



## Learning is our Mission

Dear Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School Students, Parents, Alumni, Colleagues and Friends:

November is upon us, and the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Schools are operating smoothly. The students and staff have settled into routines and teaching and learning is moving forward. I would like to focus on our Strategic Planning Initiative this month to make sure our commitment to open communication is being met. As you know, our District is in the process of undergoing a Strategic Planning Initiative. We had great conversations in our first meeting. Our next planning meeting will be held immediately after the PTO Meeting in the Library at the Mary Shoemaker Elementary School on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 7:45 pm. Our meeting will last an hour. Join us to share your thoughts and help chart a course for the future of our School District.

Since November is the month of Thanksgiving, I would like to highlight some of the things I am thankful for. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve such a fantastic school community. We work hard to get a positive result for every person involved in the WPRSD. I am thankful for being part of such a caring, dedicated, and professional staff. Each staff member works hard to do their job to the best of their ability. Our staff consistently places students first. Please review the video link. It illustrates our staff's commitment to our children. Another thing I am thankful for is our school district's innovation and drive to get better. Our core instruction is great and through research, professional development, and implementation, we continue to hone and polish our instructional craft. I believe we have a good balance between academics, athletics and the fine arts. We believe all three programs can thrive together. Yet, the thing I am most thankful for remains our students. We have the best student body around. Our students are respectful, fun, and do what they are supposed to do. We have supportive parents and a staff that helps our students flourish. Our students are the best! I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving.



## School Safety Update

Student safety continues to be an ever-increasing question for students, parents, and school officials. The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School District is committed to providing as safe and secure a learning environment as possible for our students and staff. The District complies with all Department of Education regulations and state law regarding security measures. Emergency Planning is reviewed annually with local, county and state emergency responders. NJ mandated drills are conducted and training is provided to staff and students in current best practice for security actions.

The WPRSD underwent an independent School Safety Audit in April 2018. The goal of the Audit was to optimize our resources and review opportunities for improvement. Audit recommendations have been reviewed by the administrative team and are currently in the implementation phase. A brief presentation on safety will highlight our November 15, 2018 Board of Education Meeting. The meeting is held in the Mary Shoemaker Elementary School Library at 7 p.m.

## **Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Schools 2018-2019 Strategic Planning Initiative**

*Secure the history. Review the present. Map the future.*

### **YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO TALK WITH US**

Wednesday, November 14, 2018,  
MSS Library (After PTO Meeting)

Tuesday, December 4, 2018,  
WHS Cafeteria, 7-8 pm

All meetings have the same agenda, which is to share dialogue about the future of our schools!

RSVP: Go to [www.woodstown.org](http://www.woodstown.org)  
"Strategic Planning" to reserve your seat!

## New Video on our Website!

Check out our first installment video of several of our teachers discussing "WHY?" they are such powerful educators. More videos will be added in the future so keep checking the website!



Click above to view video.

## State of the District

During the September 27<sup>th</sup> board meeting, the Superintendent and Administrators gave a presentation on the State of the District. A power point was shown during the meeting.



Click here for the power point.

## Suggestions/Comments/Questions

We would like to hear from you! If you have any suggestions, comments or questions about something please [CLICK HERE](#) to go to our website and complete a short survey.



## Board of Education Agenda

Highlights from the October 25, 2018 Meeting:

The High School Girls Tennis Team and Coach Jesse Stemberger were recognized as the South Jersey Group I Tennis Champions. Our September and October Wolverines of the Month were in attendance with family and friends to receive their award. Additionally, Gabrielle Heyel was selected as the Salem County Volunteer of the Year by the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and Marianne Wurmbach was selected as the Salem County Educational Support Specialist of the Year. Congratulations to everyone!

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!

## Welcome New Staff!

### High/District

PT Paraprofessional	Christie Nelson
PT Paraprofessional	Amy Wallace

### Long Term Substitutes

HS	Douglas Connolly
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## Upcoming BOE Work Session Dates

Thursday	11/07/18	6:00 pm	BOE Office
Thursday	12/06/18	6:00 pm	BOE Office

## Upcoming BOE Public Meeting Dates

Thursday	11/15/18	6:00 pm	MSS Library
Thursday	12/13/18	6:00 pm	MSS Library

