

Gator Gazette

JANUARY 2019 Mt. Horeb School PTO Newsletter



From the Principal, Mr. Cook.....

Dear Mt. Horeb Families,

Last Sunday my wife and I were reminded of the wondrous adventure that going into New York City can be. We took the Cookies to a museum called Gulliver's Gate. This is a 50,000 square foot museum in Times Square where they have replicated over 25 countries from 5 continents on a miniature scale. It is mind-blowing. So within the course of about 2 hours, we were all mesmerized by the scenery, the change from daytime to nighttime, the fact that the airplanes on the runway actually take off, and that there is a working lock system for large container ships. Pretty spectacular!

This is in no way a paid advertisement for this museum. This is simply a reminder, perhaps one that I gave myself, that the years when our kids are young are slipping away quickly. For a few hours on Sunday, we were able to be away from distraction and have genuine family fun together. Time seemed to slow for a few hours. So, I know so many of you have family plans for this holiday season. Embrace your kids, that sense of family, and have a wonderful time making spectacular memories for your kids.

Happy Holidays from all of us at Mt. Horeb.

A Note from the School Nurse.....

With the cold weather upon us, please send coats, hats and gloves with your child to school. Despite the colder temperatures, going outside in the winter is actually very beneficial to children. The average American boy or girl spends just four to seven minutes in unstructured outdoor play each day, and more than seven hours each day in front of an electronic screen. Research shows that outdoor play can improve a child's ability to sleep, and therefore, to concentrate and do better in school. A survey of parents of children with ADHD indicated children who played outside regularly had milder symptoms, resulting in better concentration and less impulsive behavior.

Attention 5th grade parents/guardians:

The New Jersey Department of Health has established immunization requirements affecting all students entering the 6th grade. The requirements state: All children born on or after January 1, 1997 and entering Grade 6 are required to receive **one booster dose of the Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine and one dose of the Meningococcal vaccine.** Please make arrangements with your physician to have these vaccines administered prior to the start of school in September. This is required by NJ State law and your child will be excluded from school in September without these vaccines. As soon as your child receives these vaccines, please send MD documentation to the Health Office. If your child receives the vaccines after June 10th, please send the appropriate documentation to the Middle School Nurse.

Attention Preschool Parents/guardians:

As previously communicated by written notices, all preschool students are required by law to have the seasonal flu shot no later than December 31st of this year. If your child has received the seasonal flu vaccine, please submit documentation from your MD with the month/day/year the vaccine was given to the health office. Your child will not be able to attend school on January 2nd without the necessary documentation.

Doris Zanchelli RN, CSN

FAMILY FUN MOVIE NIGHT: FERDINAND

We had a great turn out for our Family Movie Night. A big thank you to Glorinette Barnoski and all who helped make it a successful, fun evening!

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

The Holiday Boutique Committee would like to thank all the Volunteer Shopping Assistants who helped the days of the Boutique.

Without all of you, the Holiday Boutique would not be possible. Have a wonderful holiday season!

ICE CREAM DAYS

It was suggested by Mr. Cook that we switch ice cream days from Fridays to Tuesdays. The lunchroom staff has noticed the kids aren't completing their lunches on Fridays and thought it might be worthwhile to switch to pizza days - with the assumption that there is more motivation to finish their pizza before ice cream.

Please find below the new dates, starting in January.



January 8	April 2
January 22	April 16
February 5	April 30
February 19	May 14
March 5	May 28
March 19	June TBD*

Also, the staff has noticed parent volunteers paying for kids who forgot their money. Please, DO NOT give money to any students outside of your own during ice cream days.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please continue to save your box tops and send them into school. This is a great way for us to raise money for various school activities. Box tops are collected throughout the school year.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Be on the look out for registration for after school clubs.

We would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Very Happy New Year!

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

On January 22, 2019, the voters of Warren Township will be asked to vote on a zero long term debt referendum to fund capital improvements in the Warren Township Schools.

Information about registering to vote and requesting a mail-in ballot can be found at

www.warrentboe.org/referendum.

INTRODUCTION

The Warren Township School District is in need of capital improvements to maintain school facilities and provide for the health and safety of students and staff. The District has been methodically saving for such needs through its capital reserve fund for several years. The District will receive approximately **34%** of the project costs from the state if the referendum described below receives voter approval.

THE PROJECTS

ANGELO L. TOMASO SCHOOL Boiler and Pumps Replacement Partial Building HVAC Upgrade	CENTRAL SCHOOL Partial Window Replacement Partial Building HVAC Upgrade
MT. HOREB SCHOOL Boiler and Pumps Replacement	WARREN MIDDLE SCHOOL Boiler and Pumps Replacement Partial Roof Replacement

Similar projects were completed at Woodland School during Summer 2018.

FINANCIAL DATA

Total Anticipated Cost	\$6,500,000
Anticipated State Debt Service Aid	-\$2,210,000
District Cost (fully funded from current capital reserves)	\$4,290,000

With the combination of the District's capital reserves and state aid, there would be **no tax impact** as a result of this referendum.

Additional information can be found by visiting www.warrentboe.org.

JANUARY	CALENDAR
12/24/2018—1/1/2019	SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED
2	SCHOOL RESUMES
8	ICE CREAM DAY
16	PTO EVENING GENERAL MEETING 7:00—8:00 PM
18	SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY
21	SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED—MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
22	ICE CREAM DAY
30	GR. 4 & 5 MARKING PERIOD Q2 ENDS
31	AUTHOR DAY