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Woodruff Newsletter – October 2014

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to October! For me one of the best parts about living in Utah is the changing seasons. I love living in a place where there is so much variety in the seasons and we are able to experience them without having to travel. I have lived in other areas where it is summer all year and while, some days in the middle of February I wish for that climate again, I quickly realize that, if I had it that way, I would miss out on all of the fun winter sports that I am interested in.

Being here at Woodruff during these changes is exciting because our students get excited about the changes and the activities they get to be involved in as the year progresses. I have found myself reflecting each day on what things I have done, am doing, or can do, to help them to make these transitions well– and how to help them to be happy during these transitions in school.

One transition that has happened for me is getting to work with each grade. I have always been focused on one grade and now I get to focus on seven! Pre-school to Fifth Grades all do things a little different and also a little the same. There are so many different disciplines for our teachers to become experts in and they do it every year! One thing that is hard–as a parent–is to become that new expert each year for multiple grades, because you often have kids in more than one grade. I have found this with helping out my own children in our house. This often happens when I sit down to help them with homework or other school projects.

I want to make the grade level transitions and homework as easy as I can for you. In order to do this we are always evaluating if we are sticking to the time limits set forth for homework by the school board. We also want to make sure that they are getting the extra practice in the different areas that they need to practice in. In order to help you to help your students I have put a link on our website at http://woodruffwildcats.weebly.com. It says homework helps. As the year progresses, more helpful sites may appear, however Kahn academy and the Go Math materials are there to help you help your student. If your student ever says, "That isn't the way my teacher did it." Then you simply say, 'Principal Holmgren told all parents that there is more than one way to understand and solve a problem.'

With these helps I hope that you can feel confident in helping your students and know that I will support you in the help that you give. If you ever have a question that I can help you with, don't hesitate to send me an email or give me a call. Thanks again for all that you do as parents! Sincerely, Principal Holmgren

HELP KENSY

We are doing a special fundraiser for Kensy Rodriguez Thursday October 2nd at 7:00pm. It's a movie night! There's no school on Friday, so give your kids a treat on Thursday by taking them to the movies and helping out Kensy.

Kensy Rodriguez is a 4th grade student at Woodruff receiving treatments at Primary Children's Medical Center.

BOOK FAIR

Our Woodruff PTA Book Fair will be on October 13 and 14 in the Little Theater from 8am-8pm. The proceeds from this book fair will benefit Woodruff's amazing teachers. Come in, buy some books and help put more books in the classrooms.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October

1	Wed	Sign up for Woodruff Theatre Production
2	Thur	Movie Night Fundraiser 7pm $1.00 admission
3	Fri	No School–P.T.C. prep
7	Tues	PTA meeting for all PTA members 10:30am
9	Thur	Community Council 3:00pm
13	Mon	P.T.C. 3-7 pm and Book Fair 8am - 8pm
14	Tues	½ day noon out. / No Kinder. / P.T.C. / Book Fair
15-17	W-F	No School–Fall Break
20-24	M-F	Red Ribbon Week
21	Tues	HAND-IN WORKSHOP for Reflections! 2:30–4pm
21	Tues	Picture Retakes. Theatre Applications Due!!
22	Wed	Reflections Due!
23	Thur	Hearing Screening
23	Thur	Chick-fil-A Benefit Night 5-9pm
23	Thur	Flu Shot Clinic 1:30 – 3:30pm
24	Fri	Box Top / Labels Due!!
24	Fri	Evacuation Drill Pick up at 10th & 10th 1 - 2:00pm
30	Thur	Fluoride Varnish

November

13	Thur	Community Council 3:00pm
21	Fri	The Hundred-Year SNOOZE 6:00 pm & 7:00pm
26-28	W-F	No School –Thanksgiving Break

December

1	Mon	Registration for After School Club opens 9:00am
1-4	M-F	THE ELF SHELF 2:30-6pm
11	Thur	Community Council 3:00pm

January

9	Fri	5th Grade Maturation Clinic

http://woodruffwildcats.weebly.com/

Fill out your volunteer forms to help out with PTA events. Send it back to the school and thanks for all your help!

Facebook: search **WOODRUFF ELEMENTARY PTA** Like us to get news and updates.

REPORT your child's **ABSENCE** 755-2351

PAY YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH! Call 755-2350 for update.

Save **BOX TOPS** and **CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS** to earn money for your school.

Smith's FOOD & DRUG STORES Scan your **FRESH VALUES CARD** with number: 81240 Smith's gives money to Woodruff! (code must be re-entered every year)

FRIDAYS ARE SPIRIT DAYS -Wear a Woodruff Wildcat t-shirt on Friday and be in a Book drawing & enter to win a trophy for your class!

For the safety of the students, anyone entering the building needs to check in at the office.

If you are a 2014-2015 Utah PTA member, bring your PTA card into the book fair for a discount on your purchase.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week, sponsored by Woodruff PTA, will be held October 20-24. By dressing up, students will be pledging to Be Drug Free.

Monday: "RED-Y" TO LIVE A DRUG FREE LIFE- Wear as much red as possible
Tuesday: "SOCK IT TO DRUGS"- Wear crazy/mismatched socks
Wednesday: "DONT DOZE OFF ON DRUGS- Wear pajamas
Thursday: "DRUGS CANT FIND ME"- wear camouflage clothes (No face paint or hair color)
Friday: "PUT A CAP ON DRUGS" - Wear your favorite hat

REFLECTIONS

Reflections is almost here!
There will be a **HANDING-IN WORKSHOP on Oct. 21 from 2:30 – 4:00pm**. Come to this workshop to get help filling out the paperwork and submitting the final version in the proper format. Entrees are **due October 22nd.** NO LATE ENTREES WILL BE ACCEPTED. The theme this year is: **"The World Would Be a Better Place if..."**
For rules and entry forms, go to www.Utah.org/reflections.

CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT

Come to Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A to benefit the Woodruff Odyssey of the Mind students!
Thursday, October 23rd from 5-9pm.

BOX TOP / LABELS CONTEST

With back to school behind us and the routine of school life a part of our lives again, we thought it would be a perfect time for a contest.
The first BOX TOP/LABELS FOR EDUCATION CONTEST starts now and goes through OCTOBER 24th! Please bring your clipped box tops/labels for education in the baggie provided in the back to school packet or any baggie from home, with your students name and teacher. The student that brings in the most from each class will be invited to a DOUGHNUT PARTY. Thanks so much!

EVACUATION DRILL

On October 24, Woodruff will hold a full evacuation drill. Parents, you will have to pick up your child(ren) at the LDS Church house on 10th West and 10th South. Enter the parking lot on the East side of the building and follow directions of the law enforcement officers that will be there. You will meet Miss Liz and Miss Jackie at the East entrance of the church building for further instructions. Exit the parking lot on the West side of the building. Further instructions will be sent home this month and at parent/teacher conferences. More information can be found on the school website.
http://woodruffwildcats.weebly.com/evacuation-info.html

FLU CLINIC

Our Flu clinic at Woodruff will be on **October 23 1:30-3:30** for faculty, students, and Families–anyone over 6 mo. All are encouraged to get the flu vaccination especially with the outbreak of the Enterovirus 68. Both the mist and the injectable shots will be available. Students may have the vaccination without a parent present. Send money or insurance card and a signed permission slip with the student. Permission slips can be downloaded from the Bear River Health Department website www.brhd.org. The cost is $30.00 without insurance and free to those that have these insurances: United Health Care, Select Med, Select Care, PEHP, EMI Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Altius, Medicare, and Medicaid. Currently Medicaid will only pay for flu shots for those that are 19 and older. The state has not received flu serum for kids on Medicaid.

FLUORIDE VARNISH

October 30 is the first application of fluoride varnish for those students that have turned in their permission slips and paid for the fluoride varnishes. Cost is $4.00 per student, checks can be made to Woodruff PTA. Extra permission slips are in the school office. Money and permission slips need to be turned into Miss Liz by October 24.

WOODRUFF WILDCATS THEATRE PRESENTS: The Hundred-Year SNOOZE

Woodruff PTA is pleased to announce the school musical -**The Hundred-Year SNOOZE: the story of Sleeping Beauty**. Sign-ups begin **October 1, 2014 for 2nd – 5th** grade students. Please pick up the participant form in the office at that time. **Forms must be returned to the office by Tuesday, October 21st** . 50 students will be chosen by lottery to participate. Practices will be after school October 28th through November 20th from 2:30 to 4:00PM each day. There will be 2 evening performances on **November 21 (6:00PM & 7:00PM)** and 2 school day performances on November 24 (9:30AM & 1:30PM). Any parents interested in helping in any way- costumes, stage settings, practices, etc.- contact Jolene Mortensen. woodruff_school_play@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Our upcoming Community Council meeting will be held Oct. 9 at 3 PM in the conference room. The first 10 minutes is dedicated to public input so please join us if you have any comments or concerns. Or feel free to email us via the school website.

BIKE RODEO RESULTS

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers that helped with the Woodruff PTA Bike Rodeo, especially Andy Ostler from Utah Emergency Medical Services for Children and Utah Highway Safety Office for providing the Bike Smart Bicycle Rodeo Program. We would also like to thank Wendy's for providing the frosty coupons.

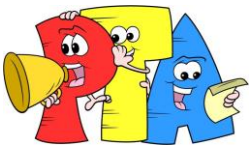
WALK TO SCHOOL DAY RESULTS

Thank you to those that participated in the Woodruff PTA Walk-Your-Child-to-School event. A huge thank you to Utah State University's Army ROTC for walking with the groups to the school and to McDonalds for donating the ice cream coupons that were handed out to the students that walked with the groups.

SAFETY WEEK RESULTS

Woodruff's PTA Safety Week was a huge success! Thank you to all the students that participated and to Woodruff's amazing teachers and staff that participated, supported and helped throughout the week. A special thank you to David Watkins at Bear River Health Department for supplying the incentives that were handed out to the students.

JOIN THE PTA!!



It's not too late to join the PTA!!
There are 3 levels to PTA
Level 1- Pay dues
Level 2- Pay dues and volunteer at events when you can
Level 3- Pay dues and join the PTA board
To join PTA: Fill out your PTA envelope and include your $10 dues and turn it in at the school.

Got news? Newsletter contact- Julie Orme: jab3773@hotmail.com