



The Wrangler Express

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From the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The first few months of the 2016 - 2017 school year at Woodland have been action-packed, academically exciting and have provided students and teachers the chance to learn and grow through new experiences and relationships. Our students have performed well and behaved in an equally positive manner!

Parent events are an essential part of our school culture. We had amazing turnouts for our Watch Dog Kick-off event, iMom breakfast, and IRLA parent Connect night! A big thanks goes out to our instructional coaches, parent involvement coordinator, and PTA who spend hours adding to the educational experience of our students and parents!

In October, we will begin to prepare for the Great American Teach-In held the week of November 14th. This event brings community volunteers into the classroom to teach children about their careers or hobbies. Volunteers may choose to spend an hour or stay the entire day. Whatever the length of the visit, you can make a difference. If you have any interest in participating, please notify Shannon Desrosiers at 813-794-6400.

We look forward to a great October and working with our community to make Woodland the best school that it can be.

Sincerely,
Shauntte Butcher
Principal

October School Calendar

October 14 End of First Quarter
October 17 Teacher Planning Day
October 23 Red Ribbon Week Begins
October 24 Report Cards Go Home
October 25 Health Screenings K,1, 3
October 25 AVID Parent Connect Night
October 28 All Pro Dads in the Cafeteria
October 28 Positive Character Parade at 9:45 a.m.

Picture Retake Day November 9th



Students who were absent September 14th can be photographed for school pictures on Wednesday, November 9th. Any student who did not purchase their school photo can retake their picture and buy photographs as well. Make checks payable to Strawbridge Photography.

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Reading Round-up



With Quarter 2 on the horizon, I would like to take a minute to provide you with an overview of some of our literacy incentives we have in store for your child for the 2016 - 2017 school year.

Accelerated Reader (AR)- your child is encouraged to read a book and then take a short quiz online. Points are earned for each quiz passed. Your child will earn bracelets as they begin reaching point targets. There will be an end-of-year celebration as well.

Woodland Writes- your child will be learning many writing skills this school year. The faculty at Woodland will be watching for great writers, as well as most improved writers.

Sunshine State Readers (Grades 3-5)- students have a goal of reading five books per quarter. They will choose one book and complete a presentation on it. Ideas for presentations: diorama, digital presentation, movie trailers, etc.

iRead (Grades K-2)- this is an online program that engages students with fun, interactive lessons focused on developing foundational skills to meet each student's needs. Students have access to this program at home!

Please continue reading with your child each night. Together, we are building "Super Readers".

Amy Drury – Literacy Lead Teacher

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.



Positive Character Day Parade

Parents are invited to the annual Positive Character Day parade held at the Woodland bus loop on Friday, October 28th. The parade will begin promptly at 9:45 a.m. Please, no masks, weapons, or scary costumes.

Counselors' Connection



October 2016
Counseling Connection

During the month of October, Woodland will be celebrating responsibility. Your child will be learning what responsibility means and ways he or she can show responsibility. Outlined below, you will see our topics for each week:

- Week 1: What is Responsibility
- Week 2: Being Responsible for One's Own Work
- Week 3: Being Responsible for Possessions
- Week 4: Being Responsible for Words and Actions

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:

- Children learn responsibility by being responsible. Talk with your child about an additional household task that he or she could take responsibility for, such as setting the table, taking out the trash, or feeding a pet. Recognize and praise your child for carrying out the new responsibility.
- Provide a checklist of responsibilities your child has at home, such as picking up toys, putting dishes away, or doing homework. When your child independently completes items on the checklist, provide a reward or praise.
- Talk to your child about what would happen if you were not responsible, such as not showing up for work or not going grocery shopping.
- Talk with your child about taking responsibility for his or her own safety when at home alone or when he or she is out in the community.
- If you have a pet, encourage your child to take on some responsibility of taking care of it, such as making sure the pet has food and water.

Responsibility is such an important skill that is essential for success at school and in the 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

October's Parent Connect Night is October 25th!



It is AVID's mission at Woodland Elementary to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global. Teachers will present how AVID is implemented at WES focusing on a growth mindset!