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Woodland School Newsletter May 2017

From the Principal, Jeff Heaney

I hope that you had a wonderful spring break surrounded by family and friends and that you made everlasting memories. The smell of freshly cut grass and the sight of blooming flowers quickly reminds me that we are in the last quarter of the school year. As I look ahead to events that we have planned, I am convinced that the time is going to fly by and it will be June before we know it. I would like to remind you of some important information as we head into the last quarter:

- -As warmer weather approaches, please be mindful of dressing your child appropriately for outdoor recess including appropriate footwear. Please send your child with a filled water bottle (no glass containers) and encourage them to drink water throughout the day.
- -PARCC testing for grades 3-5 will be May 8-12. Testing will include 2 days of Math and 3 days of English/Language Arts. Please make every attempt to have your child arrive to school on time each day. Also, be sure that your child is well fed and gets a good night rest!
- As we approach the end of the school year, students become excited about summer break and it becomes much harder to concentrate. In order to keep students engaged throughout the end of the year, it is important to maintain a schedule of structured time for homework, projects, and studying as well as a regular bedtime and healthy eating.
- -As some of our PTO members graduate to middle school, new parent volunteers are needed to maintain current programs and activities. The events, assemblies and programs that are supported by the PTO are very special to Woodland School and we cannot do them without your help. Please think about volunteering your time.
 - -Please join us for our annual Art Show on May 17th

Parents, thank you for all that you do to make Woodland School so wonderful.

Enjoy the spring months!

Mrs. Krumm Uses Cisco Technology to Allow Students to Virtually Connect to the Outside World!





2nd graders learn about the life cycle of a butterfly and make butterfly shadow puppets, with help from the Center of Puppetry Arts in Georgia.

4th graders visit Kenai Fjords National Park in Seward, Alaska to learn about glaciers.





On International Day, 4th and 5th graders connected with citizens of Ireland and learned about Irish customs and cultures.



Kindergarteners connected with Puppeteers to "catch" the gingerbread man!!



Students virtually visit the Great Barrier Reef in Australia

New Jersey Commissioner of Education, Kimberley Harrington, visits Woodland School!!

Please see the article featured on Tap into Warren by clicking on the following link: Woodland Visit

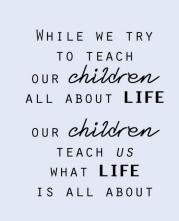


















Woodland's International Day



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The Woodland Family thanks Mr. Kardos and family for all of the hard work and time they put into making the Woodland outdoor learning area such a beautiful and special place.





















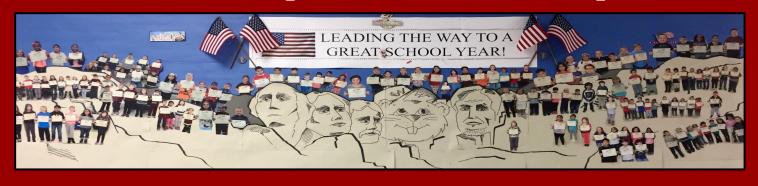








This Month's "Top of Mt. Woodland" Recipients:

















Superintendent's Corner



With spring break behind us, attention naturally begins turning to end of the year celebrations and next school year.

At its meeting on April 3, 2017, the Warren Township Board of Education approved two administrative recommendations that expand physical education opportunities while committing to greater involvement in the arts and a robust world language experience while adjusting staffing levels to reflect the continued decline in student enrollment in the district.

Details about these proposals can be found on the District's website (<u>www.warrentboe.org</u>) under the "News" heading.

As the weather turns warmer and students begin to get antsy with anticipation for carefree summer days, our entire staff is working hard on the details for implementing the new schedules come September and classroom teachers are working hard to engage and challenge students during these last few months of school. In the true spirit of "Shining Brighter Every Day," I am confident that Warren Township students will benefit from these new opportunities that are crucial to providing for a whole child approach to education.

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.

Coming Soon.....

Date	Event
Week of May 1-5	Teacher Appreciation Week
Monday, May 1	1st grade Musical (Students and Staff)
Tuesday, May 2	1st grade Musical (Parents) 10am 5th graders visit Middle School
Friday, May 5	Spirit Day: Wear "Good Character Word" on your shirt
Monday, May 8- Friday, May 12	PARCC Testing (Grades 3-5)
Tuesday, May 9	PTO Meeting (9:30am)
Friday, May 12	Kindergarten Tea
Wednesday, May 17	Art Show in gym Puberty videos (grades 4-5)
Friday, May 19	Kindergarten Orientation
Tuesday, May 23	Spring Band Concert (Central School)
Wednesday, May 24	5th to 6th grade parent orientation at the Middle School.
Friday, May 26	Spirit Day- Wear Red, White and Blue Early dismissal-1:20pm
Monday, May 29	No School- Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 31	NJ ASK-Science 4th grade only