

Woodland Intermediate School Newsletter

January 2019

A Note From Mrs. Pearl



Happy New Year, Everyone!

I hope everyone had a wonderful break with lots of time with family and friends. I continue to enjoy this small community and feel so blessed and honored to be in Woodland. Our students and staff returned refreshed and excited to come back to school. We are looking forward to an amazing year full of learning and growth for our students.

It is a busy time as we are planning and preparing for our reconfiguration of the Intermediate and Primary schools for next year. Preliminary planning is encouraging as the many benefits are presenting themselves. One example is the amount of time students will be spending on busses will potentially be reduced by half. This, in and of itself will have such a positive impact on our students' school day, and helps drive us forward as we push through the challenge of change in our growing community.

We will be updating the district and school website with information as decisions are being made. Currently, you can access the board approved boundary lines for each school on the district website. There is also going to be an opportunity to participate in choosing names for the new schools. What a great opportunity for families!

A few items we need your help with....

- Our lost and found is full. Beautiful new coats and jackets are homeless. Can you help your student put their name on their jackets and encourage them to check the lost and found.
- School Breakfast - Please encourage your student to go straight to breakfast. Students are choosing to play and then do not have enough time to eat their breakfast. Your encouraging words and support would help!

Thank you for your support! It is our intention to work as a team to provide the best for our students and families. If you have concerns or questions please feel free to email or call. I would love to talk to you. We also have Coffee and Conversations on January 10th at 9:00.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Pearl



Upcoming Events

January 10

Coffee and Conversation
9:00-9:45 am

January 17

PTSA Meeting in the WIS
Library 6:00 pm

January 21

No School, MLK Jr. Holiday

January 25

No School, Semester Break

Habit of the Month:

Put First Things First

Focus Area: Playground Expectation: Respectful

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.

Thank You, to all the PTSA Volunteers!

Winter Emergency

News from PTSA

Hello Woodland Parents, I have heard a few "rumors" that people would like to see the PTSA do more activities like a school carnival and possibly change to a PTO vs. a PTSA. We welcome any and all ideas and would love to have these items to discuss at a future meeting. Our January meeting will be Thursday, January 17th in the Intermediate School Library. We will have lots to talk about with the changes in school structures next year and such. I encourage those who have ideas, concerns, or just want to get involved to attend our meetings, we would love to have you. If you would like to reach us in the meantime visit us on Facebook at Woodland PTSA or you can email woodlandptsa@gmail.com any time. Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!

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.

If your child is in grades K-5th, we will have after school soccer, basketball and flag football all over Clark County. **QuickStart Sports partners with the school district community education departments to provide options through the following districts: Evergreen, Washougal, Battle Ground, Hockinson, Ridgefield and La Center.** Programs are 90 minutes weekly, and the day of the week varies based on the particular school. For a list of this winter's programs, please visit the "after school programs" tab at www.QuickStartSportsLLC.com. Also, be sure to register soon if you have, or know of any, 3-6 year old beginner athlete that is interested in getting involved in indoor basketball or soccer this winter. **We will have basketball on Mondays (starting January 21st) at 4:00 in Ridgefield, and then soccer on Thursdays (starting January 24th) at MLK Elementary in Vancouver at 5:30 and Basketball at MLK Elementary on Thursdays (starting January 24th) at 6:30.** These programs are focused on teaching the very core basic skills and fundamentals of basketball or soccer in an environment that is fun for kids who are just starting to learn these skills. It is not intended to be overly competitive, but more about "showing the kid the joy of sports" and having fun. For full details on this winter's options (all indoors), as well as where to go to register and sign up, please go to www.QuickStartSportsLLC.com.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe New Year!!

Sincerely,
Chris Heath

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"Showing kids the joy of sports."



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Ms. Carly's Corner

January is a month of resolutions. It's a new year, and a new opportunity to let go of yesterday and make way for a happy and bright future! Here are some great ideas for resolutions that will not only make your 2019 more awesome, but are habits that will help us make long term positive life changes.

1. Be more present: don't worry about the past for future - you can't change the past, and you can't go to the future to see what will happen. Just enjoy the now!
2. Practice the Golden Rule - treat others the way you want to be treated! Stop, think, and react based on how you would feel or like to be treated in a situation.
3. Accept differences - Everyone is different: people have different beliefs, backgrounds, perspectives, and likes/dislikes. It's important to accept people as they are and not judge them for thinking differently. The world would be a boring place if we were all the same.
4. Take more rest time - We are all so busy with school, sports, and friends. And while these things are so important, it's equally important to spend time recharging your brain. Spend time each week by yourself doing something you love to recharge and relax!
5. Don't sweat the small stuff - think: will this really matter in a week from now? A month? 10 years? If your answer is NO, then LET IT GO.

Here are some fun New Years activities you can do at home with your students!

1. Create a time capsule - add in pictures or toys that were loved this year (that maybe you don't want anymore) and create a box to open in a few years from now.
2. Goal set as a family - help your child set personal and academic goals, then talk about how you are going to work together to get there.
3. Make a New Years reflection book or poster - ask some of these questions:
 - a. Things I want to try...
 - b. Things I want to get better at...
 - c. I want to help by...
 - d. Looking back at this year, my favorite memory was....

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