



From the Principal, Jeff Heaney

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to another wonderful year at Woodland School. It was so great seeing the students enter the hallways on the first day with big smiles and anticipation of wonderful things to come. As a staff we are very excited about all of the things we will be doing throughout the year. For my first newsletter, I would like to share my thoughts about education.

There is no profession more important than that of an educator. After all, it is the educator who inspires the future doctor. It is the educator who motivates the future lawyer and it is the educator who enlightens our future engineers. It is my belief that every human being has a desire to learn and a potential for great things. My philosophy of education is quite simple. I believe all students, regardless of disability or demographics can excel. In order for this to occur an environment must be created that nourishes a child not only academically but also socially and emotionally. Students must feel connected to their school. They must find meaning in their learning and be able to see connections to their real lives. In today's society we place a lot of emphasis on high stakes tests for students as well as teacher evaluations. While these both play a critical role in education, they can't be what we judge our schools and teachers solely on. We must remember that we are working with human beings. We must realize that while we are teaching them about math, reading, writing and art we are also giving them valuable life lessons. The best educators don't judge their success by the number of A's that they hand out. Their success is measured by the impact that they have on the life of a child. The best educators have an ability to convince a child that they are capable of achieving anything that they believe they can be.

My goal at Woodland is to foster a climate in which students feel safe, supported and are nurtured academically, socially and emotionally. The most important aspect of education has always been putting the students at the heart of every decision that is made. My goals include creating a learning environment in which teachers feel motivated, work collaboratively as a team and have a continued excitement for learning.

At Woodland School there are three simple rules that I expect students to follow. They are:

- Take care of yourself
- Take care of each other
- Take care of our school

The three simple rules are rules that I reinforce as a principal as well as a father of a 6th and 3rd grader. It is these three simple rules that help to build character and help to create productive members of our community. I look forward to working with the students, staff and parents of Woodland Elementary School. Woodland has a reputation of excellence and a true commitment to student growth. It is my intention to maintain this wonderful tradition of excellence while making changes to keep up with our ever changing world.

I believe in the partnership between home and school and welcome any questions, concerns or comments. I am truly honored to be a part of the Woodland family of educators and cannot wait to all of the fun we will have this year!

IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT DAY AT WOODLAND!!

Kindly,

Jeff Heaney

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A CHILD HAS A SPECIAL WAY,
❖ of adding joy ❖
to every day!
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Halloween Parade



Our annual Halloween parade will be held on Monday, October 31, 2016 to provide an opportunity for students to share their costumes with friends, peers, teachers, and visitors. The parade will be held on the south side parking lot which provides ample space for all of our students to participate at the same time. Please assemble around the entire perimeter to ensure a great view for everyone. In the event of severe inclement weather, the parade will be inside the building with all visitors gathered in the APR and/or gymnasium.

Because the school's Halloween parade is not until 2:45pm, the students should not come to school dressed in costume. They will be given ample time to put on their costume before the parade. We do ask, however, that you send children to school with costumes that are manageable enough for the children to change into by themselves, or with minimal assistance. Below are some guidelines to ensure fun and safety for all involved:

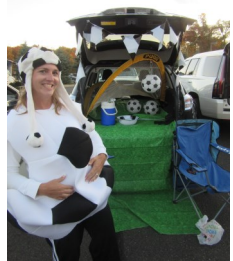
1. Students may not wear any item which may create a safety hazard to the child or others.
2. Weapons of any type may not be part of the costume worn nor brought to school.
3. Masks that impair vision are not allowed. An eye patch, wig, and/or partial face covering are permitted.

Parking for this event will be available in both the front and north side parking lot. Once all of our spaces are filled, you may park on one side of the local streets and/or at the high school after their students' dismissal at 2:30. Please keep in mind that many children and adults will be outdoors and walking around. **Drive cautiously and stay alert.**

To help us ensure the most orderly dismissal, I encourage you to have your child take the school bus home after the parade. **If you must take your child home with you after the parade, please send a note in to school as early as possible so we can begin generating our pick up list. Students will line up in the APR with their homeroom teachers.** Thank you for your cooperation and I look forward to seeing you at the parade. Don't forget that adults are more than welcome to wear costumes, but please do not wear masks. Have a happy and safe Halloween.

Woodland PTO's Annual Trunk or Treat

Please join us on Friday, October 28th for Trunk or Treat. The event begins at 6:30pm in the Woodland parking lot.



Pictures from the 2015 Trunk or Treat!!



Students enjoying their first few days of the new school year

A Note from the School Nurse:

Children spread germs very quickly and easily without knowing it, even though they are reminded to wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes. These seemingly small illnesses can have a serious and/or detrimental effect on anyone who is immuno-compromised or immuno-deficient. In an effort to prevent the spread of germs from one student to another and to safeguard the health of both the students and the staff, here are some guidelines that should help you in making an informed decision about whether or not to send your child to school. **If your child is sick please keep them home.**

Strep Throat—Students may return to school **24-48 hours after the first dose of antibiotic** therapy has been started, in accordance with your doctor's orders. The student must feel well enough to attend, and must not present with any other signs or symptoms, such as elevated temperature. (The strep virus can cause scarlet fever/scarlet fever, if left untreated.)

Fever—Students may return to school **when their temperature has been normal for at least 24 hours,** without having taken temperature-lowering medication.

Cold and Cough—Students should stay home if they are too uncomfortable to complete work. Students should also stay home if they have a **persistent or severe cough**. Students may return to school when their temperature and activity level have returned to normal.

Vomiting/Diarrhea—***Students should be symptom free for 24 hours and be able to hold down food and fluids before returning to school.***

Skin Rashes—If the student exhibits a skin rash of undetermined origin, **please consult your physician before sending the student to school.** A doctor's note stating the condition is not contagious may be necessary for the student to return to school.

Conjunctivitis—If a student has been diagnosed as having conjunctivitis, they may return to school with a doctor's note stating they are being treated for the condition, and they are no longer contagious. The student should have no evidence of a discharge from the eyes.

Sincerely,

Harriet Stambaugh, RN, MSN, CSN

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Counselor's Corner

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



Superintendent's Corner

About a year ago, the Warren Township Board of Education embarked on a process to hire a new superintendent. In a community-wide survey, one quality emerged as the clear highest priority. The new superintendent must "listen to and effectively represent the interests and concerns of students, staff, parents, and community members."

Since arriving in the district on July 1, it has been my mission to listen to as many people as possible. This has included meetings with members of the Board of Education, staff, students, parents, community leaders, and vendors, among others. I have committed myself to learning about the history of Warren Township and its schools and finding an answer to one pressing question: "What makes Warren Township so special?"

In this process, I learned some interesting things about the district's history. A few pieces of historical trivia:

- Central School, built in 1932, was designed to provide one centralized location for K-8 education in Warren Township and replaced a system of five, one-room school buildings scattered throughout the community.
 - Woodland School opened in 1953, Washington Valley School (now Angelo L. Tomaso School) in 1959, Mt. Horeb School in 1966, and Warren Middle School in 1972.
 - School-based parent-teacher organizations were first created in the 1964-5 school year. Prior to that time, there was one district-wide group.
 - When Warren Middle School opened in 1972, Superintendent Dr. Angelo L. Tomaso described it as a "flexible, modern facility that can change to meet the changes required of us in the next 50 years" *That was 44 years ago!*
 - The first traffic light was turned on in Warren on September 27, 1973 at Mount Bethel Road and Mountain Boulevard. *Could you imagine that intersection without traffic lights today?*
- The first school lunch program was offered in the 1977-8 school year due to a New Jersey Superior Court ruling that required it. The district contracted with a local company to provide bagged lunches to students.

More important than these interesting tidbits, I got the answer to my initial question; the people make Warren Township a special place.

During our school opening exercises, Mrs. Tia Allocco, president of the Warren Township Board of Education, joined me in welcoming back our dedicated staff and celebrating some of the unsung heroes who are so crucial to our students' success. Our secretarial staffs, paraprofessionals, custodians, maintenance workers, van drivers, and central office staff do not expect or ask for the limelight. Yet, without their commitment day after day we would not have such a highly regarded school system.

As we transition from the opening of school into the fall, from back to school nights to conferences and the holidays, let us all keep these members of our school community at the forefront of our minds.

We have one common goal - to shine brighter every day. It is my great pleasure to serve as your superintendent. Please consider attending one or more of the Coffee with the Superintendent events scheduled throughout the year. Full details and registration information can be found on the district website at www.warrentboe.org.

Best wishes on a wonderful school year!

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed. D.



Thank you to the PTO for supplying the materials to refurbish our outdoor garden. The plan is to make this an area where teachers can take students for classes on nice weather

Thank you to the PTO for a wonderful Book Fair. It was so great to see our students so excited about finding and reading a book!!



Students and Staff had a fun time at the 2nd Annual Woodland Pep Rally



October Calendar

Monday 10/3	No School- Rosh Hashanah
10/3-10/7	Week of Respect
Wednesday 10/5	Anti-Bullying and Respect Assembly (student and staff only)
Monday 10/10, Tuesday 10/11	No School- Teacher Workshop Days
Wednesday 10/12	No School- Yom Kippur
Thursday 10/13	Kindergarten Fire Prevention Day (students and staff only)
10/17-10/21	Week of Making Good Choices
Friday 10/28	TRUNK or TREAT 6:30pm at Woodland Parking Lot
Monday 10/31	Halloween Parade (2:45pm) and classroom parties

