

WORDS FROM WOODLAND

Woodland School Newsletter
March 2018

From the Principal, Jeff Heaney

Dear Woodland Families,

It truly is hard to believe that as I type this newsletter we are on the eve of the 100th day of school. As I have so often said, the best part of my job is that I get to watch children grow as students and as human beings. Wonderful things continue to happen each and every day at Woodland School, and we are excited about all of the fun and learning that will take place during the next 80 days.

I am very excited to share that our 3rd grade has been working very hard on their timeline project. While I generally do not highlight one grade in my newsletter, I thought that I really needed to let you know more about this project. After receiving our Blue Ribbon award, the 3rd grade team of teachers lead by Mrs. McGrath and Mrs. Vecchione approached me about creating a timeline of Woodland School to be displayed down the entire West Wing. Over the past several months students in 3rd grade have visited the Warren Public Library and have begun researching the history of Woodland School. The students even virtually interviewed an alumnus who attended Woodland School in the early 1980's. The project has been a reminder of the great place we call Woodland School. It highlights the wonderful traditions and remarkable people that have all contributed to our great success. For the students, this project has been engaging, collaborative and helps to answer the age old question, "Why are we learning this?" I look forward to inviting you to see the finished project in the future.

Each month I enjoy sharing valuable information that can help your child grow. As a parent I find many of the suggestions very helpful. Recently I came across a short article that offers valuable tips for helping your child to grow as a reader (while allowing for quality time between parent and child)

Read regularly- Try to read to or with your child every day for 10-15 minutes.

Take turns choosing books- This is a great way to spark new interests.

Let them participate- Have your child make predictions about what will happen next or have them come up with an alternate ending

Be playful- Use a different voice for each character, replace character names with the names of people your child knows.

These strategies have proven to be helpful with my own children. I have found that the key is to show them that reading can be fun.

Please follow me on twitter @PrincWoodland as I post "Great Things Happening at Woodland" every day.



Kindergarten worked with Mrs. Langworthy on a culminating project to round out the Mindfulness curriculum. Each class worked together to create mindfulness jars using beads, glitter, and confetti. The goal of this project was to relate our busy minds to the swirling contents of the jar and to take breaths to calm down as the glitter settles. First grade students participated in yoga exercises to practice Mindfulness.



1st graders wrote their own books and enjoyed reading them to the kindergarteners!



DARE Sgt. Joe talks to the 2nd and 5th graders about making positive choices.



Reach, Too! 4th grade students volunteered at a local soup kitchen and enjoyed the power of giving back to others!



5th grade Reach, Too! students from Central and Woodland visited the Warren Municipal Court. They also had an extensive tour of the Police headquarters and took pictures with Officer Task, who showed the students around. It was a very exciting and educational evening for all involved.





Thank you to the PTO for the wonderful Family Bingo Night. It was great to see all the Woodland families enjoying time together. Thank you to Mr. Kilroy and the SLA for helping with the event and to Mrs. Brink, Mrs. Stambaugh and the Service Club for raising more than \$250.00 for the American Heart Association!!



Students in Ms. Lenci's, Mrs. McGrath's, Mrs. Vecchione's and Ms. Nizri's classes presented their Immigration Projects. Each student researched a family member who immigrated to America and learned about the family member's struggles, how they persevered, and the positive impact that person had on the student's life.



Valentine's Day Fun



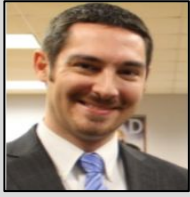


Woodland and Mt Horeb students enjoyed a fun-filled, engaging, and friendly competition during a Chess tournament at Woodland. Thank you to Mr. Jones and Mr. Guglielmino for planning the wonderful event that promoted sportsmanship, hard work and fair play. The students had a blast! Pictured below is Woodland's Ethan Rajan, who finished in 2nd place.



3rd graders virtually connected with Mr. Hoffman, a former Woodland student during the early 1980's. They were excited to hear his responses to questions like, "What was lunch and recess like at Woodland?" and "What subjects did you take and what technology did you use?"





Superintendent's Corner



Although Punxsutawney Phil predicts that winter will hang around a little longer, preparations are underway for Summer Fun 2018. This year's five-week program will be held at Mt. Horeb School beginning on June 26, 2018.

Summer Fun is a unique program offering students the opportunity to attend enrichment courses. Unlike other summer camp experiences, certified teachers instruct students in Summer Fun in a variety of areas such as music, arts, literature, science, technology, and physical education.

Early-bird registration is available through May 4, 2018, along with several discount options and extended-, early-, and after-care services are available for families as well.

This fully customizable experience allows families to choose one to four courses per day for any number of weeks. More information and a link to the registration form can be found at

<https://www.warrentboe.org/schools/summerfun/>.

I hope you'll consider Summer Fun for an enriching experience this year!

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.

Each month students who demonstrate exemplary behavior and character are given the Woodland “All-Star” Award. Students designed their own sports cards which are placed on the “All-Star” board. Students’ names are announced during morning announcements and they are given a special certificate.

February All -Stars

Kindergarten: Valentina Santos, Lily Pritchard, Enzo Firenzuoli, Gino Antonelli, Samuel Friedman, Jane Lariviere, Darby Markham, Chase Surbrug, Isabella Sicignano, Rohan Nicholson, Faith Gechtman, Daniel Arpino, Kieran Melia, Emily Baechtold, Laura Bubnowski, Cate Kardos, Delaney Surbrug, Matteo Sicignano, and Christian Fazio

1st grade: Devin Dave, Marley Edwards, Nathan Natarajan, Benjamin Carr, and Chloe Huber

2nd grade: Caleb Moccia, Madelyn Cunha, Jolie Anderson, Timmy Kardos, and Sahil Nicholson

3rd grade: Raymond Lu, Jason Amarin, Aydin Bedi, Julia Felice, Lilla Bellish, Alexandra Valyuk, Ty Gechtman, Alyssa Raspovich, Catarina Rei, Jared Barsky, Amelia Palka, Damien Moccia, Lexie Rowell, Corey Hung, and Alex Pinto

4th grade: Antonio Giuliano and Mia Bigos

5th grade: Maya Wishnia, Georgia Frank, Avery Thomasson, Jake Keirstead, Dylan Mayerchak, Auggie Percario, Navya Venkatesh, Helena Pace, Mia Rivera, Bethany Giegerich and Michael Xiong

**INTELLIGENCE PLUS
CHARACTER-
THAT IS THE GOAL
OF TRUE EDUCATION.
-Martin Luther King, Jr.**

SAVE THE DATE

COMING
UP

Woodland's 4th Annual
Parent and Staff Basketball Game

Wednesday, March 14th

6:30PM

More information to follow, including a
sign up sheet for parents interested in
playing!!





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

Date	Event
Friday, March 2	Read Across America Day Students and Staff are encouraged to dress up as a character from a book
Monday, March 5	4th grade Musical (Students and staff only) 10am
Tuesday, March 6	4th grade Musical for parents/families
Wednesday, March 14	4th Annual Parent and Staff Basketball game
Friday, March 16	Spirit Day- Wear green for St. Patrick's Day
Friday, March 30	No School
April 2-6	No School-Spring Break