

# WORDS FROM WOODLAND

Woodland School Newsletter

February 2017



**From the Principal, Jeff Heaney**

**As we quickly approach the middle of the school year, I want to take the time to thank you for your continued support of Woodland School. The hallmark of our building is the partnership between home and school in which we deliver common messages about hard work, good character and taking care of one another. Each day I am impressed by the creativity, energy and dedication of the staff and proud of the growth, kindness and spirit of the students of Woodland. Like I always say, "It's always a great day at Woodland".**

**Thank you to the PTO for arranging Bingo Night on Friday, January 6th. Students, staff and parents agreed that they had a lot of fun! The PTO consistently supports our students and staff by offering wonderful programs and activities that are enjoyed by all. We could not do all of these wonderful things without our PTO support. With that said, volunteers are needed for our bi-annual International Day Celebration on March 31st. This is an event that all students and staff look forward to. Throughout the day the students participate in a variety of activities as they learn about cultures and customs from around the world. The students truly enjoy having their "passports" stamped as they travel around the building visiting different countries. There are many ways to get involved. Please see the information below to see how you can help make this day a success.**

**As you know, each month I like to share information that I find valuable not only as an elementary school principal but also as a parent of a 12 and a 9 year old. I find that there is an abundance of information available to help me be a better principal and the best father that I can be. The article, [10 Ways to Help Your Child Succeed in Elementary School](#), is a quick and easy read and offers some valuable suggestions. The partnership between home and school is truly one of the most important things for students to be successful. As always, I appreciate your feedback, support and dedication to Woodland School. If there are things that you think we can do better in, please do not hesitate to let me know. Also, please remember that we always appreciate hearing good news. As a former teacher, I can tell you that one of the greatest feelings is a quick email letting you know that you are making a positive difference.**

## Woodland's International Day



**Click on this [LINK](#) to see how you can volunteer**

Some pictures from Woodland during the Holiday Season!



The best thing about  
*Memories*  
... is making them



## Superintendent's Corner

**One of the goals of the district's strategic plan, which was adopted by the Warren Township Board of Education in 2013, is to reinvigorate the Warren Township Education Foundation (WTEF). This group is made up of dedicated members of the Warren Township community with the goal of raising funds to support the schools in ways that go beyond the district's budget and the wonderful work of each school's PTO.**

**The WTEF will be holding an information session on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Warren Middle School library. The focus of the meeting will be to share information about the organization's plans for the remainder of the school year and the future and how members of the community can get involved in several different ways such as planning and organizing fundraisers, making connections with the local business community, and supporting a mission aligned with the Whole Child vision of the school district. All members of the community are invited to come learn about the WTEF and opportunities to contribute to this important group.**

**With the right mix of enthusiastic individuals, this group can make a huge impact on the educational experiences of all children in the community. I hope you will consider finding out more at this information session.**

**Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D**

Thank you to the Woodland PTO for a fantastic Bingo Night!! Everyone agreed that it was a lot of fun!! We are even considering doing another Bingo Night in the Spring since it was such a huge success.



Thank you to Mrs. Panos and Mr. Kilroy for organizing the annual Woodland Geography Bee. The questions were incredibly challenging and all of the finalists were amazing. Congratulations to Giovanni Russo for winning the Geography Bee and best of luck in the finals.



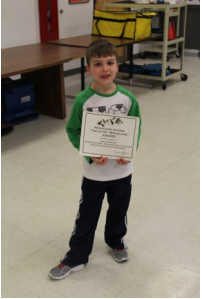
Thank you to Mr. Bayachek for bringing in American Health to do lessons with the students. The students learned about several aspects of health including nutrition, healthy habits, effects of smoking as well as other pertinent topics.



Students from SLA (Student Leadership Association) made presentations during all three lunches about appropriate lunchroom behavior and keeping the APR clean.



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



**Save the Date: A Do NOT miss event!!**

**Does your child have a cell phone? Thinking about getting them one? Do they have regular access to the internet? Is your child on Instagram, Minecraft, Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Oovoo, Skype, Kik, Vine or playing games on-line or POKÉMON GO??**

**DO NOT MISS a special presentation on Wednesday, February 22nd by Cyber-Safety expert for STOPit, Sgt. Tom Rich, who has presented to over 1,000,000 people throughout the country.**

**See how you can help control your child's digital footprint and utilize "TEACHABLE MOMENTS" to help keep your student safe on-line.**

- Student Assemblies-**
- Middle School: Grades 6,7 and 8**
- Watchung Hills PAC: All students in Grades 4-5**

**Parent Assembly for the Warren District- 7pm at Watchung Hills PAC**

More Information to follow.....

# Spirit Days at Woodland School

Students and staff are encouraged to show school spirit by participating in Spirit Days throughout the year. The remaining Spirit Days are:

2/2- Super Bowl Day-

Wear Red for the Falcons or Blue for the Patriots

2/8- Wear red in support of the American Heart Association

3/2- Read Across America Day-

Dress as your favorite character from a book

3/17- St. Patrick's Day

Wear green and a Crazy Hat

3/31- International Day-

Wear colors/clothing to represent your heritage

4/7- Wear Crazy Socks

5/5- Character Day

Wear a word on your shirt demonstrating good character

(teachers will explain to students as we get closer)

5/19- Wear Red, White and Blue for Memorial Day

June---TBD

Please remember that every Friday is Woodland Spirit Day. Students and Staff are encouraged to wear Woodland Spirit Wear.



## Box Tops

Please continue to send in Box Tops. This is an easy way for our PTO to raise money to support assemblies and special events at Woodland as well as many other educational and fun activities for the students.

