

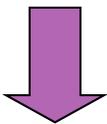
# Pride in our Schools

March/April 2016

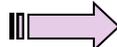
Woodland 5th graders and staffers continue the annual tradition of planting a tree... this year, a beautiful cherry blossom donated by a thoughtful Woodland parent. "The tree symbolizes the growth that students have made throughout their years at Woodland School," says principal Jeff Heaney.



Central Art teacher Rebecca Davenport repurposes old canvas artwork to create these vibrant new works for the Faculty Room.



ALT students entertain board members at 3/7 board meeting.



Abraham Lincoln (a.k.a. Robert Costello) visits the 8th grade students of Josephine Brasile, Lynn Degen, Traci Haise, and Robert Hartshorn to discuss his humble beginnings and his rise to the most powerful office in the United States.



Stories come alive on Reading Night at Mt. Horeb as pajama-clad students sit in a giant nest to hear a tale about a young eaglet, climb into a tent for a campfire story, enjoy cookies and milk and much more. Thanks to all those who participated and to librarian Chris Burkhardt and the MH PTO for organizing.





The 4th graders of writing teacher Beth Figueira welcome Mayor George Lazo and Deputy Mayor Carolann Garafola to a publishing party at ALT, sharing compiled essays on their dreams for Warren (sidewalks were a popular theme), for the U.S. and for the world.



Mt. Horeb Helping Hands service club with teacher Gina Cocivera-Wright organizes charity donation drives each month. In March, it was food/towels for homeless pets in animal shelters.



Central 5th graders celebrate Pi Day on 3/14, measuring the circumference/diameter of circular items with Reach teacher Jill Zimmer and math teacher Mary Beth LeBlond.



Students of the Month  
February 2016



Back Row (L-R): Chanyoung Chi, Aanya Sethi, Dave Ki, Renee Cai  
Front Row (L-R): Emmalee Lamera, Filipe Teixeira, Olivia Forte



Students of the Month  
March 2016

Back Row (L-R): Marianna Renda, Ryan Scheiner, Neha Mandalapu, Cullen Van Skiver, Kimberly Walters  
Front Row (L-R): Zoe Wang, Joel Samayoa, Giselle Sintra





Curriculum Assistant Shannon Albrecht, Data Manager Ashley Peterson and our IT department (L-R Jon Jauh, Patrick MacNamara, Ken Creedon, Lance Riegler) are some of the behind-the-scenes keepers of PARCC. No small task...



Central's 4th grade Art Club, under the guidance of Rebecca Davenport, explores various art media (clay, fabric, paint, chalk and more) and styles (shading/blending and abstract positive / negative space).



The Woodland Service Club, along with staff and parents, prepare and serve over 65 meals for patrons of the South Bound Brook soup kitchen. "The Service Club not only donated their time to prepare and serve dinner, but they also brought boxes of needed items and a \$200 monetary donation" from previous fundraisers, says teacher Christina (Beekman) Brink, who oversees the club.

## HATS OFF TO...



⇒ Mt. Horeb Library Media Specialist Chris Burkhardt, Computer Science teacher Jolanta Scassera and their fellow staffers for this fun [VIDEO](#) celebrating Read Across America Day.

⇒ Warren Middle School Media Specialist Cynthia Cassidy and her ["Read Like a Teen"](#) book club whose [monthly reviews](#) of middle school fiction and non-fiction caught the attention of a couple of national newsletters. (Click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) to read.)

⇒ Eighth grader Ruitao Chen who won a silver medal in the national competition of the 2016 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for his humor essay, "Math Camp."

⇒ Violinists Catherine Cai (Gr 8), Dave Ki (Gr 8), Alexander Chen (Gr 7) and violist Valerie Wang (Gr 7) who, as members of the Region II Orchestra, placed into the 2016 NJ All-State Intermediate Orchestra. The all-state orchestra will perform a concert on Saturday, May 21.

⇒ Our school nurses — Jan Brennan (ALT), Lisa Lontai (MID), Alexis Sacks (CEN), Harriet Stambaugh (WO), Doris Zanchelli (MH) — for completing rigorous requirements and winning (for a second time) the "Asthma Friendly School Award" for our schools.

⇒ Aidan Decker (Gr 7), Michael Harrison (Gr 8), Aneesh Karuppur (Gr 7), and Mayur Sharma (Gr 8) who will compete in the national finals of the National History Bee on June 9-12 in Chicago.

*In the News*... a sampling of recently published articles

[Warren First Graders Grow to Give](#) (*Tap into Warren, 4/23/16*)

[Sea Critters Arrive for Lesson at Warren Middle School](#) (*Star-Ledger, 4/17/16*)

[Children's Author/Illustrator Visits ALT](#) (*Echoes-Sentinel, 4/12/16*)

[Meet Instructional Specialists for Warren Township](#) (*Courier News, 4/7/16*)

[As Sweet as Pi](#) (*Star-Ledger, 3/21/16*)

[Second Grade Pourquoi Tales at Woodland](#) (*Echoes-Sentinel, 3/4/16*)

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Central kindergartners in Andrea McGuire's class build leprechaun traps, to no avail... while ALT principal Kathy Bond dresses the part.



For a unit on Harriet Tubman, 7th graders in Lori Vigliotti's class celebrate the birthday of the noted abolitionist and former slave with Civil War-era music and food and presentations on this timely topic.



Woodland students share plans for the upcoming Invention Convention,, along with information about an after school coding club, with Board of Education members on April 4.



[Poem in Your Pocket Day](#) at Mt. Horeb.

Students choose a poem, carry it all day in a pocket, and share it with others.

Former ALT student Scott Brown reads to 1st and 2nd grade students of World Language teacher Noralys Rebimbas. "Learning a foreign language in elementary school certainly impacted my life as I continue with Spanish to this day," says Brown, now a freshman at Lafayette College.

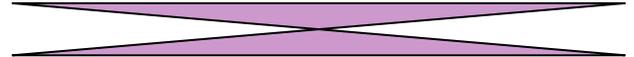




Board Office staff join Transportation and Buildings/Grounds employees to celebrate Transportation Coordinator Jan Donlay's completion of the New Jersey Transportation Supervisors Certification Program at Rutgers.



At the 4/25 BOE meeting, Mt. Horeb 5th graders give Board members a preview of the detailed process of designing and implementing an educational garden for the school.



Grade 4 musical at Woodland, one of the shining examples of [Making Music](#) in Warren Township Schools.



ALT 4th graders receive a firsthand civics lesson from Warren Township Committee members Mick Marion and Gary DiNardo, along with Lieutenant Eric Yaccarino, who visited at the invitation of teacher Amanda Gordon.



Congratulations to our young wordsmiths from Central and WMS who won top honors in the annual essay contest sponsored by the Watchung Hills Elks Lodge.

This year's theme: *What I Can Do to Promote Americanism and Love of Country.*





Author/Illustrator Jarrett Krosoczka inspires young writers at ALT.



Elementary teachers/ admins take on the Harlem Wizards to help raise money for Project A.L.S.



Biography Day at Central.



7th Graders celebrate Norooz, the Persian New Year.



Happy Earth Day!





Mt. Horeb's Science Fair



More Snapshots...



Eighth grade social studies classes receive a visit from a Union soldier for a "real life" lesson on the Civil War.



Woodland 2nd Annual Parent-Teacher Basketball Game



6th graders study Ancient Greece, with a special visit from Alexander the Great.



The Chicks Hatch!



Mt. Horeb 5th graders celebrate the school's golden anniversary with a review of popular songs/artists from 1965.



Grade 5 gardeners at ALT.



Read Across America Day

