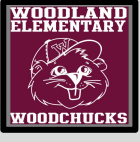


WORDS FROM WOODLAND



Woodland School Newsletter
October 2018

From the Principal, Jeff Heaney

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to another wonderful year at Woodland School. It was so great seeing the students enter the hallways on the first day with big smiles and anticipation of wonderful things to come. As a staff we are very excited about all of the things we will be doing throughout the year. For my first newsletter, I would like to share my thoughts about education.

There is no profession more important than that of an educator. After all, it is the educator who inspires the future doctor. It is the educator who motivates the future lawyer and it is the educator who enlightens our future engineers. It is my belief that every human being has a desire to learn and a potential for great things. My philosophy of education is quite simple. I believe all students, regardless of disability or demographics can excel. In order for this to occur, an environment must be created that nourishes a child not only academically but also socially and emotionally. Students must feel connected to their school. They must find meaning in their learning and be able to see connections to their real lives. In today's society we place a lot of emphasis on high stakes tests for students as well as teacher evaluations. While these both play a critical role in education, they can't be what we judge our schools and teachers solely on. We must remember that we are working with human beings. We must realize that while we are teaching them about math, reading, writing and art we are also giving them valuable life lessons. The best educators don't judge their success by the number of As they hand out. Their success is measured by the impact they have on the life of a child. The best educators have an ability to convince a child that they are capable of achieving anything they believe they can do.

My goal at Woodland is to foster a climate in which students feel safe, supported and are nurtured academically, socially and emotionally. The most important aspect of education has always been putting the students at the heart of every decision that is made. My goals include creating a learning environment in which teachers feel motivated, work collaboratively as a team and have a continued excitement for learning.

At Woodland School there are three simple rules I expect students to follow:

- Take care of yourself
- Take care of each other
- Take care of our school

These three simple rules are rules that I reinforce as a principal as well as a father of an 8th and 5th grader. It is these three simple rules that help build character and help create productive members of our community.

I look forward to working with the students, staff and parents of Woodland Elementary School. Woodland has a reputation of excellence and a true commitment to student growth. It is my intention to maintain this wonderful tradition of excellence while making changes to keep up with our ever changing world.

I believe in the partnership between home and school and welcome any questions, concerns or comments. I am truly honored to be a part of the Woodland family of educators and cannot wait to experience the fun we will enjoy this year!

IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT DAY AT WOODLAND!!

Kindly,

Jeff Heaney



Halloween at Woodland



Our annual Halloween parade will be held on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 to provide an opportunity for students to share their costumes with friends, peers, teachers, and visitors. The parade will be held on the south side parking lot which provides ample space for all of our students to participate at the same time. Please assemble around the entire perimeter to ensure a great view for everyone. In the event of severe inclement weather, the parade will be inside the building with all visitors gathered in the APR and/or gymnasium.

Because the school's Halloween parade is not until 2:45pm, the students should not come to school dressed in costume. They will be given ample time to put on their costume before the parade. We do ask, however, that you send children to school with costumes that are manageable enough for the children to change into by themselves, or with minimal assistance. Below are some guidelines to ensure fun and safety for all involved:

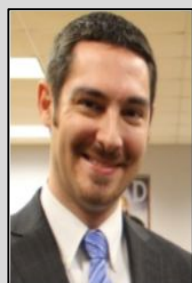
1. Students may not wear any item which may create a safety hazard to the child or others.
2. Weapons of any type may not be part of the costume worn nor brought to school.
3. Masks that impair vision are not allowed. An eye patch, wig, and/or partial face covering are permitted.

Parking for this event will be available in both the front and north side parking lot. Once all of our spaces are filled, you may park on one side of the local streets and/or at the high school after their students' dismissal at 2:30. Please keep in mind that many children and adults will be outdoors and walking around. Drive cautiously and stay alert.

To help us ensure the most orderly dismissal, I encourage you to have your child take the school bus home after the parade. If you must take your child home with you after the parade, please send in a note to your child's teacher as early as possible so we can begin generating our pick up list. Students will line up in the APR with their homeroom teachers. Thank you for your cooperation and I look forward to seeing you at the parade. Adults are more than welcome to wear costumes, but please do not wear masks or any costume that might scare our younger students. Have a happy and safe Halloween.

Woodland's PTO Annual Trunk or Treat

Please join us on Friday, October 26th for family fun during our Trunk or Treat. The event begins at 6:30 pm in the Woodland parking lot. The first 30 minutes will be noise, lights and music free for those who prefer a more quiet setting



Superintendent's Corner



The Warren Township Schools opened the 2018-2019 school year on September 6, 2018 with 1,683 students.

As is the case each summer, our custodial and maintenance crews worked extremely hard to prepare the buildings and grounds for the new school year. In addition to the regular deep cleaning that takes place, these crews supported several significant capital improvements throughout the district. This group of dedicated professionals is responsible for the sparkle that greets our students as they step off the bus each and every day.

This summer, our 12-month Administrative staff recruited, interviewed and recommended for hire 20+ new professionals to join our faculty and staff. These new hires spent time during the last week of August attending the New Staff Induction Program led by Mt. Horeb Principal Scott Cook and Woodland School Principal Jeff Heaney. Warren Township attracts top-notch talent from throughout the region and I am confident these new teachers, paraprofessionals and support staff members will prove to be wonderful additions to our community.

Here's to a wonderful school year where we all continue *shining brighter every day!*

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.

2018-2019 Spirit Days

WOODLAND SPIRIT DAYS 2018-2019

September

14 - Superhero Day Dress as your favorite superhero

October

1-5 Week of Respect

Spirit Theme each day TBA

November

16- Character Trait Day

Wear a character trait on your shirt

December

7- Comfy PJ Day-

Wear your favorite holiday/winter pajamas

20- Ugly Sweater Day-

Wear your ugliest sweater to school

January

11- Career Day

Dress as a career you want some day

February

1- Superbowl Day

Wear the color of the team you want to win

Mid February- (100th day)

Dress up as an old person for the 100th day of school

14- Valentine's Day- Wear Red in support of American

Heart Association

March

1- Read Across America Day

Dress as a favorite character from a book

15- St. Patrick's Day

Wear green

April

12- Crazy Hair Day

May

23- Red, White and Blue Day

June

Date TBD- Field Day -Wear your grade's assigned color

A Note from the School Nurse:

Children spread germs very quickly and easily without knowing it, even though they are reminded to wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes. These seemingly small illnesses can have a serious and/or detrimental affect on anyone who is immuno-compromised or immuno-deficient. In an effort to prevent the spread of germs from one student to another and to safeguard the health of both the students and the staff, here are some guidelines that should help you in making an informed decision about whether or not to send your child to school. **If your child is sick please keep them home.**

Strep Throat—**Students may return to school 24-48 hours after the first dose of antibiotic** therapy has been started, in accordance with your doctor's orders. The student must feel well enough to attend, and must not present with any other signs or symptoms, such as elevated temperature. (The strep virus can cause scarlet fever/scarlet fever, if left untreated.)

Fever—Students may return to school **when their temperature has been normal for at least 24 hours,** without having taken temperature-lowering medication.

Cold and Cough—Students should stay home if they are too uncomfortable to complete work. Students should also stay home if they have a **persistent or severe cough**. Students may return to school when their temperature and activity level have returned to normal.

Vomiting/Diarrhea—**Students should be symptom free for 24 hours and be able to hold down food and fluids before returning to school.**

Skin Rashes—If the student exhibits a skin rash of undetermined origin, **please consult your physician before sending the student to school.** A doctor's note stating the condition is not contagious may be necessary for the student to return to school.

Conjunctivitis—If a student has been diagnosed as having conjunctivitis, they may return to school with a doctor's note stating they are being treated for the condition, and they are no longer contagious. The student should have no evidence of a discharge from the eyes.

Sincerely,

Harriet Stambaugh, RN, MSN, CSN

Ext. 5503



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
Week of 10/1-10/5	Week of Respect
Monday 10/8 Tuesday 10/9	No School
Thursday 10/11	PTO Family Bingo Night
Thursday 10/11	Fire Prevention (Kindergarten/1st)
Wednesday 10/17	Always Connected and StopIT Program for parents 7pm-Warren Middle
Friday 10/19	PTO meeting 9:30am
Week of 10/15-10/19	Week of Making Good Choices
Friday 10/26	Trunk or Treat
Tuesday 10/30	Picture retakes
Wednesday 10/31	Halloween Parade