Greetings, Woodland Families,

As you read this newsletter we are in the middle of a very busy season at Woodland. The Spring Carnival was a wonderful success. MCA tests are drawing to a close and we are entering the last full month of school. The weather begins to warm, although not nearly as quickly as many of us would like. Spring sports and activities are underway and summer seems impossibly far away, yet closer than we realize.

Our focus at school continues to be helping your children to grow socially, emotionally, and academically. We want to end this school year on a positive note, and continue to learn and thrive.

We have an exciting and busy May. Field Trips, Choir Concerts, PTO sponsored STEM Night, 5th grade Commencement, Field Day... just to name a few. Please look for flyers for our All school BBQ.

Have a fantastic May! We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Thank you for your continued partnership!

Your Principal,

Terri Jackson
Important Upcoming Dates for the 2023-2024 School Year

- Fall 2023 Incoming Kindergarten Welcome Week: August 14-18; AM and PM sessions each day. Scan the QR code to sign up:

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Please call Terry Derksen in the school office with questions at: 763-315-6400.

- BUS TRANSPORTATION 2023-2024

Students eligible for transportation will be required to register. Information on the 2023-2024 transportation registration process will be communicated later in May. Preliminary bus information will be emailed to families in early August. Families will be asked to verify bus stop and school attendance information at this time. Final busing information will be available 7-10 days to the beginning of the school year. Busing information can be found in your student’s ParentVue account and will also be sent via email.

- Woodland Elementary Open House: Wednesday, August 30, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

- First Day of School: Tuesday, September 5, 2023
What’s Happening In PE

In May we will be finishing up our racquets and tumbling units. We hope to get outdoors to work on baserunning games/skills such as t-ball/softball, and kickball. We will also complete spring fitness testing. We have begun planning our end of the year Field Day event. Field Day will be on June 6th. We hope to have lots of volunteers to help the day run smoothly and be extra special for the kids! Please consider marking your calendar to volunteer that day. More information will be sent out later in May regarding event times and how to sign up to volunteer.

Ideas to be Active at Home

Some ideas for practicing baserunning sports include practicing catch by doing the step back challenge. Start by standing close together. Each time you make a catch, the catcher takes one step back. If the ball is dropped, either move all the way back to your starting spot or take one step closer to your partner. Play a game where you either kick, throw, or bat a ball and then run back and forth between two bases until the fielder returns the ball to the homebase. You score a point each time you make it to one of the bases. Ideas for things to use for bases include shoes, cones, and hula hoops.

Physical Education Teachers, Michelle Sibinski & Adam Whirley
In a world filled with technological distractions and multiple extra-curricular activities, how can adults help kids develop an internal motivation to read? Here are some simple ideas:

- Let kids choose books, magazines, etc. that they are interested in reading. Choice and interest build internal motivation. If your child says he/she does not know what to read, talk about how you choose a book.
- If they choose something that is too difficult to read by themselves, read with them or to them.
- Have books around the house--a combination of library books plus books the kids own is ideal.
- Make sure your kids see you reading things you enjoy.
- Listen to audiobooks during commutes and road-trips. Did you know the public library has digital audio books? Woodland students can also access digital audio books by logging into Clever and selecting “TumbleBooks” or “MackinVIA”. (The login for MackinVIA is the same username and password that the student uses to log into Clever.)
- Overtly teach kids how to be “sneaky readers.” Just like with exercise, good readers don’t have to do all of their reading in one sitting. Encourage kids to bring something to read everywhere they go. Five-to-ten minute sessions sprinkled throughout the day-- in the car, in waiting rooms, at siblings’ practices, before bedtime, etc. add up fast!
Happy May
It has been an incredible year and we are so thankful to be making music in the Music rooms and in live performances! Many thanks to you, our families, for all of your support, encouraging students to do their best work. We also owe a huge thanks to our WD staff and the fabulous Woodland PTO for their support!

1st Grade Concert
Congrats for their success to 1st Grade in their “Rain and Rainbows ” program. They did a great job singing and playing instruments along with their songs. We are so proud of our amazing students

2nd Grade Program
The 2nd Grade program is coming up on May 11th. Students will be performing a selection of songs that go along with the book “The Day the Crayons Quit”. Come see their performance at 6:30 on the 11th!

4th Graders - Be Part of the Band or Orchestra NEXT Year!
Fifth grade is an important point in the instructional timeline for our district band and orchestra programs. Actual registration to be a part of the band or orchestra will take place during the 2nd week of school in 5th grade. For now, please set a reminder in your calendar for the beginning of the year. An information email and electronic phone call will be sent during the 1st week of school in September. There is no need to do anything else at this time. There will be some instrument demonstrations done during 4th grade music class this spring. Again, Be Part of the Band or Orchestra in 5th grade!

Musically yours,

Miss Drymalski & Ms. Zirbes
Dear families,

Our Character trait for May is **PERSEVERANCE**!

Our scholars will be learning about what perseverance and persistence are and how to have a growth mindset, make mistakes and be proud of their growth!

**Read about it!**

*Try some of these literature resources to learn more about perseverance!*

- *The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss.
- *Can I Play Too?* by Mo Willems.
- *How to Catch a Star* by Oliver Jeffers.
- *Ruby’s Wish* by Shirin Yim Bridges.
- *Salt in His Shoes* by Deloris Jordan & Roslyn M. Jordan.
- *The Curious Garden* by Peter Brown.
- *Matthew’s Dream* by Leo Lionni.
- *A Chair for My Mother* by Vera B. Williams.

**Talk about it!**

*Use some guiding questions to have family discussions about perseverance at home!*

- What does perseverance mean to you?
- Why is it important?
- How can we persevere during hard times?
- Can you think of a time you persevered or persisted when it was hard?
- Can you think of someone you know or know of that showed perseverance?

**Practice it!**

A good way to help kiddos flex their muscle in perseverance is to set some goals with them. Goals that will help them practice having a growth mindset, know that mistakes are ok and to celebrate their growth! Try coming up with some goals as a family for the summer ahead!

Mrs. Larson, *School Counselor*
From Your PTO

It has been an amazing 2022-2023 school year, but the PTO is not done yet!

We're kicking off the month of May by thanking the incredible Woodland staff! May 1st-May 5th is Staff Appreciation Week and the theme this year is a take on the TV show “Friends”. I mean, “Could There BE a Better Staff!”
Monday’s Episode: “The One with the Coffee Cart” with a coffee cart, scones, and a yogurt bar
Tuesday’s Episode: “The One with the Chick and the Duck” with bagels & donuts for breakfast and Chick-Fil-A sandwiches for lunch
Wednesday’s Episode: “Joey Doesn’t Share Food!” with Caribou coffee for the morning and Jet’s pizza and salad for lunch
Thursday’s Episode: “Phoebe’s Relaxi-Taxi” with a massage therapist, build your own spa bags, and Dos Hermanos Taco Lunch
Friday’s Episode: “The One with All the Treats’ ‘ with pastries & muffins, Starbucks Cold Brew, and Crumbl Cookies.
You are invited to help show appreciation by sending in a special note, sending in a classroom supply item, or sending one of staff’s favorite things (see list at https://www.woodlandpto.org/get-to-know-the-staff)

The STEM Night Free Family Event - rescheduled from a night with a blizzard - will finally take place on May 15th from 5:30-7:30pm in the Woodland Gym. Students can enjoy fun STEM activities in conjunction with The Works Museum. Scoreboard pizza will be available for purchase. Hoping for no major weather event this time!

Our final PTO Meeting of the year will take place on May 16th from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Woodland Media Center! We will be voting on nominations for open positions for the PTO board for next school year - please come and throw your hat in the ring!
Our open positions include:
- President Elect  
- Treasurer Elect
- Secretary
- Communications Chair
- Marketing Manager
- DPAC Representative
- Event & Fundraising Chair
We are also looking for Event Chairs for Sponsorship (finding local businesses to sponsor Woodland), Paint-A-Tile, National African American Involvement Day, and the Read-a-Thon!

The May Community “Dessert” will be May 17th from 3pm-6pm at Crumbl Cookies in Maple Grove. Experience all of the sweet thrills through in-store pick up or curbside pick-up by ordering through the website or app. There will never be a better time to indulge as a family or maybe treat your co-workers to a sweet treat!

The Woodland Dance is again taking place outside this year near the Woodland playground! Please join us May 31st from 6-8pm! We are fortunate to have Bach2Rock Music School as the
DJ! Along with music, all kids can get a free glow stick at the welcome table, there will be a glitter tattoo station, and there will be food trucks starting at 5:30pm as our final Community Supper.

Upcoming Events:
Staff Appreciation Week: May 1st-5th at Woodland Elementary
STEM Family Night: May 15th from 5:30-7:30pm in the Woodland Gym
May PTO Meeting: May 16th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Woodland Media Center
May Community Supper: May 17th 3-6pm at Crumbl Cookies in Maple Grove
Final Community Supper: Food Truck Night on May 31st at 5:30 p.m. at Woodland
Woodland Family Dance: May 31st from 6-8pm near the playground at Woodland

2022-2023 Board
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