

# *Benedict A. Cucinella Elementary School*

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"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

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As I endeavor to continue Mr. Cucinella's legacy, a child-centered mission in Washington Township, together with the staff, I welcome you to the Benedict A. Cucinella Elementary School where "together we can do so much." The Cucinella School is a special place because of its members - students, staff, and parents. Our purpose each day is to welcome our students into a place where they want to come and learn, have fun and socialize with friends. This takes the effort of many with the focus on each student's individual needs. Therefore, as a school community we work together to make a difference one Cucinella student at a time.

As Principal of the Cucinella School, I feel fortunate to work with our dedicated staff. Our teachers strive to make your child's education a rewarding and meaningful experience by providing the guidance and support necessary to achieve. The curriculum is founded on the standards set by the Washington Township School District and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Our teachers use instructional methods designed to meet challenges and ensure student success. Our objective is to engage students to become lifelong learners in a caring community atmosphere.

At Cucinella, each student and staff member R.O.C.K.S., and it is with this sentiment that we embrace each day. The R.O.C.K.S. program teaches our students to take responsibility and work diligently to meet the expectations and instructional goals of their teachers. Students should strive to treat each other with respect, take opportunities to be good citizens, and show a commitment to follow and cooperate with the school rules. In addition, students should show kindness toward each other and demonstrate positive characteristics such as self-control and good sportsmanship.

The school year promises to be an exciting and memorable educational experience for our students. In conjunction with our core programs this year, we will be conducting two sessions of the school-wide Enrichment Program for students in Grades 1 through 5. Each session is offered through a 10-week mini course designed to enhance the personal growth of our students. Courses are created to give students exposure to diversified subject areas thereby broadening their knowledge base. Some exciting new courses have been added to the program, and with this in mind, we hope your child enjoys our enrichment days.

Our PTO continues to work tirelessly to provide assemblies, family programs and activities for the enjoyment of our students and their families. I extend my sincerest thanks to the many volunteers who work continuously scheduling and organizing the many events our PTO provides. These programs enhance the learning atmosphere and provide a sense of community for our students. It is with this in mind that I encourage each parent to join and volunteer for the PTO.

We will continue to strive for the best options for students and child-centered solutions to problems. As was Mr. Cucinella's philosophy during his tenure, I will do my utmost to keep students as the primary focus when decisions are made. I appreciate the continued support and input from parents and encourage you to visit my webpage found at [www.wtschools.org](http://www.wtschools.org) - "Teacher Web Pages" for school updates and happenings. Over the course of the year, let us always reflect on "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much!"



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