



# Washington Township Schools

## "Making a Difference"

The PTA proudly presents the 2014 Family Fun Art Night & Student Expo.— *Let's Get Surreal Here!*

Tuesday, June 3 from 5pm—8pm Brass Castle Gym

This year's Family Fun Art Night event will include many dynamic projects inspired by the modern art movement of Surrealism. Artists included in this event include Salvador Dali, Joan Miro, Rene Magritte, and Paul Klee to name a few. There will also be photo props, a tattoo station and much more!

A special addition to this year's event is a PASSPORT to ART. Students will be awarded a special gift after visiting the Student Art Expo around the building and completing a few of the projects in the Studio. The Passport is optional fun and the prizes are limited.

### Come & Create!

The Student Art Exhibition presented by Mrs. Giuliano, will proudly be on display all around the school. Save plenty of time to appreciate the many, masterpieces created throughout the year. Once again, plan to be amazed by the enthusiasm and creative abilities of our students.

Our Spanish teacher, Senora Scherrei, has created special video presentations of students from all the grades that will be playing continuously on monitors in the halls. These are "must-watch" productions the kids will enjoy viewing as much as the parents.

Grade 6 Multi-Genre projects will be on display in the library.

Also on tap for the evening, our music teacher, Mr. Rizzo, has assembled a group of band members that will be performing musical selections throughout the evening. Be sure to stop and enjoy their performances as you meander through the building.

All of these cultural events and productions await your family, so be sure to send in your RSVP and join the fun celebrating your love of the arts! ***And don't forget those cameras!***\*\*Volunteers who would like to help at the crafting art event or would like to donate snacks or beverages are welcome to email PTA FFAN Chairperson-Dana Pellegrino-Heath at [Danagioia@aol.com](mailto:Danagioia@aol.com).\*\*

Port Colden School  
Brass Castle School

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### Ensemble Night

Some of our talented Brass Castle instrumental music students will be performing in the fourth annual Ensemble Night on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Brass Castle School. The students have been working hard since our Spring Concert in April, and they are looking forward to sharing their small ensemble pieces with their family and friends.

There will also be a small reception with refreshments after the concert for students and family members. Students should arrive at Brass Castle School by 6:30pm in concert attire. We look forward to seeing you there!

★★★ June 11th will be Deborah Cambria Day & ★★★  
June 18th will be Sara Carlstrom Day.

# Summer Rec Program

Come join the fun this summer!

SESSION A: July 14 - 18; SESSION B: July 21 - 25; and SESSION C: July 28 - August 1

TIMES: 8:45 AM - 12:15 PM

LOCATION: Port Colden School

PARTICIPANTS: All Washington Township children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2014 and those currently in grades K-6.

EVENTS: Arts & crafts, board games, sports & games, drug/alcohol/social awareness, nature program, drama, moon bounce, playground/snack and water games on school grounds on Fridays, weather permitting.

NEW EVENTS: Session A - The children will spend one period a day with the FFA (Future Farmers of America) learning about farming and animals; Session B - The children will spend one period each day learning about sign language; and Session C - The children will spend one period a day learning about and doing Science experiments.

FEE: \$50.00 per child, per week.

Please see e-blast for more information. If you have questions, please leave a message for Raphael Margolin, Director, at 689-1188 extension 654 or e-mail at [rmargolin@washtwpsd.org](mailto:rmargolin@washtwpsd.org) .(Please include Summer Rec in the subject).

## News from the Nurses

### Important Vaccination Reminder to All 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:

Remember all students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade next year **must** receive one dose of Tdap and one dose of Meningococcal vaccines before school starts. Documentation of having received these vaccines is due to the Health Office **on or before Friday, August 29th, 2014.**

**\*\*Students who receive these vaccines over the summer, should send in documentation of receiving these vaccines to the Health Office at that time. \*Please note - your child will not be allowed to begin school until all immunizations have been completed and received in the Health Office.** Due to state laws, we cannot allow your child to attend school until documentation is provided. Proof of immunization can be mailed, dropped off, or faxed (908-689-2356, Attn: School Nurse).

### Parents of Current 1st and 4th grade students -

Physicals and a copy of your child's current immunization records are requested for the 2014/2015 school year. This documentation can be sent to the Health Office at any time during the summer or school year.

# NEWS FROM THE NURSES

## Reminders for ALL Parents:

As we enter the warmer weather, please remember to apply sunscreen to your child BEFORE they come to school. Children are not allowed to carry sunscreen on their person to school, and it cannot be applied by staff members at school. Also, please discuss the importance of drinking water throughout the day with your child. Staying hydrated is very important during this warmer weather. Please consider sending your child to school with a water bottle every day.

In preparation for next school year, if your child will require medications for the 2014/2015 school year, visit the district's Health Office webpage and download the appropriate forms to be completed by your child's physician. Links are provided on the left hand side of the webpage for the appropriate forms (i.e. asthma, food/insect allergy, diabetes management, seizure management, and all other medications, including over the counter). The Health Office website can be found at the following address:

<https://sites.google.com/a/washtwpsd.org/wtsd-health-offices/home>

Any questions, please contact your child's School Nurse:

Port Colden: Janine Barzdines, RN, 689-0681, ext 507

Brass Castle: Ashley Colnett, RN, 689-1188, ext 607

### Chickenpox (Varicella) Vaccines

Parents: Our Public Health Department is requesting that the next time you have a visit with your child's physician, talk to him/her about the benefits of receiving a second dose of the Varicella vaccine.

Have a safe and healthy summer!

## Preschool Celebrates the Letter "U" With a Parade of Umbrellas



Pictured: Dominic Ayers, Aaron Ayers, Emily Faitoute, Gabe Dubenezic, Cenzo Bucca, Hunter Wynn, Joshua Lopez, Ryan McMurray, Kyle Konya

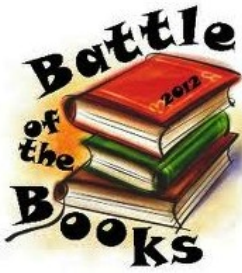
## Important Summer Message!

With Summer soon upon us and swimming pools opening across the township, the article, "Drowning Doesn't Look Like Drowning", is very timely. Please open, read and share with family and friends...

[http://www.slate.com/articles/health\\_and\\_science/family/2013/06/rescuing\\_drowning\\_children\\_how\\_to\\_know\\_when\\_someone\\_is\\_in\\_trouble\\_in\\_the.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/health_and_science/family/2013/06/rescuing_drowning_children_how_to_know_when_someone_is_in_trouble_in_the.html)

# Battle of the Books 2014

## 4th Grade Battle of the Books



Students travelled to Washington Borough's Memorial School on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to compete in this countywide event. Teams were asked questions from ten different books, testing who remembers the most information. The fourth grade team surpassed many on their way to the final round, eventually coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place overall! Congratulations on a job well done!



← Here our team members discuss the answer before the spokesperson gives the official answer. Looking on is Noah DiNapoli, anxiously waiting his turn to join the group.

Haru Watts, Noah DiNapoli, Jennifer Drevitch, Oliver Lynch, Ryleigh Reagan & Dimitra Georgoutsos

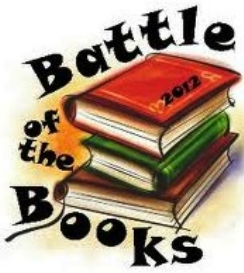


Ryleigh Reagan, Haru Watts, Jennifer Drevitch, Oliver Lynch, Dimitra Georgoutsos & Noah DiNapoli



# Battle of the Books 2014

## 3rd Grade Battle of the Books



The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Battle of the Books Competition took place May 22, 2014 at the Washington Memorial School. The competition consisted of sixteen 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teams from schools in Warren County.

Our team outscored their opponents through the first two rounds and qualified for Round 3. We tied having the highest score with another team upon the end of Round 3. The students battled through a tie breaking session in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round to qualify for the finals. The students competed against 3 other teams in the final round. The students completed the competition with a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Congratulations to our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Battle of the Books team for their 3<sup>rd</sup> Place finish!



Washington Township School District's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team was represented by Kaitlyn DeGeorge, Emma Smith, Ilya Chernykh, Sophie Piccone, Liya Gundersen & Ava Rhinehart.

## THE GODS AND GODDESSES OF SIXTH GRADE

Who are these strange looking people standing so still in our hallway wearing togas? They are the gods and goddesses of the sixth grade. Step back in time with these characters and learn about the past.

During the last month of school the students in the sixth grade researched different gods and goddesses of ancient Greek civilization. They learned the mythological stories behind all these fascinating characters and how they had such an influence on the development of the Greek society.

On May 9, 2014, these students "became" the god/goddess that they researched. They designed outfits that represented them and had the chance to share their knowledge with the other students of Brass Castle in our annual Wax Museum.

The excitement filled the hallway as the characters came to life and shared stories of the past with students. Everyone enjoyed watching and learning more about Greek mythology through the eyes of the sixth grade. They did a fantastic job!

## A Tribute to Brass Castle Retirees

"Time is not measured by the passing of years but by what one does, what one feels, and what one achieves" ~ Jawaharlal Nehru



Thank you to our retirees who have made a difference for so many students in our district. We appreciate the time they have spent with us and wish them the best on the next chapter of their life journey. Thank you for being a part of our school family!

**Proclamations have been issued by Washington Township Mayor Robert Klinge officially recognizing June 11th as Deborah Cambria Day and June 18th as Sara Carlstrom Day!**

### Our Retiree — Kindergarten Teacher — Debbie Cambria

Mrs. Cambria has worked in an educational setting for a total of 41 years, with 27 of those years here at Washington Township School District. Mrs. Cambria taught grade 4 for three years in Kearny, New Jersey. Upon moving to Warren County Mrs. Cambria taught second grade at St. Phillips and James in Phillipsburg and later preschool at St. Joseph School. Mrs. Cambria switched to teaching adults for six years as an adjunct psychology professor at Warren County Community College. In 1987 Mrs. Cambria started in Washington Township as a kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> grade aide and in 1988 began her career as a kindergarten teacher.

**Education:** Mrs. Cambria graduated from Kean College with a B.A. in Elementary Education. She earned her M.A. in Educational Psychology from Montclair State in 1976.

**Family:** Mrs. Cambria has a husband, Carl. They will be married 41 years. Mr. and Mrs. Cambria have two sons, Carl and Adam, a daughter-in-law, Jenny, and the joy of their life, their grandson, Carmichael.

**Future Plans:** Spending time at the beach with family and friends, and most importantly, spending time with the light of her life, Carmichael.

Some of your favorite things about being a kindergarten teacher: "Watching the tremendous growth each child goes through and listening to the most cherished things they say to me."

**Funniest thing said from a kindergartener 20 years ago:** "You're looking very good for your age, Mrs. Cambria."

*Editor's Note: We think you're still looking very good for your age too, Mrs. Cambria! We wish you many future cherished memories with your family at the New Jersey shore. Thank you for the many years of dedication as our kindergarten teacher and giving our youngsters a wonderful start to their education.*

## Our Retiree — School Secretary — Sara Carlstrom

Mrs. Carlstrom has been our school secretary for 19 years, all of those years here at Washington Township School District. In the earlier days, Mrs. Carlstrom was a fashion buyer for a Long Island boutique. Upon becoming a full-time mother, she became very involved with the PTA and the community. Prior to joining our district in 1995, Mrs. Carlstrom managed a local beauty salon for 7 years.

Family: Mrs. Carlstrom has a husband, Ken, who she has been married to for 43 years. They have four children, Kresta, Kerry, Kenneth and Zach along with seven grandchildren: Reese (age 15), Seri (13), Jaden (13), Jared (11), Mackenzie (11), Bella (9) and Nico (5).

Some of your favorite things about being our school secretary: "All those little faces of our children looking up at me; the warm people that I work with every day, including the parents. We have a district to be proud of."

Your mission: "My mission during my time here in district has been to create an environment that felt like home for our children. We took care of children while away from home and their parents. We have built a good team and built a partnership with the community."

Future Plans: To spend time with family; spend more time at the beach; and to volunteer.

Editor's Note: *We hope you have many special times at the beach collecting your rocks that you treasure so much when away from the water. We also know your family, including your extended family in Long Island, are the recipients of spending more precious time with you. Congratulations and thank you for all the wonderful years you have gifted the district with your love and dedication.*

## Sixth Grade Completes Research Project

In March, sixth grade language arts students chose their own interesting topics to research using library materials, on-line resources, and even interviews with experts. Their topics were many and varied, covering animals, countries and states, periods and events in history, and sports. Some unusual topics this year included the history of bookmaking, lighthouses of New Jersey, legends of King Arthur and the history of Legos.

In lieu of the traditional research report, students presented their information using five different genres; a few of which include journals, newspaper articles, scripts, A-B-C books, jeopardy games, poems and short stories. This year, the use of iPads added to the efficiency and excitement of finishing the project. The iPads allowed more of the work to be completed independently and in class.

For the final step of this project, the students are sharing their projects orally with their classmates, often using visual aids to engage their audience. Although this project was challenging, students report that having the ability to choose their own topics and genres made the overall project a proud accomplishment.

# Lights, Camera, Action!

It was all glitz and glam on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> for Mrs. Hussey's fifth grade class, who had the honor of being invited to the Warren County Consortium for Student Enrichment Video Expo at the Mansfield Elementary School. The class video, "Brass Castle Kindness", was an exhibit offered between the competition videos. The red carpet was rolled out and many of the stars and production crew were honored.

Soon we all settled down and the first video began. Six wonderfully creative movies with titles ranging from "Changes" (submitted by Port Colden's very own first grader Laney Adie) and "Titanic Has Gone Rogue!" to "Stink-o-pocalypse" created by students in Kindergarten to fifth grade were presented.

After a five-minute intermission, Mrs. Hussey's class waited with eager anticipation knowing that their video was about to make its public debut! As people made their way back to their seats, and the din of the crowd lessened each of the students leaned towards the front. As the music started and the message appeared you could have heard a pin drop. When the last note played, the audience erupted into a thunderous applause, and there were many who discreetly wiped away a tear.

The next category, 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, played their videos, each as good as the next. The fifth graders watched amazed at the creativity unfolding before them. When the evening ended, the energy was still high; Mrs. Hussey's class lingered, receiving accolades for their video and taking pictures. All were honored to be a part of the evening and in the company of such great talent. And, to think, acknowledging and promoting kindness in video format led the way to such a fabulous event!



Daniela Garay, Delaney McGourty, Emily Boniface, Courtney Melia, Isabel Bourne, Isaiah Trawin

Olivia Ostrander and Courtney Melia  
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Emily Boniface, Isabel Bourne, Courtney Melia, Mrs. Robinson, Olivia Ostrander, Delaney McGourty and Isaiah Trawin (in back)



## A Bone to Pick

Do you have a fun and interesting hobby? Well, Mrs. Melhem's May Mystery Guest does! He is Matthew Picone, third grader Sophie Picone's father. He is a fossil collector. He brought in his special collection of fossils for students to view.

Students learned the following vocabulary throughout his lesson: remains, impression, organism, preserve, petrified mold and cast. He taught the students that fossils are the remains or impression of a prehistoric organism preserved in petrified form or as a mold or cast in rock.

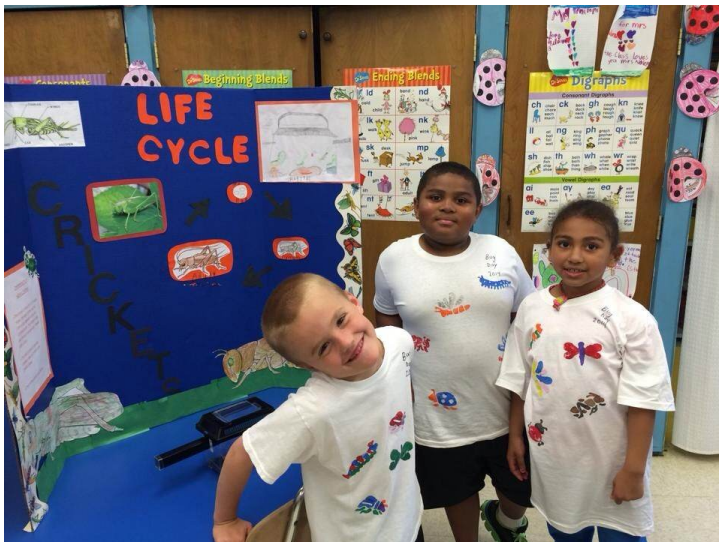
Students learned that Sedimentary rock forms when dust clay, sand or other particles are deposited and then compressed in layers. This drives out water and turns the sediment to hard rock. Per-mineralization is when the minerals in sediment gradually replace minerals found in the remains of the organism. This leaves the exact copy of the original - now made of stone. Students also learned that sometimes we find a 'copy'. This is the negative impression it left behind. At rare times both are found!

Students were able to pick a fossil from Mr. Picone's collection of the many trilobites, sharks teeth, shells or animals from the prehistoric collection and make an impression using clay. Later that evening, Mr. Picone baked and painted them as a keepsake for each student. Sophie happily brought the home-made art fossil impressions in the next day and handed them out to excited students.

Fossils can be found throughout the world, including New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Start picking yours up today!



## First Grade News



It was a busy month for the first grade classes! We began the month by caring for our live insects and learning about their life cycles. Then we wrote Mother's Day poems and made special gifts for our mothers. The following week we went on our field trip to Sandy Hook. It was a cold, windy day, but that didn't stop us from having a great time! We climbed the Twin Lights Tower and counted the steps to the top....there were 70! Our favorite parts of the trip were collecting shells and finding sea creatures in the bay. We wrapped up the month by celebrating Bug Day. It was a gorgeous spring day! Our parents joined us for a mini Science Fair, followed by our singing program in the gym. Finally, we released our butterflies outside. If you see a butterfly flying in the school yard, it just may be one of ours!

## Grade 6 Service Project

The Sixth Grade recently organized a successful fundraising event. On Sunday, May 4th, in conjunction with the *Run with the Butterflies 5K Race* at Meadowbreeze Park, sixth grade students ran a fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Baked goods were for sale along with face painting and 'create a bracelet' tables. Over \$300.00 was raised for St. Jude's. Congratulations, sixth graders, your hard work paid off!

## Family Scrabble Night

The Scrabble Club hosted its first ever Family Scrabble Night. Scrabble club members and their families, along with other Brass Castle families and staff members got together for some friendly competition. The Scrabble Club members had a chance to show off their word skills while teaching the game to newbies. It was a fun night of strategy, small talk and snacks. The Scrabble Club plans to make this an annual event, so be sure to watch for information about next year's event next spring!

## Clean Communities Grant



The Washington Township Clean Communities grant has again been awarded to Brass Castle to support water education programming in fifth grade. In promoting "Clean Communities", our Grade 5 students and staff will participate in a litter pickup and removal at the township's neighboring Meadowbreeze and Kayhart fields. As a culminating environmental activity, this grant funding supports water education and a stream study for Grade 5 students taught by members of the Musconetcong Watershed Association. Thank you to Washington Township's Clean Communities Coordinator and the Washington Township Committee for your continued support in our environmental programs.

## Memorial Day at Brass Castle

Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Pare's 5th grade class performed their annual Memorial Day play for the school, their families, and local veterans. The play, *Remember Not to Forget*, describes the origins of many Memorial Day traditions such as the Boy and Girl Scout Luminaria program and the Buddy Poppy Program. It also tells how Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, came to be.

The students worked hard to create beautifully painted backdrops, and designed their own costumes and props. As a special addition to the program, Ms. Mahon's class read letters written to historical figures.

It was a wonderful tribute to all of our country's fallen heroes!

## Pay it Forward Charity Donation

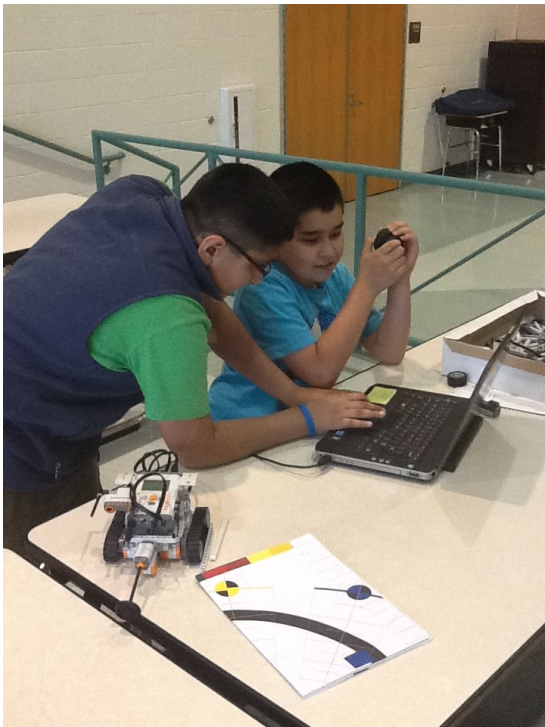


Brass Castle staff has implemented a new program in an effort to raise money for various charities. Each month staff members make donations and take a raffle ticket. Two names are chosen and receive a special "pay it forward" reward by the previous winners. For example, this month's winners received a balloon and a hot cup of coffee/hot chocolate waiting for them upon their arrival to school one morning. Brass Castle recently had their first "Pay it Forward" incentive for their monthly staff charity donation. Pictured are Rachael Rhinehart and Gina Renner, who were the winners of April's raffle.

# Robotics

Fourth place winners, Rachel Fitz and Kelcie Mannon, watch as their robot, nicknamed ROAR, competes to the survival of the fittest. The goal was for the robot to stay on course, moving, dodging and bumping longer than the other robots

Also participating, Cristian Gallardo, Aryan Patel, and Rey Watts verses students from Lopatcong, Harmony, and Warren Hills. We travelled to Lopatcong school on Tuesday, May 27th to take part in the WCCSE's Robotics Event. Students had been working on programming and building the Lego vehicles since February and were so happy for the chance to try out all their efforts on the stage among all their peer's robots.



Ary Patel and Rey Watts



Cristian Gallardo

# Homeroom Selection Process

## *Parent & Student Handbook pages 31-32*

It is the goal of the WTSD to provide the best possible education for all students. Teachers will work with the elementary principals in selecting students for all homerooms. In selecting students for homerooms, ability levels, compatibility with other students and teachers, social skills and maturity will be considered.

I. Parental input will be considered if it is made in writing to the principal of the school and under the following conditions:

A. The request should have been made prior to May 1, however, the principals will accept them through June 7th.

B. A parent may request that their child "not" be placed with a particular teacher because of the parents' history of negative interaction with that particular teacher. The student and the teacher have a history of negative interactions. These interactions may have occurred during after-school clubs, while the teacher was on bus, cafeteria and/or hall duty; or these interactions could have occurred on a personal level - as neighbors, etc.

C. A parent may request that their child "not" be in a particular class with another child.

II. In the event that a child is placed in a homeroom in which the parent feels is inappropriate the parent may appeal the placement under the following conditions.

A. Immediately following the announcement of homeroom assignments:

1. A homeroom change will be considered when district was notified in writing of circumstances (see #2 and #3 above), and the parents' request was not granted.

2. A homeroom change will be considered after the start of the school year when the teacher and parents believe the student is unable to reach his/her potential because of an on-going personality conflict between the teacher and the student.

3. A homeroom change will be an option for a student after the start of the school year if a conflict arises between two students and this conflict impacts either students' ability to reach their potential.

## Senior Program

### Culminating Activity

There was a lot of excitement in the cafeteria on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. As a matter of fact, the room was hardly recognizable! It had been transformed into a wonderful banquet hall in preparation for the 20<sup>th</sup> Year Senior Program Book Reception led by Mrs. Lee. The room was filled with sixth graders who had volunteered to be in the program, parents, and senior citizens from our community who enjoy becoming involved in our school. The students were so anxious to present their senior partners with the book they had written about them as a result of the interviewing, and editing process that had taken place throughout the year. The books were a wonderful culmination of the time they spent together learning about each other. The students learned so much from our wonderful role models, and the seniors enjoyed the time they spent learning from our amazing students. Everyone enjoyed delightful music provided by our very own 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade chorus under the direction of Mrs. Laura Dahmer. .... Continued on the next page....

# Counselor's Corner

## June 2014

As the school year begins its organized descent into the gleeful chaos of summer, we are once again reminded that the only thing in life that is constant is *change*. We are fortunate to live in a region where we celebrate the glory of the colors in the fall, enjoy the warmth of our homes in the winter, anticipate the fragrance of the spring and embrace the longer, less structured days of the summer... for us change is indeed a constant. When we return to school in the fall, we will once again be reminded that change is often bittersweet. We will return to a new Administration here in Washington Township School District, but I am confident that the values and child-centered philosophy instilled by our current leadership team will continue to resonate through our hallways.

This summer, I encourage you to embrace change in small ways. Consider an official 'unplug' day each week - no electronics - no phones, video games, television etc. Rediscover the art of 'games' - the real ones like Candy Land, Risk or Monopoly (my 19 year old son still gets excited to have Monopoly marathons down the shore with his friends *all* summer!) Also consider a change of pace - if you are beach people (like we are) take a trip to a mountain lake; if you are amusement-park-risk takers, plan on an adventure in a museum instead. Whether we meet change with joy or apprehension, teaching our children how to handle small changes in routine is an important life skill that will translate to their being able to navigate the unpredictable nature of life and keep moving forward.

I am so thankful that you have entrusted me with a slice of your children's life. I am looking forward to sharing wonderful celebrations this month including our Kindergarteners' 'graduation' and the beautiful ceremony for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders!

Over the summer, I can be reached via email at [dtierney@washtwpsd.org](mailto:dtierney@washtwpsd.org). In addition, I would be happy to share my cell phone number with you - please contact me if you would like it. Here's to a great month ahead celebrating milestones, good memories and ... change!

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### Senior Program continued:

It was a wonderful addition to the senior program. Mr. Flumerfelt also showcased the exciting DVD he produced of all the meetings throughout the year. It was an enlightening time of socializing, learning, and eating! A delicious breakfast was enjoyed by all.

The senior citizens always leave knowing they made a difference in our students' lives, and the students leave knowing they did the same for our seniors. This program is funded by a NJEA Pride in Education Grant, and a Warren County Drug Alliance Committee Grant.

# JUNE 2014 - Live Your Life With Character

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 IT'S JUNE! Have a happy heart and share a smile with others	3 Be patient with yourself - you have worked hard this year	4 Positive character is your choice - Be Responsible and Respectful	5 I challenge you to do one extra special deed today - help a classmate or family member - without being asked	6 Let's thank our bus drivers for a great year! Be respectful!	7
8	9 Remember - it is your character that counts - choose your words wisely	10 Take a minute to thank our cafeteria workers for a great year!	11 Kind thoughts create kind actions - focus on the good in your friends and family - and always treat them as you would hope to be treated	12 It's a simple thing... but remember your manners at all times - please and thank you go a long way...	13 It's time to thank your teachers for a great year - show them with positive actions (and respect)	14
15	16 Life is less about what you do and more about how and why you do things - this is <i>character</i> ....	17 Remember that good character traits become good habits	18 My favorite thought: a little bit of a positive attitude makes a big difference!	19 Set a goal for yourself this summer - I can't wait to hear about how you reached your goal!	20 This summer - think first and then do the right thing even when it is difficult...	
	ENJOY	YOUR	SUMMER!			
	SEE YOU	IN THE	FALL!			

***"Character is the real foundation of all worthwhile success." J H Hammond***

***"People of character do the right thing even if no one else does not because they think it will change the world but because they refuse to be changed by the world."***