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Dear Woodland School Families,

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you back to another fantastic year at Woodland School. I hope that your summer has been relaxing, enjoyable and filled with lasting memories. Being able to spend quality time with my own children this summer has been very special. As you might have guessed, we took our bi-annual trip to Walt Disney World. We had a wonderful time on the rides and truly enjoyed the shows; however, more than ever this trip reminded me how quickly time passes. It was actually a little sad to see that my children are beginning to outgrow the Disney magic that has provided us with so many amazing memories. It is a great reminder to cherish the special moments in life and to remember that the best things in life are not always things.

As my daughter prepares for her last year of middle school and my son gets ready for 5th grade, I am excited for the new year. With each new year my hope is that they spend their days with teachers who are positive, happy, supportive, dedicated and caring. I imagine that you feel the same way. While I am proud of every aspect of Woodland School, I am most proud to say that these are the types of teachers that your children spend their days with. I continue to be honored to be a part of such a wonderful learning environment and cannot wait to watch your children continue to flourish into intelligent, kind, caring and positive human beings.

As a staff we are very excited about the wonderful things we have planned for the 2018-2019 school year and look forward to working with you to give your child(ren) the best learning experience possible. This year's theme will be a superhero theme focused on the importance of character and the idea that you do not need to have super powers to be a hero. Classrooms, hallways, school wide events and weekly messages will be centered on our theme. As always, we look forward to watching the children grow not only as students but more importantly as human beings.

Important Information for 2018-2019

School Hours/ Arrival and Dismissal

The official school day starts at **8:50 and will end at 3:30.**

Student drop off begins at 8:40

Student pick up will begin at 3:20

If your child goes to after school care, a schedule must be sent with your child on the first day of school outlining which days of the week your child attends. Please place this note and schedule in a **separate** envelope addressed to the teacher.

As a reminder, if your child is going to be picked up from school, please send in a note and have your child deliver this note to his or her teacher in the morning. Please don't use email as a mode to communicate this information.

Recess/Lunch Times

First recess: Kindergarten and Second grades 11:41 - 12:06

First lunch: Kindergarten and Second grades 12:11 – 12:36

Second recess: First and Fifth grades 12:11-12:36

Second lunch: First and Fifth grades 12:41-1:06

Third recess: Third and Fourth grades 12:41-1:06

Third lunch: Third and Fourth grades 1:11-1:36

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **Monday, August 27th:** Parents will receive an email notification of both their child's homeroom teacher and bus assignment. Due to our security audit, class lists will not be provided in this mailing.
- **Wednesday, September 5th:** Our Walk-Through will take place from 2:00 – 2:30pm. Children and their families are invited to visit their classrooms, meet their teachers, and become generally acquainted with their new schedule and the building.
- **Thursday, September 6th:** The **first day of school** for students is a **full day**. **Please be sure to send your child with a snack and a lunch/drink** as Simply Gourmet does not start until Tuesday, September 11th.
- **Monday, September 10th:** No School Rosh Hashanah
- **Tuesday, September 11th** - Simply Gourmet Food Days begin
- **Wednesday, September 12th:** The PTO New Parent Orientation Meeting will begin at 7:00pm in the APR followed by the PTO Meeting at 7:30pm.
- **Monday, September 17th**- Milk and juice service begins
- **Wednesday, September 19th**- **No School Yom Kippur**
- **Week of September 24th**- **PTO Book Fair**
- **Thursday, September 27th:** Back-to-School Night - A schedule for the evening will be eblasted as soon as possible.
- **Friday, September 28th** : Individual student school pictures will be taken by *Lifetouch*

Below is a list of the grade level teachers for the 2018-2019 school year.

Kindergarten- Mrs. Beekman Brink, Mrs. Eitelberg

First Grade- Mrs. Brower, Mrs. Stolfi and Miss Traynor

Second Grade- Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Rzasa

Third Grade- Mrs. Lenci-Coppola, and Miss Nizri

Fourth Grade- Mrs. Krumm and Mrs. Cullinan (Mrs. Serafin's maternity leave replacement)

Fifth Grade- Mrs. Panos, Miss Scuderi and Mr. Yenish

We have several new staff members joining the Woodland family and we look forward to introducing them to you at Back to School Night:

Miss Pranzo- Guidance Counselor

Miss Barber- 5th grade Special Education teacher

Mr. Reck- shared Physical Education teacher working with Mr. Bayachek

Mrs. Wescott- Paraprofessional

Mrs. Cullinan- 4th grade Maternity Leave Replacement

Ms. VonBartheld- Social Worker

I am also excited to announce that Mrs. McGrath will be our new Library/Media Specialist.

Other information:

- Fourth grade students will be changing classes by homeroom for Writing and Math. Mrs. Krumm will be teaching Math and Mrs Serafin/Mrs. Cullinan will be teaching Writing for all 4th grade students.
- Students in Grade 5 will also be changing classes by homeroom. Reading will be taught by the student's homeroom teacher while Math will be taught by Mr. Yenish, Writing by Mrs. Panos and Science/Social Studies by Miss Scuderi.
- Our fifth grade students will be receiving 1-1 Chromebooks again this year.
- Third and fourth grade students will be utilizing Chromebooks in classrooms. K-2 will have greater access to iPads and the computer lab.
- **It is imperative that you sign up for email blasts as all important information is now sent home electronically.**

The beginning of a new school year is always exciting and this year is no different. I want to remind you that the partnership between home and school is critical. My door is open and I truly value your support, opinions and feedback. While I grew up idolizing Michael Jordan and Dan Marino, my own parents and teachers have had the greatest impact on my life. Now more than ever, it is essential that we work together to support and provide children with the tools they will need to succeed in life.

The Woodland School staff is enthusiastically waiting for the first day of the 2018-2019 school year. We look forward to seeing you soon. Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jeffrey Heaney
Principal