



## GREETINGS FROM THE WARRIOR RUN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

*Dr. Edmiston, welcome to Warrior Run country from the WREF! This spring the WRSD welcomed new superintendent Dr. Thor Edmiston, Ed.D. and said good-bye to Dr. Alan Hack. Edmiston hails from Midd-West School District where he served as Director of Curriculum and Instruction as well as other leadership roles.*

**1. What attracted you to the WRSD?**

"Warrior Run had three major appealing traits for me and my situation. One, it is a rural district and I have only worked for rural districts. I am familiar with the needs, concerns, strengths, and challenges of a rural district so I wanted to make sure my move to the superintendent level would be to a rural district. Two, when I started researching this district and discovered the investment the Board has made in new and upgraded facilities, I became very excited about the possibility of coming here. Once we are all on one campus, there will be many more opportunities for our students to explore career pathways. This campus will be the envy of central Pennsylvania. Finally, I have family (grandchildren!) about 15 minutes from campus. We are set to close on a home here in the WRSD so I will be very close to campus and my grandchildren. It's a win/win in my opinion!"

**2. Two months on the job, what has struck you about the WRSD?**

"I think the first word that comes to mind is support. I feel very supported here thus far. All staff members are quick to offer a helping hand where needed and that is very reassuring for me in this new position. Mark Twain said it best, "Find something you love to do and you'll never have to work a day in your life." I can honestly say that I have that feeling every day I come to this campus."

### Dr. Thor Edmiston



### NEW SCHOOL, FIELDS, TURF, FIELD HOUSE = POSSIBILITIES!!

The landscape behind the WR Middle/High School complex has changed! The walls of a first-ever Warrior Run field house are rising. Brick from Watsontown Brick encases the exterior walls of the new 3 story Warrior Run Elementary School. A stunning turf stadium field and track are in place. For the first time, all WRSD students will soon come to school on the same campus. Slated to open during the 2022-23 school year, the elementary school replaces Watsontown and Turbotville elementary schools and eventually will house K-6 students. Entering the field through the field house entry, spectators will enjoy a gallery highlighting the WR experience. This school board project decision will provide a WR campus with unlimited possibilities. Defender Proud!

### WREF SPONSORS FACULTY INNOVATION GRANTS

Spring grants over \$11,000 were recently awarded to 9 individual teachers or teams. New equipment, training, and school programming were requested through an annual competitive grant application process. Those educators honored were: **Melissa Hessel, Drewanne Kline, Jill Bertanzetti, Patty Marshall, Carrie Vitko, Emily Aderhold, and Megan Minnig of Turbotville Elementary, Kyle Brady of middle/high school, Jessie Delany, Jason Reed, Joel Ryder, and Chloe Sees of the high school.**

Here Melissa Hessel is congratulated by elementary principal Michael Freeborn. Ms. Hessel's grant will fund **"Trendy Toes of Turbotville,"** a shoe closet outfitted with new or gently used shoes for children in need.



The WRSD Art Show returned this year featuring works by students of art educators Joel Ryder and Matt Watts. The Foundation funded prize money and the purchase of a Best of Show work by **Caitlin Rafala** to begin the creation of a school gallery.

### YIP, YIP, HOORAY!!

*WR's Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) chapter recently awarded \$3500 to **Girls on the Run for Warrior Run, Kingdom Kids, Inc., Nicholas Wolff Foundation's YIP Kids Kash, and the Northern Montour Rec. Assn for subsidized swimming lessons for 2nd graders.** YIP student leaders learn about philanthropy and make tough decisions about funding worthy causes. This chapter is funded by the WREF and coordinated with 10 other schools by the Community Giving Foundation of Berwick.*



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