



West Deptford School District Board Highlights - May 2022



The following information is intended to inform staff and community members of recent action taken by the Board. The information included in this brief is not intended to be complete and does not replace official Board minutes. Please see the Board agenda on the District Website for the complete action of the Board.

ENROLLMENT: 2,877 as of May, 2022

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Cappello updated the Board on a variety of topics related to the District. We have a lot of exciting events planned over the upcoming months in our District. Please see the upcoming events section at the bottom of this communication for more information.

STAFF RECOGNITION:

On April 29, The Governor's Teachers of the Year were honored at the Gloucester County Department of Education Teacher Recognition Luncheon. We are so proud of you for achieving this awesome recognition!



On Thursday, May 12, the below-listed individuals were also recognized at our Retirement, Recognition, and Year-End Celebration at Masso's. Congratulations to all who were honored, and sincere thanks for your outstanding service to the West Deptford School District!

Retirees

Karen Berry
Robert Creamer
Clyde Folsom
Venise Grossmann
Maureen Heck
Denise Leaf
Joan Petito
Jodi Purvenas
Wendy Rooney
Joan Schissler
Theone Sexauer
William Yerkes

25-Years of Service

Susan Filinuk
Carin Haabak
Meredith Sawyer
Joan Schissler

Teacher of the Year

Patrick Vilary
Amanda Donahue
Lauren Uzdavinis
Nicole Barney
Cheryl Micciche

Educational Services

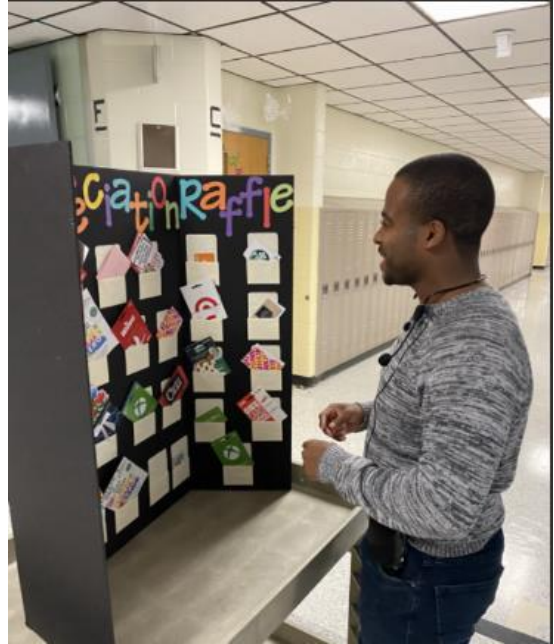
Professional of the Year

Gabrielle
Prendergast
Thomas Jakubowski
Eileen Straub
Shannon Norris
Madeline Cross



STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

May 2-6 was a week filled with activities and treats to recognize our amazing staff members. The generosity of parents, the community, our PTO's, and administration helped us celebrate our staff all week with an assortment of breakfasts, lunches, gift card drawings, gifts, and messages daily throughout our district. We are thankful for the love that was shown to our staff, and we are so proud of the dedication and effort they put into our students each and every day.



NATIONAL SCHOOL NURSES DAY

May 11 was National School Nurse's Day. West Deptford is beyond proud and appreciative of our school nurses for all they do each day for our students. They have gone over and above to take care of us all with their kindness, compassion, dedication, skill, and expertise. We are also proud to share that nj.com has placed a spotlight on Oakview School Nurse, Cindy Cobb, for her daily actions and her guidance during our Code Blue in March. This is a wonderful article to honor Cindy during National School Nurse's Day. We are proud of you, Cindy!

<https://www.nj.com/education/2022/05/nj-school-nurse-honored-for-saving-life-of-students-grandmother.html>



N.J. school nurse honored for saving life of student's grandmother

www.nj.com

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

WDHS Winter Guard

Congratulations to our WD Winter Guard for winning the silver medal at the South Jersey Region 1 Championships. This was the very first time our Color Guard had ever competed in this event, and they proudly earned 2nd place out of 11 competing color guards.



Congratulations for also winning the bronze medal at the Atlantic Coast Championships held in Wildwood, NJ at the end of April. This was the first time our Color Guard had ever competed in this event, and they proudly earned 3rd place out of 25 competing color guards. Congratulations on an amazing inaugural season!!



WDHS Greater Philadelphia SeaGlide Competition

Congratulations to WDHS students who placed in all 7 events in the Greater Philadelphia SeaGlide Competition on Thursday, May 5!



Presentation

- First –Pennsbury HS
- Second - West Deptford HS
- Third –Academy Park HS

White Paper

- First –Pennsbury HS
- Second - West Deptford HS
- Third –STEM-UP

Circuitry & Coding

- First –Pennsbury HS
- Second - West Deptford HS
- Third –GW Carver HSES

Bug Hunt

- First –Pennsbury HS
- Second - West Deptford HS
- Third –GW Carver HSES

Vehicle Performance - Tier 1

- First –West Deptford HS
- Second - Pennsbury HS
- Third –MOT Charter HS

Vehicle Performance - Tier 2

- First –West Deptford HS

Overall Champion

- First –Pennsbury HS
- Second - West Deptford HS
- Third –Academy Park HS

NJ School Buildings & Grounds Association Scholarship Winner

WDHS Senior, Henry Poblete, was selected to receive a [\\$1,000 Scholarship Award](#) from the NJ School Buildings & Grounds Association. Congratulations on this awesome recognition, Henry!

WDHS Students of the Month

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



- APPLIED TECHNOLOGY – **Michael Seddon**
- ENGLISH – **Abigail Simko**
- HEALTH/PE – **Dev Patel**
- MATHEMATICS – **Dawson Tilghman**
- SCIENCE – **Meryn Malcolm**
- SOCIAL STUDIES – **Emma Lyons**
- BUSINESS /Marketing E.D. – **Sophia Serano**
- WORLD LANGUAGES - **Annabella Martello**
- GUIDANCE – **Jayshawn Folston**
- FINE ARTS - **Alicia Schiavo**



MR. WEST DEPTFORD



Oakview April Hard Hat Workers

Oakview is very proud of our April Hard Hat Workers. These students demonstrated responsibility by being reliable and making good choices. Students show great pride in their accomplishments as they proudly walk the hallways with their hard hat worker hat. The combination of our monthly Hard Hat Workers and our weekly Bucket Fillers has shown positive reactions from our students and their conscious awareness to make choices that fill their bucket and the bucket of others!



PERSONNEL

- Appointments:
 - Substitute Groundskeeper
 - Substitute Custodian
 - Elementary Night Custodial Leader
 - Substitute Teacher
 - Per Diem Substitute Technician
 - Special Education Instructional Aides
 - WDHS Assistant Athletic Director
 - WDHS Music Department Stipend & Volunteer Positions
 - WDHS Paid Assistant Boys Lacrosse Coach
 - WDHS Fall & Winter Athletic Coaches
 - WDHS Strength Training Coordinators
 - WDHS Overloads

- WDMS ESY Special Education 1:1 Aide and Substitute Aide
- GFES LTR Preschool Teacher
- OVES Kindergarten Teacher
- OVES ESY Special Education Teacher
- District Homeless, Residency, & Truancy Coordinator
- ESL Testing Coordinator
- Resignations/Retirements:
 - WDMS Cafeteria Worker
 - GFES Non-Instructional LPC/Office Aide
 - OVES Special Education Instructional Aide
 - Part-Time Custodian
 - Custodian

THE BOARD APPROVED THE FOLLOWING:

- Cafeteria Donations
- NJSIG Safety Grant
- Professional Services Contracts
 - District Solicitor
 - Health Insurance Broker
 - District Bond Counsel
 - Special Counsel
 - Auditor
 - School Physician
 - Architect of Record
 - Engineer of Record
- WDHS Summer Credit Recovery Program
- Various Field Trips
- WDHS Fall Athletic Schedules
- WDHS & WDMS Summer Curriculum Writing
- Preschool Curriculum and Collaboration Planning
- 21st Century Scholars Camp Staff
- SOARing Through Summer Program Staff
- ESY Staff
- Summer IEP Meeting Staff K-4 Elementary Staff PD
- Vacation Carryover
- Stipend for Non-Teaching Staff Members
- Advanced Degree Status
- 2022-2023 Staff and Substitute Rehire Lists

BUSINESS, FACILITIES, & FINANCE:

- The Board approved the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports, Transfers, Payroll, and Bills Lists.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Numerous other requests for approval for workshop attendance, student activities, and education items were approved by the Board of Education. These approvals will be reflected in the formal minutes of the meeting, which are available in the office of the Board of Education Secretary, as well as posted online after Board approval. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is an Action Meeting which will be held on June 20, 2022 in the West Deptford Middle School at 7pm. The date and time is subject to change.

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

We welcomed staff members' children at all five of our schools on April 26 for the return of Take Your Child to Work Day. They enjoyed many activities, events, and treats. Thank you to the Cross Brothers for printing t-shirts that were worn by many of the participants, and thanks to all of our staff and students who made this a special day for our kids!





RIVERWINDS STREET FEST OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

Join us every other Friday, beginning June 10th, for a FREE concert series at the RiverWinds Amphitheater. Bring your own lawn chairs. Click [here](#) to view the summer lineup.

WD JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY IS BACK!

Please click [HERE](#) for information regarding West Deptford Police Department's Junior Police Academy. Dates are June 27 - July 1, 2022.

WD SUMMER RECREATION

Who's ready for some summer fun? West Deptford's annual Summer Recreation Program is packed with activities and sports clinics for children entering 1st to 8th grade. It's a fun and memorable way to spend the summer! Please click [here](#) for more information.

WD SAFETY TOWN

The Township is offering Safety Town, a comprehensive accident prevention and awareness program for children entering kindergarten. During this two-week course, children learn about dangers associated with fire, poison, strangers, traffic, transportation, home, playground, animals, and toys. They participate in safety activities in the indoor classroom, as well as in a miniature town setting, consisting of houses, sidewalks, and crosswalks. Please click [here](#) for a copy of the registration form (registration deadline - June 10).

OAKVIEW SPRING CONCERT

We are proud to share the amazing performances of our kindergarten students in the Oakview Spring Concert! A special thank you to our outstanding music teacher, Ms. Bradshaw, for her dedication to our program. The pre-recorded concert is organized for our families to easily find their child's class. Please enjoy the show!

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HfsUcWLBmFc>

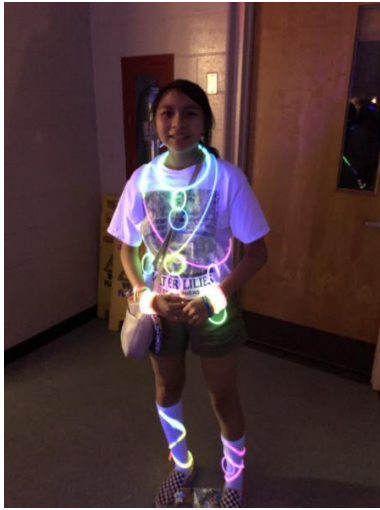
WDMS 5th GRADE MATH LEAGUE

Math league has been a long-standing event at WDMS. Every year our students are given the opportunity to showcase their prowess in math in a friendly but competitive environment. The aptitude and excellence of our students shines through!



WDMS 7th GRADE GLOW DANCE

Over 100 hundred students attended the 7th Grade Glow dance on Friday, April 29th. The kids had a blast dancing, singing, snacking, and paying a little homage to a setting from a 1980's skating rink!



WDMS FLAG FOOTBALL

The Student Council hosted its last event of the year with a flag football tournament on Wednesday, May 4th. Five teams of 7th and 8th graders competed in a double elimination tournament. Accompanied by beautiful Spring weather, team GOAT took home the crown!



RED BANK JDRF WALK-A-THON

Friday, May 6th, Red Bank held its very own "Walk to be TD1 Free." Unfortunately, the weather caused us to take our walk inside. The reason we held the walk was to support two of our own classmates and friends who are learning to be brave and monitor their sugars every day. Bracelets were sold and donations were given to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF). Everyone showed their support by wearing blue for the cause. Special opportunities such as this help us develop empathy and compassion in our students. Thank you to our nurse, Mrs. Wilson, and our health office aide, Ms. Lee, for organizing the entire project.



WDHS KEY CLUB VOLLEYBALL MARATHON

On Friday, May 13, WDHS Key Club's 14th Annual Volleyball Marathon returned after a two-year hiatus. Eight teams took to the courts Friday night to raise money for Cathedral Kitchen, the largest emergency food provider in Camden, serving more than 100,000 meals a year. Cathedral Kitchen uses food to change lives - they help people out of food insecurity and train unemployed and low-income individuals in culinary and baking arts to help them sustain themselves and their families.

Volleyball Marathon teams and Key Club members raised \$1,661.00 in donations for Cathedral Kitchen! WDHS Key Club members spent many hours planning the return of the event. All players and volunteers received a t-shirt and were provided with refreshments and opportunities to win raffle prizes.

Teams competed in fun contests. Tall Guys & Matt came away with awards for Best Dressed Team and Best Team Banner; Ur Mom's Fav Team won Best Team Logo and Ball Busters won the award for Best Team Name. Most Generous Team was awarded to Spiked Punch which raised \$370 for Cathedral Kitchen.

After 7-rounds of round-robin play, the top four teams advanced to the playoffs where the undefeated 1st seed, Suns Out Guns Out, was upset by the 4th seed, Skittles, and the 3rd seed, Return of the Meatballs, upset 2nd seed, Spiked Punch. In the finals, the underdogs battled it out, with Return of the Meatballs taking the title of Champions.

WDHS Club wants to thank RiverWinds Community Center for donating their facility for this annual event, with special thanks to Erin Burrows who was integral in making everything run seamlessly. Special thanks to Ms. Courtney Stetson and Ms. Christine Stetson for generously donating their time and expertise to referee the tournament. Thank you to Ciconte's for donating 6 pizzas and to Wawa for donating 10 cases of water. Key Club thanks the Board of Education, Central Office Administration, WDHS Administration, staff, and students for their continued support of our mission to better our community and spread kindness.

2021-2022 WDHS Key Club Officers:

President, TJ Koger
Vice President, Lauren Eagle
Secretary, Kelly Levensgood
Treasurer, Emma Guzzetti

Editor, Michaela Scirrotto
Webmaster, Emerson Potts
Co-Project Coordinator, Darby Blades
Co-Project Coordinator, Ellie Goldberg



1st Place – Return of the Meatballs



2nd Place - Skittles



UPCOMING EVENTS:

District-Wide Events

- June 17 - Early Dismissal - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Oakview Elementary

- May 19 - Kindergarten School Trip (Insectarium)
- May 23 - Preschool School Trip (Field of Dreams)
- June 1 - Field Day (rain date June 3)
- June 6 - Trimester 3 ends
- June 17 - Trimester 3 report card emailed to families

Red Bank Elementary

- May 20 - Preschool Field Trip to Field of Dreams
- June 6-9 - Red Bank Student Appreciation Week
- June 7 - Field Day (2nd Grade AM, Preschool PM)

Green-Fields Elementary

- May 16 - May 20: NJSLA Make-up
- May 23 - Grade 3 Field Trip to Philadelphia Zoo
- May 25 - Pre-K Field Day
- May 26: Pre-K Field Trip to Field of Dreams
- May 26: Grade 3 Field Day
- May 27: Grade 4 Field Day

Middle School

- May 17 - 5A Trip to Philadelphia
- May 17 - 6th Grade Trip to Camp Ockanickon
- May 17 - 7th & 8th Grade Spring Concert 7pm @ WDHS
- May 18 - 5B Trip to Philadelphia
- May 18 - 5th & 6th Grade Spring Concert 7pm @WDHS
- May 19 - G&T Trip to Washington, DC
- May 24 - 7th Grade Trip to Philadelphia
- May 25 - Music Department Trip to Broadway, New York City
- June 2 - 8th Grade Six Flags/Great Adventure Trip 8:45am-6:30pm
- June 3 - 6th Grade Field Day
- June 6 - 5th Grade Awards Ceremony
- June 7 - 7th Grade Awards Ceremony
- June 8 - 6th Grade Awards Ceremony
- June 8 - 7th & 8th Grade Band Trip to Green-Fields Elementary School
- June 9 - 8th Grade Awards Ceremony
- June 9 - 5th Grade Field Day
- June 13 - 7th Grade Field Day

- June 14 - 8th Grade Social @ WD Park
- June 16 - 8th Grade Closing Ceremony 6:30pm-8pm

High School

- May 16-20 - WDHS Spring Spirit Week
- May 20 - Prom - Battleship NJ
- May 26 - Spring Fine Arts Festival
- May 27 - Renaissance Rewards Day
- May 30-June 2 - Senior Trip
- June 17 - Class of 2022 Commencement 6:30-8pm