



## Baldwin's Bulletin

October 2018



### Superintendent's Corner

The Warren Township Schools opened the 2018-2019 school year on September 6, 2018 with 1,683 students.

As is the case each summer, our custodial and maintenance crews worked extremely hard to prepare the buildings and grounds for the new school year. In addition to the regular deep cleaning that takes place, these crews supported several significant capital improvements throughout the district. This group of dedicated professionals is responsible for the sparkle that greets our students as they step off the bus each and every day.

This summer, our 12-month Administrative staff recruited, interviewed and recommended for hire 20+ new professionals to join our faculty and staff. These new hires spent time during the last week of August attending the New Staff Induction Program led by Mt. Horeb Principal Scott Cook and Woodland School Principal Jeff Heaney. Warren Township attracts top-notch talent from throughout the region and I am confident these new teachers, paraprofessionals and support staff members will prove to be wonderful additions to our community.

Here's to a wonderful school year where we all continue *shining brighter every day!*

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.

### Principal's Corner

Welcome back to another exciting year at Central. If you were able to join our first PTO meeting or the opening session at Back to School Night, you already know that it was a busy summer. In addition to all of the work that goes into making our hallways and classrooms shine, we welcomed dozens of new students and their families to our Central School community. It's been wonderful to see returning and new students alike forge friendships, welcome one another into their circle, and work and learn together.

One way Central celebrates students building positive community is by recognizing moments when students go above and beyond to exemplify one of our four school rules. Our school rules, voted on and chosen by students, staff and parents are:

Respect all by using kind language and good manners  
Be creative, curious and open to new ideas  
Take responsibility for your actions and choices  
Help keep our school safe and clean

This year, instead of receiving a link on the chain of kindness, students' will be recognized over the morning announcements and they will receive one of Baldwin's (our school mascot) SOAR tickets to take home and share with you! The SOAR acronym helps students remember our rules.

**S**afe and clean  
**O**pen to new ideas  
**A**ct responsibly  
**R**espect all

Each day I'm proud of how our students grow socially, emotionally, and academically, the work they accomplish and the goals they achieve. Through the home-school partnership, it really is easy to see why Central School is the best place to be!

Looking forward to a great year of learning and fun.

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

The weekend of October 12-14, 2018 will be homework free in the Warren Township Schools. Families will be encouraged to participate in "Somerset County's Weekend Journey Through the Past". This annual event features 30 significant historical sites spread across three regional tours free and open to the public from 10am-5pm on Saturday and 12pm-4pm on Sunday. The North tour features Warren's own Codington Farmstead, Kirch-Ford-Terrill House, and Mount Bethel Meeting House.

### **Dates to Remember:**

October 1 – 5 Week of Respect

October 1 – Tied Together by Respect – Wear a tie or scarf

October 2 – Optimistic Day – Wear bright or neon colors

October 3 - Individually Unique – Wear mismatched clothing

October 4 - Compassionate Day – Wear a hat

October 5 – Team Player Day – Wear a team shirt/jersey

October 8 & 9 - School Closed – Staff Development

October 10 PTO Meeting 1:45 PM

October 11 2 PM – Fire Truck visits Kindergarten and Grade 1

October 12 – Homework Free Weekend –

October 15-19 Week of Making Good Choices

October 16 PTO Mom's Night Out

October 17 Always Connected Technology Assembly – Grade 4

October 19 Crazy Sock Day

Guys Night Out

October 20 PTO Family Outing (Raindate – October 21)

October 26 Trunk or Treat (Raindate – October 28)

October 30 Picture Retakes

October 31 Halloween Parade

