

WORDS FROM WOODLAND



Woodland School Newsletter
June 2019

From the Principal, Jeff Heaney

It is hard to believe that we have so few days left to this school year. I hope that you have enjoyed reading my "Words from Woodland" newsletter. While I found it enjoyable putting each month's newsletter together, capturing all of the magic that happens at Woodland School is a difficult task. After each of our special events I could not help but reflect on how lucky I am to be in such a great place. As we prepare for summer break I want to thank you, the parents, for your constant support of Woodland School. As I said at my first Back to School Night, Michael Jordan and Dan Marino were two people I admired as a child. However, it was my parents and my teachers who had the greatest influence and impact on my life. There is no doubt that the partnership between home and school is so important. With that said, although summer is a time for relaxing it is also critical that children continue to learn. Research has shown that students who continue to read and stay cognitively engaged perform better when they return to school in September. I still remember playing games in the car with my parents and sisters to pass the time during our dreaded 20 hour drive to Florida for a family vacation. As a very young boy I remember playing the alphabet game where my mom would test me to see if I could find the letters of the alphabet, in order, on street signs. I remember playing the license plate game to see if I could find all 50 states and, as I spotted a new one, my father would ask me to name the capital of that state. I must admit that it scares me to think that moments like these are being replaced with pull down DVD's, iPads and handheld video games. Kids can learn so much by playing simple games that test their reading and knowledge in a fun way. There are many engaging ways to keep students reading, writing and learning. I remember that my sister would bring a journal and write about the vacation along the way. Recently I came across an article that offers simple ways that parents can keep their children learning over the summer months. When you get a moment, I encourage you to read [25 Activities to Keep Kids Brains Active in the Summer](#). This article offers some great strategies. In closing, a school is only as good as the students who attend it, the educators who work in it and the community who supports it. There is no doubt that Woodland School is top notch in all three areas!! I wish you a wonderful, relaxing, enjoyable and educational summer surrounded by family and friends and full of everlasting memories.





Superintendent's Corner



As the school year nears its conclusion, I want to remind parents of a few items.

First, the last day of school is Friday, June 21, 2019. The last two days (Thursday, June 20 and Friday, June 21) are half days for students.

The district's popular Summer Fun program continues to accept registrations at www.warrentboe.org/schools/summerfun/. Students attending kindergarten through eighth grade have opportunities for enrichment activities and early care/extended day/after care services. These programs are available to Warren residents and out-of-district students for a fee. The registration deadline is June 3.

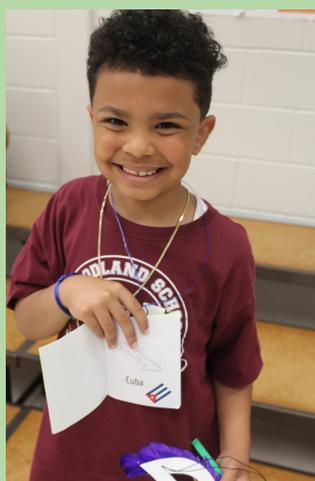
Now is also the time to register for our regular school year before/after-care program through AlphaBEST. Details can be found at www.alphabest.org/warrennj/.

Schools reopen for students on Tuesday, September 3. Have a wonderful summer!

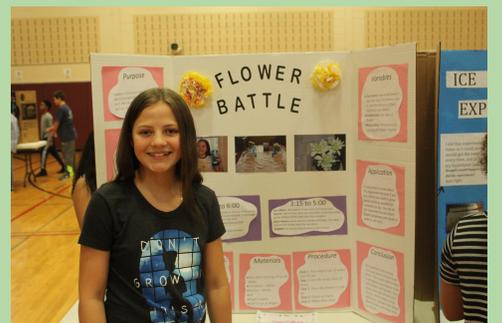
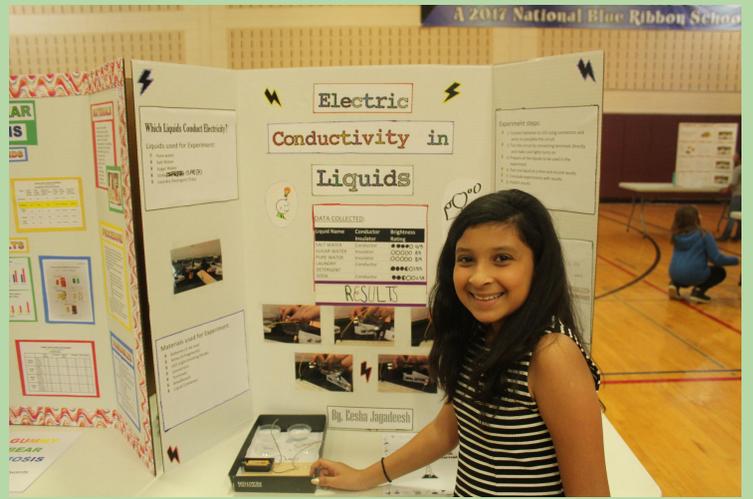
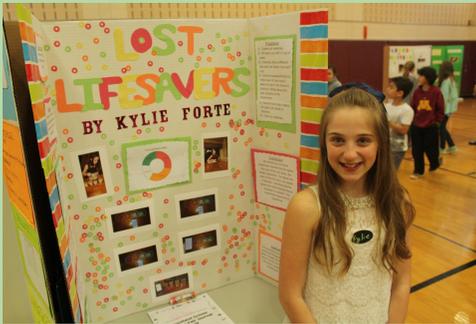
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Thank you to Mrs. Prinzivalli, Ms. Green, and the PTO volunteers for an absolutely amazing and memorable International Day on May 3rd! The students and staff had an awesome time and said it was by far one of their favorite days of the year!



SCIENCE FAIR



Congratulations to Ms. Scuderi and the 5th graders on a wonderful Science Fair. The students were well prepared and shared amazing information on how they used science to explore phenomena



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.

April Superheroes

Kindergarten- Hunter Pearce, Srihitha Sadula

1st grade- Natalie Rosenberger, Sophie Frega, Darby Markham

2nd grade- Ryann Prinzivalli, Chloe Huber

3rd grade - Kellan Melia, Sahil Nicholson

4th grade- Mathew Moreira, Lexie Rowell

5th grade- Navya Raju, Samantha Marques, Daniel Pincus

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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
Thursday June 6th	4th grade "Tour of Warren" Class Trip
Friday, June 7th	PTO Meeting 9:30am Somerset Patriots Game
Monday, June 10th	Grade 1 Wagner Farm Trip
Tuesday, June 11th	5th grade Event-Camp Riverbend District Art Show
Friday, June 14th	Kindergarten Donuts for Dads Field Day
Monday, June 17th	Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony 10am 5th grade Yearbook Signing Party
Tuesday, June 18th	5th grade Moving Up Ceremony 9:30am
Wednesday June 19th	5th grade Capstone Presentations
Thursday June 20th	1:20pm dismissal
Friday, June 21	1:20pm dismissal Last Day of school

