



Pride in our Schools September/October 2017



Fall in Warren. Spectacular!

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Farm to table at
Central School with
Jersey Fresh tomatoes
grown in the school's
garden.



First Week of School



The "One and Only You"
project, spearheaded at
Woodland by Susan Leonard.
Students paint rocks to
create a colorful pathway
for the school. More on this
amazing districtwide project
to come.



Butterfly
Splendor
at ALT.



Halloween 2017



Spooky Science Fun with the Grade 8 Team.



Pumpkin decorating contest at Central!



Halloween Parades!



Central donates 84 Halloween costumes to Jersey Cares to help others enjoy the fun of dressing up. Special thanks to Central's terrific PTO and to guidance counselor Alyssa Pech.



Middle School peer leaders visit ALT and Woodland to play Halloween games with kindergartners and to teach the youngsters about Halloween safety. Special thanks to E2 teacher Susan Cooper!



Third graders at Woodland design pumpkins based on a book they are reading. Kudos to the Grade 3 team!

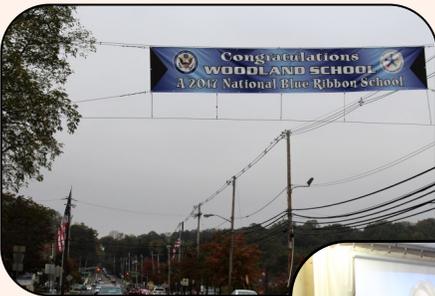




Warren Middle School Upstanders



Some of our teachers attended a Summer Science Institute at Raritan Valley Community College for training on the Next Generation Science Standards. Another group will receive NGSS training this fall.



Woodland is a 2017 National Blue Ribbon

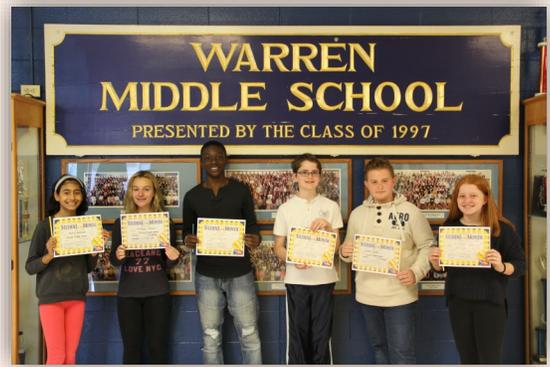


Yay!

Mt. Horeb students harvest and enjoy fresh salad greens and garlic (for toasted garlic bread) from the school's garden. Special thanks to paraprofessional Kate Kogler and to MH's wonderful PTO.



September 2017– Students of the Month
 (L-R): Aneira Kalahasti, Katherine Palmieri,
 Xavier Ainsworth, Daniel Luna, Nikita Senkin,
 Fiona Shanahan. (Not pictured: James
 Brandofino and Gavin Segerson)



Via video conference, Woodland 4th graders talk with Megan Brown who was born with a craniofacial condition called Hemangioma. “I consider myself a real life Auggie,” says Brown about the fictional main character of the powerful children’s novel, *Wonder*. “We hope this session helps our students learn to recognize and accept people’s differences and not judge based on physical appearances,” says teacher Colleen Krumm.



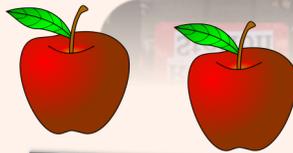
For a 4th consecutive year, Business Administrator Patricia Leonhardt and Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Michael Pate accept the Safety Award from the district’s insurance fund. The award comes with a \$4,000 reduction in premiums.



Central guidance counselor Alyssa Pech sets up a Respect Station at recess to reinforce positive messages.



Mt. Horeb kindergartners in Elizabeth Maag and Meredith Fishelman’s classes celebrate Johnny Appleseed Day.



HATS OFF TO....

- ⇒ Social worker Carol Brown, nurse Lisa Lontai and guidance counselor Lauren Regal whose grant proposal for a mindfulness initiative resulted in Warren Middle School’s receipt of a 2017 Sustainable Jersey for Schools Health and Wellness Grant in the amount of \$4,000.
- ⇒ Central Grade 5 teacher Jennifer SanAntonio who was named *Elementary Educator of the Year* by Junior Achievement of New Jersey.
- ⇒ Instructional Specialist Jessica Nathan who was selected to be a *Teacher Leader* as part of the RVCC’s Next Generation Science Standards training program. She joins Grade 6 science teacher Ann Marie Christou who was selected a few years ago to be a *Teacher Leader*.
- ⇒ Our middle school soccer teams! [Our girls won the championship in overtime; our boys finished second.](#) Well done players and coaches Sean Mealey and Timothy O’Heny!
- ⇒ Anita Brower, Jessica Halpern, Patsy Iannacone, Denise Kennedy, Cathy Lazas, Cathy Maguire, Cathy Murphy, and Joyce Pekarsky who became Certified Dyslexia Practitioners, a certification that recognizes professionals with the knowledge/skills to teach students with dyslexia to read.



Second graders at ALT & Woodland learn numbers & colors with Senora Kenya Cook in the new active learning space classrooms.



Celebrating Hispanic history, culture, people and, of course, food with Senoras Martha Mendez and Alexis Slack.



Cooperative games boost team-building skills with PE teachers Douglas Clark, Laura Lamson, Jeffrey Sutherland, John Tshilas.



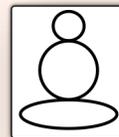
7th graders in Myranda Shimko/Vivien Plesmid's LA classes write nature-inspired poetry on first day of autumn.



St. Hubert's Animal Rescue visits Mt. Horeb and ALT to talk about social action & being an Upstander for people and animals. Special thanks to Reach teacher Wendy Piller & ALT's Susan Jackson, Nancy Andrews & the Grade 5 Team.



Central 3rd graders in Sara Kolesar's class shake hands, share news and enjoy a short activity as part of a daily "morning meeting" based on the Responsive Classroom Model.



District guidance counselors received training to conduct a Mindfulness Initiative. "Each Monday, WMS starts the day with 'Drop Everything and Breathe,'" says principal George Villar. "The whole school pauses for a few moments to calm themselves and relax to prepare for the day ahead."

At Woodland, thanks to a generous PTO 'Dream it, Fund it' grant, students practice mindful breathing in the new Zen Den with Diane Langworthy.

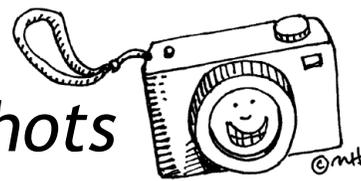




Eco-Friendly Water Bottle Filling Stations



Snapshots



Nurse Lisa Lontai arranges for cascading bubbles to greet middle schoolers for Global Handwashing Day.



Budding Impressionists at ALT in Donna Pellagrino's art class.



Preschoolers visit Mt. Horeb principal Scott Cook as part of a unit of study that includes "What Names We Need to Know in School."



Fun on the playground at Central School.

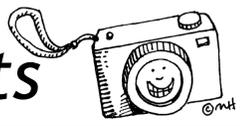


Local firefighters discuss fire safety with ALT kindergartners & first graders.



Middle schoolers beta test a new Google product.

More Snapshots



Positive messages in the 2nd grade hallway at Central.

Mt. Horeb 5th graders in Cristina Trump's class read "The Best Part of Me" before experimenting with different writing styles to describe a favorite body part.



Welcome to new staff for 2017-2018!



Our Summer Warriors

Always a favorite! Fruit & Veggie Tasting Day at ALT, thanks to the hardworking PTO.



Middle School staff volunteers a Saturday at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey.



Crazy hats and hair to celebrate the "Week of Respect" and each person's uniqueness.



In the News... a sampling of recent press coverage:

[Warren Middle School Girls Soccer Team Wins Championship](#) – Tap into Warren, 10/27/2017

[Warren Schools Install Refillable Water Stations](#)–Courier News, 10/26/2017

[Warren PARCC Scores 'Positioned Favorably' to State Averages](#)–Echoes-Sentinel, 10/22/2017

[Blue Ribbon Celebrations Coming for Woodland School](#)–Echoes-Sentinel, 10/17/2017

[Warren Middle School Tackles Bullying with Upstander of the Week](#)–Tap into Warren, 9/22/2017

