



## PETER PICCIRILLO

Pete came to West Morris in 1961 as a physical education instructor and an assistant football coach. He was appointed the head football coach in 1963 and remained in that capacity until 1997. Pete retired from education in 1998. He held the positions of teacher, Director of Student Activities, Supervisor of Physical Education and Director of Athletics. Coach Piccirillo's overall football record was 220-98-6. His teams were known for strong defense and a pounding running game. His players developed both mental and physical toughness, yet Pete always managed to incorporate an element of "fun" into the game. Pete referred to his teams as "family" and, early on in his career at West Morris, he renamed the football team *The Wolfpack*. Many of his players remember his one-liners but probably his most remembered saying is:

*The strength of the wolf is in the pack  
and the strength of the pack is in the wolf.*

During his 34 years as the head coach of the Wolfpack, Pete had a positive influence on hundreds of young men. He is a cornerstone of Morris County and New Jersey high school football, and his records from the field will last a long time; however, his leadership and his effects on young people will last them a lifetime.