

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Media Contact:  
Tanya Spishak, Director of Communications  
Woodland School  
650-285-5222 | tspishak@woodland-school.org

## **Dr. Jane Goodall visits Woodland School**

**Portola Valley, CA** - Wednesday, September 12, 2018 Dr. Jane Goodall, primatologist and anthropologist, visited Woodland School. Dr. Goodall spent time with Woodland's first grade students, listening to how they have integrated Dr. Goodall's Roots & Shoots program across all subject areas. Woodland first grade students showed how they mapped Woodland's campus, learned about their environment and their plans to build a garden. Several first grade students had questions for Dr. Goodall ranging from how she started working with chimpanzees to what stuffed animal she brought with her.

Dr. Goodall also spoke to Woodland's student body, faculty, staff and parents. She shared stories of her childhood and life work, encouraged Woodland students to take action, expressed all her reasons for hope in the future, and how students can make a difference, specifically through the Roots & Shoots program.

Quote from Marja Brandon, Woodland Head of School -

*"Dr. Goodall has empowered us to carry her work forward. From all of us here at Woodland, we just want to say thank you, and we have to believe it is not too late. Woodland students are her stewards of the future, they have to be if her work is to live on, and we are all to succeed in these efforts."*

Quote from Woodland First Grade Student -

*"I felt so special that she came to learn about our project and even gave us some advice, (which was to have fun!)"*

###

### **About Woodland School**

Woodland School is an independent day school located just west of Stanford that offers a balanced approach to learning in a diverse and inclusive environment for approximately 293 students in early childhood through eighth grade. Woodland School is committed to bringing out the best in each child through a nurturing of both intellect and character. With rich content and an emphasis on student-driven projects, students are empowered and encouraged to be active and engaged learners. More information [www.woodland-school.org](http://www.woodland-school.org)

### **About Roots & Shoots**

Founded in 1991 by Dr. Jane Goodall, Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots is a youth service program from young people of all ages. The Roots & Shoots mission is to foster respect and compassion for all living things, to promote understanding of all cultures and beliefs, and to inspire each individual to take action to make the world a better place for people, other animals, and the environment.

