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PROGRESS THROUGH EXPECTATION

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A World of Motion

Briarwood Elementary School 5th Graders get visit from GM's engineering program

General Motors has been involved with the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) "A World in Motion" (AWIM) program since the program's inception in 1990. General Motors continues to expand its AWIM program nationwide. Programs now exist in twenty-seven GM communities throughout North America. This support comes from GM headquarters in Southeast Michigan as well as manufacturing facilities and retiree clubs located nationwide.



During the month of May, Briarwood Elementary fifth graders were pleased to have the GM engineers help them make balloon-powered toy cars that meet specific performance criteria such as: travels far, carries weight, or goes fast. Jet propulsion, friction, air resistance and design are all parts of A World In Motion® (AWIM) curriculum which joins together teachers, students, and industry volunteers in an exploration of physical science while addressing essential mathematic and scientific concepts and skills. The students learn to work as a team with their classmates and apply creative problem solving during the activities

Industry volunteers play an essential role in motivating the next generation to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math by bringing their everyday experiences into a classroom - right in their community. Benchmarked to the national standards, each of the AWIM activities incorporate the laws of physics, motion, flight and electronics into age-appropriate hands-on activities that reinforce classroom STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) curriculum.



CALENDAR

WWPS SUMMER 2011

Please Verify Dates and Times in Monthly School Newsletters
and on our Website: www.warrenwoods.misd.net

June

27 Special Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

**Students return to School – Tuesday,
September 6, 2011**

Board Meetings

Regular Board meetings are scheduled on the second Monday of each month. Special meetings are held as needed, usually on the fourth Monday. Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.. Meetings are held at the Administrative Service Center, 12900 Frazho Road, Warren, MI 48089.

A Quilt of Love Raises Funds for a Rare Skin Condition

Cindy Dembeck, a Warren Woods Tower paraprofessional, crafted a beautiful quilt as part of a fundraiser for Epidermolysis Bullosa, a rare skin condition. Children with this disorder have very fragile skin that develops painful blisters, the skin is said to be as fragile as butterfly wings, Children with this disease are called “butterfly children”. Mrs. Dembeck used butterfly fabric in her quilt. Last year, the quilt she donated raised \$500. The funds assist families with expensive treatments and bandages that can cost thousands of dollars each month. The quilt was a true labor of love and giving.



Briarwood Elementary Students Join the World’s Largest Exercise Class

Briarwood Elementary students were eager to help Michigan retain its record as the state with the most participation in the world’s largest exercise class. On May 4, 2011, students from all 50 states as well as 50 countries participated in ACES.

ACES (All Children Exercise Simultaneously) is a one-day youth exercise program intended to highlight the importance of, and need for, youth fitness. Michigan schools have joined together in large numbers to show their commitment to helping children understand the importance of exercise in maintaining good health.

At Briarwood, the students celebrated ACES by participating in the following activities: Jazzercise, jump roping, hula hooping, and power walking. All staff and students were actively engaged for 15 minutes. This is Briarwood’s eleventh year of participation and is only one of the ways that lifelong fitness is encouraged. During the school year, students learn about healthy lifestyles, participate in physical fitness classes and challenges, and learn about the importance of including all food groups in their diets.



▶ Westwood Elementary

Westwood Kindergartners Raise Money For The Michigan Humane Society



On December 10, 2010, the Westwood PTC held a Santa Shoppe at Westwood. There, the kindergarten class had a bake sale to raise money for the Michigan Humane Society. A week later Ron Blout brought and his dog, Poco, came to Westwood to visit students and teach them about the Michigan Humane Society (MHS).

The MHS isn't just for dog and cat rescue either. Mr. Ron Blout explained that there have been many kinds of animals brought into the facility...a black panther, a tiger, a bear, and a crocodile amongst others.

In an interactive presentation, Mr. Ron taught the classes about what to do around unfamiliar animals. If you meet someone with a dog, ask the owner if you can approach the dog. If yes, walk up to the animal slowly with your hand open and facing down. Once the dog has made your acquaintance and has accepted you, then, and only then, should you pet the dog. Never put your face to the dog and always go slow. In the event that you come across a charging or dangerous animal, cross your arms, stand still, and look downward. Never look at the animal in the eyes. Mr. Ron had the students practice all of these actions to help them remember the steps.

In the end, thanks to the PTC organized bake sale and the families that donated the baked goods, the kindergarten class was able to donate a check in the amount of \$165 to the Michigan Humane Society. This money will be put toward the cruelty and abuse part of the organization. Before leaving, all of the students were able to practice their just-taught skills by coming up to meet, and some to feed, the birthday dog. Yes, that day Poco turned 1-year-old.

▶ Westwood Elementary



Westwood's Community Spirit Benefits Goodfellows

Westwoods students and families donated over 78 big boxes of food to the Goodfellows for holiday distribution to those in need.



**Warren Woods
Early Childhood Center
12900 Frazho, Warren, Mi
48089**



**Great Start Readiness Program & Title I Preschool
4 year olds
FREE PRESCHOOL**

- Ⓢ These programs are FREE to families that qualify.
- Ⓢ Children must be 4 years old before December 1st and live in the Warren Woods Public School District.
- Ⓢ The programs are full day from 8:30am-3:15pm and no transportation is provided.
 - Two snacks and lunch are provided
- Ⓢ Instruction using the High Scope Curriculum provides growth for children in self-help skills, motor skills, language/social/emotional development and cognitive/decision making skills. It also provides children with the opportunity to learn through play with other children and adults.
- Ⓢ Parent participation is encouraged and always welcomed.

For more information call 586-439-4871 or 586-439-4925

**Part-Time Preschool
3-5 year olds
(Tuition based)**

- Ⓢ This program offers two to four day classes.
- Ⓢ AM or PM classes are offered.
- Ⓢ There are two 15 week sessions; September to January and January to May.
- Ⓢ Payment plans are available.
- Ⓢ Our daily activities include: Social/ Emotional Learning, Fine/ Gross Motor Skills, and Cognitive Learning.
- Ⓢ Our goal is to prepare children for a successful transition to kindergarten.

**Extended Day Preschool
3-5 years old
(Tuition based)**

- Ⓢ Our preschool program is designed for the working parent/guardian who needs preschool plus extended care.
- Ⓢ We have full day and half-day rates.
 - Two snacks are provided daily
- Ⓢ Our program is designed for children to have the freedom to learn and play at his/her own speed.
- Ⓢ A variety of educational and developmental activities including exposure to music, math, science, and arts and crafts will be available to your child.

Science Students Come In All Sizes

Warren Woods Tower High School students shared their classroom labs with Westwood 5th grade students during a science demonstration. High school students also visited Westwood to conduct additional demonstrations. The interest and shared experience was enjoyed by all.



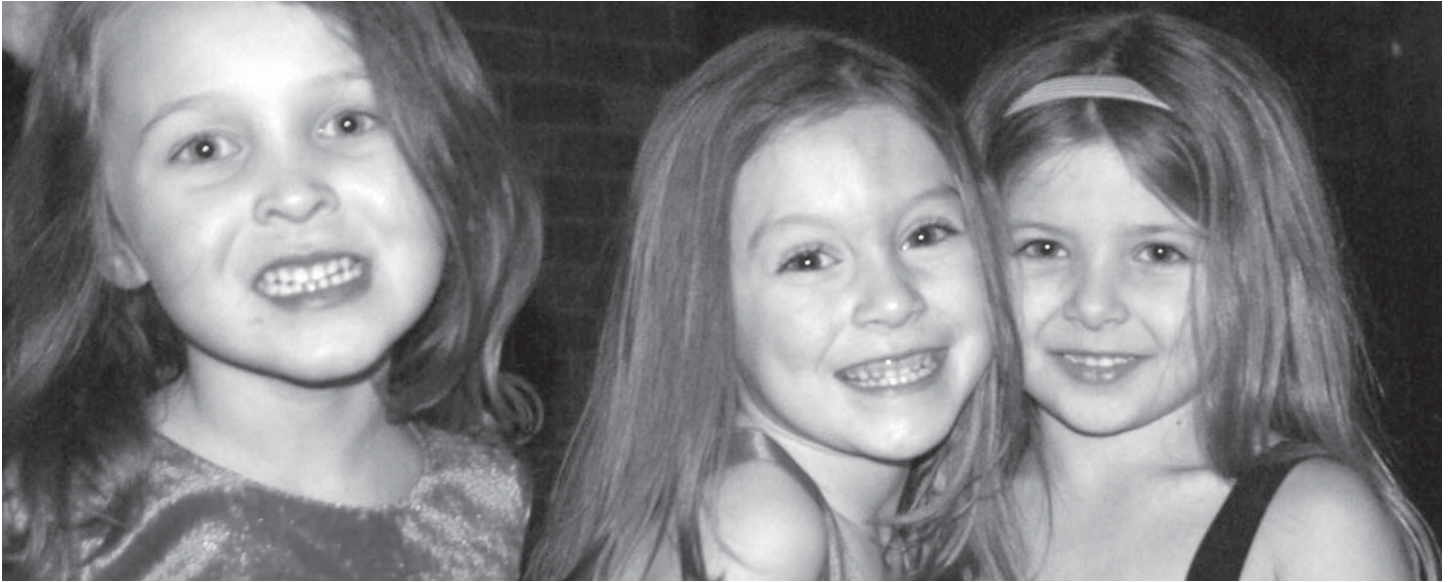
▶ Westwood Elementary



Westwood Story Tellers Guild

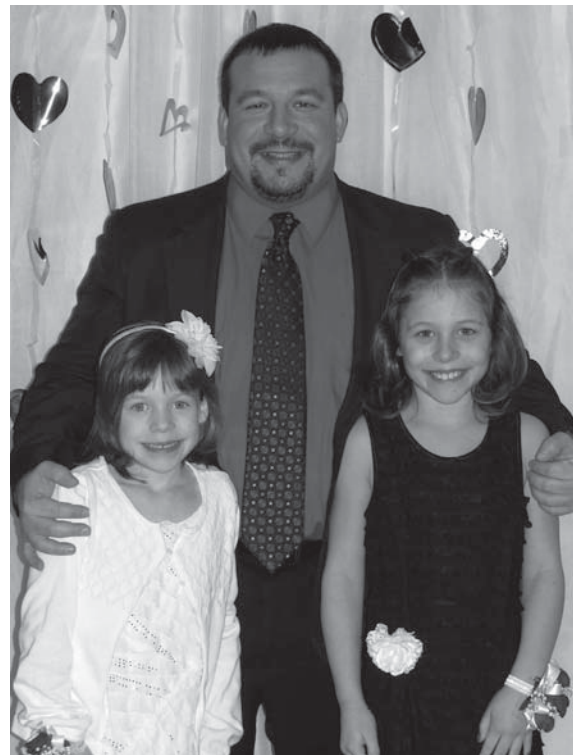
The three smiling faces in the picture with Mrs. Duby, Principal of Westwood Elementary are retired Westwood teachers and members of The Story Tellers Guild from Birmingham, Michigan. Nancy Motrinc, Eileen Britsky and Kathy Calhoun, visit students monthly with stories and tales to share. The mission of the Story Tellers Guild is to enrich the lives of children through the art and love of storytelling. During the school year, on a regular basis, these three energetic individuals enter classrooms with carefully selected stories. Hugs and smiles greet them and excitement turns into quiet wonder as students embrace the familiar comfort of a good story. In addition, the Guild has gifted Westwood's library with a multitude of new books, which have been added to our bookshelves. If you would be interested in learning more about the Story Tellers Guild, contact Westwood School.

▶ Pinewood Elementary



A Quality Evening Enjoyed By All

Pinewood's 11th Annual Pinewood Daddy Daughter Dance was held on Friday, February 11, 2011 at Warren Woods Tower High School. Everyone enjoyed dinner, the photo booth and lots of dancing. Each child received a gift bag and picture frame. A special thank you to Mr. Lance Hurst and all the volunteers, "this would have not been possible without you."



▶ Warren Woods Tower



WWTHS Dance Team Shares Steps at Dance Clinic

On Saturday, February 28, 2011, Warren Woods Tower High School's Dance Team held its annual dance clinic. Students from Pinewood, Briarwood, Westwood, WWMS and other districts joined together to learn new and fun dance routines. They had the opportunity to perform with the JV and Varsity Dance Teams at both the JV and Varsity boys' basketball games on Tuesday, March 1, 2011. It turned out to be a great performance for the participants and the audience!

▶ Warren Woods Tower

Warren Woods Tower High School Music Department

The month of March was a busy one for the students in the Music Department at WWT. In addition to performing at the large group festivals held by MSBOA and MSVMA, students who had received a 1st Division Rating at the District Level had the opportunity to participate at the State Level. Our Select Choir participated in the MSVMA State Solo and Ensemble Festival, held at Avondale High School in Rochester Hills. Members Emily Pauling, Amber Broadbridge, Lauren Zamiska, Hayley Pulizzi, Savannah Smith, Cara Cryderman, Grace Johnstone, Erica Dickens, Melanie Avery, Brooke Colombo. Sarah Alex and Christina Rudolph sang two selections and sight read, earning a 1st Division Rating. Soprano soloist Lauren Zamiska also earned a 1st Division.

Also happening in March was the MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Festival, held at Farmington Harrison High School. Participating students earned the following ratings:

SOLOS:

1st Division:

Kelsey Avey-Proficiency I

Jessica Uryga- Proficiency III

Genna Soloway- Proficiency I

Steven Riley- Proficiency II

Lisa Folkmire- Proficiency III

2nd Division:

Katy Suminski-Proficiency I

Krystal York- Proficiency I

Mitchell Parker-Proficiency I

Rachel Alsaiyad- Proficiency II

Paula Meerschaert- Proficiency II

ENSEMBLES:

1st Division:

Saxophone Quartet: Mitchell Parker, Jacob Carroll, Jessica Stepetic and Justin Meyer

Flute Septet: Jessica Uryga, Katy Suminski, Emily Ciaravino, Rachel Alsaiyad, Krystal York, Genna Soloway and Danielle Phommala

Woodwind Duet: Jessica Uryga and Lauren Fitzpatrick

Brass Quintet: Jennifer Stepetic, Lewis Jacques, Lisa Folkmire, Alex Birch and Kyle Hildebrandt

Flute Duet: Rachel Alsaiyad and Danielle Phommala

Saxophone Trio: Mitchell Parker, Justin Meyer and Jessica Stepetic

Trombone Duet: Alex Birch and George Higgins

Tenor Saxophone Duet: Jessica Stepetic and Zach Moleski

2nd Division:

Brass Quintet: Brendan Fitzpatrick, Chris Turbin, Steve Riley, Lidia Van Moen and Brett Dolecki

Horn Duet: Grace Culos and Elizabeth Sullwold

Clarinet Trio: Stephanie Scites, Emma Arnold and Lindsey Graham

Clarinet Trio: Kayla Bowers, Renee Minch and Maryse Wilson

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN BOTH THE MSVMA AND MSBOA State SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVALS !



Warren Woods Preschool
Warren Woods Public Schools Education Center
12900 Frazho
Warren, MI 48089
Phone: (586) 439-4882
2011 Fall Registration

Registration begins immediately and continues until classes are full. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. For additional information, or to set up an appointment please call Dena Russo at (586) 439-4882 between 7:00am and 3:00pm.

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Mother/Guardian's Name: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Father/Guardian's Name: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Has your child previously attended a preschool program or day care? Yes / No If yes, what is the name of the preschool: _____ day care: _____

Please check the appropriate line: **Warren Woods Public Schools Resident** _____ Non-Resident _____

A **Warren Woods Public Schools Resident** is a child that will be attending **Warren Woods Public Schools**.

Preschool Cost:

Registration

-A \$25.00 *Non-Refundable* registration fee is due at the time of each 15-week registration.

Tuition Cost – (Please indicate your 1st & 2nd choice.) You will be *notified only* if your 1st choice is not available.

Teacher: Cheryl Phaneuf

| | | | Warren Woods Resident Rate | Warren Woods Non-Resident Rate | Choice |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Two-Day 2-hour program: | | | | | |
| T/Th | 3 year old class | 09:00-11:00 | \$264.00 | \$284.00 | _____ |
| Three-Day 2.5-hour program: | | | | | |
| M/W/F | 4 year old class | 09:00-11:30 | \$495.00 | \$515.00 | _____ |
| Four-Day 2.5-hour program: | <i>Children in this class must be going to Kindergarten the following fall.</i> | | | | |
| M/T/W/TH | 4 year old class | 12:15-02:45 | \$660.00 | \$680.00 | _____ |

Payments:

-Please pay by money order or check made out to **“Warren Woods Public Schools” or “W.W.P.S.”**

You may also pay online at www.warrenwoods.misd.net. Click on PaySchools and then Child Care Fees.

Requirements:

-To complete this registration, you must supply the following:

1. Birth Certificate (We will make a copy at the time of registration.)
2. Proof of immunization
3. Ethnicity Form
4. Child Information Record completely filled out
5. Health appraisal form filled out by your physician (You have 30 days to hand this in.)
6. Handbook Acknowledgement form/Media Release form
7. Preschool Information form
8. Registration form with \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee

District Directory 2010/2011



Central Office

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|------------------|---|----------------|
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| J. Ohrt | Asst. Principal – WWTHS | (586) 439-4402 |
| J. McFarlane | Principal – WWMS | (586) 439-4403 |
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| M. Tewksbury | Principal - Briarwood Elementary | (586) 439-4404 |
| J. Wennstrom | Principal - Pinewood Elementary | (586) 439-4405 |
| C. Duby | Principal - Westwood Elementary | (586) 439-4406 |
| J. Filipkowski | Coordinator – EHS | (586) 439-4407 |

Directors

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| J. Stottlemeyer | Facilities & Transportation | (586) 439-4975 |
| J. Michalak | Special Services | (586) 439-4464 |
| D. Dubay | Career Development / CTE | (586) 439-4416 |
| P. Minch | Food Service | (586) 439-4419 |
| D. Russo | Child Care & Preschool | (586) 439-4882 |

Coordinators

| | | |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------------|
| K. Amato | Adult & Community Education | (586) 439-4408 |
| D. Simeck | Special Education Supervisor | (586) 439-4455 |

Board of Education Election - May 3, 2011

On May 3, 2011 Kay F. Walsh, Donald Marx and Michael Schulte were re-elected to fill three six-year terms ending June 30, 2017. In addition, Pau Zannetti was elected to fill a two-year term ending June 30, 2013. Congratulations to our valued members of the Warren Woods Board of Education.

“Schoolapalooza”

The Schoolapalooza, an all district festival to welcome student and parents is planned for August 24, 2011.

Have a great summer!

WWPS Website



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