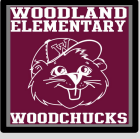


# WORDS FROM WOODLAND



Woodland School Newsletter  
January 2019

## **From the Principal, Jeff Heaney**

It seems like yesterday that we were celebrating the start of 2018. It is hard to believe that in just a few short weeks we will usher in a new year. As each year seems to quickly come and go, I find that I am constantly hoping that time will simply slow down. I look back at old Christmas cards and wonder how my tiny little children can be growing up so quickly. With all of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, I try to remind myself to pause for a minute and think about how special these times are. As we enter the new year we all tend to think of goals that we want to set for ourselves. As we think about our goals as adults, it is also important to challenge our children to set personal goals. I encourage you to have that conversation with your child(ren).

Sometimes I come across educational articles that I find to be very valuable for me not only as a principal but also as a father. I thought I would share one of those articles. It is entitled "What is Grit, Why Kids Need It and How You Can Foster It". As a father, I have often asked myself, "What is the most important thing that will help my children to be successful in life?" I have spent time reading books and following the stories from some of my favorite athletes and coaches to figure out what sets them apart from all of the rest. One word always seems to resonate....grit. There is no doubt that as a parent I want my children to be successful and happy. There is also no doubt that I hate seeing my children have to deal with a tough situation, whether it be a situation with a mean student, a bad grade or not being picked to be the starter for the team. But what I have come to realize is that it is those moments that may ultimately make my children stronger. What I hope for my children and my students is for them to realize that they are a success when they pick themselves up and push through difficulties. I want them to understand that things in life will not always go their way and that they are defined by the way in which they respond to those situations. I have also realized that if I am the person that solves their problems for them, they will be unable to solve problems when I am not there. The article, which is a quick read, provided me with some good strategies so that I can help my children develop more resiliency. I hope that you enjoy the article as well.

[What is Grit, Why Kids Need It and How You Can Foster It](#)

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THROUGH A ROCK  
NOT BECAUSE OF  
ITS POWER, BUT  
ITS PERSISTENCE.**

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**Woodland Fifth Graders recently worked with Caregivers Center at Overlook Hospital (Summit) for their annual service project. Caregivers Center supports families whose loved ones are getting care at the hospital. Students donated and assembled creative craft kits which will be distributed to children whose families are getting care at Overlook. Caregivers Center Coordinator, Marian Teehan, visited Woodland and was welcomed by students, teachers and Mr. Heaney.**



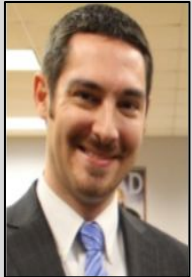
## **Thanksgiving at Woodland!**











# Superintendent's Corner



On January 22, 2019, the voters of Warren Township will be asked to vote on a zero long term debt referendum to fund capital improvements in the Warren Township Schools.

Information about registering to vote and requesting a mail-in ballot can be found at [www.warrentboe.org/referendum](http://www.warrentboe.org/referendum).

## INTRODUCTION

The Warren Township School District is in need of capital improvements to maintain school facilities and provide for the health and safety of students and staff. The District has been methodically saving for such needs through its capital reserve fund for several years. The District will receive approximately **34%** of the project costs from the state if the referendum described below receives voter approval.

### The Projects

<p><b>ANGELO L. TOMASO SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Boiler and Pumps Replacement</p> <p>Partial Building HVAC Upgrade</p>	<p><b>CENTRAL SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Partial Window Replacement</p> <p>Partial Building HVAC Upgrade</p>
<p><b>MT. HOREB SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Boiler and Pumps Replacement</p>	<p><b>WARREN MIDDLE SCHOOL</b></p> <p>Boiler and Pumps Replacement</p> <p>Partial Roof Replacement</p>

*Similar projects were completed at Woodland School during Summer 2018.*

## FINANCIAL DATA

Total Anticipated Cost \$6,500,000

Anticipated State Debt Service Aid **-\$2,210,000**

District Cost (fully funded from current capital reserves)  
\$4,290,000

With the combination of the District's capital reserves and state aid, there would be **no tax impact** as a result of this referendum.

Additional information can be found by visiting [www.warrentboe.org](http://www.warrentboe.org).



Each month students who demonstrate exemplary behavior and character are given the Woodland "Superhero" Award. It is our goal for students to realize that we all have the power to be superheroes by demonstrating acts of kindness and by being good human beings. Students' names are announced during morning announcements and they are given a special certificate.

### October Superheroes

**Kindergarten-** Ryan Medina, Brody DeHaven

**1st grade-** Lena Urban, Aiden Barrett, Arnav Jagadeesh

**2nd grade-** Devin Dave, Dylan Ditta

**3rd grade -**Vitoria Ferreira, Caleb Moccia

**4th grade-** Alexa Arpino, Evan Xiong

**5th grade-** Giovanni Medina, Eesha Jagadeesh, Amanda Smith







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
Tuesday, Jan 1	No School
Friday, Jan 18	Spirit Day: Professional Day Dress as a Career you want in the future
Monday, Jan 21	No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Follow Mr. Heaney on Twitter [@PrincWoodland](https://twitter.com/PrincWoodland) to see some of the great things that happen at Woodland!

