

What's Happening at Woodland?

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Letter from the Principal



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ May 1 - Spring Concert
- ◆ May 7 - Run Out Hunger- @ Panera
- ◆ May 9 - Staff Appreciation Lunch
- ◆ May 7-11- Art Goes To School
- ◆ May 11 - Variety Show
- ◆ May 15 - Election Day
SCHOOL IN SESSION
- ◆ May 16 - Field Day/Rain Date 5/23
- ◆ May 18 - 4th Grade Social/Rain Date 5/25
- ◆ May 28 - School Closed
- ◆ May 30 - Parent Volunteer Breakfast

May Newsletter

It is hard to believe that I am writing a May newsletter! It seems like just yesterday I was welcoming everyone to the new school year.

The biggest news: The PSSA's are over! Thank you for all your cooperation getting your children here. The students worked diligently throughout the entire testing window. We can finally get back to our regular schedule of instruction.

Please watch the weather to see if your child will need a sweatshirt throughout the day. This has been the craziest year of weather and you never know when it will take a cold turn. Shorts are acceptable now, but we still are asking that students do not wear open-toed shoes. They are dangerous on the playground.

As the end of the year approaches, please look for information coming home from your child's teacher. There are many events coming up that need your attention. Summer is right around the corner. Please make sure you keep your child reading and practicing their math facts daily. Ten minutes a day in both of these areas may help prevent the "summer slide."

The summer is a great time to get your clearances. If you have been unable to come into school due to this, you have time over the summer to get them done. Please see the Methacton web page for more details. Remember, next year Woodland will be going green. Everything will be posted on our web page and very little will be going home as paper copies.

Here are some May dates:

(Teachers will have more grade specific information)

5/1/18: Spring Concert for Families 7:00 pm

5/2/18: Home and School Meeting 9:15 am

5/11/18: Variety Show 6:30 pm

5/15/18: Energy Assembly 1:30 pm (students only)

5/16/18: Field Day (students only)

5/28/18: NO SCHOOL

Thank you for an amazing year. It was a successful transition as we combined our communities. I look forward to another amazing year!

Very Truly Yours,
Deb Euker, Woodland Principal

Kindergarten News

All Kindergarten students will attend school in the morning on Field Day, May 16th

May Kindergarten News

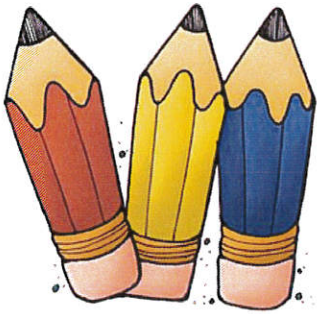
We are adding our last words to our word wall this month! **Who good come does** are the new words. In science we will study the life cycle of a butterfly and the life cycle of plants. What an exciting month!

First Grade News

First graders are doing a fantastic job reading with the Clifford Reading Incentive Program. When completed they will have read over 2360 books. Students will celebrate their accomplishment with a party and weeklong celebration of reading.

First grade is continuing to work in the Wonders Unit 5: *Figure it out!* In this theme students are learning different spelling patterns including r-controlled vowels and vowel pairs. Students have been practicing alphabetizing, cause and effect, prefixes and abbreviations. Students should continue to practice all high frequency words from the entire school year.

In math, students will be working with numbers to 120. They will also be adding and subtracting numbers to 100. Students should continue to practice addition and subtraction focus facts.



Second Grade News

Hello MAY!

With the beautiful and much-needed warmer weather here, we start in on this last quarter of Second Grade studies. Our second graders are learning all about animals this month. We will take a look at adaptations, food chains, and life cycles before our trip to the Philadelphia Zoo on the 17th. They are incorporating lots of new vocabulary into their studies.

In ELA, students continue to work to strengthen their reading and writing skills. Unit 5, titled Let's Make a Difference, provides children with opportunities to learn about various topics such as Our Heroes and Rights and Rules. We will continue with the integrated studies of spelling skills, pronouns, summarizing, make/confirm/revise predictions, and learning multiple-meaning words.

Math brings us into more multiplication tables, graphs and line plots, and shapes and patterns. Math In Focus challenges our students to think about and share solutions to in the real world. They have learned how to add and subtract and apply those skills over and over again, and use bar models to show their thinking!

So many fun and exciting experiences are still to come before school ends... Summer is almost here!

Second Grade will be visiting the Philadelphia Zoo on May 17th

Third Grade News

Third Grade Thrives!!

The end of the year is coming fast.....

ELA- Third grade is working on our fifth unit in ELA. This unit includes skills on point of view, summarizing, and cause and effect, and homophones. Third graders all picked a biography to read and research, about a famous person, and are designing a biography poster. We are so proud of all their hard work, especially on their PSSA testing!

Math- In math we completed our unit on geometry. This chapter focused on geometry terms with angles and shapes, and learning how to find the area and perimeter of a shape. Please continue to practice basic multiplication facts at home. It is extremely important not only because we are starting double digit multiplication, but because fourth grade comes quickly and students are expected to know their basic facts.

Science/SS - We are working on our final unit of science - Natural Resources - either air, water, or land, and communities in SS. Please review the vocabulary with your students on a nightly basis.

Look for more information to come home about field day, fun day, and our field trips!



Fourth Grade News

Fourth grade has completed the PSSA testing throughout the month of April. The students have done a great job. The students worked very hard and we are very proud of them. We feel that the students were well prepared for the testing. Congratulations fourth grade!

There are many activities for the fourth grade this month. The fourth grade field trips to the Philadelphia Art Museum and Peter Wentz Farmstead are just around the corner. We will be sending home reminders and directions for the trips. A packed lunch for each of the trips. There is not a week in May or June when our fourth graders aren't in for a fun activity! Keep close track of these activities to make sure that the students are prepared for the events.

The weather is getting much nicer. However, please encourage your child to keep a sweatshirt or sweater in school as it can get a little chilly. As we wind up the year, we would like to thank all of the parents who have spent time helping their children with projects, homework and just keeping up. We realize that it is a great deal of work and this partnership is very important.



Counselor's Corner

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During the month of May, the 4th grade students will have lessons regarding how to deal with stress, we will talk about multiple intelligence and how their strengths can relate to a career someday. They will also have several transition activities. On May 3rd, the counselor they will have in 5th grade will come to visit all 4th grade classrooms. On May 11th all 4th grade students will take a field trip to the Northern Montgomery County Technical Center where they will see academic options they might want to pursue when they are in high school. On May 15th the 4th grade students will visit Skyview for a tour. There will be another opportunity to visit Skyview in August, information for that tour will be sent to all incoming families from the Skyview team.

Physical Education/Field Day

Field Day is on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. Students will be participating in races, relays and cooperative activities with the primary focus being on sportsmanship and fun. The schedule is as follows:

9:15-11:00 AM AM Kindergarten and Grades 3-4
1:00-3:00 PM PM Kindergarten and Grades 1-2

Students are encouraged to wear team colors and sunscreen to school on Field Day. Additional information will be communicated, as Field Day gets closer. Go Green! Go White!

Music

Spring Concert
May 1st at 7:00 PM
Band, Chorus, Handbells and Orchestra
Performers arrive at 6:30 PM

Handbells at Zwahlen's
May 7th at 4:45 PM
Come support the Woodland Handbell Choir and enjoy some treats from Zwahlen's. This is the Handbell Choir's last performance of the year. They will play from 4:45-5:15 PM.