



# January 2017 Board Report

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## A Message from the Superintendent

### *January is School Board Recognition Month*

Across the nation, school districts mark the month of January with the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month. This is a time to show our appreciation and begin to better understand how local trustees work together to prepare today's students to be tomorrow's leaders. In Warren Woods, our school board members chose to serve our district in countless ways and I truly believe we are an exceptional district due to their extraordinary leadership.

Public education is the backbone of American society, and local school boards are deeply rooted in U.S. tradition. It's the foundation on which our democracy was built. Today, local school boards continue to do the most important work of their communities – that of education our youth. Please join with us, and other districts from throughout our state, to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of our public schools.

Often, people ask what the role of a school board members is. Their job is to establish a vision for the education program, ensure schools are working to achieve that vision and strongly advocate for continuous improvement in student learning. Ultimately, their three main roles are to hire the Superintendent, set policy and set the district budget. The job of a school board member is tough, the hours long and the thanks few and far between. Too often, we are quick to criticize without truly understanding the complex nature of their decisions. Now is the time to thank them for their untiring efforts to help make Warren Woods an outstanding district in which to live, learn and work.



**WWPS Board of Education** (left to right) Back row: Treasurer Mike Schulte, Vice President Don Marx, Trustee Jerry Barkey, Trustee Paul Zannetti. Front row: Trustee Mike Fitzpatrick, Secretary Kay Walsh, President Jere Green.

We often forget about the personal sacrifices school board members make to serve our community and state. Board members contribute hundreds and hundreds of hours each year in and around our districts; the time spent in board meetings represents just a small fraction of the hours they contribute. They spend hours on professional development to keep abreast of the latest trends in educational leadership, are deeply involved in community activities and spend many hours at extracurricular events. They continually advocate for the children in our state and, in the past year, school board members made countless passionate pleas to legislators, speaking out against budget cuts and pushing for smart reforms.

As you know, our board members come from a variety of backgrounds, yet they share a common goal – helping students achieve in school and life. As a state, Michigan has faced many challenges, but the key to a brighter future is a strong public education system. In Warren Woods, we are proud of the incredible school board that we have to guide our district. Please join us in thanking them for their leadership.

Stacey Denewith-Fici  
Superintendent

# Calendar

## WWPS WINTER 2017

Please verify dates and times in monthly school newsletters and on our website at [www.MYWWPS.org](http://www.MYWWPS.org)

### January

- 4 Classes Resume from Winter Break
- 9 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 PM
- 11 Early Release Gr. K-12
- 16 No School Gr. K-12
- 23 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 PM
- 25 Early Release Gr. K-12
- 26 Half Day Gr. 9-12
- 27 Half day Gr. K-12  
End of 1st Semester

### February

- 13 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 PM
- 15 Early Release Gr. K-12
- 20-21 No School Gr. K-12 Mid-Winter Break
- 22 Kindergarten & Elementary  
Information Night @ WWTHS 6:00 PM
- 27 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 PM

### March

- 1 Early Release Gr. K-12
- 2 Kindergarten Round-up 6:00 PM
- 8 Half Day Gr. 6-8
- 13 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 PM
- 15 Early Release Gr. K-12  
WWMS 5th Gr. Orientation 7 PM
- 17 Half Day Gr. K-12
- 22 Half Day Gr. K-5  
Elementary Conferences
- 27 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 PM
- 29 Early Release Gr. K-12
- 31 End of 3rd Quarter

### April

- 3-7 No School Gr. K-12 Spring Break
- 10 Classes Resume  
Board of Education Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12 Early Release Gr. K-12
- 14 No School Gr. K-12 – Holiday
- 24 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 PM
- 26 Early Release Gr. K-12

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### Early Release Times and Dates:

#### Early Release Times:

Elementary School dismissal at 2:40 PM  
Middle School dismissal at 1:10 PM  
High School dismissal at 1:25 PM

#### Early Release Dates:

January 11 and 25  
February 15  
March 1, 15 and 29  
April 12 and 26  
May 10 and 24  
June 14



## ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

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# Early Childhood News



*Santa and his elf made an appearance at Mrs. Neuner's holiday celebrations.*



*Preschool staff members were able to participate in a HighScope Training due to a grant received.*



*The Warren Woods Early Childhood Center loved the t-shirt fundraiser.*



*Title I Family Engagement Bowling Event. Families were able to participate in a fun filled evening with friends and families from all three elementary buildings.*

# Elementary News

## Briarwood



Briarwood Elementary had an amazing turnout on Friday, December 2nd for the annual Cookies and Cakes event. We had over 66 baskets to raffle off and hundreds of cookies and treats to eat. There were arts and craft activities for students and even Santa made an appearance. It is with pride from the Briarwood Community that a donation of \$1300 was sent to the Warren Fraternal Order of Police Organization. All the proceeds will fund the annual Shop with a Cop for underprivileged children.



Briarwood students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade put on a holiday concert on December 19th for parents and community members. Students were under the direction the music teacher, Ms. Kate Hyne. This was a fabulous way to spend an evening and get into the holiday spirit.

## Briarwood Students Think Science Is Phenomenal!



Students in Mrs. Jarvie's 3rd grade class and 4th grade students in Mrs. Swindell's class are busy learning about science topics with the use of hands-on activities. Mrs. Jarvie and Mrs. Swindell are piloting the Phenomenal Science curriculum which was written by teachers, FOR Michigan Teachers. The students

have an opportunity to follow the inquiry based learning style (engage, explore, explain, elaborate and evaluate) to

understand a scientific phenomenon. In every unit students plan and conduct an investigation, make observations, ask questions, and analyze and interpret data. So far, students in Mrs. Jarvie's class have explored the effects of force and motion, as well as the phenomenon of magnets. Mrs. Swindell's students have explored the power of energy. Both Mrs. Jarvie and Mrs. Swindell look forward to sharing their experience and lessons within the Phenomenal Science program with their colleagues.



# Elementary News

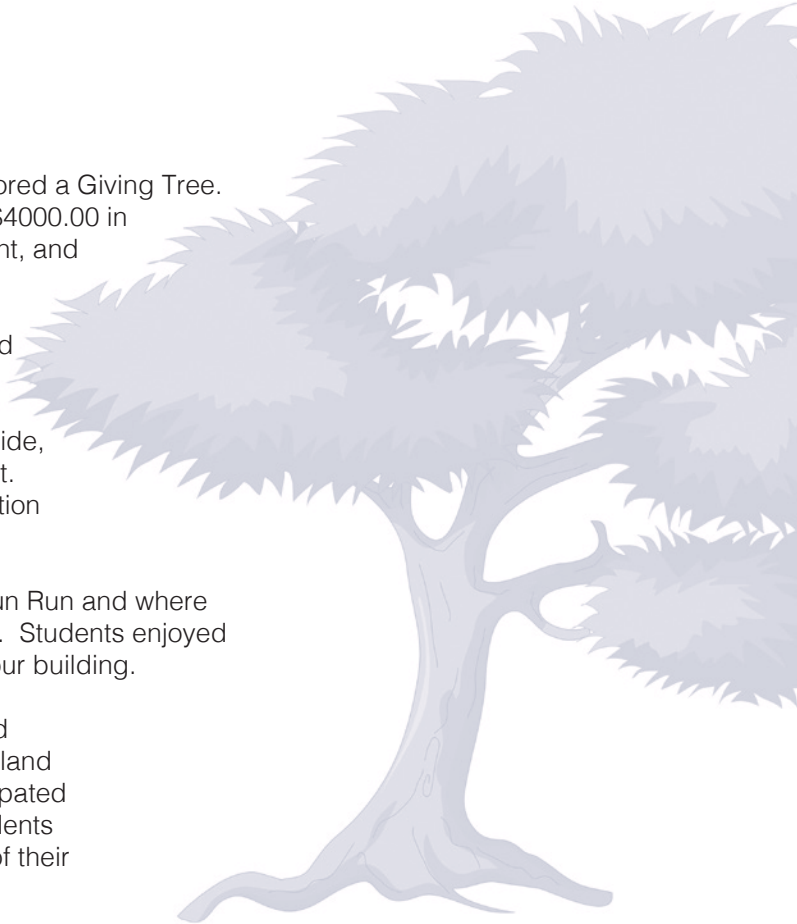
## Pinewood

**Giving Tree:** Our Student Leadership Team at Pinewood sponsored a Giving Tree. We were able to assist 8 families at Pinewood. We raised over \$4000.00 in cash, gift cards, and gifts for our families. This is an annual event, and we were able to assist more families this year than last.

**Fall Festival:** This year, as in previous years, our PTC sponsored our Fall Festival. At minimal cost, concessions and raffles only, the PTC was able to provide a fun experience for our students. There was a tattoo artist, photo booth, petting zoo, haunted hayride, cake walk, lawn games, raffles, concessions, and a trunk or treat. This event was well attended, near 700 attendees, and is a tradition at Pinewood that is expected and is a great start to our year!

**Fun Run:** The school's Lighthouse Committee sponsored our Fun Run and were able to raise \$4500.00 for our Character Development Initiatives. Students enjoyed the fabulous day and were enthusiastic about raising funds for our building.

**Winter Wonderland Concert:** This year, with the assistance and guidance of Ms. Hyne, our students performed a Winter Wonderland Concert for their families and friends. Grades 3, 4, and 5 participated in this year's concert, the first for many of our students! The students did an incredible job and the Pinewood Community was proud of their dedication and hard work in preparing for the event.



## Westwood

### Homecoming Parade

This year, Westwood has been an extremely busy place for staff and students. Just to name a few, our Wildcats participated in this year's Homecoming Parade. Our students were so excited to show their pride and support, cheering on the WWT Titans.



Our school-wide Positive Behavior Program recognizes students for their excellence in behavior, following our C.A.T.S Expectations. Students are rewarded with monthly incentives and raffles throughout the year. Our Wildcats recently participated in our first ever MSU vs. U of M tailgate celebration. Staff and students showed support for their favorite team while enjoying hotdogs, chips, live music, and outside games. It was a day to remember! ☺



## Veterans Day Dash

On Friday, November 11th Westwood Elementary students participated in a Veteran's Day Dash. Students raised money for our Positive Behavior Program and one of our favorite charities, Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs. This organization trains and donates service dogs to our veterans in need.

## Community Support

During the holiday season, our Westwood Community supported a Giving Tree this year, assisting our Westwood families in need. In addition to the Giving Tree, Westwood's PTC organized a Sock Drive for homeless shelters. These socks will help provide warmth to those in need during the cold months ahead.

# Middle School News

## Community Support

Prior to Winter Beak, the WWMS Student Council collected multiple boxes of hats, mittens, gloves and scarves that were donated to the Warren Goodfellows.

Warren Woods Middle School would like to thank UAW Ford for their generosity during the Holiday Season. 120 holiday dinners, complete with trimmings, were donated to the school for local families.



# High School News

## WWT Family Gives Back

Thanks to the incredibly generous donations from the WWT staff, student clubs, parent organizations (Booster Club, POHI Parent Club, Band Boosters, Titan Touchdown Club) and a few outside groups, we were able to raise an amazing \$7,947 (over \$900 more than last year).

While the majority of this was used to purchase gift cards to Meijer's and Kroger, it also included some clothing and gift cards to additional stores.

In all, over 200 students received something from the Warren Woods Tower family.

## High School Highlights

- Mr. Vukich and the WWT Mock Trial Team visited the Michigan Supreme Court
- Mrs. Walczyk's third-hour class placed third in the state for an Electoral College Election Competition and she, along with three students were invited to Lansing to watch the Michigan Electoral Vote.
- The Honorable Judge Matthew Sabaugh held his 37th District Court in the WWT Auditorium on December 16.
- NHS students volunteered at the Gleaner's Food Bank in December.
- HOSA students raised \$370 in honor of AIDS awareness
- Mrs. Michele Morgan, Occupational Therapist and Mrs. Deann Kujawski, Special Education Teacher, received a \$2,100 grant from the Michigan Association of Environmental Professionals for a "mealworm condo."
- Student Council sponsored a blood drive and raised 38 pints of blood
- The 17th year of Communication Camp was a success!
- Approximately 50 special needs students had the opportunity to participate in football drills and play a simulated game, while the WWT football players, cheerleaders and band cheered them on.
- WWT Marching Band earned a "1" rating at MSBOA

# WWT Teacher Award

## WWT Teacher Receives Entrepreneurial Classroom Award

WWPS is proud to announce that Michele Morgan, Occupational Therapist at WWT, will be presented with the 2017 Entrepreneurial Classroom Award from the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children. The award will be presented at the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children's Conference on March 2. Michele is being recognized for her Make it Work program at WWTHS.



## Enterprise High School Library "Eagle Center"

This collaboration was made possible by the hard work of students, staff, and community members. Many people donated books, magazines, furniture, and artwork to make the space a comfortable and welcoming center for literacy and learning. Special thanks to Ms. Danielle Smith who spear-headed the project, Ms. Cathy Junga, Mrs. Stacey Stasinski, and many others who have taken personal time to enhance the center to better meet student needs.





# SMTEC Student News

- Congratulations to the JROTC Panther Drill Team who placed 3rd in the Detroit Statewide Drill Competition
- Hats off to the Warren Woods Tower Culinary Program who earned Second Place in the Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union's Annual Dessert Competition. Congratulations to both WWT and Lincoln teams on their delicious entries.
- Congratulations to the following students on their nominations for Outstanding CTE Seniors and CTE Students. They will each be honored at the Feb. 3rd MCTEAA Breakfast at MISD.

Charles Debczak-CLHS  
 Matthew Collings-CLHS  
 My Tran-FHS  
 Kenny Schumborg-FHS

Yousif Akoob-LHS  
 Brandon Wright-LHS  
 Khaila Rucker-WWTHS  
 Yousif Tatar-WWTHS

- Congratualtions to the following students who have applied and been accepted to complete their clinical hours at Shelby Crossing for the Certified Nurse Assistant Program. Students will complete a minimum of 24 hours of hands-on work with patients in preparation for their national exam later in the year

Samah Zokari	CL	Olivia Mausolf	WWT
Rachel Evans	CL	Mariya Benson	WWT
Brooke Popour	CL	Alexis Cerra	WWT
Gabriell Hayes	FHS	Andrea Walker	WWT
Cortney Cooper	FHS	Emily Dempsey	WWT
Tahmina Islam	FHS	Briana Paval	WWT
Latavia Curtis	LHS	Danielle Damm	WWT
Zlayiah Frazier	LHS	Megan Januszkiewicz	WWT
Betty Morgan	WWT	Hayley Moreton	WWT
Naheda Musa	WWT	Jaden Tookes	WWT

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Fitzgerald High School (FHS)  
 Ms. Pirrallo (586) 758-0871

Lincoln High School (LHS)  
 Ms. Hoffman (586) 759-9418

Warren Woods Tower High School  
 (WWTHS)  
 Mrs. Geyman (586) 439-4561

Student Info Meetings:

CLHS - February 9, 2017

FHS - February 8, 2017

LHS - February 7, 2017

WWTHS - February 14, 2017

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- The median annual 2015 income for MAs was approximately \$30,000.
- The MA profession has a 23 percent projected employment growth rate through 2024.

# Cosmetology | Holiday Up-Do Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the Cosmetology 1  
Holiday Up-Do Competition!



*Miram Eldasr 1st Place-Mrs. Deddeh's Class*



*Kaylee Murphy 1st Place-Mrs. Ehrke's Class*



*Jessica Verstraete 1st Place-Mrs. Mulder's Class*

# WWT Culinary Program

Hats off to the Warren Woods Tower Culinary Program  
who earned Second Place in the Michigan Schools  
and Government Credit Union's Annual Dessert  
Competition.



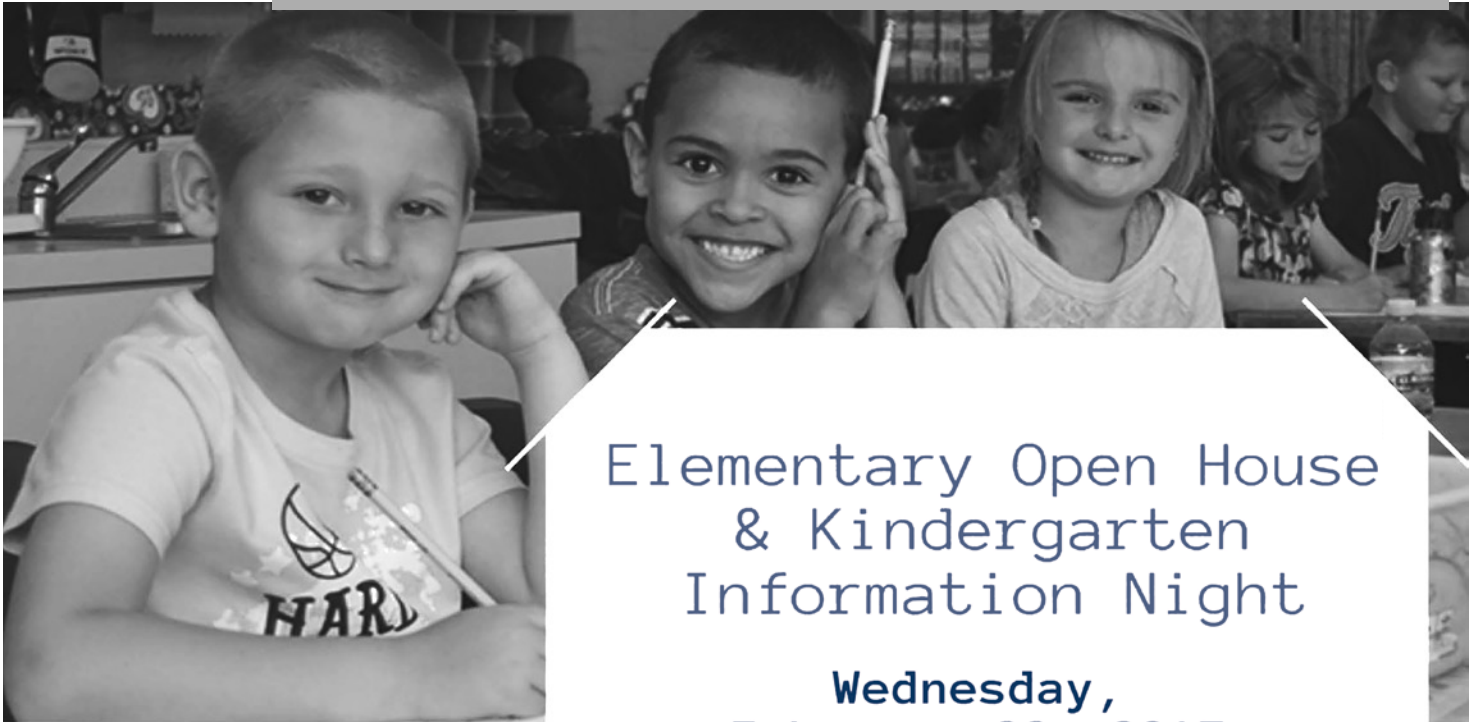
*Mrs. Adams and Mr. Silwanowicz and  
CTE Culinary Students*



*The winning desserts!*



## Warren Woods Public Schools



### Elementary Open House & Kindergarten Information Night

Wednesday,  
February 22, 2017  
6-7 p.m.

Warren Woods Tower High  
School Auditorium

27900 Bunert  
Warren, Michigan 48088

This event is for parents to  
learn more about our K-5  
elementary programs.

Overview



Please join us to learn more about WWPS Elementary programming, including:

- Elementary Curriculum
- Specials
- Elementary Facilities
- Parent Involvement & Family Engagement Opportunities
- Positive Behavior Support Model
- Our Enrollment Process

Additionally, WWPS staff will be on hand for you to meet and to answer your questions.

We look forward to seeing you!



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For Further Enrollment Information

# District Directory 2016 - 2017

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<b>K. Hustek</b>	Technology Supervisor	(586) 439-4567
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## Pledge of Allegiance

The Michigan Legislature amended the School Code to require school districts to offer all students the opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance every day that school is in session. This requirement took effect with the start of the 2014 -2015 school year. However, students/parents may elect to opt -out. No student shall be penalized for failure to participate in the Pledge and the staff shall protect any students who choose not to participate from bullying .



This January issue of The Board Report is published by the Warren Woods Board of Education as a Public Service to the students and parents of our school district. All correspondence should be addressed to:

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