



## From the Principal, Jeff Heaney

It is again my honor to share wonderful news with you about Woodland School. The cool, crisp air, carved pumpkins and the magnificent displays of color as leaves change, remind me that we are already midway through the first marking period. I am proud that our students continue to grow as readers, writers, artists, musicians and so much more. Most importantly, I continue to see our students grow as human beings. Each day I witness students working together in their classrooms, supporting one another at recess, learning from their mistakes and laughing with their classmates. In only two short months we have already made wonderful memories.

Just the other day I had the opportunity to observe a second grade science lesson. As I entered the classroom I was greeted by 18 smiling and curious faces that were all looking into their very own small strange cup. Inside their cup was a caterpillar. The students sat and marveled to see the stage of metamorphosis that each of their caterpillars was in. "My caterpillar is in the J-shape. My caterpillar is a chrysalis. Mine is still a small caterpillar but it is eating a lot" called out students in the classroom. The engagement, energy and fun of learning was palpable. As I sat and watched the students I could not help but think that these caterpillars symbolize the life of a child. Like the caterpillar, children begin small and unsure of their world and surroundings and with proper support, nourishment and care quickly begin to grow. And like the caterpillar, with time, dedication and perseverance children emerge as confident, amazing human beings ready to spread their wings and fly. It gives me great joy to know that the Woodland Staff consistently work to ensure that all students will someday spread their wings and fly.

As I have stated so many times before, it is critical that we continue to support our children not only in the area of academics but also in the areas of social and emotional growth. At Woodland School, we continue to perform well in all academic areas. We consistently strive to implement the latest technology and our teachers attend professional development and work with colleagues to share strategies that will help students reach their maximum potential. Moreover, we embed life lessons in all classrooms and continue to work to create our future "butterflies".

During the Week of Respect in October, students were involved in several events which promoted the importance of kindness, compassion and taking care of each other. In Mrs. Ronkiewicz Art classes students created paper "gardens" and listed ways they could show respect on the flowers and leaves. Students also participated in Spirit Days throughout the week, which were focused on the importance of accepting differences in each other, working together as a team, being antibullying superheroes as well as showing respect for our school. Students also "Mixed-It-Up" at lunch and were encouraged to sit with a person they normally do not sit with. During the week, the PTO funded a "Wear the Cape" assembly which helped students understand that you do not need special powers to be a hero to someone in need.

I would like to share a short video with you that I shared with the staff of Woodland School as "Food for Thought". As we embed more technology into our children's lives it is so critical that we educate them about the power of making good choice and spreading kindness on social media. Too often we see many negative posts or hurtful things posted to social media. Too often we are quick to judge others based on a short video clip that we see or a picture that is posted on-line. The video, "The Rest of the Story" reminds us about the power of kindness, the impact of words and the importance of realizing that we all have our "own story". I urge you to grab a box of tissues and watch this story. It really makes you think! [The Rest of the Story](#)

Happy Fall,

Jeff Heaney



**Students and staff enjoyed the “Wear the Cape” Assembly sponsored by the Woodland PTO. Throughout the assembly students were reminded about the importance of kindness, respect and taking care of each other.**



**Kindergarten and 1st grade students are visited by the Warren Fire Department. They learned about fire prevention and safety and even had a chance to tour the firetruck!!**



**The second graders are learning about the life cycle of caterpillars in science class and are excited to watch their Painted Lady caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies!!!**



**Warren Middle School Peer Leaders talked with our Kindergarteners about Halloween Safety.**





Students in Mr. Kilroy's School Leadership Association delivered amazing speeches to their schoolmates. The speeches were focused on the attributes of a great leader and how they plan to demonstrate leadership throughout the school year. The staff was incredibly impressed with their poise and great work.

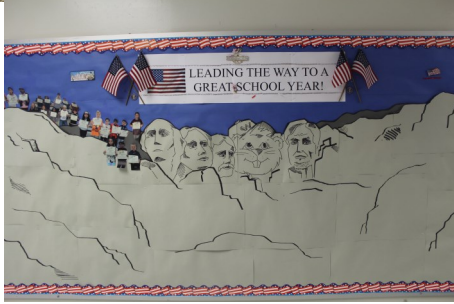


Mrs. Krumm and Mrs. Panos arranged a virtual class trip for grade 5 students using our Cisco technology. The students enjoyed a presentation by a member of the Virginia Historical Society. Topics that have been discussed in class were reviewed along with new information about the start of our country's government. By looking at primary sources, including documents, political cartoons, and pictures, the students were able to understand the struggles that came along with creating a new government.



Third graders in Mrs. McGrath's and Ms. Lenci's class are excited to present their pumpkins to their classmates. The students decorated the pumpkins based on a favorite book that they read.

**Top of Mt. Woodland recipients  
for the month of September.**



**Each month, students who demonstrated exceptional behavior and character will receive a special certificate and will be added to Mt. Woodland located in the main hallway near the office. Thank you to Mrs. Ronkiewicz for an amazing creation!!**

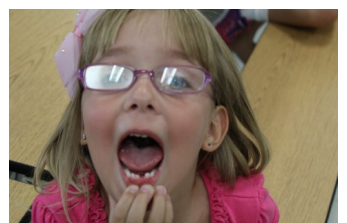


**Nicole R. a sophomore at Watchung Hills Regional High School and president of their Robotics Club met with our 5th graders. Her presentation gave the students a first hand glimpse into the engineering design process they use when developing a robot. Students were excited to see how science can be applied to a fun and real life situation.**



**"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."**

William Butler Yeats



This Fall, six after school clubs are being held: Chess, Service, Computer, Sewing and Student Leadership. Students are having a great time learning the rules and strategies to become the next Bobby Fischer, the power of kindness and compassion, developing technological skills, creating new fashions and designs, and are working on presentations and leadership skills.



## Counselor's Corner

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

## November Calendar

Wednesday, Nov 2	Picture Retakes Abraham Lincoln Assembly (Students and Staff only)
Monday Nov, 7 – Wednesday Nov, 9	Parent Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal at 1:20
Thursday, Nov 10- Friday, Nov 11	No School- Teachers Convention
Monday, Nov 14– Fri- day, Nov 18	American Education Week (an eblast regarding parent visitation times will be sent shortly)
Tuesday, Nov 15	Grades 4 and 5 Marking Period Ends PTO Meeting @ 9:30 in Room 5
Tuesday, Nov 22	Kindergarten Feast Grades 4 and 5 Report Cards emailed home
Wednesday, Nov 23	Early Dismissal @ 1:20
Thursday, Nov 24- Friday, Nov 25	No School– Thanksgiving Break

**Happy**   
 **Fall y'all**