

# Gator Gazette

MT. HOREB SCHOOL PTO NEWSLETTER MAY 2018



## *From the Principal, Mr. Cook.....*

I love that the idea of putting on jammies and coming back to school on a Friday night to hear stories read is a great idea in the Mt. Horeb community. Tomorrow night, April 13th, marks our annual Family Reading Night. Clearly by the time you are reading this, the event has passed and I am hopeful and confident that it was a great success! This is a school event planned by THE Ms. Burkhardt but supported by many teacher-readers, parent volunteers, our PTO, and the goodness of our very own Mt. Horeb community. We have all come to recognize this night as one of many that allows us to come together in celebration of reading, our kids, and our community. The wholesome goodness that permeates the building on nights such as these is such a joy and pleasure to take part in. I am preparing my story and rehearsing my guitar part in an effort to create a remotely fun experience for the kids. Thank you for supporting our little school and community by taking time out of your busy schedules to join us for some reading.

Rest assured, we are in the midst of planning our annual Math Family Fun night which will take place later this year. This is another opportunity for our students and families in grades K, 1, and 2 to enjoy a little math fun!

Also, don't forget about our first-in-a-while Talent Show which will be taking place at 6:30 on June 19th. So many things to which we look forward.

## *A Note from the School Nurse.....*

### It's Lyme Time! Be Tick Aware!!

Lyme disease is the most common vector-borne disease in the United States. The blacklegged deer tick is the primary carrier of Lyme disease in the U.S. Ticks like shaded, moist areas like the woods and don't like direct sun. Prevention is the key!

- Perform frequent, thorough tick checks
- Wear light-colored clothes to detect ticks easier
- Tuck pants into socks
- Wear shoes, no bare feet or sandals while walking in grass or woods
- Wear a hat, tuck in hair if possible
- If a tick is found, remove tick with tweezers. Pull straight out as close to the skin as possible. Save the tick in container and call your doctor. For more information go to [www.cdc.gov/Lyme](http://www.cdc.gov/Lyme)

### 6<sup>th</sup> grade immunization requirements

If your child has received their booster Tdap and meningococcal vaccines, please submit MD documentation with month/day/year vaccine was given to the health office. Please submit vaccine information to me by June 15<sup>th</sup>. The middle school nurse will need to check immunization status on all the fifth grade students from all four elementary schools, and she would appreciate your help in submitting this vaccine information as soon as possible. If your child has a late August or early September birthday, submit vaccine information to the middle school nurse.

*Doris Zanchelli R.N., M.S.N., C.S.N*

## **Box Tops**

Please continue to send in your box tops and help us reach our goal of \$1000 this year! This is an easy way for the PTO to raise money for our school.

**KEEP SENDING THOSE BOX TOPS IN!!!!**

## **Ice Cream Day**

Ice cream days will be held on Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

The cost of ice cream is \$1.00 and can be purchased with cash or a snack card. Snack cards are available to purchase on ice cream days.

## **Family Reading Night**

We would like to thank Meruka Hazari and Jen Connolly for planning this year's Family Reading Night. It was a fun night for everyone! Thank you to everyone who attended.

## **Mom's Night Out**

A BIG thank you to Toni Ann Feeney for coordinating a FUN filled MOM's Night Out at A&R Workshop!



## **Spirit Wear**

Gator hats and blankets are still on sale!



Sports have started back up again and these blankets are perfect for those cold nights on the field. Keep one in your car and you will always be prepared!!

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Staff Appreciation Week**

This year we will be celebrating our wonderful teachers and staff the week of May 7th. We have planned another fantastic week of surprises for them. With the help of your donations, we were able to assemble some terrific baskets and gifts to raffle off to the staff.

## **Superintendent's Corner**

The Warren Township Board of Education is pleased to announce this year's recipients of the coveted Excellence in Education Award. The following staff members were recognized by students, peers and parents for their outstanding commitment to the students of Warren. Congratulations and thank you to each!

- Laura Rodaman, Grade 4 Teacher, Central School
- Barbara Pellicano, Kindergarten Teacher, Angelo L. Tomaso School
- Mark Weber, Instrumental Music Teacher, Mt Horeb School
- Amanda McGrath, Grade 3 Teacher, Woodland School
- Cynthia Cassidy, Library Media Specialist, Warren Middle School

Each award recipient was carefully selected for his or her commitment to providing excellence in education, generating positive interactions with students, staff and parents, inspiring learning through creative and innovative lessons and cultivating an environment where each student is able to achieve his/her fullest potential.

These individuals, our recent retirees and award-winning Warren Middle School students will all be celebrated at the May 21, 2018 Board of Education meeting, which will begin at 7:00pm in the Warren Middle School all-purpose room. Please consider joining us for this exciting event!

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.

<b>MAY 2018</b>	<b>C A L E N D A R</b>
1	Gr. 1 & 2 Combined Concert—2:20 PM—For Parents and Families
3	Harlem Wizards @ Watchung Hills Regional High School—7:00 PM
8	Elfante Instrumental Music Demo—10:00 AM
9	Gr. 5 Wagner Farm Trip—9:00 AM—2:00 PM (Rain Date is 5/11)
11	School Spirit—Dress to Impress Day Ice Cream Day
14-18	PARCC Administration
17	Cultural Arts Hip Hop Program –1:15 & 2:15 PM
21-24	PARCC Makeups
21	Gr. 5 to 6 Math Placement Test Bd. of Ed. Meeting—Warren Middle School—7:00 PM (Award recipients/retirees will be celebrated)
22	Band Rehearsal—9:30 AM String Rehearsal—1:15 PM Evening Combined Band and String Concert at Mt. Horeb School—7:00 PM
24	Coffee with the Superintendent at Bd. of Ed. Office—9:30 AM Kindergarten Orientation—9:30 AM Gr. 3 Recorder Concert w/ <u>Mt. Horeb Only</u> Band and Strings—2:00 PM
25	<b>NO PRESCHOOL CLASSES</b> <b>K-5 EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:30</b> w/Lunch Period This is <b><u>NOT</u></b> a PTO Food Service Day. Please pack Lunch. School Spirit Day—Wear Red, White and Blue Ice Cream Day
28	<b>SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED—MEMORIAL DAY</b>
29 & 30	Gr. 5 N.J. Science Assessment
30	Mt. Horeb/District Art Show @ Warren Middle School