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Woodland School Newsletter
May 2019

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. 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 will be 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.

-NJSLA (formerly PARCC) testing for grades 3-5 will be May 13-17. Testing will include 2 days of Language Arts and 3 days of Math. Grade 5 students will also be taking the Science section of NJSLA on May 20-21. 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.

-Parents, thank you for all that you do to make Woodland School so wonderful. Enjoy the spring months!





Superintendent's Corner



In the month of June, all grade 5 and 8 students in the Warren Township School District will participate in the "Shining Brighter Every Day ... Beyond Our School Walls" Capstone Project. The project requires that students work in small teams to research an area of focus connected to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Each student team will develop and make a formal presentation of their findings to a panel of judges. The overall experience is designed to engage students in a real-world challenge and application of critical skills. The process also provides educators feedback about how current programming supports students' capacity to demonstrate personal accountability, cooperative skills, responsibility, leadership and to be self-directed team members.

We are in need of community members who can serve as presentation judges at one or more of the district's five schools. Our greatest need is at Middle School on June 13 and 14.

During each session, volunteer judges will:

- 1) participate in an overview of the judging process; and
- 2) serve on a panel to evaluate formal presentations

Volunteers are needed on the following dates and times:

Warren Middle School - Thursday, June 13th and Friday, June 14th: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Central School - Monday, June 17th: 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Angelo L. Tomaso School - Monday, June 17th: 8:30 am - 11:00 am

Mt. Horeb School - Tuesday, June 18th: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Woodland School - Wednesday, June 19th: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

If you are able to donate your time, please take a moment to complete and submit the form found here by Friday, May 24th. A district representative will be in contact with you to confirm your participation shortly after this date.

Please note that we ask parents <u>not</u> to judge presentations at a school their child attends.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthwhile volunteer opportunity.

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.

















Thank you to Mrs. Jasaitis, Mrs. Rowell, Mrs. Marucci, the PTO volunteers and all of our guests for an AMAZING Science Day. The students and staff made wonderful memories as they explored the many wonders and magic of Science!!



















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.

March Superheroes

Kindergarten- Matthew Mager, Nina Shah

1st grade- Daniel Arpino, Ryder Markham, Isabella Sicignano

2nd grade- Nathan Natarajan, David Bubnowski

3rd grade - Desmond Ohlson, Beatrice Ou Yang

4th grade- Kayden Thursfield, Angelo Granados

5th grade- Ashwin Bompalli, Lakshmi Nair, Chloe Kardos

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
Wed, May 1	5th grade Science Fair
Fri, May 3	International Day
May 6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week
Tues, May 7	Parent preview: Puberty Videos
Wed, May 8	Grade 4 and 5 Puberty Videos
Fri, May 10	Mother's Day Tea
May 13-17	NJSLA Testing Grades 3-5
May 20-21	NJSLA Testing: Science Grade 5
Mon, May 20	Kindergarten Orientation
Thur, May 23	Spirit Day- Wear Red, White , Blue 1:20pm dismissal
Fri, May 24	No School
Mon, May 27	No School: Memorial Day
Wed, May 29	Grade 4 and 5 Instrumental Concert
Fri, May 31	Grade 3 Recorder Concert

