

West Woods News

Daniel M. Levy, Principal

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What's new in the Woods this week!



• Now that spring has arrived, second graders got to take

the snow friends they created in Mrs. Mancini's class for a walk! Here are a few of them visiting Mrs. Longyear's class.



Important Links:

[Hamden Public Schools](#)

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Upcoming Events

Mar. 20-22: Book Fair at WWS.

Mar. 21: Early dismissal, evening parent conferences (5:30-7:30 PM).

Mar. 22: Early dismissal, afternoon parent conferences.

Mar. 25: Early dismissal, evening parent conferences (5:30-7:30 PM).

Mar. 26: Principal's List Bagel Breakfast Awards WWS café, 8:00 AM (invitation only).

Mar. 27 and 28: YMCA trip (gr. 2); PTA meeting café 7:00 PM.

Apr. 1: Town Wide Art Show, HMS, 6-8 PM.

Apr. 4: Early Dismissal—Professional Development.

Apr. 10: WWS Math and Literacy Night 5:30-7:30 PM.

Apr. 11: Town Wide Art Show, HMS, 5:30-7 PM.

Apr. 15—19: April Vacation—no school.

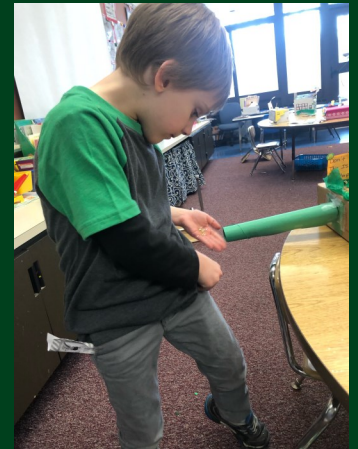
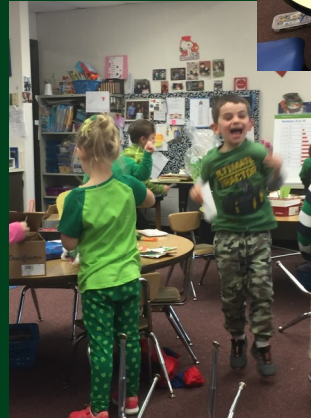
Apr. 23: Gr. 6 trip to HMS; 4th grade trip to Eli Whitney Museum.

Apr. 24: Gr. 1 trip to the Norwalk Aquarium; PTA meeting café 7:00 PM.

May 10: Hamden Olympic Games, Gr. 6.

May 15: WWS Art Show, 6-8 PM.

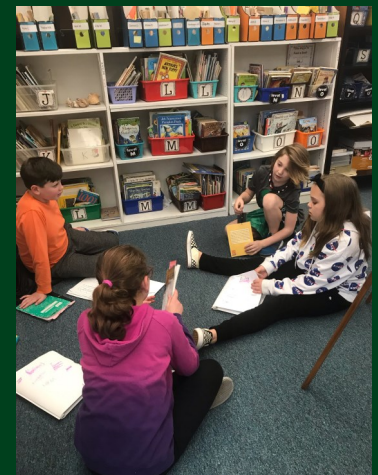
- Kindergartners demonstrated great ingenuity in developing leprechaun traps in the spirit of the season! Mr. Devoe's sixth graders helped out. Students were surprised to see evidence of the leprechaun's visit to their class!



- Mrs. King shared: "Students in 4th grade are participating in historical fiction book clubs. Groups of students read the same book independently, take notes



and then join with the other members of their club to share ideas and thoughts about the characters, setting, author's craft and theme(s) of the section of the book assigned to read during workshop. It is so interesting to read about



ing to read about fictional characters in the midst of historical settings, events and eras."

- Mrs. Essenter wrote: "Third and Fourth graders attended the Crocodile River Music performance at Hamden Middle School on Monday. The group played music from Africa, taught us about the specialty instruments, and showed us some dances. Students enjoyed themselves by listening and dancing along. One lucky West Woods student from Mrs. Goodrich's class even made it on stage to play an instrument with the group. Great job Javian!"





- Sixth grade teachers coordinated a visit by members of Hamden High School's World Language Honor Society for a Cultural Fair at WWS. HHS students did an amazing job presenting a variety of cultural products, practices, and perspectives to 6th graders. You can see in the pictures that all students were actively engaged.



- Second grader Lilianna E. was inspired by classroom lessons on looking at the world through a poet's lens. Here is her poem about our fire drill this week...

"Firedrill"

When I hear
the fire alarm
it sounds like
bees buzzing until
we get to
safety
so loud
quick but quiet!
don't make
a sound
Shhhhh!
until
the fire
is out!

- Please see the flyer included with this Newsletter for our WWS Math and Literacy Night, Wednesday, April 10th, from 5:30-7:30 PM.
- From Mr. Page: "Students have been hard at work in Physical Education with their hand manipulative dribbling, passing, and shooting. Check out our local colleges in action in the NCAA Tournament. Good luck to Yale Men's, UCONN Women's, and Quinnipiac Women's Basketball Teams as they head to the big dance.!"
- **Water In The Woods.** Please make sure student classroom water bottles are filled only with water. Juice, Powerade, Gatorade, etc. can become messy in classrooms. Mr. Page adds these drinks can also have a significant impact on student learning with their high sugar content.
- Ms. Bell has enrolled WWS in the Crayola ColorCycle program which collects and repurposes dried up markers. Every year, this program keeps thousands of plastic markers out of landfills! Please send all your dried up markers of any brand to Ms. Bell's room where she will have a collection box set up. Thank you for keeping the Woods green! If you want to learn more, here's a link to the program. <https://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx>
- As always, check out the West Woods PTA [Website](#) for updated news and events!

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