



## Learning is our Mission

Dear Students, Parents, Colleagues, Alumni and Friends:

Daylight Savings Time is here, and spring is upon us. This spring it is a pleasure to reflect on the various literacy activities our students enjoyed in conjunction with Read Across America week, and the many musical happenings across the District. Our students are very talented.

With tax season upon us, it is time to discuss our fiscal responsibility to our students and to the residents of our town. The Woodstown-Piles Grove Regional Public Schools have made a commitment to operate under the 2% budgetary cap. Within the cap, we adhere to the following fiscal premise:

- The Woodstown-Piles Grove Regional Public Schools will create a budget that is educationally sound and continues to provide outstanding opportunities for our students
- The Woodstown-Piles Grove Regional Public Schools will prepare a budget that is fiscally sound yet is sensitive to the economic climate
- The Woodstown-Piles Grove Regional Public Schools will make decisions that will maintain the integrity of the Woodstown-Piles Grove Regional Public Schools for future years
- Essential facets of the school budget that will be continued include mathematics and science curriculum upgrades to reflect our New Jersey Student Learning Standards
- Math and Science Curricula at Woodstown Middle School
- Mathematics Pilot Programming at the Woodstown High School
- Interdisciplinary/Cross Content curriculum initiatives and Anti-bullying/Character Education initiatives at all levels will all be maintained

- Technology upgrades with regard to student devices, internet speed, and smart board and smart table pilot programming will ensue.
- Faculty and staff development is included in our budget as well. School-based book clubs via professional learning communities (PLC's) will continue.
- Differentiated Instruction will continue to be a focus. In-house workshops will be presented to keep our staff on target to meet student growth objectives, professional development goals and continuously improve the overall learning process for our students.

Our annual budget hearing will occur at our Thursday, April 26, 2018 Board of Education Meeting. The meeting will be at 7:00 pm in the Mary Shoemaker Gym. Please consider joining us.

Now we are off to enjoy our Spring Break. School resumes on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. I look forward to warmer weather and a successful spring season for all.

### With Sincere Condolences

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On Sunday, March 26, 2018, Woodstown High School student and valued member of our community, Tim Crim, was killed in a tragic automobile accident. Tim was a junior at Woodstown High School and a special part of the Woodstown family. Tim was an active member of our Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute club and was planning on becoming a Youth Advisory Counselor for the group this upcoming school year.

Tim was a Junior Firefighter with the Elmer Fire Department and was working hard toward becoming a Probationary Firefighter. Tim hailed from a long family tradition of service and firefighters, with his late grandfather, late father, and his uncle all serving as past chiefs. His brother and cousins also serve as firefighters.

Tim was also a member of Boy Scout Troop 60 in Daretown. Tim was always willing to help others and was passionate about treating everyone with kindness and respect. Please remember Tim and his family during this very difficult time.

## Board of Education Agenda

Highlights from the March 27, 2018 Board of Education Meeting:

Field trips, volunteers, fund raisers, policies and financial reports were all approved. In February, a change in the Business Administrators job description from Business Administrator to Assistant Superintendent for Business. Mrs. Rose Chin is still the Board Secretary as well as the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

Not sure when the BOE meetings are or what is on the agenda? Meetings are held once a month usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. They start at 7:00 pm and are generally held in the Mary Shoemaker Library.

Can't make the meeting but want to keep up with what is happening? All board agendas are listed on our website. [Click here](#) to go and check them out!

## Upcoming Events/Dates

### Diversity Summit – Rescheduled!!

**Woodstown Middle School  
April 21, 2018**

*Presented by the NAACP in conjunction with the  
Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School District*

Students, Parents, Alumni, Colleagues and  
Friends—Join Us!

#### Program

8:30 am	Light Refreshments <i>provided by Nutri-Serve</i>
9:00—10:15	Panel Discussion
10:15—11:00	Guest Speaker - James E. Harris
11:00—11:30	Group Discussion - Next Steps

**Below is a sneak preview of the videos we will be showing at the summit:**

#### **Robert F. Kennedy Speech**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCrx\\_u3825g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCrx_u3825g)

#### **Ted Talk – Megan Phelps Roper – Building Bridges**

[https://www.ted.com/talks/megan\\_phelps\\_roper\\_i\\_grew\\_up\\_in\\_the\\_westboro\\_baptist\\_church\\_here\\_s\\_why\\_i\\_left#t-278351](https://www.ted.com/talks/megan_phelps_roper_i_grew_up_in_the_westboro_baptist_church_here_s_why_i_left#t-278351)

## Moving on to New Chapters

Our Board of Education accepted the following retirement(s).

Name	Date
Nan Hathaway	7/1/2018
Gloria Mitchell	7/1/2018

The District extends congratulations to Dr. Hoopes as he moves to a new chapter also, as Superintendent of Pittsgrove Schools, effective 7/1/2018.

## Welcome New Staff!

### District

Occupational Therapist	Stephanie	Smart
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### Mary Shoemaker

Paraprofessional-part time	Kim	Altiery
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### Middle School

English Teacher	Brandy	Ragan
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## Next Wolverine Den Meeting!!

“Wolverine Den Spring Survey Forum” on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7 pm in the Board Conference Room. Your input is valuable to us!

## Upcoming BOE Meeting Dates

Thursday	4/26/18	7:00 pm	Shoemaker MPR
Thursday	05/24/18	7:00 pm	Shoemaker

## Wolverine of the Month!

### High School

Lynnae Milbourne	March 2018
Spencer Reese	March 2018

### Middle School – Junior Wolverine

Emma Kopec	March 2018
Trevor McCarson	March 2018

### Mary Shoemaker – Young Wolverine

Isabella Maurer	March 2018
George Ben Stengel	March 2018

