



MSAD #53/MCI

Parent Information Event

2011 Program

6:00 – 6:15	Opening Session (Cafeteria) – Welcome & Overview Music by the Warsaw Jazz Band
6:15 – 6:50	Session 1—Choose one session from the list below
6:50 – 7:10	Break & Refreshments featuring pie from Hillman’s Bakery (room: Susi/Zimmerman)
7:10 – 7:45	Session 2 – Choose another session from the list below
7:45 – 8:00	Wrap Up – Evaluations, Thank you gifts for parents (room: Susi/Zimmerman)

*Child care provided in the cafeteria by the MCI Key Club for children under 10.*

## Workshop Sessions

### **Handwriting without Tears** (room: Newhouse)

Kristi Emery, Kindergarten Teacher, Manson Park School

This session will explain and demonstrate the special approach to teaching and learning handwriting currently in place in our PK-1 classrooms, and moving to grade 2 next year. Learn the basics of the HWT developmental, multi-sensory approach so you can support your young child’s handwriting development.

### **We Both Read: Reading with Your Child** (room: Jacques)

Louise McCannell, District Literacy Coach, Vickery & Warsaw Schools

*We Both Read* books feature a unique interactive format designed for a child to take turns reading aloud with a parent. Mrs. McCannell will demonstrate how to use these books with students in grades K-4. Books will be available for parents to take home.

### **Digital Citizenship & Internet Safety** (room: Library)

Lori Stevens, District Technology Integrationist, & Donna Chale, District Librarian

Is your child or teen using the Internet, social networking sites like *Facebook*, and cell phones? Do you wonder how you can provide appropriate supervision and help your child use these tools safely for both school and socializing? This session offer tips for navigating the brave new world of technology.

### **Athletics at MCI** (room: Hutt)

Earl Anderson, Director of Athletics and Activities, Maine Central Institute

This session will provide a description of the variety of athletic programs offered to MCI students, required health forms, coaches’ expectations, the link between athletic participation and academic success, and the transition from middle school to high school sports.

**Technology Based Math Resources** (room: Bolduc)

Lindsay Bolduc, Kayla Brown, & Darlene Ulrickson, Warsaw Math Teachers

Students are using a host of computer-based and online programs to support, extend, and enrich math learning. Students will demonstrate ALEKS, Moby Math, FASTT Math, Saxon Online, and other resources available for grades 3 and up.

**School Assessments: What Do They Mean?** (room: Littlefield)

Faye Anderson, Elementary Principal

Along with the annual NECAP state assessment, students are taking a variety of new tests that provide teachers with a wealth of information about students' knowledge and skills. Mrs. Anderson will discuss several of these assessments and what they mean for your child (grades K-8).

**Planning Early for College** (room: Dorman)

Lisa Manter, Scott Giallombardo, & Jason Judd, MCI Guidance Staff

It's never too early to start planning for college! This session will provide an overview of the college planning process and resources for parents (grades 5 and up).

**Warsaw's School Improvement Plan** (room: Rollins)

Sandy Nevens, Warsaw Middle School Principal

Mr. Nevens will outline the goals set by Warsaw's faculty to improve student achievement in reading and math.

**Title I Tutoring** (room: Woodbury)

Title I staff from grades PK-8 will be available in an open house format to talk with parents/guardians about Title I support in literacy and math.

**Children's Benefit Fund** (display table, downstairs hall)

Sue Nile, Elementary PE Teacher and CBF Chair, and Committee

Please visit the CBF display table to pick up information about the work of this volunteer group supporting children in need in MSAD 53. The CBF raises funds throughout the year to send a select number of district students to summer camps. This is a terrific opportunity for children!

**Digital Art Show** (downstairs hall)

Colleen Lancaster, Warsaw Art Teacher

Student art work will be on display via a digital art show that will run throughout the evening. Be sure to stop by to view some terrific artwork!

**Thank you . . .**

- Marisa Weinstein, Warsaw Music Director, and the students of the Warsaw Jazz Band for providing us with a special preview of your upcoming state Jazz competition performance!
- Marilyn Graham, Warsaw English Teacher, for setting up the café
- . . . and all the students, teachers, custodians, and other staff who have made this evening possible!!