



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,

The staff at Woodland would like to wish you and your families all the best that this holiday season has to offer. We wish you peace, love and happiness and nothing but good health and fortune in 2017.

At this time, we would like to inform you of the dates for this holiday break: School will be closed from **Friday, December 23rd through, Sunday, January 8th**. We will re-open on **Monday, January 9th**.

Winter break means a well-deserved reprieve from homework and daily obligations, but before you know it, the holidays will be over and it will be back to school. To prepare for a smooth re-entry and a successful second semester, don't let school skills like reading, writing, and math slide completely during winter vacation. Try family-friendly activities to keep skills sharp like reading stories each night, using math to cook family recipes, and writing thank you notes!

The success of every child is critically important to us. We want to ensure that all children achieve to their maximum potential as they strive to become college and career ready. Have a safe break and see you next year!

Sincerely,
Shauntte Butcher
Principal

December School Calendar	
December 5 – 9	PTA Gingerbread House
December 7	Grade 5 U of F College Tour
December 9 – 22	Second Quarter Testing
December 20	Technology Parent Night
December 22	Last Day of School for Students

Thank you to our WES Business Partners!



Absolute Air Systems, INC	Pin Chasers	Zephyrhills
Danny Burgess State Representative		
Walmart Zephyrhills		
Custom Decal US	Elks Lodge #2731	
Peggy's Dance Place	City of Zephyrhills	
Artistic Florist of Tampa	Circle K at Eiland Blvd.	
Chalet Flowers	Marion Smith Florist	
Little Caesars Pizza	Tijuana Flats SR56	
Rotary Club	First Christian Church	
Five Guys Zephyrhills		



On December 20th, Woodland will be hosting a winter event, A Byte out of Winter. Please join us for a **FREE** night filled with technology fun, winter activities, carolers, book fair, art gallery, bounce houses, a visit from Santa, and more. The night will begin at 6:30 pm and end at 8:00 pm. The book fair will open at 6:00 pm in the media center. Return your RSVP form to Danielle Johnson by December 16th.

Reading Round-up



Winter Break Reading Challenge

We want to encourage our Woodland Wranglers to read during Winter Break. Each grade level will be participating in a Winter Break reading challenge. Your child's teacher will send home the challenge as well as the directions in the near future. Please encourage your child to meet the challenge and then return the documentation upon returning to school on January 10th in order to attend our Winter Break Reading Challenge party.

Amy Drury – Literacy Lead Teacher

Counselors' Connection



During the month of December, Woodland will be learning about accepting differences. We will be learning about how we are all different and yet all alike. Outlined below, you will see our topics for each week:

- Week 1: Learning How all People are Different and Alike
- Week 2: Accepting Different Cultures, Nationalities, Religions, and Traditions
- Week 3: Inclusion

Please talk with your child at home about what he or she has learned. Additionally, please see some activities that you can do at home. Suggested Activities:

- a. Discuss special family traditions you have in your home or family. These could be cultural or religious customs or just special things your family does to celebrate different occasions. Talk to your child about how different families do things differently.
- b. When watching a video or TV show, point out examples of how people do things differently, Such as talking a different language or live in different cities.

Being able to understand how we are all different and still alike is a critical, lifelong skill. Please talk with your child at home about what he or she is learning. Thank you for the opportunity to work with your child.

Sincerely,
Shannon Kromer
WES School Counselor

Attendance Matters

Woodland Elementary School enjoys having your child enrolled as our student. **Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve educational success!** For every day that your child misses school, over six hours of instruction time is lost. When absences are excessive, a child's readiness for the next grade could be in danger.

Here is the **Early Warning System Chart**, which shows you how many days of absence makes a student On-Track, At-Risk or Off-Track.

Early Warning System	
<i>Attendance Matters for staying on track and graduating</i>	
Elementary School Early Warning System Indicator for Attendance	
On-Track	0-2 absences in a quarter 4% or less absences in a year
At-Risk for Off-Track	3-4 absences in a quarter 5%-9% absences in a year
Off-Track	5 or more absences in a quarter 10% or more absences in a year

If your child is At-Risk or Off-Track, we want to partner with you to help your child develop habits of regular school attendance. Please reach out to your School Social Worker, Damaris Diaz (813) 794-6411, if you feel that we can support your efforts to have your child in school, **on time~everyday~all day.**

Nurse's Note Here's to Your Health



We are fortunate to have a mobile dental van come to Woodland campus for FREE services for your student.

The Department of Health has a grant for students in these selected grades to participate in this valuable outreach program. The van is scheduled to come to our campus on December 12th-15th, depending on how many signed consents are returned.

Students in kindergarten, first and second grade should have received consents at the beginning of the school year for this program. Only students with signed consents will be eligible to receive services. If you have not received a consent please contact me at 813-794-6414 and I will ensure your student receives a consent.

Services include: Kindergarten and first grade- dental screening, dental cleaning and fluoride varnish. Second grade- dental screening, dental sealants and fluoride varnish.

Thank you very much for your support in your student's dental health!
Debbie Dee, RN