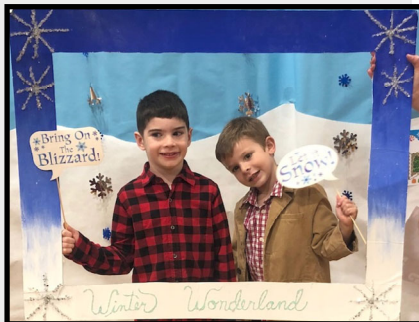


# GODWIN SCHOOL

*We have Godwin PRIDE!*



## Winter Wonderland Dance

The 2nd Annual Godwin School Winter Wonderland Dance was a huge success...if I do say so myself. 139 students attended the Winter Wonderland Dance with a parent chaperone. Students danced the night away, a.k.a. ran around the gym, while DJ Achilles Georghiou played the latest tunes. Staff members facilitated several games: pin the carrot nose on the snowman, reindeer ring toss, gingerbread house decorating, and more. The Godwin School Dance was started last year to give the youngest students an opportunity to participate in a school event after hours. The joy and excitement on their faces upon entering the dance was priceless. They were eager to see their friends and show off their fancy outfits. One parent commented, "It warms my heart to see the friendships my daughter has created while at Godwin School." Students dressed for the party atmosphere and parents snapped photos of them in our winter picture frame. I hope to continue this tradition for years to come. More photos are posted to the Godwin School Website in the Photo Gallery Link.





## Career Day is Coming Back to Godwin School

Last year, Godwin School hosted its first Career Day. Professionals from 16 different careers visited the school to share information about their job. Some of the careers showcased last year were: orthodontist, yoga instructor, neo-natal nurse, pilot, fireman, rocket scientist, flavor specialist, and more. If you are interested in presenting your career to our Godwin students, contact Danielle Bache at [dbache@mpsnj.org](mailto:dbache@mpsnj.org).

## Author Celebration!

As part of our Writers Workshop Program, students author several writing pieces each unit, giving them a portfolio for each genre. To culminate the unit, students share a self-chosen writing piece with a variety of audiences. It becomes a celebration for the author and the writing process. Teachers will ask students to partner read, invite younger/older students to the classroom, or perform a Gallery Walk to read everyone's chosen writing piece. Reading aloud allows students to practice speaking and listening in a more formal setting. Towards the end of this year, parents will be invited to attend an author celebration in their child's class. Be on the look out for the date of that celebration in the coming months.

## Let's Get to Know...Stacy Boufford

Stacy Boufford has been educating students in the Midland Park School District for the past 20 years. Mrs. Boufford started her career in Highland School as a special education resource room teacher and then collaborative classroom teacher. While teaching, Mrs. Boufford earned her Masters Degree in Reading and transitioned to become the Reading Specialist for both Godwin and Highland Schools. For the past 8 years, Mrs. Boufford has been teaching in our Basic Skills Program while consulting with staff members as the Reading Specialist. She works closely with students to help them build foundational skills in reading and writing. Her goal is to help students improve their skills and meet grade level expectations. Mrs. Boufford feels a sense of accomplishment when her students "get it". When the lightbulb comes on and students make a connection to the learning, Mrs. Boufford is elated.

On a personal note, Mrs. Boufford has been married for 15 years and has two children. Caroline is 13 years old and enjoys swimming competitively, while Ryan is 9 years old and enjoys playing basketball. Mrs. Boufford's weekends are spent watching her children excel at the sports they love. Mrs. Boufford, on the other hand, finds enjoyment at the beach and in her garden. She has a bit of a green thumb and brings beautiful colors to her home in July and August. The Jersey Shore and Outer Banks becomes her new home in the summer and the beach is her getaway. There is something tranquil about listening to the waves crash against the shore while watching the sunlight dance across the water. Another tranquil part of her day...for the most part...is cuddling up on the couch with her cockapoo, Hazel. Hazel is the newest member of the Boufford family and probably the most LOVED by all!

