

West Woods News

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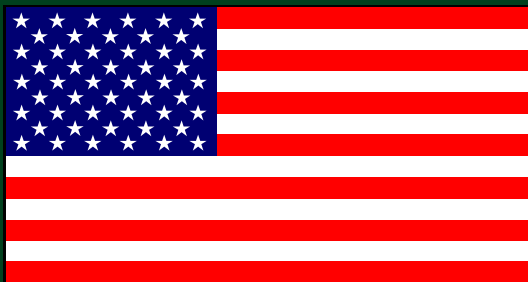
November 1, 2019



What's new in the Woods the past week!

All members of our WWS community who have served in the armed forces are invited to attend our Veterans Day Assembly at 2:00 PM on Monday November 11th in the WWS gymnasium. Please RSVP to me by November 7th at (203) 407-2054 or dlevy@hamden.org if you or a veteran in your family plans on attending.

We are also requesting photos from students and staff of veterans in their families inclusive of the veterans' full name, branch of service, and years of service. These photos are being collated into a slide show to be displayed as students arrive in the gym for our assembly.



Important Links:

[Hamden Public Schools](#)

[West Woods School](#)

[WWS PTA](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Lunch Menus](#)

[Community Resources](#)

Upcoming Events

**Nov. 5: Election Day—No School.
Grade 6 Bake Sale**

Nov. 11: School is in session!

Nov. 12: Pies from PTA sale will be delivered to WWS—1:30 PM.

Nov. 13: PTA Meeting, 7 PM.

Nov. 15: WWS Picture Retake Day.

Nov. 19: Gr. 5 Planetarium trip.

Nov. 20: Thanksgiving Tree Shop

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.

- Correction: Samantha R. should be added to the list of students who participated in the 2019 summer reading program. Congratulations!

Math Challenge Week 2 Winners :

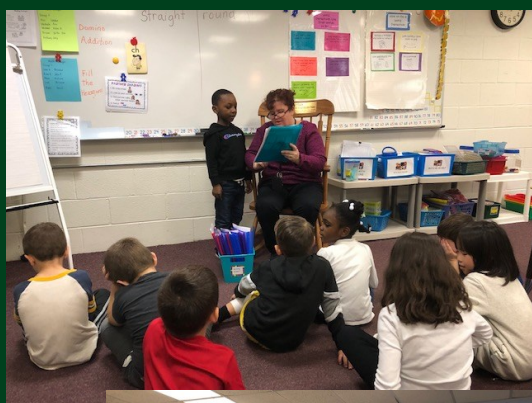
2-3: Teagan R.

4-6: Sankarsh M.

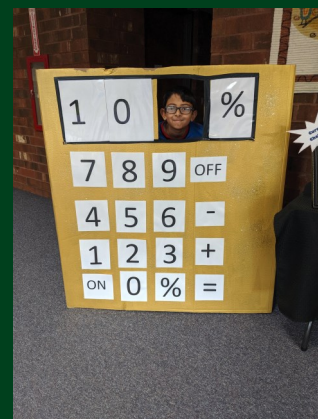
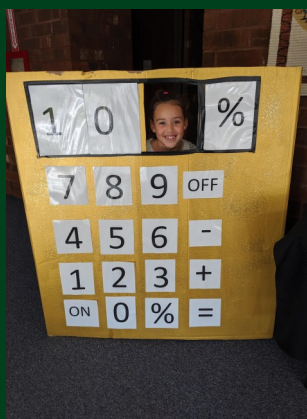
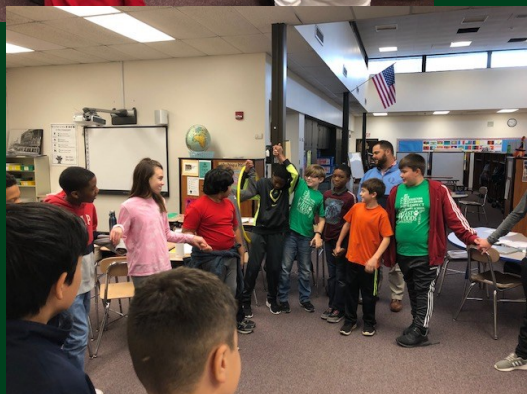
K-1: Landon N. (not pictured)

Math Challenge 3 is due on Thursday, November 7, 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>

- Many thanks to Ms. Mancini and her student artists who decorated my office with new artwork! Pictured with their artwork are Yule S., Yuika M., Riona P., Gia V., Grant B., and Julianna B. Not pictured: Logan W-M.



- Students in Ms. Clark's class wrote "How to" books. The first graders then shared how to do something with their classmates.



- Students in Ms. Perretta's class are practicing "one touch, one tap" reading during Readers Workshop.

- Mr. Page organized a visit by several local college students as part of the PASS program, integrating movement into classrooms. Here, Mr. Devoe's students participate in a team work activity.

Seasonal fun!

- Fourth grade parents hosted a fun fall activity. The kids enjoyed painting their pumpkins!

- Fun at the WWS PTA Trunk or Treat!



- Students decorated bear characters celebrating their favorite books for the first grade "Octo-bear" parade.

- So much fun at Cheshire Hollow Farm!! Ms. Curcio's class learned all about the animals and how they live on the farm.



- A n d o f course...Slime! Produced here by our second graders!





- Fifth grade students visited the New Haven Museum and learned about the many famous residents of the Grove Street Cemetery, and even placed flags on veterans' graves.



- And while a little rain may have fallen this week, students made the best of it during indoor recess.



- Hamden Public Schools is excited to be implementing the "Absence Reports Program" this year. One of the district's critical priorities is to provide all families with attendance information and resources. Remember, every school day matters! Attending school every day helps students learn, stay on track, and graduate on time. Throughout the year, your family may receive a letter that contains the total number of excused, unexcused, and partial day absences. The letter may also include helpful district resources and tips from other families. Parents/guardians who receive the reports may call the Parent Support Team at (860) 300-3900 with any questions about the report or for more district resources!
- Picture Re-Takes are scheduled for November 15th from 9:00—11:00 AM. Who Should Go on Retake Day:
 - ⇒ Any student not satisfied with the original portrait - Return your complete package minus the class picture to the photographer on retake day.
 - ⇒ Any student who was absent on the original day whether you are purchasing a package or not.
 - ⇒ Any student who did not purchase on the original day and would like to purchase a package. Order forms are available in the school office approximately one week prior to retake day or online at mylifetouch.com -- picture day ID: RI239017Q1.

- Auditions for Little Mermaid Jr. are coming up soon! Both featured roles and ensemble spots are available. Only those wanting a featured role need to audition, but ALL participants must register online by November 8 at wwpta.rocks/theater.

Important dates:

- ⇒ Friday, November 8: online registrations due
- ⇒ Wednesday, November 13 (3:30-5:30pm): Auditions
- ⇒ Wednesday, November 20 (3:30-5:30pm): Callbacks

See attached flyer for more information [here](#).

- Pie pickup will take place between 3:00 and 5:00 PM on November 12th. All pies must be picked up. Students in grades 3 through 6 will be able to take 1 or 2 pies home. Orders larger than that must be picked up on November 12th.
- There will be an update on the status of the West Woods School construction project at the next WWS PTA meeting on November 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the West Woods Cafeteria.

Please enjoy the weekend!

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