



# Baldwin's Bulletin

October 2017



## Superintendent's Corner

The Warren Township School District kicked off the 2017-2018 school year on September 7, 2017. Schools opened with 1746 students and over 30 new staff members after an incredibly busy summer of work in the district. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the buildings and grounds and technology departments, the buildings were gleaming and ready for students upon their arrival with a few key changes: reconfiguration of entrances at Angelo L. Tomaso and Mt. Horeb schools to increase safety and security, new water bottle filling stations in all five schools, the installation of pilot active learning space classrooms throughout the district, the replacement of every light bulb in the elementary schools as part of a state program to increase energy efficiency, and the implementation of a new visitor management system at all schools that dramatically improves our ability to control access to the buildings while schools are in session.

On the curriculum and instruction front, students are experiencing adjusted master schedules that increased time for health and physical education in grades K-5 and time for core academic instruction and the arts in grade 6. The curricula for all elementary science classes were updated to reflect changes in state requirements and world languages curricula were amended to reflect an instructional philosophy that focuses on conversation and consistent practice with the target language.

Of course, all of this is done within the framework of a whole child approach to education where we strive to ensure that each student is healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged in our schools. I look forward to a wonderful 2017-2018 school year and working with the entire Warren Township Schools community to continue *shining brighter every day!*

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.

## Principal's Corner – Mrs. Tugya

Welcome back to another fabulous school year! While we certainly missed the sound of laughter and 300 children's feet filling the halls this summer, a lot still got done around Central. As usual, Mr. Dave and the custodial crew polished every classroom and hallway until they shined. New Smart TVs were installed in some areas, and Chromebooks and iPads were delivered for student use. Room 1 underwent a complete transformation and is being launched as our active learning environment this year. All students will have a chance to use this space which features adjustable and mobile furniture so students can easily regroup and adjust the type or height of their seating. While in the space they'll make use of the Smart TV and green screen among other new capabilities.

As you know by now, a new visitor management system was installed this summer as an added security measure for our students and staff. As a reminder, all visitors will be required to scan their license or passport each and every time they enter the building during school hours. Those without proper identification will not be granted access to the building. I want to thank you for being so supportive of this effort. Many of you have come to pre-register and have your license ready when seeking to enter the school. This cooperation has made the process, along with our learning curve, much smoother.

Finally, the opening of school also marked the launch of our official school rules. Students, staff and parents spent months last year brainstorming, drafting, tweaking, and voting on the four items that would help to keep all students healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged. After launching these rules during our pep rally, students and adults have spent time creating posters, role-playing, and talking about how the rules can help us in areas like the classroom, at recess, and in the lunchroom. Our Central school rules are:

1. Take responsibility for your actions, choices, and safety
2. Be creative, curious and open to new ideas
3. Treat everyone with respect by using kind language and good manners
4. Help keep our school safe and clean

We're excited to kick off another year of learning, growing, and fun at Central School. Go Eagles!

## 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?) Have them practice writing the numbers 1 - 10.
- 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!

Ms. McGuire, Mrs. Bringuier, and Mrs. Iannacone



## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

- **Here are some 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!**

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*Sharon Carroll, RN, MSN, CSN*

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## Calendar of Events for October:

October 9 & 10 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed – Staff Development
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Meeting 1:45 in the APR
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	(Saturday) – Family Outing – Camp Riverbend
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rain date – Family Outing
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Trunk or Treat
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween Parade

Looking ahead –November 1<sup>st</sup> – Picture Retake Day