

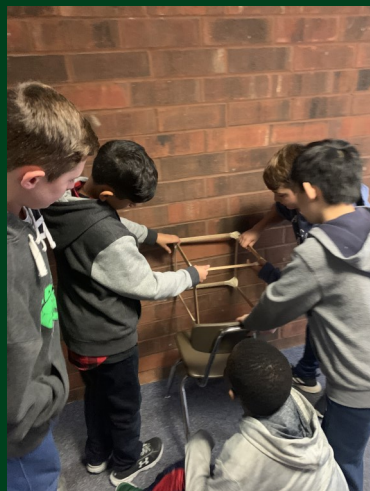
West Woods News

Daniel M. Levy, Principal

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What's new in the Woods the past 2 weeks!



Ms. Reardon's 5th graders measured the hallway with cubic yards to better understand volume.

Many thanks to the WWS PTA for a very successful Election Day Bake sale!



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Upcoming Events

Nov. 18-Nov. 22: Stuff a Bus at WWS.

Nov. 19: Gr. 5 Planetarium trip.

Nov. 20: Thanksgiving Tree Shop;
Ms. Perretta's class trip to Miller Library.

Nov. 22: Early Dismissal—afternoon conferences

Nov. 25 Full day of school—evening conferences

Nov. 26 Early Dismissal—evening conferences

Nov. 27 Early Dismissal—Thanksgiving recess

Nov. 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday—No School.

Dec. 4: Ms. Pollack's class trip to New Haven Reads.

Dec. 11: Winter Concert for WWS guests—9:30 AM; PTA Meeting, 7 PM.

Dec. 12: Early Dismissal—Professional development.

Dec. 18: Ms. Pollack's class trip to Common Grounds; Gr. 3 trip to Eli Whitney.

Dec. 19: Winter Concert, 2 PM.

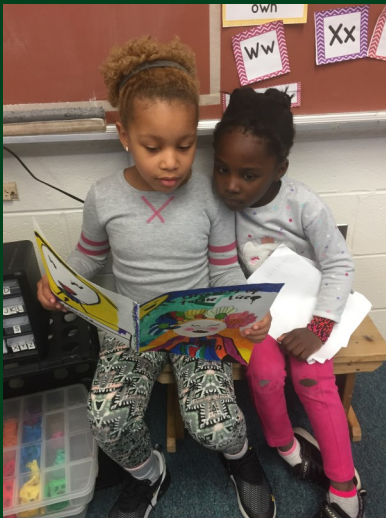
Dec. 23—Jan. 1: Winter Break —No School.

From Ms. Blake: "Not only do dragons love tacos but so do the chefs from Cooks with Books" as the last after school day finished with a salsa fiesta!

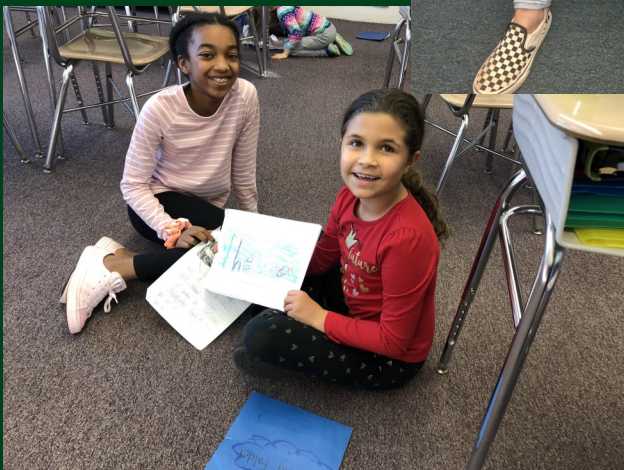
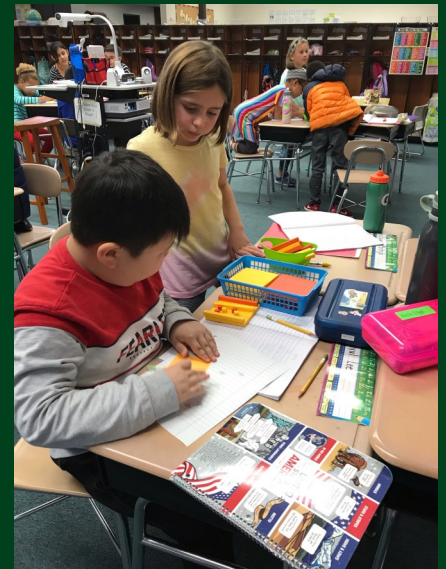
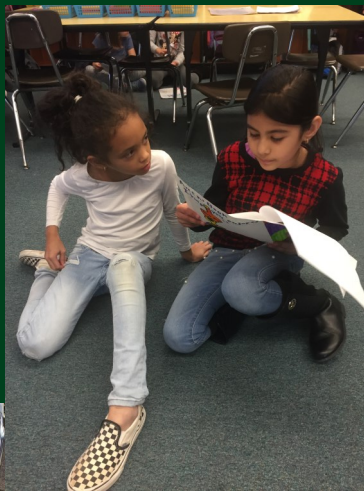
5th graders in Ms. Mancini's art classes explored shading and representation through self-portraits or abstract symbols of themselves.



Students in third grade are learning strategies for adding 3 digit numbers. They use math tools to practice breaking apart numbers into place values.

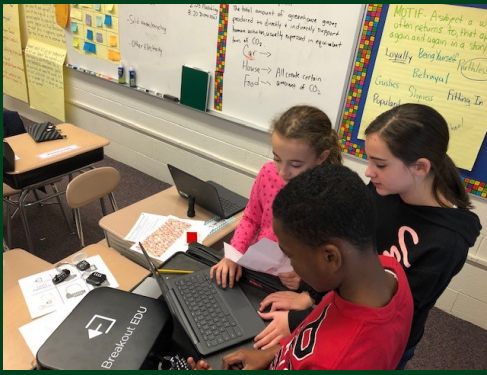


Students in grades 2 and 3 read their published stories with one another. This celebration highlighted narrative writing.

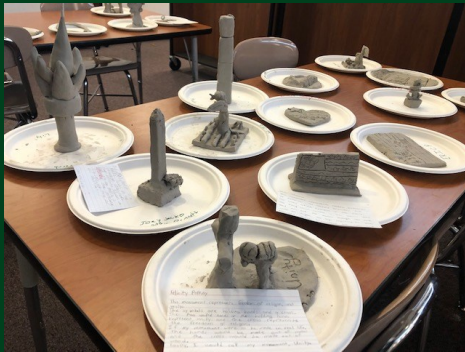


Ms. Pollack's 2nd grade class celebrated the end of their "Small Moments" unit with Mrs. Mollin's 6th grade class. The 2nd graders were able to get a sneak peak at what is to come in writing as they grow up and some day become a 6th grader themselves. The 6th graders shared a small moment/personal narrative with the second graders too!

Our first ever WWS Veterans Day commemoration was a great success!



6th graders participated in a Veterans Day themed problem-solving activity and designed and described monuments to veterans .



Our guests visited with students and share their experiences as veterans.



All of our students and staff showed their appreciation during the Veterans Day Assembly. Students shared written reflections, songs, and art work celebrating our veterans. Many thanks to our guests who honored us with their participation.



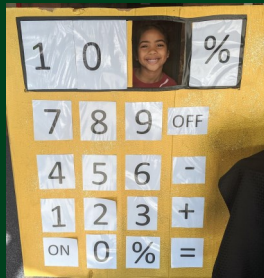
In awards this week...

WWS Staff member Amy Marena and student Luke B. were honored with Board of Education "Hamden Heroes" awards. Congratulations!



Math Challenge Week 3 Winners:

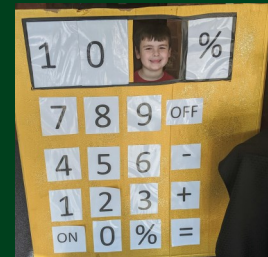
K-1: Xavier D.
(not pictured)



2-3: Kaliyah B.



4-6: Grace H.



Landon N. was the K-1 winner for Math Challenge 2. As his photo was unavailable the week he won, we included it here.

Math Challenge 3 is due on Thursday, November 21, 2019. All mathematicians who complete 12 out of the 15 challenges

will receive a special award in June. The challenge website is: <https://www.mathinaction.org/west-woods-elementary.html>



6th graders who participated in the Veterans of Foreign Wars "Patriot's Pen" essay contest were recognized. From left, Mia T., Kenny L., Shan K., and Lucas L-G, pictured with representatives of Hamden's Charles W. Wood VFW Post 10321 Glenn Johnson, Janie Johnson, Angela Hudson Davis, and Hamden Director of Social Studies Jenn Vienneau. WWS alum and HMS student Aryan S. won first place!

Here is a photo of a 2nd grade student reading the read aloud book to her class. After punching all the stars on her punchcard, Lily L. chose this reward. What will your second grader choose?



Last night, under Mrs. Ciaburri-Rodriguez's direction, our English Learners planned and built a house for the Three Little Pigs made out of gumdrops and toothpicks. It was a successful STEM project that parents enjoyed working



on with their children. Also, WWS student Ena O. was the winner of one of the raffles!

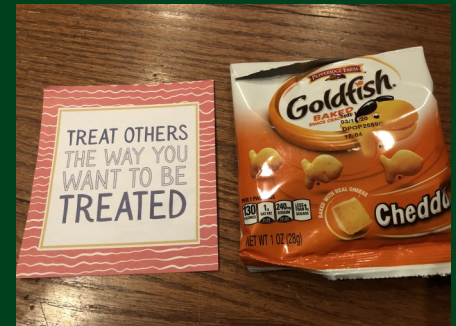
Here's a link to free audio books!

<https://meet.libbyapp.com/>



Hamden Schools created a short (3 question) survey to gather responses to the possibility of changing our elementary schools to one start time for the 2020-21 school year. The survey may be completed from a smartphone or computer: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J283QJN>

Stop by the 6th grade bake sale on your way to your conference to purchase a snack (goldfish or pirate boots) and kindness notecard for \$1 to leave for your kids at their desk. You can write a personal message on the back of the notecard. They will love the surprise of having a snack and note from family when they get to school the next day! Thanks for your support!



The next School Building Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 20th at 6:30 PM in Memorial Town Hall. You are encouraged to participate in this discussion about the future of West Woods School.

Please enjoy the weekend!

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