## WORDS FROM WOODLAND

Woodland School Newsletter May 2018

## From the Principal, Jeff Heaney

Dear Woodland Families,

I hope that you had a wonderful spring break surrounded by family and friends and that you made everlasting memories. While the sight of an April snowstorm was unreal, a quick look at the school calendar reminds me that we are in the last quarter of the school year. Soon enough, we will enjoy the smell of fresh cut grass and watching the students enjoy some much needed outdoor play. As I look ahead to upcoming events, I am convinced that the time is going to fly by and June will be here 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 14-18. Testing will include 2 days of Math and 3 days of English/Language Arts. Grade 5 students will also be taking the Science section of PARCC on May 29-30. 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's 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 the first Warren Public Schools Art Show on May 30th at the Middle School.
- Parents, thank you for all that you do to make Woodland School so wonderful. Enjoy the spring months!



Thank you to the Earth
Day Committee and all of
the parent volunteers
who helped to make
Earth Day an enriching,
engaging and fun day for
students and staff.
Pictures to follow in the
next newsletter

We are very excited to welcome the Woodland Class of 2024 for our annual Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesday, May 23rd. If you have a neighbor or friend with a kindergarten aged student who has still not registered, please let them know.



3rd Annual "Woodland's Got Talent"

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Talent Show

Wednesday, April 25th @ 6:30pm

Acts are open to students in Grades 3-5. It is a wonderful and fun event for all students and families to attend!



## Superintendent's Corner



The Warren Township Board of Education is pleased to announce this year's recipients of the coveted Excellence in Education Award. The following staff members were recognized by students, peers and parents for their outstanding commitment to the students of Warren. Congratulations and thank you to each!

- Laura Rodaman, Grade 4 Teacher, Central School
- Barbara Pellicano, Kindergarten Teacher, Angelo L. Tomaso School
- Mark Weber, Instrumental Music Teacher, Mt Horeb School
- Amanda McGrath, Grade 3 Teacher, Woodland School
- Cynthia Cassidy, Library Media Specialist, Warren Middle School

Each award recipient was carefully selected for his or her commitment to providing excellence in education, generating positive interactions with students, staff and parents, inspiring learning through creative and innovative lessons and cultivating an environment where each student is able to achieve his/her fullest potential.

These individuals, our recent retirees and award-winning Warren Middle School students will all be celebrated at the May 21, 2018 Board of Education meeting, which will begin at 7:00pm in the Warren Middle School all-purpose room. Please consider joining us for this exciting event!

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.

## March All -Stars

**Kindergarten:** Aiden Barrett, Jack Muir, Lily Pritchard, Valentina Santos, Darby Markham, Jae Vespucci, Zachary Sultan, Rohan Nicholson, Kieran Melia, Alina Shah, Faith Gechtman, Chase Surbrug, Daniel Arpino, Charlotte Ohlson, Isabella Sicignano Christian Fazio, Laura Bubnowski

**1st grade:** Brandon Bellish, Devin Dave, Marley Edwards, Michael Felice, Sarah Lindy Nathan Natarajan, Lucas Fazio, Sophia Mocreia, David Bubnowski, Abigail Ruffner Logan Mayerchak, Melina Psarianos, Anthony Patricco

**2nd grade:** Caleb Moccia, Reyhan, Shah, Abhinav Manubarthi, Zachary Wishnia, Kellan Melia Maddy Cunha, Robert Lobozzo, Kylie Akesson, Timmy Kardos, Sarah Barroso, Olivia Matos

**3rd grade:** Julia Felice, Jason Amorin, Alexandra Valyuk, Aydin Bedi, Carolyn Jasaitis,
Daniel Kaplonovich, Samantha Deo, Lucas Cordova, Aidan Segerson, Olivia Bello
Colin Blekicki, Ayushee Mukhopadhyay, Max Mina, Lexie Rowell, Ben Rosenberger,
Alex Pinto, Corey Hung, Damien Moccia, Mathew Moreira, Jared Barsky, Farhan Murad

4th grade: Blake Duddy, Camila Nunez

**5th grade:** Gerald Tobia, Amy Aschoff, David Krause, Joban Singh, Nick Raspovich, Kaley Madura, Luke Rowell

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



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
Week of May 1st	Teacher Appreciation Week
Tuesday, May 1st	Puberty video preview for Grade 4 and 5 parents- more information will be sent home
Wednesday, May 2nd	Puberty vidoes for grades 4-5
Thursday, May 3	Harlem Wizards Game at Watchung Hills Hlgh School 7pm
Friday, May 11	Spirit Day: Wear a Character Trait on your shirt Kindergarten: Mothers Day Tea
Week of May 14	PARCC Testing for Grades 3-5 (Language Arts and Math)
Tuesday, May 22	Young Author's Day
Wednesday, May 23	Kindergarten Orientation
Friday, May 25	Spirit Day: Wear Red, White and Blue (Early dismissal-1:20pm)
Tues, May 29-Wed May 30	PARCC-5th grade Science
Wednesday, May 30	District Art Show
Thursday, May 31	Woodland/ ALT combined Band, Strings, Recorder Concert