

Congratulations to Mrs. Lange The Bergen County Teacher of the Year!



School Spirit Assembly April 13, 2018 Trustworthiness



GODWIN SCHOOL



It has been my goal to establish trademarks for Godwin School. This year, I established a vision committee to formalize our expectations for student achievement. While working through this process, the committee developed our School Slogan and the staff wrote our school song.

The committee wanted the slogan to speak to several aspects of a student's life. At Godwin School, we believe in educating the whole child, therefore the slogan should match that perspective.

Through Godwin Pride, we encourage students to do their best, be respectful, make a difference in their community, have goals, and excel academically. Godwin PRIDE will be recited at future assembly programs and discussed in class. The school song tells a story about a day in the life of a Godwin student set to the tune, "I've Been Working on the Railroad."

Here at Godwin School

Godwin Pride
Personal best
Respect and Responsibility
I can make a difference
Dream Big
Educational Excellence

We've been working in our classrooms,
Here at Godwin School.
We've been reading and writing,
And learning with math tools.
Kindness and friendship are important,
We follow the Golden Rule.
We respect our friends and teachers,
Here at Godwin School.
Go Godwin Go!
Go Godwin Go!
Go Godwin Go, Go, Go, Go, Go!
Go Godwin Go!
Go Godwin Go!
Godwin School We Love You So!

Let's meet....Karen Fino

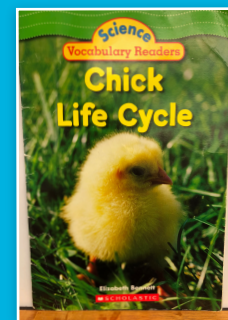
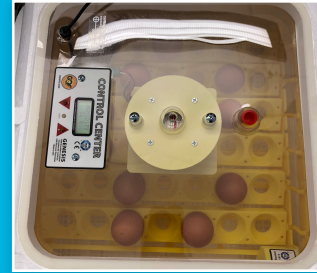
For the past 23 years, Karen Fino has taught kindergarten at Godwin School. She started back in the day when Mrs. Konde was a household name in Midland Park. For the first 20 years, Mrs. Fino taught two half day sessions and therefore had approximately 45 students each year. From almost the very beginning, Karen was a collaborative teacher with the Bergen County Special Services Hearing Impaired Program. She has remained the constant in the collaborative class and thrives on instilling a love of learning in her young students. She believes that kindergarten is a unique grade level...children don't realize they are learning but with every encounter their skills are growing. Kindergartners want to know everything, her day is filled with questions from inquisitive little minds. And most especially, they want to please! Students this young, strive to make their teachers happy and proud of their accomplishments.

Mrs. Fino, aka, Farmer Fino, leads the pack when it comes to our chick unit. She is an ole' pro at hatching chicks and helps the staff with regulating the incubator temperature and securing the heat lamps. This is Karen's favorite unit to teach because every single person is excited about it: students, parents, teachers, and former students. If we're lucky, the chicks are hatched in time for Open House, and sure enough former students and parents visit kindergarten just to take a peek. There is no better way to learn the life cycle than to witness it first hand through this process.

On a personal note, Karen has been happily married to Jeff for 23 years and has two beautiful children, Allison, 16 and Jeffrey, 12. Her passion is her children and she spends her weekends at competitive dance with Allison or travel sports with Jeffrey. When she does get free time, she spends it down the shore, relaxing on the beach with a good book. For Karen, there is no better place to unwind than on the beach surrounded by family and friends. But don't get comfortable Mrs. Fino, September 4, will be here before you know it!



Kindergarten Chicks



The eggs have arrived and in 21 days we will have chicks. The kindergartners will learn about the incubation time of a chick and bear witness to their birth. In a few weeks, our live webcam will be up and running via the Godwin Website. You may tune in from home and possibly watch our chicks hatch.