

October 2019

# First Friday

A Monthly Newsletter of the Warren Township Schools



## STRATEGIC PLAN 2025

Strategic planning is the process of setting goals that reflect the school district's mission and vision to create an optimal experience for Warren students while working together with the community to achieve the best possible outcome. The Strategic Plan is a long-range strategy that will provide the framework and guidance for the district to fulfill its mission. Warren Township Schools invites the community to participate in the 2020-2025 Strategic Planning process which will guide the work of the district for the next five years.

Community input sessions will be held on November 18, 19, 20. Details will be shared on the district website and in the November 1 *First Friday* newsletter.



## SHINING BRIGHTER EVERYDAY!







# Scenes from around the district!





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## *Warren Township Schools Receives Bronze Award from Healthier Somerset*

On September 19, 2019, Dr. Matthew Mingle, Superintendent of Schools along with other members of the Warren Township Schools' Wellness Committee, attended the 2019 Healthier Somerset Workplace Award ceremony to accept the Bronze Award.

The district was being recognized for the first annual Employee Wellness Fair that was held in October of 2018. Warren Township Schools were the only educational entity to be recognized.

During the 2018-2019 school year, the district set a goal to develop programs and practices that support each student and staff member in learning about and practicing a lifestyle that is socially, emotionally, and mentally healthy and as a result, the Wellness Committee was created.

Members of the committee include Dr. Matthew Mingle, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. William Kimmick, Director of Curriculum, teachers, Mrs. Michelle Wegener, ALT, Mrs. Rebecca Sutherland, Central, Mrs. Meredith Fishelman, Mt. Horeb, Mr. Peter Kassalow, WMS, Miss. Alexandra Pranzo, School Counselor, Woodland, Mrs. Carol Brown, Student Assistance Counselor, WMS, Mrs. Jan Brennan, School Nurse, ALT and Mrs. Doris Zanchelli, School Nurse, Mt. Horeb.

According to Zanchelli, "healthy employees are a critical component of a thriving school. Healthy employees provide the continuity and stability that is so essential for educational success. Teachers and school employees are role models for students. Research shows employee health and wellness programs contribute to workplace excellence and job satisfaction in a variety of ways: wellness programs improve employee performance, reduce organizational costs and help create better places to work".



# News from the Schools

## Warren Middle School

For WMS Upcoming Events please visit:  
<https://www.warrentboe.org/schools/middle/>

WMS teachers Mrs. Shimko, Mrs. Slack, Mrs. Plesmid and Mrs. Vigliotti invited their 7th grade language arts students to experience an outdoor classroom on Wednesday, September 18th to help encourage creativity into their figurative language assignment.

Leading up to this activity, students had been working in the classroom identifying figurative language in their independent reading novels.

The objective of this adventure was for students to create their own examples of figurative language by observing the beautiful grounds around Warren Middle School. Inspired by the great outdoors, students were quickly energized to jot down notes in their journal such as, "the clouds were like paint smudged across the sky," "the trees danced like wooden ballerinas," and "the flowers bloomed like a sign of peace." Students were fully engaged during this lesson and were able to apply the skills they learned right away.





# Angelo L. Tomaso School

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## DATE

Mom's Night Out	10/10/2019
Fall Fruit & Veggie	10/11/2019
Spirity Day T-Shirts	10/18/2019
Picture Retake	10/21/2019
Trunk or Treat	10/25/2019
Halloween Parade	10/31/2019

On Wednesday, September 11, Ms. Christine Smith, Principal of ALT along with students, staff and special visitors, gathered together in front of the school to watch as the students raised the American flag for the day. In attendance from the Warren Township Police Department were Officer Jeffrey Sohler and Sergeant Robert Ferreiro and Warren Township Schools employees Mr. Michele Gonnella, Mr. Donald Strickland, volunteer firefighters with the Mt. Bethel Fire Company and Washington Valley Fire Company and Mr. Ronald Budis, US Army Veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division.



# Central School

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dad's Night Out  
Theme Day  
Bullying Assembly  
Sports Team Day  
Trunk or Treat  
Halloween Parade

## DATE

10/4/2019  
10/11/2019  
10/16/2019  
10/18/2019  
10/25/2019  
10/31/2019



Students and staff at Central School started the 2019-2020 school year with a big celebration! Mrs. Alison Tugya, Principal and Ms. Alyssa Pech, School Counselor organized a school-wide pep rally to honor the start of a great school year on Thursday, September 5, 2019. Students filed into the gymnasium, dressed in 'Central' gear and beaming with giant smiles.





# Mt. Horeb School

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Gr. 4 &5 Assembly  
Mt. Horeb Trunk or Treat  
Picture Retakes  
Halloween Parade

## DATE

10/17/2019  
10/25/2019  
10/29/2019  
10/31/2019



Grade 5 students from Mt. Horeb School have been building a Rubik Cube Mosaic with Mrs. Burkhardt, Library Media Specialist. This is a great way for educators to teach algorithms, geometry, problem-solving, spatial relations, patterns and colors!

Mt. Horeb students greatly enjoy this activity. Mrs. Burkhardt is able to provide new patterns every six weeks as she participates in the Cube Lending Program.



# Woodland School

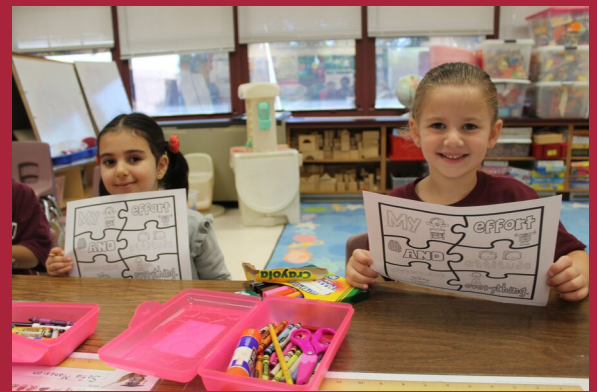
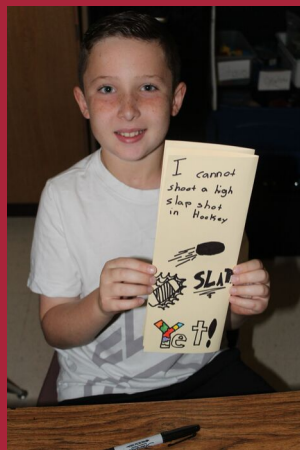
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## DATE

BINGO Night	10/10/2019
Gr. K & 1 Fire Prevention	10/10/2019
Trunk or Treat	10/25/2019
Picture Retakes	10/29/2019
Halloween Parade	10/31/2019

Students and staff were fully engaged during the building-wide Growth Mindset lesson on Friday, September 27. Mr. Jeffrey Heaney, Principal of Woodland School said, "it was wonderful seeing students think about goals and the power of the word YET. These lessons are so very important! I continue to be so proud of the Woodland staff who make these lessons a part of the day."

"Growth Mindset," the theme for the school year, is meant to encourage the students to set goals, learn from failure and never give up! Woodland School will continue to have monthly building-wide lessons and Woodland School teachers will embed Growth Mindset lessons into their classrooms.





# Upcoming Events



## DISTRICT WIDE

<b>BOE Meeting</b>	<b>10/7/19</b>
<b>Yom Kippur - Schools Closed</b>	<b>10/9/19</b>
<b>Staff Development - Schools closed</b>	<b>10/14/19</b>
<b>Staff Development - Schools Closed</b>	<b>10/15/19</b>
<b>BOE Meeting</b>	<b>10/28/19</b>

## Week of Respect 10/7/19 - 10/11/19

Spirit Day Schedule for each Elementary School



**Wear a tie or scarf**



**Wear mismatched clothing**



**Wear bright or neon colors**



**Wear a school shirt**



**Practice gratitude & respect at home**

## **Warren Township Anti-Bullying Parent Presentation Information**

Coach Randy is the President/CEO of Project NextGen. He is a national keynote speaker, workshop trainer and anti-bullying expert. He is trained in the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program and offers trainings and programs for schools, students, parents, camps and coaches.

### **Grade 6 Parent Presentation - 10/16/2019 7pm-8:30pm @WMS**

Raise awareness and knowledge on bully behavior, cyberbullying and social media.  
Learn strategies to support your child.

### **K-Grade 5 Parent Presentation -10/17/2019 7pm-8:30 pm @WMS**

Awareness training, bully identification strategies and role-modeling behavior. Learn strategies support your child.