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**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS**



# MONTH IN REVIEW

## **FOX HILL TEACHER RECEIVES TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD**



The National Education Association Foundation has announced the Horace Mann Awards for Teaching Excellence, and we are excited to celebrate Fox Hill Elementary School teacher Carol Pierobon Hofer for being a recipient.

WTS is proud to have our educators recognized for excellence on a regular basis!



## **WILLOW LAKE'S DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTED IN CITY-WIDE PUBLICATION**

The word is out! The success of Willow Lake Elementary's Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program was recently celebrated in North Indy Magazine. The DLI program that started in 2019 is now 250 students strong. The North Indy Magazine story focused

on the structure and success of the program, and the value of helping students understand how they are part of the global community. Becoming bilingual at a young age gives students an advantage by increasing academic skills and confidence.



## **WTS Hires Chief Academic and DEI Officer**

WTS has a district-wide focus on ensuring diversity, equity, and inclusion. While this is the responsibility of all of our educators, with each administrator serving as a leader for equitable achievement, we realize that an executive leader overseeing and coordinating this work is critical to systemic change and continuous improvement. In November, our district proudly announced that Dr. Nataki Pettigrew would lead that charge.