

# WTSD NEWS

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## Courage

This month, we are focusing on the Character Strong trait of Courage. Courage means doing the right thing even when it feels difficult or uncomfortable, and standing up for ourselves and others in a positive way. Throughout the month, students will engage in discussions and activities that encourage them to take healthy risks, face challenges with confidence, and grow from their experiences.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

\* **NJSLA Testing Grades 3-6**

May 4-8

### Message from Dr. Nolan

As we welcome the spring season, we are excited to share the many wonderful events, achievements, and learning experiences happening throughout our school community. In this edition of our newsletter, you'll find highlights of recent celebrations, student accomplishments, and the meaningful work taking place each day.

Michael A. Nolan, Ed.D.  
Superintendent



## Excelling in the Classroom

Attached are our lists of students who qualify for Honor Roll and Principal's Honor Roll for the marking period. To Qualify for Honor Roll students need to have a combination of A's and B's in their 4 major subject areas. To qualify for Principal's Honor Roll, students need to have All A's in their major subject areas.

[Click Here to see the list:](#)

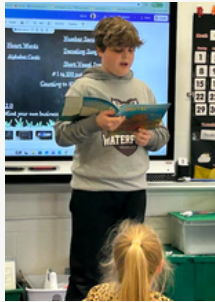


## Ryan Benz presented to WES



Students and staff at WES recently had the opportunity to hear from guest presenter Ryan Benz, who shared an engaging and meaningful message. His presentation focused on important themes that resonated with our school community, encouraging students to reflect, stay motivated, and make positive choices. We are grateful for the opportunity to bring in speakers like Mr. Benz who inspire and support our students' growth both academically and personally.

## Leadership Academy Visits Atco and TR for Read Across America



On Friday, March 13th, students from Waterford Elementary had the opportunity to share their love of reading by visiting TR and Atco schools in celebration of Read Across America Week. During their visits, they read stories aloud to younger students and led a variety of fun, enriching literacy activities designed to spark imagination and build excitement around books. The experience was meaningful for both the visiting students and their younger peers, fostering connections, confidence, and a shared enthusiasm for reading.



## Atco Reads, Mrs. Kondas gets Slimed

At Atco School, March Madness isn't just about basketball—it's about books! Students have been diving into an exciting reading challenge, logging pages and cheering each other on as they compete for the top spot. The stakes are high and the motivation is even higher, because the winning group earns the ultimate prize: the chance to slime Mrs. Kondas! With laughter, teamwork, and a whole lot of reading, this year's challenge has turned into a memorable celebration of school spirit and literacy.



## NJPBSIS Recognition

On March 27th, Mrs. Kondas and Mr. Kin-Leavey proudly accepted recognition on behalf of Atco Elementary School for their outstanding work with NJPBSIS. The school was honored as a Showcase School, highlighting its commitment to fostering a positive and supportive learning environment. During the event, they shared Atco Elementary's successes and best practices with fellow educators and attendees, showcasing the impactful work being done to support students both academically and socially.

## TR Recycles



The students at TR attended a Recycling Assembly on April 9<sup>th</sup>. It was an engaging educational experience for our youngest learners. Made possible through funding from the Waterford Clean Communities Association, the program introduced students to the importance of recycling and caring for the environment in a fun, age-appropriate way.

