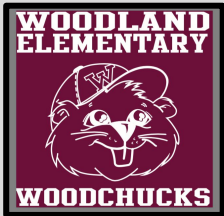


WORDS FROM WOODLAND



Woodland School Newsletter
April 2017

From the Principal, Jeff Heaney

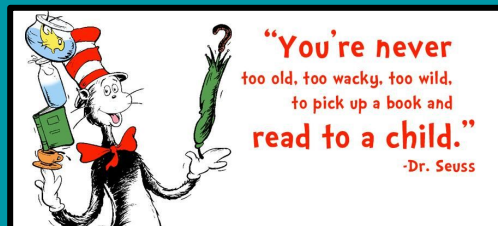
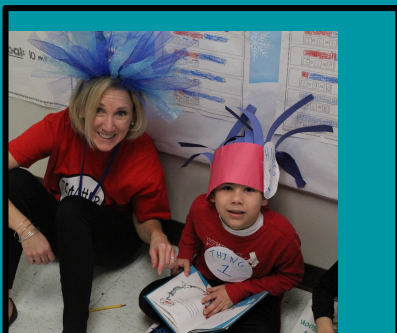
As you know, Woodland School has been nominated by the New Jersey Department of Education to apply for the Blue Ribbon Schools Award. What an honor! Over the past several weeks a team of 15 staff members and I have been working through the application, and in the process have been thinking about the best way to answer the question, "What makes Woodland a Blue Ribbon School?" Is it our performance on standardized tests? Perhaps it is the innovative lessons our educators create or the differentiated opportunities students are given to show their ability? Is it the Mindfulness lessons that have taught our students and staff to reflect on living in the moment? Maybe Woodland is Blue Ribbon because we have an office staff that will read a book to a student whose parent is running a bit late for pick up and our collective staff who always put the students' needs above their own? It could also be because our PTO provides opportunities for wonderful events and enriching assemblies. I could certainly go on and on. As we approach the completion of the application process and get ready to submit, I have come to one conclusion: Woodland School is Blue Ribbon because of all these things and more. Woodland staff, parents and students believe that the school experience is much more than test and quiz scores. It is about personal connections and consistently helping each student see their potential academically and as a human being. It gives me great pride to know that I work alongside a group of adults who not only believe in the Whole Child approach to learning but practice it every day.

On Monday, April 3rd, the Board of Education will recognize Woodland for this special nomination during their Board Meeting, which will be held at Woodland School. Selected students from each classroom will share their responses to "What makes Woodland a Blue Ribbon School?" In addition, we will be sharing some of the components of the application process. I invite you to attend this meeting, as we celebrate an exceptional building full of the most gifted educators and amazing children!

Spotlight on Staff & Students

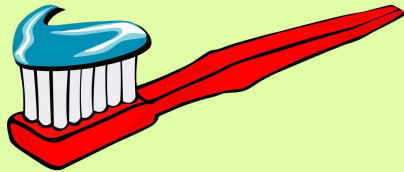


Woodland Celebrates
Read Across America Day



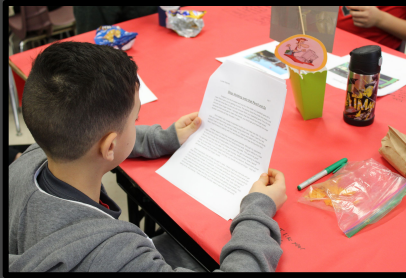


Thank you to Mrs. Stambaugh for organizing the Dental Assembly. The assembly helped students learn more about strategies for caring for their teeth.



Mrs. Brower's and Mrs. Stolfi's 1st grade class...chicks!!





The students celebrated writing personal and persuasive essays on a variety of interesting topics. All students had to determine which direction he/she leaned toward about a topic. They had to develop strong thesis statements with supporting reasons and facts, catchy hooks, and powerful closings.



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
AT WOODLAND**



Thank you to the Warren Rotary Club for providing all of the 3rd graders with their own dictionary. Students quickly opened their new dictionaries and found out some interesting facts like the biggest word in the English language, how to do sign language and how to identify elements on a Periodic Table.



Woodland's International Day Friday March 31st!



Thank you to the Woodland PTO volunteers for all of their time and energy to prepare for the biannual Woodland International Day. The students and staff are every excited to learn about the culture and customs of India, Australia, Ireland, Germany and Mexico

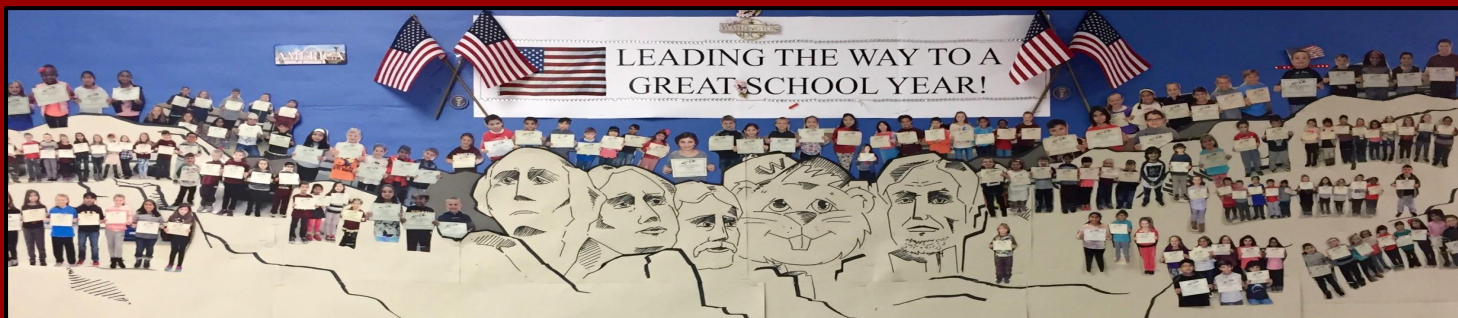


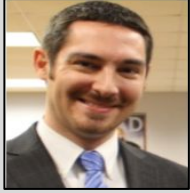
Woodland's 3rd Annual Parent & Staff Basketball Game

What Fun We Had!!



This Month's "Top of Mt. Woodland" Recipients!





Superintendent's Corner



The Warren Township Board of Education will hold a public hearing of the 2017-18 budget on April 24, 2017 at 7:00pm in the all purpose room of Mt. Horeb School.

Next year's budget supports the continuation of all current programs and services including a comprehensive curriculum, support and enrichment services, and full-time guidance counselors in each building. The budget also maintains small class sizes in all grades, courtesy busing for all students, and late buses at Warren Middle School for students participating in clubs and activities. In addition, new scheduling models at all five schools will allow for even greater involvement in the arts, an expansion of physical education opportunities, and a more robust experience studying world languages while adjusting staffing levels to reflect the continued decline in student enrollment.

Thanks to the efforts of members of the Board and the school business administrator, I am proud to support a budget that provides for the wonderful education of Warren's children while being responsible to the taxpayer. The 17-18 budget increases the local tax levy by 0.71%. Detailed information about the budget can be found on the district's website.

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We need your feedback! The Warren Township School District is conducting a comprehensive audit of district and building communications with key audiences, identifying areas of strength and opportunities for improvement. As one of the initial components of the audit, we invite you to take the "SCoPE School Communication Survey for Parents." Participation takes less than 15 minutes and is completely anonymous. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the survey.

Additionally, as parents who are also members of the Warren Township community, we invite you to take the "SCoPE School Communication Survey for Community Members," found [HERE](#). Since the value of our results increases when more people participate, please feel free to share the survey(s) with your neighbors in the Warren Township community. All three surveys (Parents, Community, Staff) also can be found on our website at www.warrentboe.org. Please take the time to let us know how we're doing!

Thank you.

Mary Ann McGann

District Communications/HR Coordinator



Date	Event
Mon 4/3	Board Meeting at Woodland 7pm
Wed 4/5	Grade 4/5 Marking Period 3 ends
Thur 4/6	Woodland's Got Talent Show 6:30pm at PAC at WHRHS
Fri 4/7	Spirit Day: Wear Crazy Socks
4/10-4/14	Spring Break
Thur 4/20	Reach Too Great Barrier Reef Program
Fri 4/21	Woodland's Science Day Grades 4 and 5 Report Cards emailed home
Mon 4/24	5th grade Tree Planting
Thur 4/27	Bring your child to work day
Fri 4/28	Kindergarten Readiness