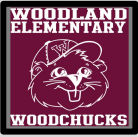


# WORDS FROM WOODLAND



Woodland School Newsletter  
September 2017

## **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 fantastic things to come. As a staff we are very excited about all of the memories we will be making throughout the year.

We are off to a great start here at Woodland. During our first week, students enjoyed a Pep Rally where they energetically cheered on the introduction of the Woodland Staff. Our new students and kindergarteners also enjoyed meeting our school mascot, Woody the Woodchuck! I was so proud that so many students were able to answer some difficult questions about our One School, One Book, "Kid Athletes, True Tales of Childhood from Sports Legends". Throughout the year we will use the lessons learned from the book to reinforce our school wide theme of hard work, perseverance, kindness and teamwork.

We continue to be committed to the safety and supervision of our students. Our new Visitor Management System allows for enhanced security. We ask that you present your driver's license each time you visit the building and that you are patient during the process. It is important that you never hold the door open for someone as that compromises our security system. During drop-off and pick-up we appreciate that you drive safely and slowly and direct students to exit to the right from your vehicle.

My goal at Woodland is to foster a climate in which students feel safe and 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. My goals also include creating a learning environment in which teachers are motivated to 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:

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

These three simple rules are rules that I reinforce as a principal as well as a father of a 7th grader and a 4th grader. It is these three simple rules that help build character and help develop 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 striving 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 look forward to all of the fun we will have this year!

***IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT DAY AT WOODLAND!!***



## Halloween at Woodland



Our annual Halloween parade will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 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:

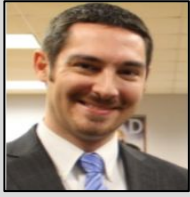
1. Students may not wear any item which may create a safety hazard to the child or others.
2. Weapons of any type may not be part of the costume worn nor brought to school.
3. Masks that impair vision are not allowed. An eye patch, wig, and/or partial face covering are permitted.

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 in a note to your child's teacher 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. Adults are more than welcome to wear costumes, but please do not wear masks or any costume that might scare our younger students. Have a happy and safe Halloween.

## Woodland's PTO Annual Trunk or Treat

Please join us on Friday, October 27th for family fun during our Trunk or Treat. The event begins at 6:30 pm in the Woodland parking lot.



## Superintendent's Corner



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The Warren Township School District kicked off the 2017-2018 school year on September 7, 2017. Schools opened with 1746 students and over 30 new staff members after an incredibly busy summer of work in the district. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the buildings and grounds and technology departments, the buildings were gleaming and ready for students upon their arrival with a few key changes: reconfiguration of entrances at Angelo L. Tomaso and Mt. Horeb schools to increase safety and security, new water bottle filling stations in all five schools, the installation of pilot active learning space classrooms throughout the district, the replacement of every light bulb in the elementary schools as part of a state program to increase energy efficiency, and the implementation of a new visitor management system at all schools that dramatically improves our ability to control access to the buildings while schools are in session.

On the curriculum and instruction front, students are experiencing adjusted master schedules that increased time for health and physical education in grades K-5 and time for core academic instruction and the arts in grade 6. The curricula for all elementary science classes were updated to reflect changes in state requirements and world languages curricula were amended to reflect an instructional philosophy that focuses on conversation and consistent practice with the target language.

Of course, all of this is done within the framework of a whole child approach to education where we strive to ensure that each student is healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged in our schools. I look forward to a wonderful 2017-2018 school year and working with the entire Warren Township Schools community to continue *shining brighter every day!*

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.

# 2017-2018 Spirit Days

## September

15 - Sports Day -Wear your favorite jersey/uniform

## October

2-6 Week of Respect --Spirit Theme each day (see next page)

20- Crazy Socks Day

## November

17- Decade Day Wear an outfit from any decade 70's, 80's 90's....

## December

8- Comfy PJ Day- Wear your favorite holiday/winter pajamas

21- Ugly Sweater Day- Wear your ugliest sweater to school

## January

12- Dress like a champ dress "professional" day

## February

2- Superbowl Day- Wear the color of the team you want to win

Mid February- Dress up as an old person for the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school

14- Valentine's Day- Wear Red in support of American Heart Association

## March

2- Read Across America Day Dress as a favorite character from a book

16- St. Patrick's Day- Wear green

## April

13- Crazy Hat Day

## May

11- Character Trait on your shirt Day

25- Red, White and Blue Day

## June

14- Field Day -Wear your grade's assigned color (To be determined)



Woodland students and staff enjoyed wearing their favorite sports jersey for the first spirit day of the year!! Which grade will have the most spirit this year????



# Week of Respect-Spirit Days

During the week of October 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be celebrating Respect Week. Morning announcements and music will be focused around kindness, accepting others differences and respecting everyone. **We are excited to have the Stand Up, Step Up assembly on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you, in advance, to the amazing PTO for sponsoring this special and important assembly. At Woodland School it is our goal to not only develop students academically but more importantly to inspire caring human beings. During the week we will also have Spirit Days centered around respect. They are:

## **Monday October 2-**

Respect yourself and be proud of who you are. **Wear a shirt that represents where your family is from.**

## **Tuesday October 3-**

We Respect our differences and accept each other for who we are. **Wear mismatched clothes.**

## **Wednesday October 4**

We all have the POWER to be kind. H.E.R.O. Day (Helping Everyone Respect Others) **Wear Superhero clothes.**

## **Thursday, October 5**

“It’s what’s on the inside that counts” day. **Come to school with a Bed head or crazy hair-** We are all unique and we should all respect each other for what is on the inside, not outside.

## **Friday, October 6**

Respect our School Day. **Wear Woodland spirit wear or maroon.** We are all proud to be a part of the Woodland family, where we respect, support and care for each other.

## **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 affect 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

Ext. 5503



Please send in your Box tops. This is an easy way for the PTO to generate money. That money is then used for wonderful assemblies, classroom celebrations and other future events for our students

**COMING SOON!**

Date	Event
Monday 10/2-10/6	Week of Respect
Wednesday 10/4	Stand Up and Step Up Respect Assembly
Friday 10/13	Fire Prevention (Kindergarten/1st)
Wednesday 10/18	PTO Meeting 7pm in the library
Friday 10/20	Spirit Day: Wear Crazy Socks
Friday 10/27	Trunk or Treat
Tuesday 10/31	Halloween Parties and Parade