Greetings, Woodland Families,

Spring is upon us!( Even with the recent snow!) I hope your spring break was a perfect balance of rejuvenation, fun adventures, and rest.

As I reflect back for these past nine months, I can’t express enough of the tremendous partnership and incredible support you have provided for this school year. As your new principal, I am so grateful for your grace, patience, and flexibility, and understanding. Most importantly, thank you for your belief and trust in us with your child’s education. I look forward to finishing out this year strong; focused on engaged learning in both academic and social emotional growth.

April will be another busy and exciting month. Students in grades 3 thru 5 will be taking their MCA testing. (please see the detailed schedule and important reminders in the next section of this newsletter) The PTO sponsored Carnival will take place on Friday, April 14th. Our first graders will experience their first choir concert on April 20th. Our kindergarten orientation will be on April 26th.

Our staff will begin planning for student placement for 2023-2024. Tremendous time and effort is given to designing well-balanced learning groups or classrooms. During this process, the following factors are considered: boy/girl and ratio, consistent class size, behavior and academics, peer relationships, maturity and self control, special needs and independence level. We want to make sure that each and every child will have the best environment to succeed. With that said, if you have information you believe would be helpful when assigning your child to a classroom next year, please use the form below.

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Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

Your Principal,

Terri Jackson
From the Office

Not Returning to Woodland Elementary in the Fall?

Moving? Changing Schools? If your children will NOT be attending Woodland Elementary in the Fall for the 2023-2024? Forms will be sent home in the Wednesday mail the week of April 3rd.

No need to complete this form if there are no enrollment changes!

This includes information for current 5th Grade students indicating where they will attend Middle School. Records will not be sent without an official request for records from their future school if it is outside District 279. Please provide the new school with Woodland’s fax number, 763-315-6401.

MCA Math & Reading Testing Begins Soon

Here are a few suggestions for the day and morning before the test to ensure your child finds success:

- Make sure they get plenty of sleep
- Eat a good breakfast
- Get plenty of exercise
- Drink water
- Avoid family conflicts
- Encourage your child to do their very best

It is very important that your child is at school for these assessments. Please look for information from your student’s classroom teacher for the exact days your student will test and avoid making appointments during these times. Please let your teachers know if there is an unavoidable conflict prior to the test dates.

Woodland MCA MATH, READING and SCIENCE TESTING schedule

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PE Huddle

What's Happening In PE
Our basketball unit ended up going through March. In April, we will be transforming the gym into a bowling alley! In our bowling unit we will cover how to use proper form, rules/etiquette, safety, and game play. We will also cover basic strategies and tactics of bowling. After bowling we will work on tumbling skills and striking with paddles/racquets.

Ideas to be Active at Home
Hopefully the weather will allow for some spring outdoor activities. Ideas to be active outside include: taking a nature walk- explore some trails. Play catch. Play 4-square. Try the increasingly popular game of Pickleball. If indoors, practice your bowling skills by rolling a ball at objects such as plastic cups, plastic water bottles, and empty food boxes.

Physical Education Teachers, Michelle Sibinski & Adam Whirley
How to Evaluate Online Information

When people have a question, the first place many of them go is Google or Siri. But how do you know if the answer Google or Siri gives you is accurate or correct? Woodland 4th and 5th graders learn the acronym RADCAB to help them decide if the information they find online - or even in a book - is accurate and can help them answer their questions. While I teach this in the context of research projects, RADCAB can be used any time by people of any age.

The RADCAB questions are:

**Relevancy:** Does the information relate to my research?

**Appropriateness:** Does the information fit my age and values? Will it help me answer my questions?

**Detail:** Does the resource have a good amount of information (not too little and not too much)?

**Currency:** What is the copyright date or when was the information last updated? Is it up to date?

**Authority:** If there is an author, is he or she qualified (e.g. an expert)? If there is not an author, is the organization well-known and respected?

**Bias-free:** Is the resource giving me facts without trying to make me think a certain way? Is it free from bias?

Karen M. Christensson created the RADCAB acronym in 2005. You can find more information at radcab.com
4th Grade Recorder Concert
Congratulations to our 4th graders who performed in their recorder concert on March 16th! 4th graders have been learning how to play recorders since December and were able to show off everything that they have learned in this 3 month period. We showed families and Woodland students how we started learning just one note and then were able to build on our skills to play harder and harder songs. Nice job 4th grade!

1st Grade “Spring Sing”- April 20th
The Annual 1st grade “Spring Sing” will be on April 20th at 10 am. Our theme this year is “Rain and Rainbows”. Students have been learning all sorts of songs and are excited to share them with an audience! Limited seating will be available, but the performance will be recorded and shared with families.

2nd Grade Program- May 11th
2nd graders are also preparing for a concert on May 11th. Like our 5th graders, our 2nd graders have a special opportunity for a “bigger” concert experience that involves their concert being put on after school. Please note: There will be a 6:30pm performance, and we would love to have all of our 2nd graders participate in this special opportunity. There will also be a performance during the school day. We plan to video-record the performance, sharing the link with our 2nd grade families.

Musically yours,
Miss Drymalski & Ms. Zirbes
From The School Counselor

I am still looking for volunteer professionals to come and participate in our 5th grade career fair on 5/19 at 2:30-3:30!

Would love to still find:

- Construction worker
- Chef
- Electrician
- Plumber
- Auto mechanic
- Artist
- Musician
- Professional athlete
- Political professional
- Entrepreneur
- Lawyer
- ETC!

Please reach out to me if you are interested and would like to learn more.

We'd LOVE to have you!

Mrs. Larson, (School Counselor)
April is National Poetry Month

Explore poetry this month! After reading a variety of poems, think about one or more of the questions below.

1. What was your emotional response to this poem?
2. If you made this poem into a song, what kind of music would you use? What kinds of instruments would you use? Why?
3. How would you illustrate this poem? What colors and materials would you use? Why?
4. Choose a phrase from a poem in this book that caught your attention while you were reading. Explain why you think you noticed this phrase.


Looking for enrichment activities for your child? Explore the TAG webpage https://sites.google.com/apps.district279.org/tag/activity-choice-boards_1

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Mrs. Krysta Wahl
TAG Specialist
wahlk@district279.org
From Your PTO

Thank you to all of the Woodland students, families, friends, volunteers, and staff who contributed to the Readathon! The students read for an incredible 65,000 minutes and raised $10,000! This also means that Woodland will be able to make a sizable donation to Reading4Research, supporting the fight against pediatric cancer.

The annual Woodland Carnival will be held in the Woodland gym and cafeteria from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 14th. The night will include carnival games with lots of great prizes, along with yummy concessions, and fun times with your friends from Woodland!

Our PTO Meeting will take place on April 11th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Woodland Media Center! At this meeting we will be talking about the open positions for the PTO Board for next school year and would love to welcome some new faces! Board positions open are: President-Elect, Treasurer-Elect, Communications, Marketing, Fundraising, Secretary, and DPAC. Duties range from making flyers and posting social media to working with spreadsheets and managing the PTO budget. It is a great way to contribute to making Woodland the wonderful school that it is and connecting with other Woodland parents!

The STEM night that was canceled for weather has been rescheduled for Monday, May 15th from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Woodland Gym. Lots of fun STEM activities available, put on in conjunction with The Works Museum, including Popsicle Stick Poppers, Dynamic Magnetic Structures, and Sound Sandwiches. Scoreboard pizza will be available for purchase.

Upcoming Events:
April PTO Meeting: April 11th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Woodland Media Center
Woodland Carnival: April 14th from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Woodland
Rescheduled STEM Night: May 15th from 5:30-7:30 pm in the Woodland Gym
May PTO Meeting: May 16th from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Woodland Media Center
Woodland Family Dance: May 31st

2022-2023 Board
President: Aaron Ledebuhr
Treasurer: Megan Sing
Marketing Chair: Kandy Heitland
President Elect: Jenna Maurer
Treasurer Elect: OPEN
DPAC: Jennifer Broden
Secretary: Megan Fordice
Communications Chair: Devon Siegel
Teacher Reps: Scott Lund and Jody Levy
AAPI Family Fun Day
Come join us for a day of fun at
Urban Air Trampoline Park!
April 15th 11:30am-1:30pm

Contact: Bryan Bjorlin bjorlinb@district279.org
Urban Air Coon Rapids
10 Coon Rapids, MN 55448

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