### APRIL 2017



## Save The Date!

FAMILY FUN BINGO NIGHT

**Friday April 21st** The ALT PTO will be sponsoring Family Bingo Night on Friday, April 21, 2017 at 7pm. Play for Fun and Prizes. **CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS.** 

**SAVE THE DATE** 



**FRIDAY - JUNE 2** 

#### IMPORTANT DATES

4/6 - Visiting Author
4/10 thru 4/14 - No school
4/19 - Kindergarten Readiness
4/19 - White Out day for 5th grade
4/21 - Family Fun Night Bingo
4/21 - School Spirit Day-Wear your ALT Shirt
4/26 - Star Lab (1st grade assembly)

## THE DOLPHIN DETAILS

### PTO NEWSLETTER

### Letter from our Presidents

In March, the PTO was proud to sponsor The Brain Show Assembly. This show was the perfect vehicle to celebrate education and communicate to the children that learning can be



cool and fun. The entire school RAVED about how amazing, educational and interactive this assembly was because it involved the students as well as their teachers.

We are so excited for our Family Bingo Night on Friday April 21st from 7:00-9:00pm. Please come join us for snacks, refreshments and a chance to win fabulous prizes. You will not want to miss it! RSVP by April 14th.

We have started to plan for next year and we would really love if you would consider volunteering your time. Please take a moment to review the Volunteer Form to see how you can get involved. Your continued support is truly appreciated

#### Happy Spring, Lisa Checchio and Gina Valenti *ALT PTO Co-Presidents*



FINAL PTO MEETING & LUNCHEON Thursday June 1, 2017 1PM in Library

#### FOOD DAYS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 Pizza	4 Nuray's	5 Ling Ling	<sup>6</sup> La Strada	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Pizza	18 Turf N Surf	19 Warren Deli	20 Bagel	21 Ice Cream	22
23	24 Pizza	25 Nuray's	26 Bagel	27 Cafe Agira	28	29
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## SUMMER BRIDGE BOOKS

Please place your orders by 4/28. Order forms can be accessed **HERE.** 





**PATRIOTS GAME** Warren Township Schools Somerset Patriots Game will be held on Friday, June 16th. *Details coming soon*.

## **ALT PTO Volunteers Needed**

Volunteer Form for the 2017-18 School Year has been distributed. Please volunteer your time so the PTO can play its part in continuing to make ALT a truly special place for our children. Please return by May 5th. **You can access forms here.** 



## **SEPAG PTO Rep Needed ASAP....**

Please email <u>reginamvalenti@yahoo.com</u> if you would like information on becoming a Committee Chair for Special Education.

## **Thank you!**

Let's extend a tremendous thank you to Darlene Fenton and committee for bringing a very successful 80's themed Adult Social to ALT. Gretchen Minieri for the "Green-Themed" Fruit and Veggie Tasting. Maria Pontoriero for bringing our students art to life with the Square 1 Arts Fundraising Program. Angelina Rodden for coordinating our Mom's Night Out!



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The Warren Township Board of Education will hold a public hearing of the 2017-18 budget on April 24, 2017 at 7:00pm in the all purpose room of Mt. Horeb School.

Next year's budget supports the continuation of all current programs and services including a comprehensive curriculum, support and enrichment services, and full-time guidance counselors in each building. The budget also maintains small class sizes in all grades, courtesy busing for all students, and late buses at Warren Middle School for students participating in clubs and activities. In addition, new scheduling models at all five schools will allow for even greater involvement in the arts, an expansion of physical education opportunities, and a more

robust experience studying world languages while adjusting staffing levels to reflect the continued decline in student enrollment.

Thanks to the efforts of members of the Board and the school business administrator, I am proud to support a budget that provides for the wonderful education of Warren's children while being responsible to the taxpayer. The 17-18 budget increases the local tax levy by 0.71%. Detailed information about the budget can be found on the district's website.

### Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.

#### Dear Parents/Guardians:

We need your feedback! The Warren Township School District is conducting a comprehensive audit of district and building communications with key audiences, identifying areas of strength and opportunities for improvement. As one of the initial components of the audit, we invite you to take the "SCoPE School Communication Survey for Parents." Participation takes less than 15 minutes and is completely anonymous. Please **CLICK HERE** to access the survey.

Additionally, as parents who are also members of the Warren Township community, we invite you to take the "SCoPE School Communication Survey for Community Members," found **HERE**. Since the value of our results increases when more people participate, please feel free to share the survey(s) with your neighbors in the Warren Township community. All three surveys (Parents, Community, Staff) also can be found on our website at <u>www.warrentboe.org</u>.

Please take the time to let us know how we're doing!

### Thank you.





# WELCOME SPRING!

Encourage outdoor play and exercise Get 8-10 hours of sleep per night Healthy snacks Plenty of water-bring water bottles Dress according to the weather

## ALLERGIES.....



Please have your physician complete a WTBOE prescription form for any medication (prescription or over-the-counter) for in school use as needed to control allergy symptoms.....

- Oral medications Eye drops
- **Topical creams/ointments**

Let's work together to prevent uncomfortable distracting allergy symptoms for your child.



*Jan Brennan, RN, CSN* 908-753-5300 ext. 5303



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### **NEW Box Tops App!**

Please continue to support our school and PTO by clipping and submitting your Box Tops. Please send your clipped Box Tops to school with your child regularly. There is a collection box in the front office.



## 🛱 Shoparoo

# Shoparoo is another way you can help our school!

Shoparoo, is a free iPhone and Android app that turns pictures of your shopping receipts into donations to our school. Just take a quick moment to snap a picture of your receipt and you have made an instant cash donation to ALT. Thanks in advance for your support!!! Please contact Ana Dhiman at anadhiman@yahoo.com if you have questions on Box Tops or Shoparoo.



Instantly turn pictures of your shopping receipts into donations for your school!



APRIL 2017

ALT School presents the 2nd annual **NIGH** 

# Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm-9:00pm

\$5.00 per person (RSVP required and this is not a drop off event)

Includes : complimentary bingo cards per person registered snacks & refreshments

a chance to win fabulous prizes Space is limited-RSVP ASAP-no walk ins Payment due by April 14th

Return with payment in envelope marked: Bingo Night Make checks payable to: ALT PTO For any Questions, Contact Angelina Rodden at 732-261-7234

or Angelinar73@icloud.com



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Number of players:



## The ALT PTO is proud to sponsor the sale of **Summer Bridge Activities Books!**



Your child spends nine months learning. Why risk Summer Learning Loss? Help your child retain the skills learned this year, build confidence, and prepare for the grade ahead.

## DON'T MISS OUT!

Order Summer Bridge Activities Workbooks for your Kids, Before It's Too Late.



#### Order through the ALT PTO to save the sales tax & Help raise money for the PTO!

We've made it easy for you:

\*Complete form below and return to school in envelope marked, "Summer Bridge." \*All orders due by April 28,2017

\*We will conveniently send home books in your child's backpack.



#### Summer Bridge Activities Written by Award-Winning Educators!

- #I brand trusted by parents
- Teacher recommended
- Exercises in Math, Reading, Writing, Language Arts, and more...

Child's Name:

- Online Companion offers even more activities
- Same price as last year

### Summer Bridge Workbooks

YES!

I want to help my child retain his/her knowledge while away from school!

Price: \$14.99 each

Teacher: Grade:

Phone: ( )

Email:

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE GRADE YOUR CHILD IS IN NOW** IS THE GRADE LISTED FIRST & THE GRADE YOUR CHILD WILL BE IN SEPTEMBER 2017 IS THE SECOND GRADE LISTED.\*\*

All Orders Must be Returned to School by:

April 28, 2017

Questions? Please email christinamancino@gmail.com

(Non-profit organization- tax exempt)				
Qty		Subtotal		
	PK to K			
	K to 1 <sup>st</sup>			
	1 <sup>st</sup> to 2 <sup>nd</sup>			
	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup>			
	3 <sup>rd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup>			
	4 <sup>th</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup>			
	5 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup>			
	$6^{\text{th}}$ to $7^{\text{th}}$			
	7 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup>			
	Total			
Please make checks payable to: <u>ALT PTO</u>				



## ALT PTO VOLUNTEER DRIVE 2017-2018

# The ALT PTO is looking for volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year!

The time is here to start thinking about how you want to jump in and be involved next year!

We are so lucky to have such enthusiastic parents and we have opportunities for a little or a lot. No amount of time is too small to get a glimpse into your children's daily lives. Get a chance to see what they do when we let them out in the world to discover and learn at ALT.

Please complete the Volunteer Form attached and return it to school by May 5, 2017 if you're ready to join in planning the fun 😂

Please contact Nelly Borda-Pucci at <a href="mailto:nborda@gmail.com">nborda@gmail.com</a> with any questions.

### ···THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!····

#### **PTO Committee Descriptions**

Following is a list of PTO committees, their scheduled time & brief description of each. If you have questions re: time commitments, etc. on any, please don't hesitate to ask. Please indicate all interests so we can do our best to keep you as involved as you'd like to be.

••••Executive Board Positions are for two years unless uncontested or lack of new volunteers.••• Executive Board positions are chosen within the Board first based on 2 year term limits; new members based on volunteer interest. ••••Committee Chairs & Cos are for one school year initially with an option to continue.•••

Chair positions are either ongoing yearly as desired by chair and board but co-chairs are chosen to ultimately succeed when the chair leaves (hopefully). Great opportunities abound below for current vacant co-chairs on many committees with room to grow. Board and Chair/Co-Chair positions will be informed by end of school. Volunteers will be contacted after school starts in September '17.

Adopt-A-Family-early winter	Organize a charitable drive in December for ALT to assist families in need.		
Assemblies-year round	Work with the Executive Board to plan school-wide and grade-specific assemblies.		
Back to School Night-Sept	Responsible for refreshments, set up & clean up at parent reception during BTS night.		
Baking-year round	Organize and schedule individuals to provide baked goods for different school events.		
Book Fair-fall & spring	Select a book company and organize volunteers to run a 3-day book fair (2 times/yr).		
Box Tops/Shoparoo-yr round	Collect/redeem box tops; follow online; develop contests, etc. to encourage participa		
Career Fair	Work with Dr. Kline to gather volunteers to present to 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> students at Career Day. Additionally, organize refreshments to be served at the event.		
Directory			
Family Fun-multiple events	Plan two Family Fun events. (i.e. Movie Night, Bowling Night, Bingo, Bouncing)		
Field Day-June	Plan and run the annual Field Day event for the school.		
Fifth Grade Event-June	Coordinate the fifth grade event with reps from other 3 elementary schools.		
Fifth Grade Yearbook- Sept-April	Create and distribute a yearbook for the fifth grade class.		
Food Days-year round	Food Day Administrator coordinates all food days. Individual Food Day Chairs work w administrators to coordinate day-specific vendors and menus.		
Fruit and Veggie Tasting- multiple events	Plan with the School Nurse and run 3 to 4 Fruit and Veggie Tasting Days for the child during a non-food day lunch. This includes purchasing, preparing and serving the fruit and veggies.		
Holiday Boutique-fall/winter	Organize and run a vendor fair where children have an opportunity to purchase holiday gifts for family and friends.		
Grade Representatives- ***6 year commitment***	Take and obtain photos from parents and teachers throughout the year from events such as class parties, plays, etc. Keep photos for all 6 years and use as needed for the 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook. Contact homeroom parents regarding grade-wide issues. Coordinate teacher gifts for grade-wide events. (i.e. concerts, etc.).		
Ice Cream Days-year round	Coordinate ice cream days on Friday's once a month through Food Days.		
Homeroom Parents- year round	Two parents per class are needed to assist in planning classroom events (parties, trips special activities), to make phone calls/emails to parents to communicate important sc information and coordinate with PTO on holiday and end of year gift giving.		
International Day-Sept-Feb	Organize a day where ALT families can showcase for the school customary elements of their country and culture. Countries are usually decided the year before (suggestions welcome)		
Kindergarten Registration & Orientation Plus-Aug/Sept	refreshments. Organize at least one kindergarten play, date after school		
Literature Day-varies	Work with the librarian to coordinate book orders and special winning lunch for the lucky students and author.		
New Parents Tea-fall	Responsible for arranging for refreshments for New Parent Tea in September.		
Newsletter-monthly	Create newsletter with the assistance of the PTO President and arrange for its approval an distribution via eblast.		
Original Art Works- Jan-May	Work with Art Teacher and company rep to select theme for artwork, send home to families, compile art orders and distribute when received.		
Patriots Game-spring	Coordinate the Warren Township Schools Somerset Patriots Game in June for ALT.		
PTO Luncheon-May/June	Organizes the annual end-of-year PTO luncheon in school.		

School Beautification, Bday & Bulletin Boards-year round	Enhance appearance of school interior and exterior by way of décor, artwork, holiday themes, etc. Update multiple bulletin boards throughout school as needed.		
School Clothing-year round	Contact vendor, order, sell and distribute school clothing.		
School Supplies Kit-spring/ fall	Coordinate the ordering and distribution of pre-packaged school supplies. Organize end of year for following year and sort upon arrival in fall.		
Science Fair-spring	Organize a Science Fair open to all ALT students to be held in the spring. Purchase and distribute tri-folds for all participants, obtain staff volunteers to judge and purchase ribbons to distribute at the Fair to all participants.		
SEPAC (Special Education)	ALT SEPAC liaison. Attends SEPAC meetings and reports back to the PTO.		
Spirit Committee (monthly)	Plan monthly spirit days for staff and students in school.		
Staff Appreciation-May	Coordinate our appreciation week (food/prizes each day) for the ALT staff in May.		
Summer Bridge-spring	Organize the ordering and distribution of Summer Bridge books for the school in March/ April.		
Sunshine-year round	Welcome new students/families to ALT. Contact families in need of congratulations, condolences or extra help during trying times (this committee needs a facelift!)		
Teachers' Holiday Brunch - winter			
Teachers' Back to School Luncheon-Sept	Organize luncheon for teachers on their first day back to school.		
Trunk-or-Treat-fall	Organize Halloween festivities for the school, which includes trunk-or-treating in the school parking lot on a Friday night, snacks, activities, entertainment and lighting.		

### ALT PTO Volunteer Form 2017-2018 Please return by May 5, 2017

Parent Volunteer Name:			Phone Number:	
Email (required):				
Children's First and Last Names:			Grade in September 2017:	
Please indicate if yo	ou may be intereste	ed in one of the following	g Executive Board positions.	
President	Vice President			
Secretary		Treasurer		
		serving as Homeroom P interested in more than c	Parent for one of the following grades.	
	Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	
	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade	

•Please indicate any committee that you are interested in chairing or co-chairing by filling in your name. (Some positions have already been filled but those people can also offer any details into their committee).

•Please indicate any additional committees where you are interested in being a committee volunteer as well.

Committee Name	Chair / Co-Chair	Volunteer
Adopt-A-Family		
Assemblies		
Back to School Night		
Baking		
Book Fair		
Box Tops / Shoparoo		
Career Fair		
Family Fun		
Field Day		
Fifth Grade Event		
Fifth Grade Yearbook		
Fruit and Veggie Tasting		
Holiday Boutique		
Grade Reps - Kindergarten		
First Second Third Fourth Fifth		
Ice Cream Days (Food Days)		
Kindergarten Registration & Orientation & Play-Date		
International Day		
Literature Day		
New Parents/Kindergarten Tea		
Newsletter		
Original Art Works		
Patriots Game		
PTO Luncheon		
School Beautification, Bulletin & Birthday Boards		
School Clothing		
School Supplies Kit		

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Food Days	
Mondays	
Tuesdays	
Wednesdays	
Thursdays	
Fridays	
Trunk-or-Treat	