



## Learning is our Mission

### Back to School Message from our Superintendent

Welcome back to school! Our back to school goal this year is consistent, that every child reaches his full learning potential, academically, socially and emotionally. Below are a few back to school tips for you at home to assist with our goal!

- A positive outlook is the best thing to inspire in your children and to keep them performing well at school.
- Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep, eats the right foods, and has a packed lunchbox each day.
- Participate in school life by joining us for PTO meetings, sports events, school concerts, and assemblies.
- Get to know your child's teacher, subjects, and classmates
- Computer and TV screens can tire some children out cognitively and visually, so limit viewing and computer time to certain times every day to keep your child free for homework.
- Create a homework area. The study area should include a table or a desk, a chair that's comfortable, and good lighting. It doesn't necessarily have to be in the child's room: try the living room, a nook, or the family room.

Parents and guardians can use the Lunchtime Portal and the Power School Parent Portal by clicking the tab on our website. Keep teacher-parent communication ongoing throughout the year.

As we prepare for the new school year, sometimes the best encouragement you can

give a child is simply some time spent with you. If your children do not have to worry that they will get less attention from you, they will be even more excited than they already are to go back to school. So, consider clearing your schedule that first week they go back to school in order to be there to listen and help them with anything they may need. They might need you to fill out paperwork, homework help, to simply listen to them, or just to know that you will be there, read with them, and find time for them after their schedules get busier.

I look forward to another productive school year at our Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Schools!

### Welcome New Staff!

#### Welcome School Business Administrator/Board Secretary Chin

The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Board of Education appointed Mrs. Rose Chin as our Business Administrator/Board Secretary. Ms. Chin comes to us with a degree from the Wharton School and has 20 years of experience in the business world prior to working for schools. MS. Chin believes strongly in public education, and looks forward to utilizing her skills to help our students continue to excel.

#### High School

Chief Technology Officer	Karlyle	Adams
Teacher	Kaitlyn	Bill
Library/Media Services	James	Bracciante
Teacher	Jennifer	Kraft
Library Aide	Christie	Nelson
Technology Technician	Tiffany	Roback

#### Middle School

Guidance Counselor	Kim	Micale
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#### Mary Shoemaker Elementary School

Nurse	Elizabeth	Locke
Kindergarten	Maria	Lucas
Teacher-part time	Ashley	Murawski
Lunchroom Aide	Johanna	Riggins

### Early Childhood Learning Center

Nurse	Holly	Kitchen
Guidance Counselor	Stephanie	Silver
Pre-K Teacher	Jennifer	Quinn

### Child Study Team

Psychologist	Jennifer	McBride
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### District

Custodian	Nicholas	D'Alessandro
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### Moving on to New Chapters

Our Board of Education accepted the following resignations, with regret:

First Name	Last Name
Marcia	Carter
Thomas	Coleman
Sean	Fry
Kimberly	Gerardi
Justin	Gruber
Grant	Hildebrand
Brittany	Hogate
Cynthia	Lenahan
Thomas	McHugh
Alison	Morrison
Kimberly	Nelson
Lisa	O'Brien
V. Aleng	Phommathep
Michael	Powers
Bette	Rogers
Ryan	Sandy
Meghan	Taylor
Alice	Trotta
Joseph	Ursino
Patricia	Windstein
Elizabeth	Post

### Referendum Update:

Thank you for supporting our Referendum projects. Our schools are looking great and are on schedule for opening day 2017!

### Board Goals

**Goal 1** The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Board of Education will promote equity of learning for all students via analysis of students' success in multiple facets of school life, including assessment data, curricular viability, Federal sub-group data disaggregation, attendance data, and discipline data. Through implementation of data-driven, strategic actions, student achievement will increase by an average minimum of (three) 3% in each subject area of our state mandated assessments (PARCC).

**Goal 2** The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Board of Education will foster active technology use by all community stakeholders by increasing access to technology and devices, providing for the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge via technological resources in concert with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, engaging our community in support of our district, and compiling annual electronic survey completion data. During the 2017-2018 school year, the District will increase classroom devices by a minimum of 15%.

**Goal 3** The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Board of Education will maintain the financial integrity of our district while providing quality programs that meet or exceed the needs of all students by prioritizing funds in order to support the continued development of high quality programming, green initiatives, and clean, well-maintained learning environments while achieving a balanced annual budget.

### In Our September Edition:

Be on the Lookout for our WOLVERINES OF THE MONTH!

