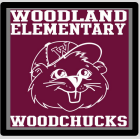


# WORDS FROM WOODLAND




Woodland School Newsletter  
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## From the Principal, Jeff Heaney

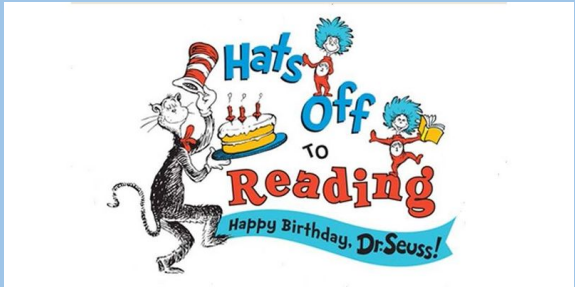
The brighter mornings, longer hours of sunlight, birds chirping and trees beginning to bud again lets us know that spring is almost here! A great reminder of the opportunity to evaluate yearly goals and maybe even set new ones. At Woodland School we are excited for all that awaits us this spring. After a long winter, students are excited to get more time outside for recess and gym classes. Please continue to send students in with adequate clothing and sneakers so they can fully enjoy those memories. Speaking of wonderful memories, students were treated to a spectacular Read Across America Day on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Through the hard work of Mrs. McGrath and the Read Across America team, students enjoyed a full day of events that promoted the importance of reading. Events included an "Expressive Reading" showcase in which select students in grades 3-5 demonstrated how to read with enthusiasm, inflection and passion. Mr. Yenish and Mrs. McGrath spent many hours coaching and supporting the students and the showcase turned out to be a real hit with all of our students. Thanks to the creativity of Mrs. McGrath and Ms. Wisher, students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade used iMovie to make "movie trailers" of popular childrens books. Kindergarten students were treated to the amazing trailers which, in turn, got them excited to read a new book! Students also made Dr. Suess crafts and were treated to the "Lorax" cartoon during their lunch period. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful Woodland staff performing a Readers Theatre of "Horton Hears a Who". Afterwards, students were excited to "slime" me as a reward for reading more than 100,000 hours during the month of February. The day ended with students and staff engaged in a Reading Train in the hallways. It truly was a special day at Woodland! Some pictures from the event are included in this newsletter.

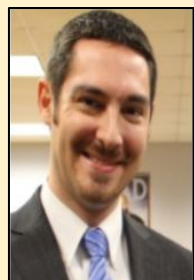
I want to take this opportunity to thank the PTO, Mrs. Brink and the Service Club for all of their efforts preparing for as well as during the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Woodland Staff and Parent game. I also want to thank the entire Woodland community for coming to the game and supporting the JT Torrisi fundraiser. Through all of the efforts we raised more than \$800 for JT as he continues to make progress while recovering from a serious illness in the hospital. From the moment I arrived at Woodland I knew that I landed in a very special place. Simply stated we are the definition of a family consisting of a talented group of teacher, supportive parents and kind students. As I love to say, "It is ALWAYS a GREAT day at WOODLAND!"

Each year I share an article that I found to be helpful for the parents of a 9-10 year old. I fondly remember reading this article to my daughter who is now only a few months away from being a freshman in high school! I thought it would be appropriate to share the article again for those who may have missed it. "Half-time of Raising My Daughter(or son)" written by Whitney Fleming reminds us that simple little talks with our children can be very special. On our daughter's 9th birthday my wife and I were sad when we realized that we had reached "half-time" in raising her. It was scary to imagine that nine years from that point she would be out of the house and off to college. As an avid sports fan it made me think of how a great coach and a great parent are alike. A great coach, like a great parent, is a role model. A great coach, like a great parent, inspires and motivates. And a great coach, like a great parent, has a fantastic half-time speech. On my daughter's 9th birthday, I decided that this article had a message that I needed to share with her and would be the basis of my "half-time" speech. I will never forget that night. After I read the article to my daughter, we talked all about life. We cried together. We laughed together. And as I looked at this little girl that was growing up before my eyes I couldn't help but think about how the little conversations we have had about life are the things I have remembered most in the first half of raising her. I am excited about the second half. I know that it is going to get harder and there will be less times that she wants to just talk about life. But that is not going to stop me from trying. When you get a moment, click on the link for and enjoy the article. ([To My Daughter at Half-time](#)).



# READ ACROSS AMERICA





## Superintendent's Corner



Summer Fun registration is in full swing at [www.warrentboe.org/schools/summerfun/registration](http://www.warrentboe.org/schools/summerfun/registration). Sessions will run Tuesday, June 25, 2019 through Friday, July 26, 2019.

The Warren Township School District offers children attending kindergarten through eighth grade opportunities for enrichment activities and early, extended, and after care services for a fee. Academic support courses are available to Warren residents, free of charge, upon teacher recommendation. Enrichment and academic support courses are available for out-of-district students for a fee.

New courses for 2019 include *A Star is Born*, *Creative Writing and Bookmaking*, *The Art of Nature*, and *Summer Fun Live*.

The Early Bird Deadline is May 3, 2019. Those paying their fees in full by this date receive a 10% discount.

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.

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.

## February Superheroes

**Kindergarten-** Gabby DeLorenzo, Hugo Wu

**1st grade-** Gino Antonelli, Lara Irekvist, Lily Pritchard

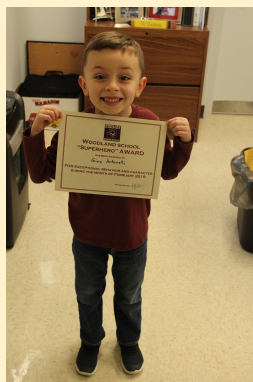
**2nd grade-** Leilani Beyah, Sarah Lindy

**3rd grade -** Julianna Lanni, Zach Wishnia

**4th grade-** Alexandra Valyuk, Lilla Bellish

**5th grade-** Charles Mager, Mia Flores, Joseph Genovese

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-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
Monday, April 1	3rd graders visit Warren Library
Tuesday, April 2	2nd graders visit Basking Ridge Environmental Center
Wednesday, April 3	PTO meeting 7pm
Thursday, April 11	Woodland Talent Show 6:30pm in the APR
Friday, April 12	Spirit Day- Crazy Hair
April 15-19	Spring Break-No school
Monday, April 22	5th grade tree planting
Thursday, April 25	Take Your Child to Work Day
Friday, April 26	Kindergarten Readiness Test