



The Wrangler Express

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From the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As I begin my first school year as Principal of Woodland Elementary School, I am energized and deeply committed to making a positive difference in the lives of your children. We will accomplish this by “Connecting” as a school community as we set high academic expectations for all children and provide supportive systems to assure they are met. By addressing school culture, setting high standards for teacher performance, increased academic expectations for all students and engaging the community, it is our goal that each Woodland student will achieve their goals.

I ask you to encourage your student to get ready to work hard as we strive once again to achieve our mission statement.

Mission Statement

Woodland Elementary School is a positive learning community, which inspires, challenges, and empowers towards excellence.

Each adult at Woodland Elementary School is here to help students achieve their goals. Students and parents are encouraged to communicate with teachers, school counselors, and administrators as soon as help is needed.

Thank you for all of your efforts and support as we continue promoting “Planning Ahead, Aiming High, College Bound!” Woodland Wranglers.

Sincerely,
Shaunte Butcher
Principal

September School Calendar

September 1	Open House
September 2	Health Screening for K, 1st, 3rd
September 5	No School/Labor Day Holiday
September 14	Picture Day
September 16	Progress Reports Distributed

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

Woodland Elementary School will host an Open House 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 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. All parents/guardians are invited to “walk” their student's schedule and meet with their student's teachers to receive information regarding the academic goals, behavior expectations and consequences, and grading policies.



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 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

Welcome Back! The WES faculty's goal this year is to create an environment where all of our students reach new levels in reading achievement!

We will be administering the Independent Reading Level Assessment Inventory, IRLA, to all of our students over the next few weeks. Each student will receive an IRLA level for their baseline. This level will help your child find reading materials that are appropriate for recreational reading as well as materials that will enhance their classroom areas of study. The student will receive IRLA conferencing/coaching every 10 days throughout the year to monitor their progress.

Remember one of the best ways to increase fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary is to READ. Encourage your child to read each and every day for at least 30 minutes at home.

Amy Drury – Literacy Lead Teacher

Nurse's Note



Here's to your health!

Welcome Back! The Woodland School Nurse is Debbie Dee, R.N. Mrs. Dee is excited to work with the Woodland Community again this year. The first action Mrs. Dee asks is for parents/guardians to make sure they complete an emergency clinic card with updated medical information for each Woodland student. It is important that Mrs. Dee be aware of any medical issues or concerns, so that she can help ensure student safety.



Counselors' Connection

We are very excited to begin a new academic year at Woodland and want to ensure that all of our Woodland families know their School Counselors.

Bridgett Crews has worked as an educator in Pasco County for over 12 years as a teacher and as a School Counselor. Mrs. Crews is married and has a large family of fur-babies. In her time away from school, Mrs. Crews has a dog grooming business and enjoys spending time with her husband on their boat.

Shannon Kromer began with Pasco County last year as a School Counselor at WES. Mrs. Kromer lives in Brandon with her husband of 14 years, her dogs, Milly and Apple, and a cranky cat, Lovey. When not spending time with her students or her family, Mrs. Kromer enjoys reading and yoga.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Attendance Matters

Strong attendance is as important to your child's school career as the foundation is to a house. Without it, there is nothing to build on.

Here are a few reasons why your child must be in school:

- School attendance is the law (age 6 and up). The only exceptions are illness or family emergencies.
- Missing school is harmful for academic performance.
- Peer relationships often get started at school.

To aim for top attendance:

- Tell your child that school is important to you and the family.
- Avoid taking your child out of school for appointments, vacations, or errands.
- Have your student arrive to school on time.