



The Wrangler Express



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Bringing school news to students, families, and community members.

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From the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I thank you for your assistance and cooperation as we had a wonderful opening of the 2016 – 2017 school year. I know our students had a great time connecting with their teachers and classmates these first few weeks!

Learning started day one at Woodland Elementary and our students are showing great promise for the school year. Wranglers are already setting goals for themselves and are working hard to reach them. Our teachers and staff are excited to work with them to make even stronger improvements this year.

Open House is scheduled for Thursday, September 1st. I look forward to seeing all of you there. We will begin with our Welcome and Title 1 Annual Meeting at 5:30 for Primary and 6:00 p.m. for Intermediate in the cafeteria. It is my sincere hope that Open House will provide families with opportunities to “Connect” with our school staff, get general school questions answered, and make the transition back to school a smooth one.

I am eagerly looking forward to the 2016-17 school year. The WES community has a lot of work ahead of us in the coming year. I see promise and hope in this community, and I know that we can achieve great things together.

Sincerely,
Shauntte Butcher
Principal

September School Calendar

September 1	Open House/Title 1 Annual Meeting
September 2	Health Screening for K, 1st, 3rd
September 5	No School/Labor Day Holiday
September 13	Elementary Honor Society Induction
September 14	Picture Day
September 16	Progress Reports Distributed
September 22	Boy Scouts Round-up 6 p.m. Media
September 23	iMom (PTA) 8:30 a.m. Cafeteria

Woodland's OPEN HOUSE! September 1st, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Woodland Elementary School will host an Open House/Title 1 Annual Meeting on September 1st from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. There will be two sessions: Primary Grades K-2 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. and Intermediate Grades 3-5 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Each session will begin with a Welcome & Title 1 Annual Meeting held in the cafeteria: Primary at 5:30 p.m. and Intermediate at 6:00 p.m.

Open House is an opportunity to meet teachers and get a general idea of your student's daily routine and the teachers' expectations.

Picture Day Wednesday September 14

Students will be photographed for school pictures on September 14. Students purchasing photographs will need to have their money with them to pay the photographer. Make checks payable to



Strawbridge Photography. Parents, please make sure your student is present for picture day; only one retake picture day is scheduled for early November.

Early Release

Parents must sign students out in the main office. Anyone picking up a student **MUST** be identified on the Student Medical Emergency Card. ***Picture identification will be required to release students. Early dismissal and change in transportation phone calls can be made up to 3:00 p.m.***

School Lunch Prices

Breakfast FREE for all students

Full Lunch \$2.25 Reduced Lunch .40

Parents: You can prepay your child's lunch on-line by using your credit card. It's free, it's easy, and it's convenient. Money is automatically deposited in your child's account at school. Go to myschoolbucks.com or call 1 (800) 479-3531. **All students including Kindergarten students must know their Student ID Number (Lunch Number.) Any student who knows their ID number by September 2nd will receive a special treat.**

School Absences

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to explain his/her child's absence by written notice on the first day of the child's return to school. All notes should be turned into the teacher within 3 days of returning.



Reading Round-up

Now that the Independent Reading Level Assessment (IRLA) has been administered to all students, your child has been assigned a reading level and power goal. This reading level is important, as it is your child's independent reading level, or what your child can do on his own. Power goals are unique to each student. Please be sure to ask your child what his/her power goal might be and encourage practice during your reading time at home.

Reading at home will make a huge difference in your child's school success. Here are some tips for building strong readers:

- ✓ Make reading part of your everyday routine (20-30 min.).
- ✓ Read anything and everything- from books to street signs!
- ✓ Point out and discuss new vocabulary words.

- ✓ Encourage your child to "read" the illustrations or pictures.
- ✓ Take a trip to a library or bookstore.
- ✓ Ask questions about what was read.
- ✓ Help your child fall in love with books and reading.

For additional tips and tricks for building super readers, be sure to attend our upcoming Parent Connection Night. More information will be sent home soon.

Amy Drury – Literacy Lead Teacher

Nurse's Note Here's to your health!



Top 10 WARNING SIGNS OF VISION PROBLEMS IN CHILDREN

Blurry vision may be interfering with your child's ability to learn in school. Regular eye exams can detect and correct this and other vision problems.

Parents, as well as teachers, should be aware of these 10 signs that a child's vision needs correction:

- 1- Consistently sitting too close to the TV or holding a book too close.
- 2- Losing his/her place or using a finger to guide eyes when reading.
- 3- Squinting or tilting the head to see better.
- 4- Frequent eye rubbing.
- 5- Sensitivity to light and/or excessive tearing.
- 6- Closing one eye to read or watch TV to see better.
- 7- Avoiding activities that require near vision, such as reading or homework, or distance vision, such as participating in sports or other recreational activities.
- 8- Frequent headaches or tired eyes.
- 9- Avoidance of computer use because it "hurts" the eyes.
- 10- Receiving lower grades than usual.

Debbie Dee, RN
Pasco County School Nurse

2017 Yearbook News



Yearbooks are on sale right now for \$15. The price will increase throughout the year, so purchase early. If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook advisers, Ms. Hellwig and Ms. Kirk.



Counselors' Connection

We are so excited to be focusing on Character Education at WES this year! Each month, we will be celebrating a specific character trait through daily classroom activities and monthly character lessons. During the month of September, Woodland will be celebrating respect. Your child will be learning what respect means through numerous activities. Outlined below, you will see our topics for each week:

- Week 1: Defining Respect
- Week 2: Listening to Others
- Week 3: Speaking Kindly
- Week 4: Being Fair, Playing Fair, Sharing & Taking Turns

Please talk with your child at home about what he or she has learned. Additionally, in order to further solidify some of the skills your child is learning, please see some activities that you can do at home.

Suggested Activities:

- a. Take some time to listen carefully to what your child has to tell you. Show him or her to be a good listener. Point out to your child when he or she is being a good listener and how you can tell (i.e. "I could tell you were listening because you stopped what you were doing and looked at me.").
- b. Make a game of giving compliments to different family members. Look through family photo albums together and say only kind things about family members in the photos.
- c. When watching a video or TV show, point out examples of people saying kind or unkind things.
- d. Talk with your child about his or her day and have your child tell you some examples

of kind and unkind actions or words by others. Then, talk about actions or words your child did or said that were kind or unkind.

- e. Play a game with your child and talk about the importance of playing by the rules and taking turns.
- f. "Catch" your child being good. Recognize when your child is being respectful and praise him or her for it.

Respect is such an important social skill that is essential for a successful future. Thank you for allowing us at Woodland to be part of your child's future.

Sincerely,
Shannon Kromer and Bridgett Crews
WES School Counselors

Tumblin' Tumbleweeds *P.E. Department*



Welcome Wranglers to another exciting year at Woodland! The P.E. staff is glad to have all of the students back, and is warmly welcoming the newcomers. Please help us to create a safe and positive environment by familiarizing yourself with your student's P.E. days. It is expected students are dressed appropriately in order to safely participate in our exciting activities. We expect feet to be covered (no sandals/flip flops), and prefer comfortable clothing (i.e. t-shirt and shorts). All students are required to participate in each class to the best of their abilities. Doctor's notes are necessary under any circumstances that may prevent a student from participating. We will accept a parent note for one day excusal if necessary, but require a doctor's note after one day. We look forward to another successful year at Woodland!

Parents CONNECT with Woodland!

Parents, please make sure you check the WES website <http://wes.pasco.k12.fl.us> on a regularly basis. The website is updated weekly with useful information for you. There is also an activities calendar that is useful for planning purposes.