

West Woods News

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What's new in the Woods!

Please review this **NEW Daily Health Assess-**

ment with your child every day. This is an important first line of defense in both ensuring the health and wellness of your children and also protecting our entire school community from the risk of infection.

Important Links:

[Hamden Public Schools](#)

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Daily Schedule:

8:30 AM—3:34 PM

Upcoming Events

September 26: No school—
Rosh Hashanah.

October 3 and 4: Nature's Classroom on Wheels at WWS for Grades 4 and 5 (respectively).

October 5: No school—Yom Kippur.

October 10: No school—Indigenous Peoples' Day.

October 12-14: WWS PTA Fall Book Fair.

October 15: WWS PTA Trunk or Treat, 3:00-4:30 PM.

October 20: Early Dismissal.

October 28: WWS Picture Day.

Fourth graders created robotic fingers to learn how our body systems work together: bones, muscles, tendons, and joints.



Congratulations to our students who have exemplified our PACK expectations last week! This week's winners are posted on our [PACK website](#).

Kindergarten: Fatimah A. and Nikolai A.

First Grade: Eliam M.C. and Dax R.

Second Grade: Alex D. and Eriko S.

Third Grade: Brianna M. and Adrian R.

Fourth Grade: Andrew C. and Ryan D.

Fifth Grade: Lily L. and Isabelle S.

Sixth Grade: Taylor H. and Trisha S.



Students practice their **PACK and Team work skills** in PE with Mr. Page.

Math News from Mrs. Pietrosimone

The at home Math Challenge program is up and running! It was introduced to our Mathematicians this week and they are very excited to get started! All information can be found on the K-6 Math Google Classroom (classroom code: cvddwzw).

Math Challenge #1 is due on Thursday, October 6th. Mathematicians of the week will be announced the week of October 10th. Math Challenge #1 can be found here: <https://www.mathinaction.org/west-woods-elementary.html>

Please submit your answers on this Google form (students must be signed into their Google accounts): [Math Challenge Answer Form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-YTHvQ-ER6V-DZY6QMqjin9qQ7sE7pmsDSTOZLyhRz_kkdQ/viewform) (If the link doesn't work, copy this link to your browser: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-YTHvQ-ER6V-DZY6QMqjin9qQ7sE7pmsDSTOZLyhRz_kkdQ/viewform)



In **Grade 5 social studies**, students are learning about various indigenous groups. Each community had a different way of life with unique customs and cultures. These students created various dwellings like the teepee, wigwam, and longhouse.



Literacy News from Mrs. Blanchard

Students in Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades participate in Heggerty Lessons. These daily lessons help students develop awareness of the sounds of our language. **PHONEMIC AWARENESS** is a foundational skill for learning to read and write. Students will learn to isolate sounds in words, blend sounds to make words, segment words into sounds, and manipulate sounds in spoken words. Here are some activities you can do at home to grow your child's Phonological Awareness:



- **Nursery Rhymes:** Sing, dance, and listen for rhymes. Use your own voice or check out *Mother Goose Club* on YouTube.
- **Rhyme Repetition:** Say two rhyming words and have your child repeat them.
(Ex: *Parent:* mat, hat *Child:* mat, hat)
- **Rhyme Recognition:** Say two words, have your child repeat it. Then say, give me thumbs up if they rhyme thumbs down if they don't.
(Ex: *Parent:* hop, mop *Child:* hop, mop-thumbs up)
- Read books with rhymes and listen for rhymes on each page. See how many rhymes you can find and try to make new words that rhyme with words you find in the book!
- **Initial Phoneme (Sound) Isolation:** Say "I'm going to say a word and just the first sound then it's your turn!"
(Ex: *Parent:* happy /h/ *Child:* happy /h/)
- **Final Phoneme (Sound) Isolation-** Punch it up! Say a word and punch up the final sound. Have your child repeat it. Use simple, single-syllable words.
(Ex: *Parent:* pat /t/ *Child:* pat /t/)
- **Blending** is combining parts into a whole. Say two-word parts, blend them together to make a word, and have your child repeat it.
Compound Words: cup-cake= cupcake
Syllables: mag-net = magnet
Onset-Rime: h-at = hat
- **Repeating Sentences:** Say a sentence, have your child repeat it, then count how many words you hear! Example:
Parent: I like to run!
Child: I like to run!
Parent/Child: I (1) like (2) to (3) run (4).
Parent: How many words?
Child: 4 Words

Be on the lookout for Heggerty newsletters with more information on how you can support your child at home!



Third graders have been learning about community service. We are painting rocks to be displayed at Hamden's Garden Of Hope dedication ceremony on October 28th. It's the first of several opportunities for our grade to help out others in the community.



WWS PTA Fundraiser: Lyman Orchards Pie and Cookie Dough

*Our Fall Fundraiser Starts
Monday, September
26th!* You will receive an
order form home from
school. Lyman Orchards
pies and cookie dough

make perfect desserts right in time for Thanksgiving. This fundraiser helps keep field trip costs low for families. It has been our biggest fundraiser the past two years!

Orders are due by **October 10th** and will be available for pickup on **November 10th** at West Woods School starting at 3:30 PM.

There are also additional items for sale online including popcorn and local products that can be shipped directly to family and friends who do not live in the area.

Donation pies are available for family and friends who would like to support this fundraiser, but may not be interested in receiving a purchased item. All donations will support the M. L. Keefe Community Center in Hamden this Thanksgiving season. Fundraising prizes include:

Sell 4 items = Mystery Prize

Sell 12 Items = Mystery Ball

Sell 30 Items = \$15 Amazon Gift Card

Sell 150 Items = \$100 Cash

Send your order forms to school or get started selling today at: <https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/ZNK9>

If you have any questions, please email fundraising@westwoodspta.org. Thank you in advance for helping with this fundraiser!

As always, check out the **West Woods PTA website**

www.westwoodspta.org for
updates, forms, and our
calendar of events.

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