

West Woods News

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What's new in the Woods!

Our network restoration is continuing! Staff emails should be operational next week.

I am still catching up on news from the last 6 weeks, including this article submitted by 6th grader Torsten W.:

New Year, New Goals

Sixth graders are already looking ahead to 2020! We are setting new goals for the year to get ready for middle school and we would enjoy sharing them with you:

- Getting organized for the new year.
- Setting goals for our sports and afterschool activities.
- Being active listeners in class.
- Being prepared with materials for classes.
- Getting homework done on time (all the time).

As well as setting goals to get ready for the middle school and the new year, we are also setting kindness goals:

- Showing at least one act of kindness every day.
- Giving more compliments to people.
- Treating others the way you want to be treated.

Sixth graders are already excited to be the graduating class of West Woods in 2020.

Important Links:

[Hamden Public Schools](#)

[WWS PTA](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Lunch Menus](#)

[Community Resources](#)

Upcoming Events

Feb. 25th: Grade 6 trip to the Yale Art Gallery (Ms. Mollin's class and 1/2 of Mr. Virginelli's class).

Feb. 27: Early Dismissal—Professional Development.

Feb. 28: Grade 6 trip to the Yale Art Gallery (Mr. Devoe's class and 1/2 of Mr. Virginelli's class).

Mar. 6: Grade 6 trip tour of HMS.

Mar. 10: Grades 1 and 2 trip to HMS to see Soro Bindi.

Mar. 11: PTA Meeting, WWS café, 7 PM.

Mar. 16-20: Tech Week for Little Mermaid; evening rehearsals at HMS.

Mar. 21: WWS Theater production of the Little Mermaid, HMS Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 7 PM.

Mar. 22: WWS Theater production of the Little Mermaid, HMS Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 2 PM.

Mar. 25: Evening conferences.

Mar. 26: Early Dismissal—Evening Conferences.

Mar. 27: Early Dismissal—Afternoon Conferences.

Mar. 30: Town-wide art show opening reception, 6-8 PM at HMS.

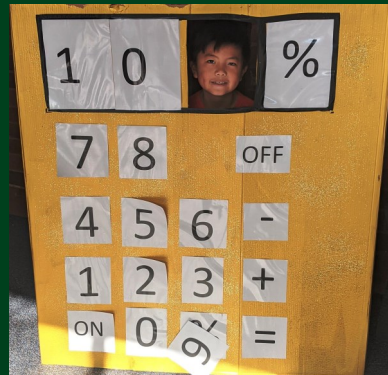
Mar. 31: Town-wide chorus and band concert, HHS Auditorium, 7 PM.

Congratulations to Math Challenge Week 5 Winners:

K-1: Kylie R.



2-3: Ethan L.



4-6: Olivia R.



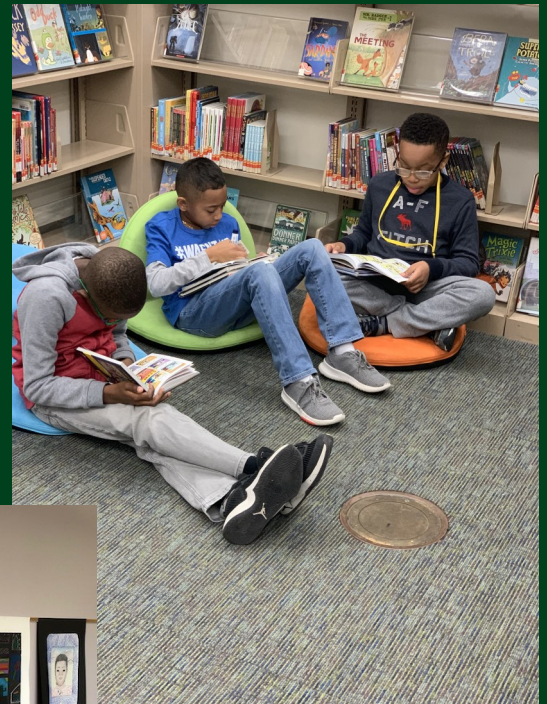
Students in Ms. Clark's first grade class were practicing writing about what they like and including their reasons.



Sue Rubino from Hamden Youth Services introduced our third graders to Penelope, a therapy dog, as part of their Health curriculum.



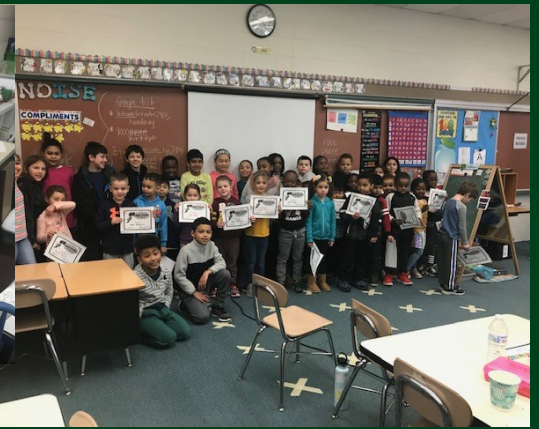
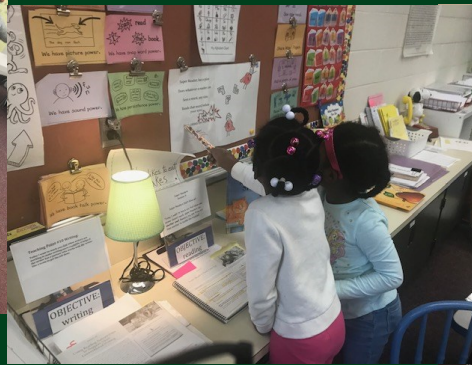
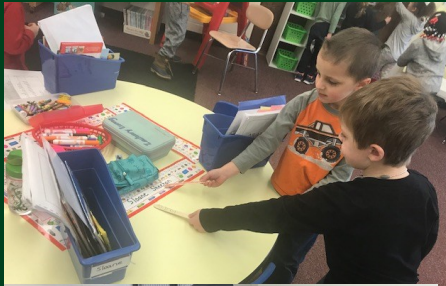
Fourth grade students travelled to Miller Library to learn how to locate resources to research the American Revolution.



Ms. Mancini always ensures that my office is well decorated with awesome student artwork!



Kindergarteners began "reading their room"! And then celebrated their reading super-powers with their 3rd grade friends.



In awards news... Congratulations to ...



Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS) Award recipients David B. and Mia T.

January Superintendent Student of the Month, Markus I.

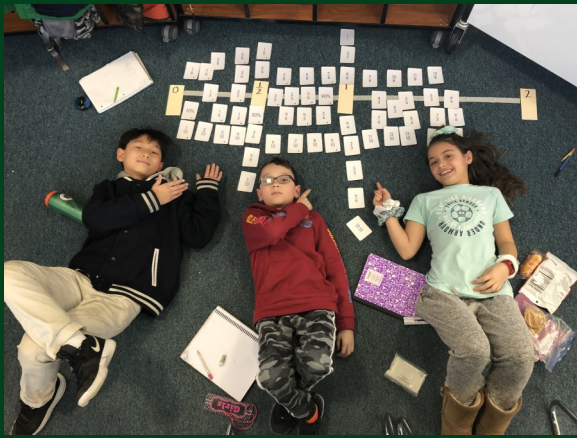


... and to all of the students recognized at the Principals List Bagel Breakfast in January. There will be one more Breakfast in the spring!

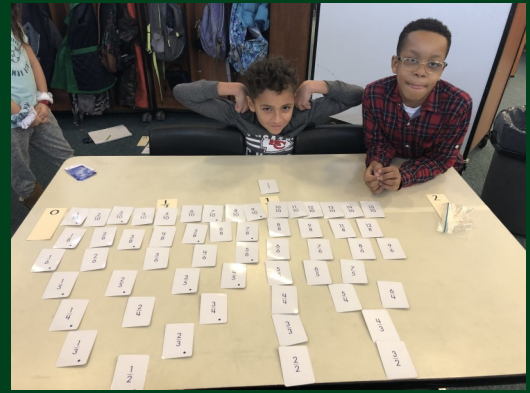


We also celebrated the 100th day of school!!!





Ms. Oneto sent a photo of her students ordering and comparing fractions in 4th grade.



Ms. Blake writes: "Shiloh S.'s parents read a book to her class complete with sound effects! We heard an egg crack, water splash, suspenseful music, and the Pink Panther sound track too! Students are engaging their brains with multiple senses. What a fun way to hear a story!"

Kindergarteners learned about gravity, energy and friction at the Eli Whitney Museum. They made their own wooden race



cars and experimented with ramps to see how far their car would travel.



Fourth graders travelled to Brooksvale Park to learn The science behind Maple Sugaring. They even made the news!

In other science news, fifth grader Hannah P. Submitted this news story...

5th Grade Trout

Earlier this school year the fifth grade received trout eggs. We learned that we had to take out the eggs that grew mold on them, because the eggs that grew mold on them wouldn't hatch. When we received the trout they hadn't hatched yet so we didn't have to feed them. They could feed on their own egg shells. When the trout eggs hatched we started giving them food every day. We also have to make sure the temperature of the water in the tank is accurate. The tank has to be a specific temperature in order for the trout to survive. At the end of the year we are planning to go to Sleeping Giant State Park to release them into a stream.

As always, check out the West Woods PTA website www.westwoodspta.org for updates, forms, and a calendar of events.

Have a great weekend!

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