

# What's Happening at Woodland?

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## Letter from the Principal



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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb 2-6 Proud to Be Me Week
- ◆ Feb 16- Half Day/Dismissal @ 11:45
- ◆ Feb 19 - President's Day School Closed
- ◆ Feb 21 - Science Fair 6:30-8:00
- ◆ Feb 23 - Family Gym Night

### February News

Wow, it's February already! It has been a great first half of the year! I am amazed as to how our Woodland TEAM has grown strong together! On 2/2/18, Woodland held a pep rally to cheer on our Eagles! It was at this pep rally that the new Woodland Pledge was introduced. Every grade had a contributing role in the creating the pledge. As a school, we will say it every Monday morning and all classrooms will have a pledge poster. Feel free to talk to your children about what the pledge means to them. I will post the pledge on our web page for your convenience.

### Here is the new Woodland Pledge:

**Woodland is a community of learners, leaders, and achievers. We will be safe, respectful, responsible, and kind. Together, we are a winning team.**

Report cards were posted on Power School on 1/2/18. If you have not seen your child's report card, please see the Methacton web page, which has directions as to how to access your account. February 16, 2018 is conference day. Remember, kindergarten students do not have school on that day. Students in grades 1-4 will have a half day of school. We will serve lunch. For more details, please refer to the conference forms that came home.

### February Dates

**2/5 – 2/9: Proud to Be Me Week**

**2/7: Home and School Meeting**

**2/13: Kindergarten Parent Night (incoming students) 6:00 pm Arcola**

**2/21: Woodland Science Fair 6:30-8:30 Gym**

**2/23: Family Gym Night 6:30 Gym**

Together we are a team in your child's education. Please contact your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions or concerns. As always, communication is the key to success.

Hopefully, we will not have more ice and snow this month. However, I will not hold my breath. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather.

Enjoy February!

Thank you for all your support.

Deb Euker



## Kindergarten News

In February we will introduce the new sight words *for have they of said want*. We will continue making short vowel /e / words. Please help your child make and read words that end \_\_ed, \_\_eg, \_\_en, and \_\_et.

## First Grade News

*First Grade will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school in February!*

We will complete Unit 3 in the Wonders Program in which we explored how things changed over time. Then first grade will begin Unit 4: Animals Everywhere that delves into what animals are like and what we know about them. Continue to make sure first grade students practice the High Frequency Words nightly to improve reading fluency.

In math, we will be finishing Chapter 8: Addition and Subtraction to 20. This chapter is devoted to learning how to add and subtract double digit numbers with and without regrouping. After Chapter 8 the first grade students will take the mid-year Math in Focus assessment to see how they are retaining the math skills learned so far in first grade.

February marks the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. First grade will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school! In addition, we will be learning about Groundhog's day, Valentine's Day, President's Day and Famous African Americans.

## Second Grade News

*Each Second Grader will prepare and present a project on a famous American.*

**We Love Second Grade!**

Our Second Graders are in the third unit in our ELA program! Here, students will be practicing and applying skills in comprehension which are identifying plot and sequencing. The grammar lessons will include all types of verbs.

As we begin taking a deeper look metric measurement in Unit 7, the second graders will learn more about the thinking and proving processes of the Math In Focus program. Please continue to use the MSD website for fact practice.

Also, February brings the Social Studies unit~Famous Americans. Each child will prepare and present a project on a Famous American to share with all second grades and Woodland. Following that, the students will learn about forces and Simple Machines.

## Third Grade News

### Third Grade Thrives!!

Third grade continues to work hard everyday!

**ELA-** In ELA we are working on unit 3 - with a grammar focus of subject and verb agreement and verbs. The children enjoyed learning about idioms and discussing what they thought the idiom meant vs. the real meaning. The children are always busy writing: adding new writing crafts into their pieces, and we are continuing to work on our close reading and are focusing on taking annotations as we read, and answering complex questions using evidence from the stories.

**Math-** In math we are focusing on division in chapter 8 and have started long division. Please continue to practice multiplication and division facts with your child each night.

**Social Studies/Science** - Classes are all at a different spot in Science or SS as we work hard to complete each topic. Focuses now are on: traditions and holidays, migration, air and land and water as a natural resource.

We look forward to seeing some of you at conference time. As always, thanks for working with your child and for your continued support!

## Fourth Grade News

The winter is definitely upon us. We are finishing Unit 6 (Fractions) and will soon be into Chapter 7. It is important to keep up with basic fact practice. A little bit of practice can go a long way.

Look for a switch in your child's science teacher! We will be changing teachers for the Science Curriculum in early February.

Make sure that your child is keeping organized with their portfolio. It is so helpful to them to be on top of their assignments.

It is cold outside. If the weather is too harsh, the students stay in for recess. If there are any board games/indoor games that you would like to donate to the fourth grade, it would be much appreciated.



## Counselor's Corner

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I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy 2018!

We will be celebrating Proud to Be Me Week from February 5<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>. Each day students can join in the celebration by wearing whatever the theme is for that day. Theme day information will be going out to families at the end of January.

During February 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will have lessons identifying what stress is, how each individual's body reacts to stress and how to handle stress in their lives.

The second grade students will be getting a lesson on personal safety. A parent letter will be sent home prior to the lesson explaining what we are teaching the students.

## Library

**Few reminders for library:**

- **Books should be returned each week. When students are still reading the book, they can certainly check it out again (renew)**
- **Book Care is very important. Many books have been handled roughly and their covers are ripped. Students need to handle the books responsibly.**
- **If books become torn or damaged in any way, students should bring it to my attention I can hopefully repair the damage. If they do not tell me, sometimes it is too late to repair.**
- **KEEP READING!!!**

## English Language Development

Our English Learners (ELs) are finishing up taking the state-mandated annual test of English Language Proficiency - the ACCESS. Students need to be well-rested and fed before coming to school daily, but especially during testing days. It is very hard to think on an empty stomach and when sleepy. Thank you, parents, for your support! Test results will be shared when they are received before the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.