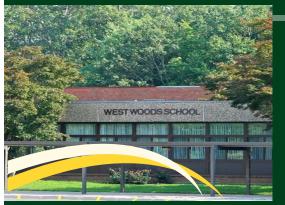
## West Woods News

Daniel M. Levy, Principal

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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.







This week, **first graders** visited Norton Brother's Fruit Farm. It was a fun day of apple picking, a tractor ride, a yummy snack of cider and apples, and a tour of the working farm.



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

#### **Important Links:**

Hamden Public Schools

**West Woods School** 

**WWS PTA** 

School Governance Equity Council

School Calendar

**Lunch Menus** 

Community Resources

Daily Health Assessment

<u>Technology Help Request</u> Form

#### **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

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#### Congratulations to our students who have exemplified our PACK expectations

**last week!** This week's winners are posted on our PACK website.

Fatimah A. and Nikolai A. Kindergarten:

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

**Second Grade**: Alex D. and Eriko S.

Brianna M. and Adrian R. Third Grade:

Fourth Grade: Andrew C. and Ryan D.

Fifth Grade: Lily L. and Isabelle S.

Taylor H. and Trisha S. **Sixth Grade:** 



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 it 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 6<sup>th</sup>. Mathematicians of the week will be announced the week of October 10<sup>th</sup>. Math Challenge #1 can be found here: <a href="https://">https://</a> 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 (If the link doesn't work, copy this link to your browser: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-YTHvQ-ER6V-">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-YTHvQ-ER6V-</a> 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 tepee, 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 AWARE-**NESS** is a foundational skill for learning to read and write. Students will learn to isolate sounds in words,

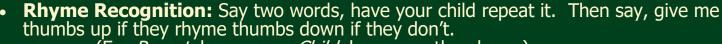
blend sounds to make words, segment words into sounds, and manipulate sounds in spoken words. Here are some activities you can do at home to grow your

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)



(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!

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**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: <a href="https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/ZNK9">https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/ZNK9</a>

If you have any questions, please email <u>fundraising@westwoodspta.org</u>. 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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