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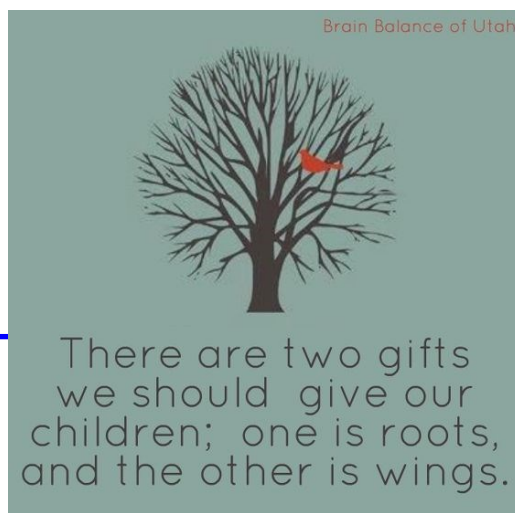
I want to start out this month's newsletter with something I have never done before.....recommend a movie. While I do enjoy action, suspense and special effects, I find that the movies I enjoy the most are often movies that I watch with my children. These movies often teach both children and adults wonderful life lessons. Disney's Zootopia is one of those movies. While the movie appears to be intended for children, adults should also see this movie. The slow moving sloths as DMV employees and the Artic shrew as a mob boss were hysterical, but it was the countless messages that resonated with me. Messages I was happy my own children were exposed to.

At the risk of spoiling the movie for those who haven't seen it, these are some of the messages I took away:

1. There will always be people who try to talk you out of your dreams. Believe in yourself.
2. You can achieve your dreams, but it isn't going to just happen. You have got to work hard.
3. We are all good at something. Begin to look deep into yourself. We all have so much to offer.
4. Do good deeds because it is the right thing to do, not because you are looking for something in return.
5. While we may want life to be simple and easy, it is not. Perseverance is critical to success.
6. Most importantly, accept others for who they are. Diversity is the greatest thing on Planet Earth.

After the movie ended, I couldn't help but think about the importance of being a father and an educator. I also appreciate that I have the opportunity to pass these lessons on to the children that I encounter in life. If you get some free time, think about taking your children to see this wonderful movie. Afterwards, ask them one simple question, "What are some of the things you learned from the movie?" I asked my own children this question and it started a conversation that I will always remember.

I hope you have a wonderful, relaxing and enjoyable spring break. May your days be surrounded by family, friends and loved ones and full of laughter, love and everlasting memories.



Board Corner

As previously mentioned, the Warren Township Board of Education remains committed to keeping the community updated on the Study to Examine Enrollment Project (STEEP), as board members continue to review the district's declining enrollment and its impact on the district.

All documents relating to STEEP are posted on the district website (www.warrentboe.org) which was recently updated to make the STEEP materials easier to find. Most recently, the reports presented by the Educational Committee and Facilities Committee at the March 7 board meeting are posted; the findings of the Finance/Budget/Transportation Committee will be posted after the presentation on March 21.

Additionally, information and notifications about the board's work on STEEP can be found on the district's Facebook page (Warren Township Board of Education) and on its Twitter feed (Warren Twp Schools@WarrenSchoolsNJ). Please like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

We encourage members of the community to attend board meetings. In addition, next month, the New Jersey School Boards Association will facilitate community forums on STEEP for the board to share its information and community members to provide feedback. Dates and times for those meetings will be posted when available.

Thank you for your continued interest and patience.

2015-2016 PARCC Test Dates

Grade 3- **Math** April 6, 7, 8, 11

Language Arts April 18, 19, 20

Grades 4/5- **Math** April 12, 13, 14, 15

Language Arts April 21, 22, 25

Please make sure that your child is on time to school for PARCC testing.

Make-up Day

The Board of Education approved our make-up day from the December power surge to be added on to the end of the school year. It will be an early dismissal day.

The students and staff were treated to an amazing puppet marionette show called "The Dragon King" on March 16th. Thank you to the PTO and Mrs. Puglisi for making this happen. The students and staff stated that the assembly was fun and incredibly engaging.



Read Across America Day



Thank you to Mrs. Zaleski
for planning Read Across
America Day



5th graders going to JA Biztown !!!!

Woodland 5th graders and their teachers are super excited as they begin preparing for the JA BizTown event. JA BizTown is a standards-based 21st Century experiential learning curriculum designed for fifth and sixth grade students to learn the importance of work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.

The program starts with 13 teacher-taught lessons and culminates with a day-long field trip to the volunteer-assisted simulated mini-city of JA BizTown. There, students apply what they've learned in the classroom to "real life" as they role play in 14 different store-fronts, including a bank, credit union, radio station, city hall, and more in jobs such as CEOs, CFOs, tellers, medical technologist, and town mayor. In managing their businesses and acting as responsible citizens and wise consumers, JA BizTown students strive to create a successful economy. (taken from JA Biztown website at http://janj.org/programs/ja_biztown)

We are scheduled to attend Biztown on Tuesday, May 31st. As part of the program we will be in need of about 20 parent volunteers. The volunteers will play an active role at Biztown and will need to be trained on the morning of the event. More information to follow as we get closer to the event. This is going to be an awesome experience for our 5th graders!!!

Autism Awareness Month

April is Autism Awareness month and a great time to celebrate the importance of acceptance and celebrating our differences. I encourage you to visit www.autism-society.org to learn more about Autism and to help you have conversations with your children about the importance of acceptance, inclusion and tolerance. Our character education program and daily classroom lessons help to reinforce these important traits, but there is no greater influence than that of a parent.



King and Queen of the Jungle Winners for February

Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade



Counselor's Corner

Please click on the [link](#) for information from the Warren Township Guidance Department

Woodland Talent Show

Mark your calendars for a Do Not Miss Talent Show on Friday, April 15th in the Woodland Gym. Come watch our 3rd-5th graders sing, dance, act, and perform other wonderful acts of talent and view works of art, poetry and more.



April Calendar

Monday April 4	BOE Meeting at Woodland
Wednesday April 6	Grade 3 PARCC—Math
Thursday April 7	Grades K-3 Report Cards emailed home Grade 3 PARCC-Math
Friday April 8	Grade 3 PARCC –Math
Monday April 11	Grade 3 PARCC-Math
Tuesday April 12	PTO Meeting 9:30am Grades 4/5 PARCC Math
Wednesday April 13	Marking Period 3 ends Grades 4/5 Grades 4/5 PARCC Math
Thursday April 14	Grades 4/5 PARCC Math
Friday April 15	Grades 4/5 PARCC Math Woodland Talent Show 6pm
Monday April 18	Grade 3 PARCC- ELA Grade 5 Tree Planting
Tuesday April 19	Grade 3 PARCC-ELA
Wednesday April 20	Grade 3 PARCC– ELA Art Show 5-6:30pm
Thursday April 21	Grades 4/5 PARCC– ELA
Friday April 22	Grades 4/5 PARCC-ELA Earth Day
Monday April 25	Grades 4/5 PARCC– ELA 1st grade Musical 10am (staff and students only)
Tuesday April 26	1st grade Musical 10am (parents) Grades 4/5 Report Cards emailed home
Wednesday April 27	Rainforest Assembly
Thursday April 28	Take Your Child to Work Day
Friday April 29	Incoming Kindergarten Readiness Test


 Happy Spring Break

