



From the Principal, Jeff Heaney

Although it took a lot longer than we expected, it appears that Spring has finally arrived. Throughout time, spring has been known as a time for growth. A time when trees begin to sprout leaves, flowers begin to bloom and grass begins to grow. Spring is a great time to ask your child to think about an area in which they would like to grow. Do they want to become a better student, musician, athlete? Perhaps they want to become a better brother, sister or friend? Whatever area it might be, there is always room to grow and it is never too late to start.

The "Woodland's Got Talent Show" was an incredibly special event. It was clear that not only do we have amazing students at Woodland but also amazing musicians, artists, builders, Martial Arts masters, gymnasts, dancers, singers, comedians, jump ropers and even "synchronized swimmers". As I drove home that evening I kept thinking about how special every child is at Woodland School and that each one is talented in their own special way. Too often in life we gauge student success by test and quiz grades and standardized state scores. Woodland's Talent show allowed students to demonstrate skills that can often be overlooked. My own daughter is a shy student who, at times, may lack confidence in her math abilities yet transforms into a confident and poised dancer on stage. I can certainly relate to the parents who were so proud to see their children take a risk and showcase their talents on that stage. It is these moments that I am reminded how important it is that we provide students with opportunities to grow and shine in more areas than just in the classroom. I take great pride in knowing that the staff of Woodland School believes this too. Together we ALL believe that EVERY child has a special talent. We ALL have something special to add to this world. As parents and educators it is our responsibility to help and support children so they can realize these talents. I would like to thank Mr. Jones, the PTO and all of the staff who made this evening so special for our students. Also, thank you to Mr. Yenish for the wonderful job as the Master of Ceremonies. There is no doubt that we have a special group of students and staff at Woodland School.

*"Just because you
haven't found your
talent yet doesn't
mean you don't
have one."*

-Kermit the Frog

Board Corner

For the past several months, the Board of Education has reviewed and refined the district's budget in anticipation of the upcoming school year. The final recommended budget for the 2016-17 school year was presented to the community at the Public Budget Hearing on April 25th.

Next year's budget supports the continuation of all of the exemplary programs that are currently offered in Warren, including full time support structures for students (Basic Skills, Gifted and Talented, and Guidance) and the district's STEM program, Geometry Honors course, and a strong set of world language offerings. The school district will continue to maintain its low class sizes, courtesy busing and the WMS late bus. Additionally, the budget remains committed to expanding the integration of technology into daily curricular initiatives for all grade K-8 students. In order to further strengthen effective practices, the budget includes a supervisor of special education position to assist and support the needs of both the special and general education programs

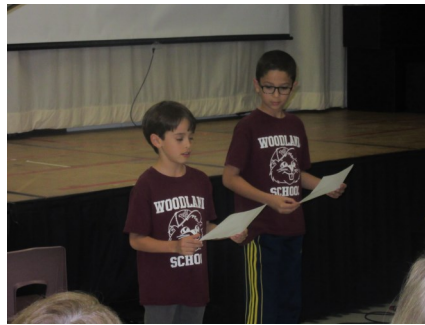
Despite all of the academic programs and educational opportunities that are incorporated into the budget, the increased tax levy for fund 10 (General Fund) is less than 1% or, to be precise, .76%. The district is pleased to report that, since its last debt bond is retired this spring, there is no longer a Fund 40 tax levy for the upcoming budget. The net effect of these two components of the tax levy is a total tax levy which has decreased by .63%.

Information about budget highlights and details can be found on the district's website. The 2016-2017 Budget reflects the board's strong commitment to providing excellent school programs while practicing conservative planning and spending. Board members, the Business Administrator, and the Superintendent welcome questions and/or comments about the 2016-2017 Budget.

Students in Mrs. Sutherland's fifth grade worked on a Texture project which included instrumental chords, vocals, percussion patterns and special sound effects. The students added layers to create a thicker texture to sound. The students all did a wonderful job on their projects.



Mrs. Krumm, Ms. Wisner and some of their 5th grade students presented "21st century Collaboration" at the April 4th Board of Education meeting.



Dan Geroges, Nick Mol, Sebastian Cunha and Brianna Ramirez from Mrs. Krumm's class shared some of their ideas for their upcoming "Invention Convention". The Woodland Invention Convention was created in conjunction with the district I&D program to incorporate the engineering and design process. The Woodland Invention Convention has been expanded to include a Collaborative Expo highlighting, technology, library media, creative writing, visual and financial literacy.

Daniel and David Scali were excited to share all of the creative and engaging things they are learning in Ms. Wisner's Coding Club. During the club, students work together to "debug" actual programs their classmates created using coding.



Woodland School students enjoyed a night of hoops and alley oops at the Harlem Wizards game on Tuesday, April 5th. I am proud to announce that Woodland School had the most students in attendance and therefore won a cash prize of \$500. Members of the staff are working to determine how best to use the money for the school.

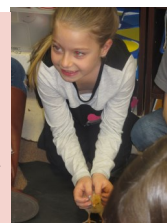
PARCC Testing

I am happy to report that students in grades 3-5 have been working hard on the PARCC tests. It is great to see them focused and trying their best throughout each of the testing periods.

Chicks Hatch in Mrs. Brower's and Mrs. Stoffi's 1st grade Classrooms



The children see the life cycle of birds first hand as they watch eggs hatch into chicks right in our classrooms. The children observed the growth and recorded the hatching process. This animal unit directly correlates to our Science curriculum study of animals and it is connected to other areas as well. We incorporate our project with related literature as we read stories such as Chickens Aren't the Only Ones, The Egg, and Chicken and Egg. As a writing project, students make their own pop-up books based on The Chicken Book by Garth Williams. First graders also write about their daily observance of the chick hatching cycle. They are so excited by the unit that they often write about chick activities in their classroom and homework journals. Thank you to the Warren Lions club for sponsoring this wonderful event.



Woodland's Got Talent

Thank you to Mr. Jones and the Woodland PTO for organizing a truly magnificent and special Talent Show. It was fun to see so many students get to show their special talents. While I have always known that we have a remarkable group of students at Woodland, I was not aware of just how amazing the talent is. This is just another example of how it is important to give students opportunities to shine not only in the classroom but outside of it as well. Thanks, also, to Mr. Yenish for a fantastic job as the Master of Ceremonies and Mrs. Sutherland for all of her help with the music and organization.

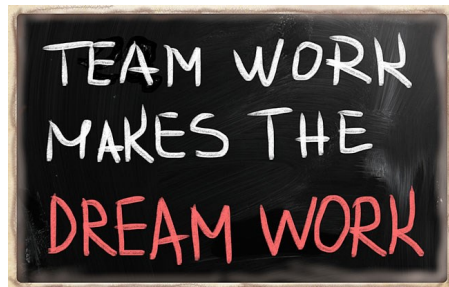


The 5th grade cordially invites you to attend the First Annual Woodland School

INVENTION CONVENTION & Cooperative Expo

Featuring. . .
Student Inventions
Creative Writing
Financial Literacy
Library/Media
Technology
Visual Literacy

May 12, 2016
10 am - 12 pm & 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Woodland Gym



Dressing for Spring and Recess

Please be mindful that along with the warm Spring weather comes more time to play outside. The following rules regarding the playground and blacktop should be considered when your child dresses in the morning: **Children will be allowed to run on the playground as well as the blacktop if they have closed-toe and closed-heel shoes on.** If a student is wearing flip flops, sandals or other open-toed shoes, their playground and blacktop activities may be limited. In addition, the warmer weather brings another annual concern for us at school. The children will want to wear more casual summer wear with which we have no problem. **However, we do need to keep in mind a dignified manner of dress, as it doesn't change with the seasons.** Casual wear is acceptable, however, beachwear and inappropriate attire is not. Thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

King and Queen of the Jungle Winners for March

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

A Message for 5th Grade Parents from Mrs. Stambaugh

The required vaccines to enter 6th grade are:

Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis)
Meningococcal Vaccine

N.J.A.C. 8:57-4:10 and N.J.A.C. 8:57-4:20 requires that children born on or after January 1, 1997 and enrolled in grade six or transferring into a New Jersey school from another state or country to receive one dose of meningococcal vaccine and one booster dose of the Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.

Please send in a computer printout from your child's doctor with the dates of these vaccines. I will input them into the computer and the Middle School Nurse will have them for the Fall.

May Calendar

May 2-6	Teacher Appreciation Week
Monday May 2	1st Grade Musical (Students only) 10am
Tuesday May 3	1st Grade Musical (Parents) 10am
Wednesday May 4	Grade 4 and 5 Puberty Videos
Friday May 6	Young Author's Day
Tuesday May 10	PTO meeting 9:30am
Thursday May 12	Invention Convention
Friday May 13	Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea Grade 3 Wax Museum 5th graders visit Middle School
Wednesday May 18	Combined Band and Strings Concert (with Central School) @ Woodland 7pm
Friday May 20	Kindergarten Orientation
Wednesday May 25	NJ ASK Grade 4
Thursday May 26	Woodland Olympics
Friday May 27	Early Dismissal for students (1:20pm)
Monday May 30	No School– Memorial Day
Tuesday May 31	Biztown Trip (5th graders)

