



Principal's Corner

As I write my final West Woods newsletter, I am struck by the wonderful experiences I have had working with your children and their teachers over the past four years. West Woods is a school where students come first, where teachers are dedicated to every child, and where the parent community is involved and supportive. The opportunity to be your Principal has been a highlight of the twelve years I have spent in Farmington, and I will always value the experiences I have had and memories I have made here at West Woods.

The West Woods community is poised to continue to grow and flourish, and is particularly well prepared to meet the challenges of the Board of Education's 5-year goals. These goals, printed below, represent the most current thinking about what our children will need to know and be able to do as they grow and live in a dynamic educational and employment environment. West Woods is committed to preparing students to meet the challenges they will face in their lives, and will continue to foster the knowledge and skill that will lead to mastery of the learning skills envisioned in the Board goals.

I am pleased that the Board of Education has appointed Mrs. Alicia Bowman, our Assistant Principal, as the next Principal of West Woods School. I can think of no finer person to lead West Woods in its next stage of development. Alicia has served in a variety of other leadership roles in our school including Math Resource Teacher, Language Arts Literacy Specialist and Team Leader. She started her career as a sixth grade teacher when West Woods opened in 2002. Alicia has a deep knowledge of curriculum, instruction, and the needs of early adolescents, and is uniquely suited to lead West Woods given her experience in the classroom and as an administrator in our building. I hope you join me in congratulating Alicia and welcoming her as Principal of West Woods.

I wish you and your families all the best.

Dr. Peter Cummings

Board of Education Goals, 2010-2015

All students will demonstrate performance standards in **critical thinking and reasoning** and meet rigorous *core academic content** standards by accessing, interpreting, analyzing, and evaluating ideas and information, drawing evidence-based conclusions, synthesizing new learning with prior knowledge and reflecting critically on learning.

2. All students will demonstrate performance standards in **collaboration and communication** and meet rigorous *core academic content** standards by participating effectively in a variety of teams, actively listening and responding to the ideas of others, sharing responsibility for outcomes, articulating ideas clearly in a multiple formats and using technology tools to enhance communication.

3. All students will demonstrate performance standards in **problem solving and innovation** and meet rigorous *core academic content** standards by identifying problems, analyzing data, asking questions, utilizing a variety of resources, thinking flexibly, making connections and seeking practical, innovative, and entrepreneurial solutions.

4. All students will demonstrate performance standards in **self-direction and resourcefulness** and meet rigorous *core academic content** standards by exploring interests, taking initiative, setting learning goals, demonstrating persistent effort, adapting to change with resiliency and exhibiting ethical leadership and responsible citizenship.

**Farmington's Core Academic Content Areas include English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Language, Health, Physical Education, Wellness and Music, Fine and Applied Arts.*



Farmington School Supply Kits

The Farmington Public School District has developed and approved student school supply lists for use in all Farmington Schools. Parents and students are welcome to use these lists for themselves, or you may order convenient supply kits provided through the Farmington Public School Foundation.

Here are the instructions for ordering school supply kits.

- Log on to www.FPSFoundation.org
- Access the “Supply Kit” tab on the home page
- Double Click—”Download Page” (located in the first paragraph) for a complete list of school supplies and kit prices for each individual grade as well as an order form.

The kits are on sale from May 1st through June 23rd. Supply kits will be available to be picked up on August 26th from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Farmington High School. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Feinberg at chrispyf@aol.com.



Top Spellers

The three top spellers in the townwide Farmington Junior Women’s Club Spelling Bee were: Jenny Chen, Ahmad Chughtai and Emma Sherrill. Grade 6 student, Ahmad Chughtai, won top honors. Congratulations, Ahmad!

Student Council Book Drive

West Woods students and faculty recently participated in a book drive organized by 6th grade student Natalie Gallo and the Student Council. The book drive collected over 5,000 books which were then donated to Casimir Pulaski Elementary School in Meriden. Natalie and her parents, Libby and David Gallo, delivered the books to Pulaski and were greeted by teachers and students. This is the third consecutive year that the Gallo family organized a book drive for Pulaski Elementary School. Natalie was told the books would be put to instant use. The students of Pulaski showered Natalie with cards and a banner that thanked West Woods for their efforts. Natalie and her sister, Audrey, focused their efforts on closing the educational achievement gap between wealthy and impoverished schools, and our book drive achieved this goal.



We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our West Woods students on their fine performances in the Spring concerts as well as for the wonderful art work that was displayed in the recent art shows.

Dates to Remember

June 10 PTC Picnic @ Winding Trails, 4:00
June 18 Grades 5 and 6 Field Day
June 25 Last Day for Students—1:15 dismissal

August Events:

Aug 27 Grade 5 Orientation, 1:00-2:00
Aug 30 **First Day of School**

Are you moving at the end of the school year? Please contact the office to make arrangements to transfer your child’s records and/or update our records. Notify us of any address, telephone or email changes. Please remember that the first day of school is August 30, 2010.