and your registration is Free!





# 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	PROGRAM	GRADE	FEE
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL:</b>			_____

**Would you be interested in being a coach or be a parent helper?     Yes     No**

**\*\*\*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 News

October 2017

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

## Opportunities to Get Involved

### Scholastic Book Fair —October 23-26



The PTO and Westford School Library present our annual Scholastic Book Fair during the week of **October 23** during school hours, with evening hours for our annual **Family Night on Tuesday, October 24, 4-8 pm.**

We are looking for volunteers to help staff the book fair (2-hour shift with the librarian or another volunteer). Look for an e-mail with more information and a signup link, or contact the PTO directly. All proceeds benefit our school library.

### Buy Local Fundraiser — starts October 27

In this, the 8th year of our **most successful fundraiser**, we're focusing on what we hear you want most — **more vouchers!** PTO volunteers are currently scouring the area for new businesses to offer vouchers.

**If you know a local business** who might be interested in partnering with us, please contact us ASAP! We'd love to discuss the **business benefits and support** we provide to vendors.

Look for this year's **Buy Local** catalog at the Pumpkin Glow in October! We will offer vouchers through our catalogs and the online shop from the end of October through Thanksgiving break, so plan ahead to share the savings with family, friends and neighbors. Vouchers make great gifts for teachers, dinner hosts, and others you may wish to thank this holiday season!

### Buy Local Fundraiser



Coming soon!

### Holiday Craft Bazaar – Sunday, December 3 at RBMH

The PTO hosts our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Holiday Craft Bazaar** at the Red Brick Meeting House on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-2pm. Vendors tables (\$25 each) are limited. If you would like to be a vendor, contact Heather Armata at [cornerstonerevt@gmail.com](mailto:cornerstonerevt@gmail.com) or call/text – 802-338-8235. Join us for this fun community event and support our amazing local artists and crafters!

## PTO Calendar

**Tuesday, October 10, 7 pm**  
PTO meeting  
Westford Town Library

**October 19–20**  
no school, conferences

**October 23–26, school hours**  
*Scholastic Book Fair*  
Westford School Library  
**Tuesday, October 24, 4-8 pm**  
*Book Fair Family Night*

**Friday, October 27**  
*Pumpkin Glow*  
Westford School

**October 27–November 27**  
*Buy Local fundraiser*  
[westfordpto.myshopify.com](http://westfordpto.myshopify.com)

**Tuesday, November 14, 7 pm**  
PTO meeting  
Westford Town Library

**November 20–24**  
professional development  
and Thanksgiving break

**Sunday, December 3, 9am-2pm**  
*Holiday Craft Bazaar*  
Red Brick Meeting House

**Tuesday, December 12, 7 pm**  
PTO meeting  
Westford Town Library

**REMINDER:**  
**Clip your Box Tops!**  
Collection box in the lobby.

**2017-2018 Westford School PTO officers:**  
President: Rachael Parker;  
Vice President: Heather Armata;  
Treasurer: Meredith Irish; Secretary: Deb Hazel.

Contact the PTO with your questions, comments, and ideas:  
E-mail: [westfordvtpto@gmail.com](mailto:westfordvtpto@gmail.com)  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/westfordvtpto>  
Website: <https://www.ewsd.org/Page/2679>

WESTFORD MUSIC  
SERIES  
*PRESENTS*  
**FREVO**



Date: Sunday, October 15, 2017  
Time: 4-5 p.m.  
Where: UCW White Church, Westford  
Contact: Marge Hamrell at 879-4028 or [mhamrell@comcast.net](mailto:mhamrell@comcast.net)

FREVO, a well-known cross over group from the Vermont Contemporary Music Ensemble, will present a unique offering at the Westford UCW white church on Sunday afternoon, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-5pm. FREVO plays an eclectic sampling of chamber music for flute, clarinet, and cello and classical guitar including original arrangements and music from jazz, Latin, Classical and the newly composed. The quartet features an exciting mix of music with the talents of Bonnie Thurber Klimowski on cello, Steven Klimowski on clarinet, Wendy Greenwald Matthews on flute, and Peter Matthews on guitars.

Flutist Wendy Greenwald Matthews has performed with the Cleveland Composer's Consortium, Warebrook Music Festival, Northern Winds and various orchestras and chamber ensembles. Classical guitarist Peter Matthews is involved in solo and chamber music work with VCME, Vermont Virtuosi, vocal group Counterpoint, and was a prize winner in the Stroud Competition. He and his wife, Wendy, have appeared on Innova and Albany records.

Cellist, Bonnie Thurber Klimowski played for the State of Mexico Symphony Orchestra, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, the VCME and the Stringendo string trio. She is a cello instructor at Saint Michaels' College.

Steven Klimowski studied clarinet under the famed Leon Russianoff, played in the State orchestra of Mexico, founded the Vermont Contemporary Music Ensemble, played with the VSO and the Mozart Festival. Steve is currently the principal clarinet with the Burlington Chamber Orchestra and the Opera Company of Middlebury.

This quartet is known for their high energy and love of playing music for all groups, ages and genres. Appropriate for the entire family with variations of music from the Beatles and children's songs to classical jazz pieces.

Refreshments following the concert.

For more information call Marge Hamrell@ 802-879-4028

# WESTFORD TURKEY TROT



**Saturday, November 18, 2017**

Registration: 8:30 a.m. Race Start: 10 a.m.

Snow, Rain or Shine

**Westford School**

Brookside Road, Westford, VT

**10k run ★ 3k walk/run ★ 100 yd Tot Trot (6 & under)**

**\$12, pre-register online by Nov 15**

**\$15, day of race**

**Random Drawing for Prizes!**

**Homemade treats & chili for sale!**

Proceeds benefit The Committee for Westford Children and Families

[www.westfordturkeytrot.wordpress.com](http://www.westfordturkeytrot.wordpress.com)