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Woodland School Holds Mock Election

Portola Valley, CA - On Tuesday, November 6, 2018, Woodland students grades K-8 participated in a Mock Election. Leading up to the election, students researched the propositions and candidates on their ballots, critically thought and debated both sides of issues and prepared themselves to vote. On mock election day, first and eighth grade students volunteered at two polling places on campus. Volunteers checked in voters, passed out ballots, directed voters to voting booths, and gave out "I voted" stickers.

Kindergarten ballots included the Permanent Daylight Savings Proposition. Kindergarten students focused solely on one proposition, learned how to vote and became informed citizens. First and Second Grade ballots offered students the opportunity to vote on the Children's Hospital Initiative, Permanent Daylight Savings, and the Farm Animal Confinement Initiative. Ballots for students in grades 3-5 included the same propositions and the candidates for California's United States Senator. Ballots for students in grades 6-8 included the same propositions, candidates for California's US Senator and candidates for California's Governor.

Sixth grade students will be tallying the votes and analyzing data surrounding results and voter turnout. As Woodland students count down the years until they reach the legal voting age, the excitement surrounding the mock election process, the opportunity for individual votes to be counted, and students experiencing differing opinions at the lunch table followed by collaborative and friendly games at recess will keep them engaged. Woodland students could be heard at recess chanting, "I voted, I voted, I voted."

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About Woodland School
Woodland School is an independent day school located just west of 280 at Alpine Road 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