



Baldwin's Bulletin

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Superintendent's Corner-

About a year ago, the Warren Township Board of Education embarked on a process to hire a new superintendent. In a community-wide survey, one quality emerged as the clear highest priority. The new superintendent must "listen to and effectively represent the interests and concerns of students, staff, parents, and community members."

Since arriving in the district on July 1, it has been my mission to listen to as many people as possible. This has included meetings with members of the Board of Education, staff, students, parents, community leaders, and vendors, among others. I have committed myself to learning about the history of Warren Township and its schools and finding an answer to one pressing question: "What makes Warren Township so special?"

In this process, I learned some interesting things about the district's history. A few pieces of historical trivia:

- Central School, built in 1932, was designed to provide one centralized location for K-8 education in Warren Township and replaced a system of five, one-room school buildings scattered throughout the community.
- Woodland School opened in 1953, Washington Valley School (now Angelo L. Tomaso School) in 1959, Mt. Horeb School in 1966, and Warren Middle School in 1972.
- School-based parent-teacher organizations were first created in the 1964-5 school year. Prior to that time, there was one district-wide group.
- When Warren Middle School opened in 1972, Superintendent Dr. Angelo L. Tomaso described it as a "flexible, modern facility that can change to meet the changes required of us in the next 50 years" *That was 44 years ago!*
- The first traffic light was turned on in Warren on September 27, 1973 at Mount Bethel Road and Mountain Boulevard. *Could you imagine that intersection without traffic lights today?*
- The first school lunch program was offered in the 1977-8 school year due to a New Jersey Superior Court ruling that required it. The district contracted with a local company to provide bagged lunches to students.

More important than these interesting tidbits, I got the answer to my initial question; the people make Warren Township a special place.

During our school opening exercises, Mrs. Tia Allocco, president of the Warren Township Board of Education, joined me in welcoming back our dedicated staff and celebrating some of the unsung heroes who are so crucial to our students' success. Our secretarial staffs, paraprofessionals, custodians, maintenance workers, van drivers, and

central office staff do not expect or ask for the limelight. Yet, without their commitment day after day we would not have such a highly regarded school system.

As we transition from the opening of school into the fall, from back to school nights to conferences and the holidays, let us all keep these members of our school community at the forefront of our minds.

We have one common goal - to shine brighter every day. It is my great pleasure to serve as your superintendent. Please consider attending one or more of the Coffee with the Superintendent events scheduled throughout the year. Full details and registration information can be found on the district website at www.warrentboe.org.

Best wishes on a wonderful school year!
Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.

Principal's Corner

Welcome Back! We're off to a great start here at Central School. It has been so wonderful to see the classrooms and hallways filled once again with eager, happy students. Already students have been collaborating, creating and learning new skills. The sky's the limit.

It's important to all of the faculty and staff at Central School to maintain our commitment to educating the Whole Child. The tenets of this idea include ensuring that each of our students are **healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged**. Throughout the year we'll showcase some of the fabulous things happening in each of these areas.

Safe: the basic tenet states "each student learns in an environment that is physically and emotionally safe for students and adults." Components of this include "our physical, emotional, academic, and social school climate is safe, friendly, and student-centered," and "our students feel valued, respected, and cared for and are motivated to learn." To this end, students are working hard to fill up our Chain of Kindness. Each week, as students move through their daily routines, adults are on the lookout for students doing something great that embodies those ideas of friendliness, caring, and respect. When they are "caught" doing something great, they receive a link in the chain with their name on it. At the end of the week, the student names are read during morning announcements and the links are added to our school chain. The chain has begun near the front lobby, and we're excited to see how far it can grow this year. Helping a younger student find their way, congratulating members of opposing teams, setting a good example in the hallway, and reacting with a clear head during a fire drill are just a few of the acts that have earned students (or whole classes) links. When we work together as a community to build each other up, we ensure that all of our members feel safe physically and emotionally.

I am so proud of our school and each of our students who grow and help each other every day. I can't wait to see what this school year brings.

Warmly,
Alison Tugya

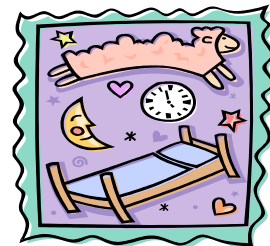
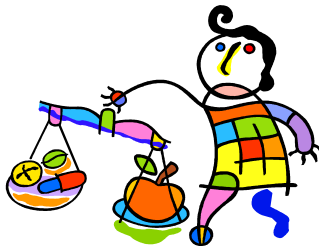
Kindergarten

Our shining Kindergarten stars are off to a wonderful start this year! We have been learning how to make good choices and the importance of teamwork and sharing. Kindergarten is a very important year in a child's schooling and many parents wonder how they can support their child at home. Below are some suggestions to a successful Kindergarten year.

- Spend a few minutes each week reviewing alphabet letters and sight words, so your child begins to readily recognize all letters and sight words.
- Have your child practice writing their name with only 1 capital letter and all the rest of the letters lowercase.
- For math practice, ask your child to incidentally count items around them (How many pumpkins are outside? How many crayons do you have?)
- Foster independence by having your child practice tying their own shoes and zipping their own jacket.
- Have your child practice cutting with their thumb up and using their opposite hand to rotate the paper.

Thank you for all of your help and support. We are looking forward to the rest of the year and eager to continue our Kindergarten journey!

Mrs. DeShields, Ms. McGuire, and Mrs. Bringuier



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Healthy Suggestions for a Great School Year!

- ❖ Reinforce practicing healthy habits by **frequently washing hands** with soap for at least 20 seconds, and avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth.
- ❖ Remind children to mind their manners by **covering their mouth and nose** with a tissue when coughing and sneezing, to throw away tissues and wash their hands.

- ❖ Please keep your child home with a cold that produces **excessive secretions** from the nose (i.e. runny nose or sneezing) or mouth via coughing.
- ❖ Please keep your child at home if your child has a **fever**, (>100F). Before returning to school they must be fever free without medications (Tylenol/Advil/Motrin/Aspirin) for 24 hours.
- ❖ Please keep your child home if your child has **vomited** or has **diarrhea**. Before returning to school they need to be episode free for 24 hours.
- ❖ If your child does not feel well in the morning, please keep them home. **Arriving late or medicating before school** increases the risk of spreading germs.
- ❖ Eating a well balanced diet including fruits, vegetables, proteins, carbohydrates and fats promotes and maintains health!
- ❖ Get 8-10 hours of sleep each night!

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in keeping our Central School students and staff healthy!

Alexis Sacks, MSN, CSN, RN