

# Woodland Elementary News

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## Upcoming Events

End of Tri I  
Dec. 1st

Mark Reporting for Pre K-12  
(No School)  
Dec. 2nd

Tri II Begins  
Dec. 5th

PTO Meeting  
Dec 13th , 6:30-7:30 PM

PTO Holiday Shop  
Dec. 9th

Last Day of School before Winter  
Break  
Dec. 21st

Winter Break  
(No School)  
Dec. 22nd – Jan. 2nd

Greetings, Woodland Families,

Time sure flies when we are having fun! December is already upon us!

November was an eventful and joyous month. Our scholars continue to thrive in their learning environment. I see daily examples of kindness, leadership, cooperation, respect and so much more. Thanks to all that came to the Turkey Bingo, so much fun was had by all! Thanks to our amazing PTO and the many volunteers that helped to coordinate this wonderful event to connect us all!

A couple of important reminders:

-Please send warm winter clothing including snow pants, boots, hat, and gloves with your child as all students go outside for recess everyday unless it is below zero (temperature or windchill). Please also kindly write your child's name on all their winter gear. Thank you!

-Morning Drop off starts at 9:15 am. There is no supervision before 9:15 am. Thank you so much for helping us to keep all of our students safe.

May the next month be a time of good health, patience, positivity, and much joy. May we all extend grace to one another as this year comes to a close and a new one dawns on the horizon!

Thank you for continual support and partnership!

Your Principal,

Terri Jackson

# From the Office

## Report Cards

To be able to access your student's electronic report card you must have a ParentVUE account. Report cards will be posted in ParentVUE by the **end of day on Tuesday, December 13**. When you are in your ParentVUE account, click the documents tab to view the report card. Contact the office if you need help accessing your ParentVUE account.

## ParentVUE

Your ParentVUE account is also where you can update your contact information, emergency contacts, address, and how you can view your child's report cards, sign up for conferences, and more. For new users to get started, you will need an activation key that was sent to your email address you provided during enrollment. If you didn't provide an email, contact the office so we can enter your email address into the system and create an activation key. You will be emailed information on how to activate and log in to your ParentVUE account.

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## PE Huddle



## What's Happening In PE

We have spent some time reviewing rules and practicing striking skills for gaga ball and 4-square. We have now carried our striking skills into spike ball and volleyball. We will finish up our striking units in December. Plans are underway for our annual PE class obstacle course for the final week before winter break! Tennis Shoe Reminder: Now that we have entered winter boot season, please have students bring tennis shoes to change into for physical education class.

## Ideas to be Active at Home

Practice your volleying skills at home using soft, lightweight objects such as a balloon, beachball, paper ball, or some rolled up socks. How many times can you strike the ball in the air by yourself, with a partner, or as a family? Create your own obstacle course using items around your home. Think of things you can go under, over, around, and through. See how many times you can complete your course or how quickly you can complete it. Bonus: time yourself to see how quickly you can clean your obstacle course back up!

Physical Education Teachers,  
Michelle Sibinski & Adam Whirley

# From The Dare Officer

Officer Foster back and here to talk about conflict and bullying –

I talk about this within my 3<sup>rd</sup> grade DARE classes and think it's an important reminder to talk about with parents as well.

We, as parents, are the first ones that our kids start to observe and learn what becoming a good person/human being is all about. They watch the way we walk, talk, deal with situations and they start to mimic what they are seeing from our behaviors and actions. Talk about having a little mini-me – we truly do create that in them in our image as they are watching our every move – both good and bad!

So when kids see that we don't handle conflict with others well – they will think that is how they have to deal with conflict also. This can sometimes send mixed messages to the child on what they should do if they are in a conflict situation.

When I am in class, I talk to the students about rules that we may have at home and rules that we may have at school. Sometimes those rules align and sometimes they are very different – so sometimes we must be able to work in those two different worlds and follow the rules for those places that we are at in the time of conflict.

We talk about Bullying and how that is showing repeated negative behavior over and over again (which could be physical, emotional, or verbal), and the bully is a person who is being mean on purpose (or with intent), and there is a power differential in the relationship (where the bully is the one with the power).

I talk to the children about the difference between Bullying and Conflict and that most of the time we have conflicts with people. When we have those conflicts with people – we need to find ways to not let our emotions get the best of us and be able to find ways to work through the conflict in a safe and positive manner.

Taking deep Breaths, walking away from the situation, taking turns, ignoring the behavior, saying “I'm Sorry” (Which I advise to them are magical words) are all some of the tactics we talk about that may help when we are in that heated argument situation and we want to fix it before it gets out of hand.

Believe me – 20 years in the career of Law Enforcement – I have seen a lot of conflict and I have even used some of these tactics myself when dealing with it. We all have bad days and have had those bad situations – but if we can try to set those good examples for our children about letting cooler heads prevail when we get in a conflict situation, we can set our children up for the success to be better than us.

Officer Jennifer Foster

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# From the School Nurse

First, I want to introduce myself, I'm Maddie Cole, and I'm the new full time nurse at Woodland!

When do we need to keep our child home from school?

Influenza season is off to a rapid start this year. Symptoms of influenza are chills, body aches, fever, and headache. Your child may also have a cough, runny nose, or stuffy nose, and sore throat. Influenza is contagious in a child up to seven days after the onset of symptoms. Just a reminder that students who have a temperature 100 degrees or higher need to be free of that temp without Tylenol or Ibuprofen for 24 hours before returning to school. This is also true for students who are vomiting or have diarrhea. The child needs to be free of vomiting or diarrhea 24 hours and be feeling well enough to participate in school activities.

It is always a good idea to talk with your child about proper and frequent handwashing. Hands should be washed both before and after eating food as well as after using the bathroom and after touching anything that could be contaminated with secretions from the nose or mouth. Children often need frequent reminders on how to wash hands correctly and hand washing should last for the length of time it takes to sing the ABC's.

## Winter Weather

Our temperature has dropped outside. Please remember that students are outside for recess every day for 25-40 minutes. Students should have a warm coat, gloves/mittens, hat, snow boots and snow pants. Gloves and mittens should be water resistant and provide warmth. When gloves/mittens get wet from playing in snow, hands become very cold. We want to prevent frost nip or bite from occurring. Students go outside unless temp (real or wind chill) is below zero. A letter from the student's medical provider needs to be obtained if there are limitations on a student going outside for recess. Students will not be excused from going outside without medical provider documentation.

If you have any questions regarding student medications or health needs, please contact the school health office by calling 763-315-6408.

If you need to call your child in sick or have an attendance issue due to illness please call 763-315-6400 and select option 1.

Have a happy, healthy holiday break!

**Note:** Be sure to put your student's name in all personal items sent to school including all of the winter gear as well as things like water bottles!

# Music Notes

Wow, It's December!!

Students have completed trimester one and it has been a busy one! We are looking ahead to trimester two and teaching a variety of new songs and musical skills.

## Woodland Holiday Sing-Along

A great tradition at Woodland, since its opening in Fall 2002, has been all-school Holiday Sing-Along! Woodland's staff and student population has always been very diverse in culture and backgrounds. Because of this, our Holiday Sing-Along includes many different songs from a variety of cultural celebrations. There are songs that represent Christmas, Hanukkah, Diwali, Eid, Thanksgiving, the Chinese New Year, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, and New Year's Day. Students have started learning songs for our sing along and we are excited to continue this tradition.

## Reminder: 5th Grade Program Is January 19th

This year's 5th grade program features music from around the world. 5th graders have started learning a variety of songs from across the globe and are excited to share them with you! More details about this program will be coming soon!

## Grade-Level Programs & Eagle Choir

1st Grade "Spring Sing": April 20st, family and school performance, TBD

2nd Grade program: May 11th, community performance 6:30 p.m.

3rd Grade "Sing for Seniors": February 23rd, afternoon performance in the community TBD

4th Grade Recorder Concert: March 16th, performance during the school day TBD

5th Grade program: January 19th, community performance 6:30 p.m.

Eagle Choir: December 13, choir tour at St. Therese and District 279 ESC

Musically yours,

*Miss Drymalski and Ms. Zirbes*

# From The School Counselor

## We need Winter Gear!

This time of year we always have students that need winter weather clothes! Here is our specific need:

- Boots—for all sizes (K-5)
- Snowpants-looking for smaller sizes (K-2)
- Jackets-looking for small-medium size to fit our K-2 students.
- Socks—all sizes

Donations can be dropped off in the office and labeled “Woodland Winter Gear Donation”

Thank you for any consideration!

*Mrs. Larson, School Counselor*

# From The Media Center



Is your child into TikTok, Fortnite, Roblox, Minecraft, Snapchat, or Instagram? If you have questions about these social media, entertainment, and gaming sites and if they are safe and appropriate for your child, check out the [Parents' Ultimate Guides](https://www.commonsensemedia.org/parents-ultimate-guides) at commonsensemedia.org. The Parents' Ultimate Guides provide answers to questions many parents have about these and other popular apps and games.

# From Your PTO

What an incredible fall we've had so far! If you are not yet following the PTO Facebook Page, please visit us at [facebook.com/WdMnPTO](https://www.facebook.com/WdMnPTO) to get more information about all of the PTO happenings!

**Turkey Bingo 2022** was a huge success and we hope everyone had a great time! Thank you to all who made donations for silent auction baskets and our Raffle! We have some great pictures of the event on the PTO Facebook page, please check them out!

<https://www.facebook.com/WdMnPTO>

**Middle School Panel** was also a great success. This has been an annual event for 5th grade students and families to hear from current middle school students about what middle school is like and how it felt to embark on their middle school journey. We hope that it was helpful for all of you that attended. For current 4th grade families, keep an eye out next year for this event!

**Holiday Shop** is quickly approaching on Friday, December 9th. This is a shopping event for Woodland students, who will be paired with an Elf (6th grade or older student) to shop and wrap gifts.

If you would like to volunteer to help at this event, please register using the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084FAEAB22A3FD0-2022>

We are so excited about the turnout we have had this fall at our monthly **PTO meetings**! If you have not yet had a chance to join us, please do so this month! It's a great way to participate in the school's success, build your Woodland community, and meet other parents. Our December meeting will be Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30pm in the Woodland Media center. Hope to see you there! If you want to join virtually, please send an email to [wdptomn@gmail.com](mailto:wdptomn@gmail.com) and you can get a link to join.

## Upcoming Events:

December PTO Meeting: December 13th at 6:30 pm

January PTO Meeting: January 10th at 6:30pm

Paint a Tile: January 20th

Family Movie Night: January 26th

Family STEM Night: February 22nd

## **2022-2023 Board**

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