

Woodland Intermediate School Newsletter

December 2018

A Note From Mrs. Pearl

The holiday season is upon us and with it comes many chances to celebrate and give back. Our students have worked very hard during this first part of the school year and now is a great time to pause, look back, and celebrate all that has been accomplished.

Report Cards will be coming home before vacation on December 17th. Our Standards-Based Report Card seeks to provide meaningful feedback so both students and parents can track student progress toward mastery of key academic concepts, reflect upon strengths and weaknesses, and identify multiple pathways to deeper learning. Standards-based report cards separate academic performance from work habits and behavior in order to provide parents a more accurate view of a student's progress in both academic and behavioral areas. This is a great conversation starter and tool for setting goals.

This time of year is also a great time to look forward at all the ways we can connect as a community. We hope that you can join us for our Holiday Concert on December 18th, at 9:00 am and 1:30 pm.

Finally, I want to personally thank everyone for your support with our Food Drive at Thanksgiving. The amount of food that was collected for our community was a record amount. I am so impressed with the generosity of our community.

Thank you all for your support and involvement. My door is always open if you have questions or concerns. I hope that you have a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Pearl

Habit of the Month: Put First Things First

Focus Area: Hallway Expectation: Safe

I use class time wisely.

I complete my work before I go on to free choice.

I do my work instead of talking to my neighbors.

I do my work instead of playing in my desk or wandering around the classroom.



WOODLAND Upcoming Events

December 13

Coffee and Conversation
9:00-9:45 am

December 18

Christmas Program
9:00 am and 1:30 pm

December 17

Report Cards Go Home

December 20 – January 2

Winter Break, No School

Remember that specials (PE, Music, and Tech) have switched to the winter schedule. If you are not sure when your child will have PE please check class Dojo or ask your child as we have been talking about the new day(s) for PE in class the past few weeks. With rainy, cold weather upon us it is still expected that students wear proper shoes on PE days to keep them safe and able to fully participate. Thank you for your support on this. Kids are doing a GREAT job of being prepared for class this year.

Thank You, to all the PTSA Volunteers!

News from PTSA

Walk-a-Thon totals are finally in! The Intermediate school raised \$8,128.89 this year! Way to go Woodland Intermediate! We will update you each month with how the funds will be spent for the school. No December meeting with Winter Break starting on the 3rd Thursday. We will resume on January 17th in the Intermediate School Library. In the new year, we will be talking about what PTSA looks like next year with the school structure changes. Any and all input is appreciated. Hope everyone has a wonderful Winter Break and a Happy New Year!

If you are interested in joining the PTSA we would love to hear from you. You can find us on Facebook at Woodland PTSA or by email at woodlandptsa@gmail.com

Winter Emergency

School Closure Information

The Woodland School District includes geography that makes it so that while things down around I-5 are just damp, just around the corner and up a ways, weather conditions can be much more severe. We thank our families during winter weather for your patient understanding as our transportation and administrative teams make the "safest" decisions each day regarding school closures!

A telephone notification system has been implemented that will be used in the event of changes to school schedules, cancellation of school or school emergencies. On mornings with school delays, you can expect a telephone call. If you wish to know of school schedule changes prior to that call, you can listen to the radio or watch the morning news, as those changes will be broadcast there, too. Woodland School District's website, www.woodlandschools.org, will also post alerts.

Save the Date for our Holiday Program!

Tuesday, December 18th at 9:00 am and at 1:30 am.

Students should wear either holiday attire or nice clothes. Some students will be wearing specific things but I will make sure they know that. :) It's going to be a lot of fun!

If after school pick up plans change and you need to call the office, please call before 2:00 in order to make sure your message gets delivered!

Morning Supervision starts at 8:00 am Tuesday – Friday and 9:15 am on Mondays.

Please do not drop students off early.

We conform to all the laws, statutes, and regulations concerning equal employment opportunities and affirmative action. We strongly encourage women, minorities, individuals with disabilities and veterans to apply to all of our job openings. We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin, age, disability status, Genetic Information & Testing, Family & Medical Leave, protected veteran status, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal or any other characteristic protected by law and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. We prohibit retaliation against individuals who bring forth any complaint, orally or in writing, to the employer or the government, or against any individuals who assist or participate in the investigation of any complaint or otherwise oppose discrimination. Inquiries regarding compliance procedures may be directed to the School District's Title IX Coordinator, Discrimination Officer and Affirmative Action Officer, Vicky Barnes, 800 Second St. Woodland, WA 98674, barnesv@woodlandschools.org, (360) 841-2702, or 504 Coordinator, Jake Hall, 800 Second St. Woodland, WA 98674, hallj@woodlandschools.org, (360) 841-2720.

Ms. Carly's Corner

SPREAD KINDNESS - Not Germs!

December is a month full of festivities, holidays, and family gatherings. It's also the beginning of runny noses, and flu season!

In addition to spreading the importance of healthy eating, and washing our hands, I am encouraging students to think of others this month, and see how far their kindness can spread.

Over the course of this month, encourage your students to perform random acts of kindness for others - especially their fellow classmates. Encourage them not to just do this for their close friends, but students they typically would not choose to spend time with. This may be seeing a student that's sitting alone at recess with no one to play with, and inviting them to play a game. Maybe, noticing a student in the cafeteria that sits at the end of the table that no one talks to, and sitting across from them to start a conversation. Or, it could be making a card or giving a nice compliment to another student. If everyone in our school performed one act of kindness this month, kindness would spread throughout our school, making WIS an even more joyful place to learn, play, and grow! Typically when kindness is done unto one person, that person's heart is more likely to show kindness and love to others! Kindness really can spread and make the world a better place!

As Kid President says, "Be somebody, who makes everybody feel like a somebody!"

Some great books to check out from the library on kindness are:

Have You Filled A Bucket Today, by Carol McCloud

How Full Is Your Bucket?, by Mary Reckmeyer and Tom Rath

Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed, by Emily Pearson

Wonder, by R.J. Polacio (also a movie)

Kid President YouTube video: How Good Spreads: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bH5ozEo1Ao4>

Color Wars! *Color Wars is a school wide competition where students can earn points for their team by showing the Woodland Way, dressing up for Spirit Days, and by helping their teams win different competitions on campus. Below are the teams for this year:*

Green: Austin, Carmen/Gomes, Churchman, Criag, Kamel, McCarty, McNeff, Morris

Black: Cutler, Degroot, Leavens, Matau, Huwe, Rebstock, Salmon, Volk

Blue: Anderson, Long (2), Long (4), Canby, Cooper, Heckman, Manning, Peterson