

R.D. Wood School News

May 2015



This year we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of R.D. Wood School educating the children of Millville. R.D. Wood School will honor five former Wood School students on June 3, 2015. Mrs. Gladis McGraw, the secretary at our school, puts together the program every year. The program honors and recognizes students that have attended Wood School over the years. The honorees are all examples of positive role models that the present students at Wood School can look up too. Everyone that was honored in the past and this year's honorees are the kind of citizens that we want all our Wood School students to be. This year's honorees are:

- **Dr. George Kourakin**, a dentist who has had a practice in the Wood School neighborhood for over 30 years. Dr. Kourakin sponsors "Give Kids a Smile", providing free dental checks and cleanings for those who have a limited ability to pay.
- **Harold Duffield** has been a Millville Police Officer for 18 years, currently serving in the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Duffield has served on the Cumberland County Narcotics Task Force and as a Detective Sergeant. He is a graduate of Leadership Cumberland County.
- **Richard Marshall**, has lived and served in his community for over 50 years. He serves as the secretary of the Millville BOE Elks Lodge and is the Finance Chairman for the First United Methodist Church.
- **Mathew Davis**, has traveled to the Dominican Republic, Boston, Mass, and many other locations working with immigrants and refugees from all walks of life and cultures. He is currently the Director of Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees for the Arch Diocese of Philadelphia.
- **Cynthia Lutz Martin**, is a kindergarten teacher in Commercial Township, NJ. She is a certificated Master Teacher, a member of her school leadership team. She is active in her church and is a board member of the Millville Day Care Center.

As we honor this year's inductees in the Wood School Wall of Fame I would like to remind all of our parents and guardians that these inductees, like your sons or daughters are the shining examples of the positive people that come through the doors of R.D. Wood School.

Please join at 7pm on June 3, 2015 in our cafeteria as we celebrate and honor some of the best students that have attended R.D. Wood School.

School Events

5, 6, 7 – PARCC (Gr. 4)

5 – Cinco de Mayo

12, 13, 14 – PARCC (Gr. 3)

10 – Mother's Day

14 – Progress Reports

15 – Dare 2 Be Fit Trip

18 – Gr. K-2 Assembly

19 – Eddie Eagle Assembly

21 – Spring Concert: 7PM at
Lakeside

22 – Olympic Day

25 – NO SCHOOL

27 – NJASK Science (Grade 4)

28 – Cape May Zoo (School
Wide Field Trip)

29 – Tall Pines (Grades 4 & 5)

Dare 2 Be Fit

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Boomball

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
(Weather Permitting)
Make Up Thursday



Cinco de Mayo!

It's everyone's favorite Mexican holiday, a chance to listen to cool music, grab some chips and salsa and maybe even speak some Spanish with friends. But what's it all about? Most folks know enough Spanish to understand that "Cinco de Mayo" is May fifth, so it must be a special date in history, but why do Mexicans celebrate that particular day?

On Cinco de Mayo, Mexicans remember the Battle of Puebla, fought on May 5, 1862. On that day, Mexicans won an important battle against the French army, which was invading Mexico.



Things are heating up at Wood School!

As the weather gets warmer our students spend more and more time outside.

Here are some suggestions for parents and students to increase student safety:

- Wear sneakers! Sneakers are the safest and most sensible shoes for our students, especially when they are outside.
- Wear sunscreen! Sunscreen is an essential tool in the fight against skin cancer. Its UV-blocking abilities can help keep skin safe from harmful sun rays. It's important that those planning to spend time in the great outdoors first make a point of applying sunscreen on all exposed skin before heading outside. *Please remember teachers and nurses cannot give your student sunscreen!*

Kickin' It Old School!

Wood School continues to celebrate it's 100th birthday this year by selling shirts designed by our own art teacher, Mr. Rivera!

The design can be seen displayed on the Lion at the front of the school.

Shirts cost \$10 and are available in student sizes!