

WORDS FROM WOODLAND

Woodland School Newsletter
February 2018

From the Principal, Jeff Heaney

Dear Woodland Families,

Happy New Year!! It is hard to believe that as I write this we are quickly approaching the middle of the school year. It is harder to believe that just the other day Mrs. Brower and Mrs. Stolfi submitted their annual supply order for the celebration of the 100th day of school, which is only a few short weeks away!! One of my goals for this school year has been to visit the classrooms more often. My visits have reaffirmed the fact that your children are with extremely gifted educators. I am consistently impressed with the creative lesson planning and student-centered approach to learning. However, what impresses me most is the human connection between students and staff. Each day it is wonderful to witness these interactions and watch the students grow not only academically but socially and emotionally as well.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the PTO for all that they continue to do to support the students and staff of Woodland. The entire Woodland family appreciates the terrific assemblies, the support of new classroom initiatives, the purchase of reimagined furniture and the day to day help in the building. There is no way that we would be able to do what we do without their support. I encourage you to join the PTO, get involved in PTO events and attend the meetings. With that said, there are two upcoming events in February that are fun ways to come out and support our wonderful PTO:

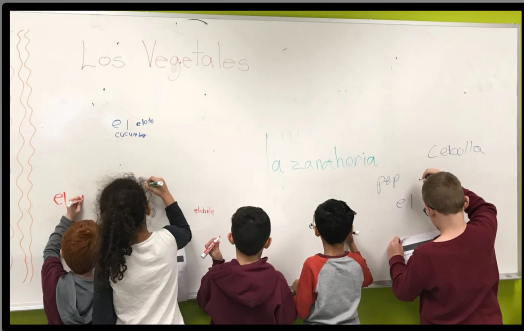
Friday, February 2nd- Family Bingo Night 6:30pm in the APR

Friday, February 23rd- Parents Night Out featuring the NERDS!!

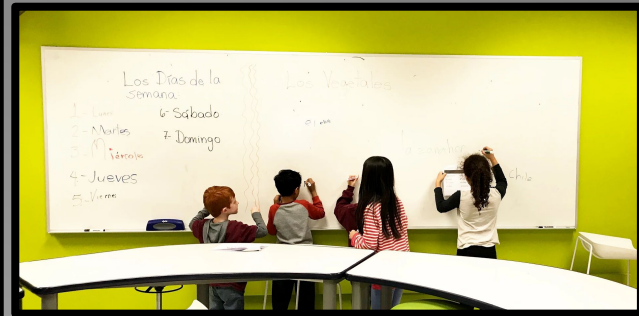
As part of my newsletter each month, I like to share articles and information that can be helpful as we all navigate parenthood and work hard to ensure we are setting our children up for success.

[18 things parents should do....](#)

Please follow me on twitter @PrincWoodland as I post "Great Things Happening at Woodland" every day.



Students in Mrs. Cook's Spanish Club are enjoying learning new Spanish vocabulary. So great to see students get excited about learning a new language



Students and staff enjoyed dressing up for "Career Day!!

Circle with Disney- A Wonderful Recommendation from Mr. Yenish to help limit content, exposure and time spent on the internet. Once linked to your home's WiFi, you can manage any device in your home.

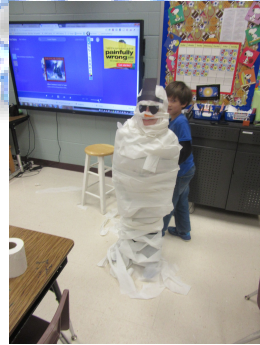
In a day and age with extraordinary access to the internet for learning and entertainment, I started looking at a way to control the amount of time my children spend on the internet about a year ago and couldn't find anything. Last week I learned about Circle with Disney which controls the content and amount of time anyone in your home can access the internet. I hooked it up last Friday, and it has been awesome!

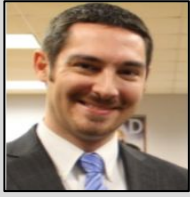
The kids now look to do other things and realize they have limited internet time each day and use it wisely.

There are so many parent-controlled features on it and you can reward extra time if needed. Take a look at it and it might just be something you're interested in! The best thing about it is that my wife and I control it from our phones. It takes a few minutes to setup and once you connect it to your home network, establish an account on your phone, and set limits for each kid, you are good to go!

<https://meetcircle.com/>

Celebrating Winter at Woodland





Superintendent's Corner



"There's just something beautiful about walking in snow that nobody else has walked on. It makes you believe you're special." - Carol Rifka Brunt

While Ms. Brunt's words conjure images of the beauty of a new-fallen snow, they also remind us of the challenges of safely transporting over 1700 students and 350 staff members to and from the district's schools each day.

The superintendent has the responsibility to close schools, open them late or dismiss them early in hazardous weather or in other extraordinary circumstances which might endanger the health or safety of students or school employees.

A careful analysis of all relevant factors is completed in consultation with school, township, and regional resources when inclement weather is forecast. This process can begin days ahead of an anticipated storm but ultimately plays out in the very early morning hours with decisions made so that the communication plan can be put into action to ensure all families and staff receive word as early as possible.

Now is the time for families to review their plans for responding to these school closing events so that in the event that the phone call comes, they can be implemented quickly to ensure that children are supervised appropriately.

Messages about emergency school closings or delays will be communicated through all available channels - online media outlets, radio station 1450am, broadcast television stations 2, 7, and 12, the district's Facebook and Twitter accounts, www.warrentboe.org, the district's telephone system, and through our school-to-home communication system, School Messenger.

Adjustments to the school calendar create challenges for everyone associated with the schools. Ultimately the decision to close or delay will be made based solely on whether it is in the best interest of students' and staff members' health and safety. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.

Each month students who demonstrate exemplary behavior and character are given the Woodland “All-Star” Award. Students designed their own sports cards which are placed on the “All-Star” board. Students’ names are announced during morning announcements and they are given a special certificate.

December All -Stars

Kindergarten: Samuel Friedman, Lara Irekvist, Chase Surbrug, Jae Vespucci, Rohan Nicholson, Darby Markham, Daniel Arpino, Kieran Melia, Faith Getchman, Christian Fazio, Felicity Moccia, Asher Valenzuela, Laura Bubnowski

1st grade: Brandon Bellish, Michael Felice, Terence Ouyang, Sarah Lindy, Emmanuelle (Ellie) Lariviere, Leilani Beyah, Charisa Sair, Dylan Ditta

2nd grade: Timmy Kardos, Olivia Matos, Sahil Nicholson, Ilyssa Braga

3rd grade: Ty Gechtman, Alexandra Valyuk, Julia Felice, Ariana Braga, Amelia Palka, Damien Moccia, Alex Pinto, Lexie Rowell, Corey Hung

4th grade: Navya Raju, Mia Ferreira

5th grade: Jake Keirstead, Dylan Mayerchak, Avery Thomasson, Erin Rau, Luke Rowell

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CHARACTER-
THAT IS THE GOAL
OF TRUE EDUCATION.
-Martin Luther King, Jr.**



Please send in your Box tops. This is an easy way for the PTO to generate money. That money is then used for wonderful assemblies, classroom celebrations and other future events for our students

Date	Event
<p>Friday, Feb 2</p>	<p>Spirit Day- “Superbowl”-wear color of team you hope to win the game</p> <p>PTO Family Bingo Night 6:30pm</p>
<p>Wednesday, Feb 14</p>	<p>Spirit Day- Wear Red</p>
<p>Friday, Feb 16</p>	<p>No School- Presidents Weekend</p>
<p>Monday, Feb 19</p>	<p>No School- Presidents Weekend</p>
<p>Tuesday, Feb 20</p>	<p>Board Meeting @ Woodland 7pm</p>
<p>Wednesday, Feb 21</p>	<p>PTO Meeting 7pm</p>
<p>Friday, Feb 23</p>	<p>PTO Parents Night Out Dental Assembly (K-4)</p>
<p>Tuesday, Feb 27</p>	<p>Fingerprinting</p>