



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 first few months of the 2018 - 2019 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.

Family events are an essential part of our school culture. We had great attendance at our Watchdog Kickoff and Dedication Ceremony. 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 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 Linda Schrack at 813-794-6400.

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

Sincerely,
Shauntte Butcher
Principal

October School Calendar

October 15 th	No School – Teacher Plan Day
October 17 th	SAC Meeting 4:15 p.m. in Media Center
October 23 rd	Report Cards
October 25 th	Red Ribbon Week
October 26 th	PTA Fall Festival 5:30-7:30
October 31 st	Positive Character Day Parade @ 10:00 a.m.

Thank you to our WES Business Partners!



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Rotary Club	Creation Wellness Center
First Christian Church	

WES is looking and recruiting business partners. If you have a business or know someone that has a business that would like to become a business partner with us, please contact Mrs. Schrack, our new Parent Involvement Coordinator, at 813-794-6400 or lschrack@pasco.k12.fl.us



Please clip Box Tops Coupons and submit to your classroom teacher. Each coupon is worth .10 for school! The class competition is October 16th – November 30th. The primary and intermediate classrooms who bring in the most will win a class celebration! Thanks for your support!



Counseling Connection

Our Woodland School Counselor's Ms. Dooley and Ms. Davidson are proud to present the "Red Ribbon Week" activities for October 2018.

Our Theme is "Super Heroes Don't Do Drugs!". Families and students please join in the activities by talking with your child about the theme for the week and helping them prepare for the activities we will have at school.

What is Red Ribbon Week? It is a way for students, families and the community to take a visible stand against drugs. SHOW your personal commitment to a drug-free life.

Red Ribbon Week Program

Thursday, October 25, 2018 – Wednesday, October 31, 2018

"Super Heroes Don't Do Drugs"

**Wednesday afternoon parents will receive a Red Ribbon Week Flyer" home with their student.*

Thursday, October 25: Pledge "No to Drugs"

- Provide students with Drug Free Pledge
- Students add their Drug Free Pledge to the wall in the main corridor (Breakfast Area)

Friday, October 26: Wear Red Day and a Red Ribbon "Super Heroes Don't Do Drugs"

- Wear all Red to school to "Stand Against Drugs"
- "Super Hero" Red Ribbons provided to students during homeroom

Monday, October 29: Doors say "No to Drugs"

- Decorate classroom door for Red Ribbon Week

Tuesday, October 30: Sidewalks say "No to Drugs"

- Create a Sidewalk "Drug-Free" chalk mural design with your class

Wednesday, October 31: Character Parade

- Book characters don't do drugs. Character Parade! Early morning.

**Nurse's Note
Here's to Your Health**



Annual school health screenings for vision, hearing, height and weight were on Friday, August 31st, for all new students, and students in grades: Kindergarten, First, Second and Third. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped out!

If your student receives a letter that they did not pass any section of the health screening, please follow up with your health professional. Vision and hearing are so important to your student's academic success. If you need assistance with obtaining health resources, please contact me.

With our height and weight screenings for first and third grade we use the measurements collected and a BMI "formula" to get a measurement for BMI is generated.

Body Mass Index (BMI) and child/adolescent obesity have been in the news recently. Along with helping our children succeed in school, it is up to us to help them become healthy and fit.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, "any type of regular, physical activity is good for your body" (www.aap.org). One easy way to begin is by walking. It doesn't take a big investment or bulky equipment – all you need is a comfortable pair of walking shoes. You can walk on a track or around your neighborhood and it's something the whole family can do together!

No matter how old your child is, walking is a great aerobic exercise. You can incorporate walking into your family time. Walking with your family is a great time to discuss what's happening in your child's life. Remember, if it's been a while since you or your child have done any physical activity, you may want to check with your physician first.

It's never too late to improve your family's health and fitness level!

Debbie Dee, RN- Pasco County School Nurse

Reading Round-Up



Hi, Woodland Wranglers! My name is Mrs. Arnold, and I am the new Literacy Coach this year! I am SO excited to be working with all of you! I am slowly learning your names, so if you see me around campus, please stop and tell me who you are and what you love to read! I believe there are two kinds of people in this world: those who love to read and those who haven't found what they love to read! If you need help finding a great book to get hooked into, please ask for me!!

I am VERY excited about Accelerated Reader, or AR! With the end of the first quarter closing in, I want to tell you about our exciting AR Celebration! The top two students in each grade level for AR will get to attend a P-ART-Y! That's an Art Party! We will share pizza and lemonade, and we will be painting book bags for you to carry your AR books around! There will be lots of fun, music, and painting!! So, keep reading, boys and girls! I want to see YOU at the AR P-ART-Y!!



Positive Character Day Parade

Parents are invited to the annual Positive Character Day parade held at the Woodland car loop on Wednesday, October 31st. The parade will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Please, no masks, weapons, or scary costumes.

Parents/visitors who want to view the parade will watch from the car loop. Parents/visitors

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.***

Attendance Matters

1. Build regular routines for bed time and the morning. Set an alarm clock and clear expectations.
2. Prepare your children's backpack and choose clothes the night before so they are ready to go!
3. Talk about the importance of regular attendance and about how your child feels about school.
4. Don't permit missing school unless your child is truly sick. Use a thermometer to check for a fever. Remember that stomach aches and headaches may be signs of anxiety.
5. Avoid medical appointments during school hours. ALL medical/dental appointments should be scheduled before/after school hours and don't keep your child home all day. If it can't be avoided, please bring them in before/after medical appointments to avoid a full day of absence.
6. Avoid scheduling vacations and/or extended trips when school is in session. These will not be excused.
7. Keep a chart recording your child's attendance at home. At the end of the week, talk with your child about what you see.
8. Tardies matter and students need to be in school before bell rings. Excessive tardies will not be permitted. Give yourself extra time for traffic and any car line issues or morning delays.
9. Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Ask a family member, neighbor or another parent for help.
10. Seek support from school staff or community groups to help with transportation, health problems, or no safe path to school.

Mrs. Diaz, School Social Worker

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.

