

Dear Woodland Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to share some wonderful news. Our library is being renovated in order to design a space that meets the current and future needs of our students. The library spaces of the Warren Township Schools are ready for a fundamental shift in form and function. In the traditional sense, a school library has been a repository of resources and a quiet refuge. The Reimagined Library space seeks to serve multiple functions within the school including better opportunities for collaboration, utilizing resources, creativity and, of course, for reading a good book!

Beginning in November, our current library space will be closed for this exciting project that will truly be a focal point of Woodland School. Our librarian, Mrs. McGrath, has planned ahead by gathering the books and resources that she, her students and our teachers will need to carry on instruction in the classrooms. A temporary library space will be created in Room 27 until the library is finished so that students will have access to books and media. Mrs. McGrath is also reaching out to the PTO for some help. She could use volunteers to help organize and pack up books. Please sign up to volunteer through Sign Up Genius on our PTO website. A grand reopening celebration will be planned in time for the start of the third marking period. Like a great HDTV renovation reveal, I am looking forward to seeing the reactions of the students, staff and families when the new library theme is unveiled.

The mission of Warren Township School Libraries remains the same: to support students and teachers in all aspects of the curriculum especially critical thinking, information literacy, digital citizenship and technology by providing access to information resources in multiple formats; provide a flexible space that promotes inquiry, creativity, and community; foster a culture of collaboration and innovation; cultivate partnerships among teachers, students, administrators and, most importantly, **promote the love of reading!**

Kindly,

Jeff Heaney