

Board Report

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Important MEAP and MEAP-ACCESS, and MI-ACCESS Update

Please be advised that we have been notified by the State of Michigan that there will be a delay in the release of MEAP and MEAP-ACCESS student scores from the Fall testing window. The public release of scores will be delayed until at least the beginning of March. The release of MI-ACCESS data will follow MEAP and MEAP-Access by two to three weeks. As a result, we will not be sending parent reports home until after this time frame. Thank you for your patience.

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Warren Woods Tower Named Reward School



Reward Schools are schools that have made AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) and were also identified in one of three ways:

1. Top 5% of schools on the Top-to Bottom list
2. Top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement or
3. "Beating the Odds."

The State of Michigan has recognized the efforts of the school community of Warren Woods Public Schools and has named Warren Woods Tower High School as a Beating the Odds Reward School. WWTWS has been recognized for Beating the Odds, which highlights schools who are overcoming traditional barriers to student achievement and are outperforming schools with similar risk factors and demographic makeup.

Congratulations to the staff, students and the entire Warren Woods School Community on this achievement!

To Close or Not to Close

The decision to close school always brings numerous questions regarding the criteria used to decide to close schools. Unfortunately, it is simply not very straightforward because we must consider the temperature and wind chill, road conditions for our busses and student drivers, and the length of time students will spend waiting at bus stops or walking to school. We do not publish specific criteria for school closure because there are too many different sources of weather information (radio, TV, smartphone apps, websites, etc.) which often report different information about the weather. As a result, our district administration consults with key weather sources, other school districts, our facility and road crews, and our district transportation department to make the decision.

How Many "Snow/Cold Days" Are We Allowed?

Current state law allows school districts to miss six instructional days due to school closure (weather, water main breaks, power outages, etc.) and we have exceeded that limit in WWPS. In the past, the state legislature has passed a bill to decide whether these days will be "forgiven" or will need to be made up either through adding days or adding minutes to the remaining days. In either case, how or if days are to be made up will be determined at a later date.

As we move forward through this winter weather, rest assured that we will continue to make decisions regarding school closures based on the safety of our students. Thank you for your continued support.

CALENDAR

WWPS January-April

Please verify dates and times in Monthly School Newsletters and on our Website: www.warrenwoods.misd.net.

February 2014

- 3 8th Grade Orientation
@ WWTHS 7 PM
- 5 Early Release
- 10 Board Meeting—6:00 PM
- 17-19 No School—Mid-Winter Recess
- 20 Classes Resume
- 24 Special Board Meeting—6:00 PM
- 26 Early Release

Mach 2014

- 5 5th Grade Orientation
9:00 AM & 7:00 PM
- 9 Daylight Savings Time—"Spring Ahead"
- 10 Board Meeting—6:00 PM
- 13 Middle School Conferences
- 21 1/2 Day of School
- 24 Special Board Meeting—6:00 PM
- 25 Kindergarten Orientation

April 2014

- 7-11 No School—Spring Break
- 14 Classes Resume
Board Meeting—6:00 PM
- 16 Early Release
- 18 & 21 No School
- 22 Classes Resume
- 28 Special Board Meeting—6:00 PM
- 30 Early Release

May 2014

- 12 Board Meeting—6:00 PM
- 14 Early Release
- 26 Memorial Day Break
- 27 Classes Resume
- 28 Early Release

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 PM and are held at the Administrative Service Center, 12900 Frazho Road, Warren, MI

JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

As citizen leaders, individual school board members face complex and demanding challenges. They are alternately described as having the most important volunteer jobs in the country and facing the toughest challenge in elected American government. Yet school board members are just ordinary citizens with extraordinary dedication to our nation's public schools. All Michigan citizens should recognize the vital contributions of these men and women and the crucial role they play in the education of our children.

Public education is the backbone of American society, and local school boards are deeply rooted in U.S. tradition. It's the foundation on which our democracy was built. Today local school boards continue to do the most important work of their communities - that of educating our youth.

Their job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, ensure schools are accountable to the community and strongly advocate continuous improvement in student learning. The job of a school board member is tough, the hours long and the thanks few and far between. Too often we're quick to criticize school board members without really understanding the complex nature of their decisions. Now is the time to thank them for their untiring efforts.

School board members come from a variety of backgrounds, yet they share a common goal - helping students achieve in school and life. As a state, Michigan has faced many challenges, but the key to a brighter future is a strong public education system.

We often forget about the personal sacrifices school board members make. Board members contribute hundreds and hundreds of hours each year leading their districts. The time spent in board meetings represents just a small fraction of the hours school board members spend leading in their districts. They spend time on professional development to keep abreast of the latest trends in educational leadership, are deeply involved in community activities and spend many hours at extracurricular events. They continually advocate for the children of our state, and in the past year school board members made countless passionate pleas to legislators, speaking out against budget cuts and pushing for development to keep abreast of the latest trends in educational leadership, are deeply involved in community activities and spend many hours at extracurricular events. They continually advocate for the children of our state, and in the past year school board members made countless passionate pleas to legislators, speaking out against budget cuts and pushing for smart reforms.

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month and our Board will receive special recognition at the February 10th Board Meeting. This is a time to show our appreciation and begin to better understand how local trustees work together to prepare today's students to be tomorrow's leaders. Please join with others from throughout our district and state to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools.

Tower Students “Host” Field Trip

Students at Tower hosted an amazing group of students from Westwood Elementary in December for a hands-on fieldtrip co-led by Tower students in the Occupational Therapy workshop. Students from Ms. Lawrence and Ms. Garrity’s kindergarten and first grade classes participated in several activities that Tower students have been working on during the school year. The guests were given a student-led tour of the newest additions to the woodshop including a full-size lathe, a drum sander and band saw, recently brought over from the maintenance garage, and a wood kiln adapted from re-purposed refrigerator. They observed a student turning and finishing wood on a lathe, and observed the CNC router engraving pieces of recycled Corian. Students participated in a “human bowling” activity with our physical therapist, completed a holiday-themed craft, and decorated cookies made by Tower students in therapy groups. Having students explain and demonstrate to guests what they have been learning helps therapists and teachers understand how well students comprehend the details of what they have learned. It was incredibly rewarding to see our students working so well with younger students and we are grateful to have the ability to provide local, student-led field trips for schools in our district.



Warren Woods Public Schools Together—We Make It Happen!

- 100 % Highly Qualified Teaching Staff
- Full Day Kindergarten Programs
- College Dual Enrollment Opportunities
- Advanced Placement Courses and Programs
- Award-Winning Fine Arts Programs
- Cutting-Edge Career and Technical Education Programs
- Student progress is continually assessed and individualized instruction is provided
- Updated Facilities and Technology
- Fully Accredited Programs



Schools of Choice 2014-2015 School Year Apply Feb. 5—Aug. 1, 2014 Grades K—11

Applications are being accepted for the 2014/15 Schools of Choice Program in Grades K-11 for Macomb County residents. All students who are accepted must be enrolled by January 27, 2014. Warren Woods offers an array of unique learning opportunities for students. To find more about Warren Woods educational community or to obtain an application and enrollment guidelines, visit our website at:

www.warrenwoods.misd.net

or by contacting the Pupil Services Office at: (586)439-4468.

It is the policy of the Warren Woods Public Schools that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender/sex, age, disability, height, weight or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or employment.

Senior Citizen Activity Pass

A pass to admit one Senior Citizen and spouse to any in-district Warren Woods School function (high school musical excluded) may be obtained contacting Jackie Miracle at (586)439-4417. Seniors must be 62 years and either a resident of Warren Woods or have a grandchild participating in Warren Woods School functions.



WOLVERINE WAYS

Warren woods Middle School is proud to announce the third year implementation of our **PBIS Wolverine Ways Initiative**. This system includes proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors fostering a positive school culture.

Our Wolverine Ways consist of four building expectations: **Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful**. WWMS staff and students are extremely committed to the process. This year, advisory student representatives assisted staff members with the planning and preparation of monthly incentives. Students

exhibiting positive behaviors are rewarded through a Wolverine Ways ticket system and incentives.

WWMS students are especially excited about the surprise incentives throughout the year. All students, meeting the behavior criteria, are eligible to participate in the incentives such as the Welcome Back to School Dance, Fear Factor Event, and Dodge Ball Tournament. We are very proud of our WWMS students who continually meet and exceed our expectations. #wolverinepride.



PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY PACK 1959 FOOD DRIVE

Cub Scout Pack 1959 from Pinewood Elementary recently held a food drive at their school. For two weeks they collected food from their fellow students classrooms. The class that collected the most items won a Little Caesars Pizza party. Mrs. VerHaeghe's 4th Grade class was the winner. A total of 1100 food items were collected from the students of Pinewood.

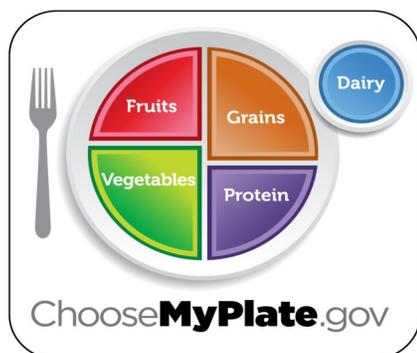
On Saturday, November 23rd the Scouts, their leaders, and parents delivered the food to Hope Center in Macomb which is located in Fraser. The Scouts weighed all the items they delivered. Their grand total was 1086 lbs of food items. After the weigh-in, the Scouts had an orientation and tour of the facility led by Kimerie Guy who is the Pantry Manager. Hope Center in Macomb serves approximately 600 families a week. They require 60 volunteers a day to keep their operation going since they only have 6 full time staff members. After the orientation and tour, the Scouts, leaders and parents proceeded to sort the items they brought in. After the items were sorted, the Scouts were led out in small groups into the pantry area where they stocked the shelves with the items they collected.

Cub Scout Pack 1959 would like to Thank all the students, teachers, staff, and parents of Pinewood for donating food items to support Hope Center in Macomb in their mission to feed the hungry of Macomb County. The Scouts, leaders and parents enjoyed helping at the pantry and look forward to making this a yearly community service project.



Free or Reduced Meal Family Application

An annual meal application for free and reduced priced meals must be completed each school year. Each family will only need to COMPLETE ONE FORM.



If your child received a free or reduced price meal last school year he/she will receive the same benefit until you receive written notification changing their status.

Completing your free and reduced lunch application online speeds up the processing time. We encourage using the online application. Visit the website at: www.lunchapp.com.

Applications are available at school offices and the Administration Service Center at 12900 Frazho Road, Warren, MI 48089.

Start Your Day the Healthy Way

Breakfast will be offered at each of our elementary and secondary schools starting on the first day of school. If you qualify for a free or reduced price lunch, you will also qualify for a free or reduced price (30 cents) breakfast. Full priced breakfast is \$1.00

WWPS Food Services Program

Warren Woods Public Schools is an active participant in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) School Meals Initiative for Healthy Children. Nutritional meals are offered each school day. The lunch prices for the 2013-2014 school year are as follows:

ELEMENTARY	(Grades 1 - 5)	\$2.25
MIDDLE SCHOOL	(Grades 6 - 8)	\$2.75
HIGH SCHOOL	(Grades 9 -12)	\$2.75
Milk		\$0.50



Prepaid Meal Program

Students have the following options when making purchases:

Students can pay cashier each day,

OR

Students can pre-pay to cashier by cash or check (made payable to Warren Woods Food Service). Students can pre-pay for breakfast, lunch and A-la-carte purchases.

The website: www.sendmoneytoschool.com is now available to parents/guardians. Upon approval, the site will allow credit card deposits to be made into the child's account for purchases in the school meals program Account Activity, including the child's seven-day purchase history is also accessible at this website. There is no fee or charge to set up an account and monitor your child's balance.

Warren Woods Early Childhood and Preschool Programs

Early Childhood: 6 wks. – 5 years

Full and part time availability

**Hours of Operation:
6:30 am – 6:00 pm M-F**

12900 Frazho Road (located in the Warren Woods Public Schools Education Center)

For more information, call Erin @586-439-4885
ekeyser@waw.misd.net or Dena @586-439-4882
drusso@waw.misd.net

S.A.C.C.: K – 5th grade

**Hours of Operation:
6:45 am – 6:00 pm M-F**

Location: Briarwood, Pinewood & Westwood

For more information, call Christy @586-439-4870
cwilkins@waw.misd.net or Dena @586-439-4882
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All programs are open year round.

Tuition

Annual Registration Fee: \$35 1st child

\$15 each additional child

Full Day = over 5 hours per day

Half Day = 5 hours or less

***A 10% discount will be applied for families with 2 or more children that attend 5 full days.**

Infant Room 1:4 staff to child ratio (6 wks. – 14 months)

1 day:	\$42
2 days:	\$84
3 days:	\$126
4 days:	\$168
5 days:	\$175

Disney Room & Dr. Seuss Room 1:4 staff to child ratio

**(14 months – 23 months)
(23 months – 2 ½ years)**

Full Day	Half Day
1 day: \$40	1 day: \$32
2 days: \$80	2 days: \$64
3 days: \$120	3 days: \$96
4 days: \$150	4 days: \$110
5 days: \$160	5 days: \$128

Berenstain Bear Room & Flintstone Room

**1:8 staff to child ratio
(2 ½ years – 3 years) – 1:10 staff to child ratio
(3 years – 4 years)**

Full Day	Half Day
1 day: \$37	1 day: \$32
2 days: \$74	2 days: \$64
3 days: \$111	3 days: \$96
4 days: \$135	4 days: \$110
5 days: \$148	5 days: \$128

Tom & Jerry Room

**1:12 staff to child ratio
(4 years – 5 years)**

Full Day	Half Day
1 day: \$35	1 day: \$30
2 days: \$70	2 days: \$60
3 days: \$105	3 days: \$90
4 days: \$130	4 days: \$100
5 days: \$140	5 days: \$120



Mark Your Calendar!

Early Childhood Center Open House

Wednesday, April 30th 6-7pm

Warren Woods Early Childhood Center will hold its annual Open House on Wednesday, April 30th from 6:00-7:00pm in the Community Center. Parents and children are invited to gather information, take tours, meet the teachers, and register for programs for the 2014-15 school year.

Available programs include:

- FREE Title I Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
- FREE Great Start Readiness Preschool (4 year olds)
- Tuition Part-Time Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
- Tuition Part/Full Time Child Care (6 months-age 4)

Ongoing registration for FREE, Grant-funded Preschool Programs for qualifying families:

Title I Preschool (3 & 4 year-olds)

8:30-3:15 M-Th (Waitlist Available)

Great Start Rediness Preschool Program (4 year-olds)

Full Day Option 8:30-3:15 M-Th (Waitlist Available)

Half Day Options 8:30-11:30 & 12:15-3:15 M-Th (Slots Available)

**Registration for fall programs will not begin until this event. If you are unable to attend on this date you will be eligible to register beginning May 1st through the Early Childhood Office.*

The Warren Woods Public Schools are dedicated to maintaining continuous student achievement within a caring environment that provides for individual excellence for all.

WWPS Website

Anything you want to know about Warren Woods Public Schools is accessible with just a few clicks of your mouse. Log on to www.warrenwoods.misd.net. The site includes information about every school in the district, special programs, and so much more. Also tune into WOW Cable Channel 15 or Comcast Cable Channel 11.



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Kindergarten Orientation

Tuesday, March 25th 2014

6-7pm

Briarwood, Pinewood & Westwood Elementary Schools

WWPS will host an informational parent meeting on March 25th from 6-7pm for all families entering kindergarten in September 2014. Parents will receive Information regarding: Kindergarten Curriculum, Health requirements to attend Kindergarten, Breakfast and lunch options, Transportation, School Age Child Care, and the summer Jump Start program available to all incoming kindergarten students

Parents are encouraged to bring their child for a building tour, to meet the Kindergarten teachers, and to visit the classrooms

Each family attending will receive a backpack with take home activities to prepare for kindergarten.

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