

Pride in Our Schools

Enjoy these May/June highlights that were celebrated on social media, in our schools, and throughout Warren Township. We are proud of our students and staff. Warren Township Schools... *Shining Brighter Every Day!*

Congratulations to the Warren Township School District as it was honored in June as a winner of the 2015 NJSPRA School Communications Award. NJSPRA is the New Jersey chapter of NSPRA, the National School Public Relations Association. Superintendent Tami Crader and PR/Communications Coordinator Mia Bivaletz worked together to increase public relations and communications via print and online media outlets, on social media, and most importantly, throughout our wonderful community.



Any day can be Earth Day! After reading *The Great Trash Bash*, Susan Leonard's Kindergarten students were eager to collect trash and improve their school community at Woodland. Likewise, at Mt. Horeb School, Chris Burkhardt and students in 3rd and 5th were inspired to reduce litter and make a difference. These are a few more examples of how this district *shines brighter every day!*



New to Central School this year, was the Little Feet Walking Club. The curriculum Danielle Riccio and Jennifer SanAntonio planned, incorporated the many benefits of physical fitness, while increasing self-esteem, energy, and more! The children looked forward to receiving "toe token" rewards for walking specific distances. Each time a student completed a mile, their card was marked.

Two WHRHS fencers came to ALT School to perform a demo, reinforcing the skills and techniques taught in Doug Clark's PE unit for 3rd - 5th graders.



"We've got the whole world in our hands...." One featured Art Show piece was a giant mosaic constructed entirely out of shredded pages of unwanted "junk mail" catalogs; it measures over 200 sq ft. The project was developed by the 4th grade REACH class, and *all* Woodland students took part in helping to create this massive artwork!

In Steve Rizzoli's 5th grade science class, students recorded the length and direction of shadows cast by the sun as part of their Measuring Time module. What fun it is to learn outdoors at Central School!



At the WMS chorus concert, 126 talented members performed. Two special numbers included the Girls Chorus singing "Wings" and the Boys Chorus singing "We are the Men", complete with choreography and props.

Phil Shimko, a custodian at ALT School, introduced students to bonsai, by bringing in a display from his personal collection of bonsai trees. He sculpts and maintains them, and the children loved it!



Left: Mt. Horeb 3rd graders continued to observe and nurture their vegetable plants as part of the *Growing To Give* project. The plants were transplanted at the Wagner Farm Arboretum. What an educational and exciting way to give back to our community! Right: Preschool students planted Brussels sprout seeds and broccoli seeds. With their older buddies, they were excited to plant as well.

On May 20th, Woodland School held its 1st Staff & Parents basketball game! On the court, K-2 staff and parents challenged the combo team of 3-5. It was fast-paced, high intensity, and a lot of fun! While the final score was 60-58, with Team 3-5 taking the lead, the highlights were the cheering student fans and the overall camaraderie!





Above: In honor of Memorial Day, Central School staff participated in the nationwide *Jeans for Troops* day. Their donations will help veterans with college opportunities, jobs, healthcare, and housing. Right: Members of the WTEA marched in Warren Township's Memorial Day parade.



Congratulations to the district winning team, the Random Readers, who hail from Angelo L. Tomaso School!

Students read diligently in May to prepare for the district level *Battle of the Books*. The school teams, who each won at their building level, were the All Star Potatoes (CS), Fearsome Foursome (MHS), Book Wizards (WS) and....



The Woodland Science Fair was a huge success; all 5th grade students participated! Working over five weeks on an experiment of their choice, the students utilized a rubric, followed the stages of the scientific method, designed creative presentation boards, and incorporated technology. Special thanks to Principal Heaney, Woodland's supportive staff, and Gina Cocivera-Wright who organized the event.

Clifford Sunflower came to Angelo L. Tomaso School as part of the ALT PTO's Dream It-Fund It Program. Through storytelling, puppets, live visitors, and more, he provided factual information about honeybees and their important role. Additionally, learning centers allowed for museum-type exploration. Sunflower's active hive, with over 2,000 bees, certainly delivered the "wow factor". Special thanks to Deanna DeRoner and Joanne Marquis.



Christina Beekman and the Woodland Service Club held numerous fundraisers to help childhood cancers. Through their efforts, \$1230 will be shared between Alex's Lemonade Stand and the Meghan Rose Bradley Foundation. Recently, Meghan's mother was presented with a check; the money will heighten awareness about pediatric brain cancer.

Check out what Ann Marie Christou, Sandy Foley, Simone Miller, and Michele Tanzi planned for their 6th grade science classes! Students were presented with a mission based on the imaginary location of Crinkle Ridge. They had to assess how different structures are impacted by earthquakes and analyze the implications of location change, as well as building construction in the town. This 21st century learning scenario invited learners to create their own questions, formulate hypotheses, and devise experiments. It is impressive to see what the outcomes are when children think beyond local, to issues more global.



The ALT running club finished another successful season with 17 of the 24 girls (and their coaches Jan Brennan and Michelle Jarmicki) completing the Somerville 5K on Sunday, June 7th. The running club incorporated lessons and physical activity during their twice weekly meetings. Their motto is "Girls who run have so much fun!" ... and indeed they had a blast!



The WMS 7th graders had their annual overnight trip to Fairview Lake YMCA Camp. Students were entertained by many activities that balanced good 'ole fun, outdoor learning, and team building. Special thanks to Dan Ticchio and Max Achtau for planning the trip, as well as to WMS staff and parent chaperones.

