

September 2020

# First Friday

A Monthly Newsletter of the Warren Township Schools



## We are the rock.

All district staff members kicked off the 2020-2021 school year on Tuesday, September 2, with a live virtual presentation from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Matthew Mingle. Much of Dr. Mingle's convocation was based on the award winning musical, *Come From Away*, the remarkable true story of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them. All staff were gifted a copy of the book, *The Day The World Came to Town* by Jim Defede.

Mingle recalled the closing of all school buildings during the 2019-2020 school year due to the Coronavirus crisis and reminded the staff though a quote from Shannon A. Thompson, "We were together even when we were apart."

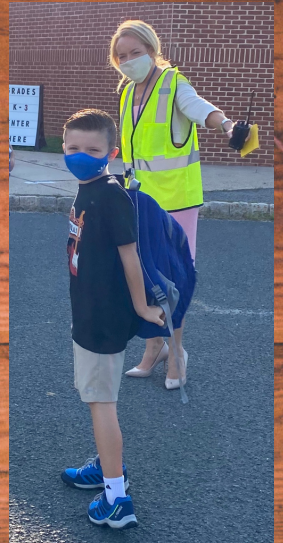
On the first Friday of each month, you will learn about the stories that make up the Warren Township Schools through this monthly newsletter.



# WELCOME BACK



# The First Days of School



# Summer Fun 2020

The Warren Township School District held a virtual Summer Fun program for students in kindergarten through eighth grade.



Summer Fun Principal - Meryl Lettire

Summer Fun Assistant Principal - Melissa Smolenski

Summer Fun Assistant Principal - Jessica Halpern

Summer Fun Secretary - Eileen Haddican



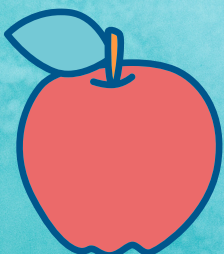
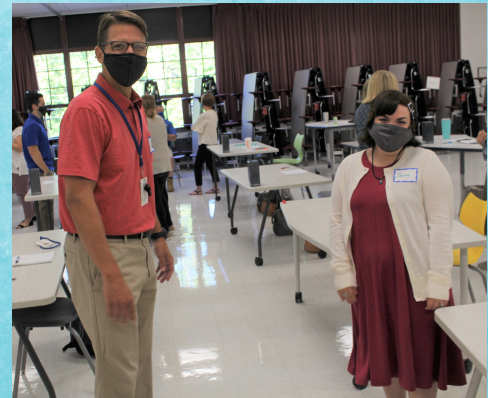
# New Staff Induction for the 2020-2021 School Year

## WARREN TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Teachers and paraprofessionals new to the Warren Township K-8 school district met in person on August 20, to participate in the New Staff Induction Program (NSIP).

Mr. Scott Cook, Mt. Horeb School principal and Mr. Jeffrey Heaney, Woodland School principal, coordinated the New Staff Induction Program which was established over 15 years ago and continues to have a positive impact on new employees. "We are committed to the success of all of our staff members," says Mr. Cook. "This program goes a long way in ensuring that success."

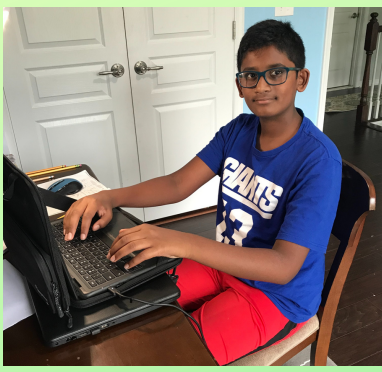
The program did take place in person; however, due to new health and safety protocols, NSIP looked a little different this year!



CONGRATS!



# Upcoming Events District Wide



**Event**

**Date**

Yom Kippur - Schools Closed      September, 28, 2020



All communications related to COVID-19 can be found on the district website.



## Congratulations to Dr. Mingle!

Warren Township Schools are pleased to announce that Dr. Matthew Mingle was selected as a Superintendent to Watch by the National School Public Relations Association.

Each year the National School Public Relations Association recognizes up to 25 superintendents as "Superintendents to Watch." Honorees are school district leaders who have fewer than five years of experience as a superintendent and who demonstrate dynamic, fast-paced leadership with strong communication at its core. They use communication technology in innovative and effective ways to engage and inform their school communities and to expand two-way communication and outreach efforts.

