

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Students,
 Welcome to a new year! Well, a new calendar year, as a student and as a teacher I really haven't thought of the new year on the calendar as a new year. To me the new year always started with the new school year rather than the new calendar year. However, it is a

new calendar year and maybe I should change my thought on this in order to be able to enjoy the opportunity to have a goal check, not once, but twice a year. This way I could measure my goals from the new school year to the new calendar year and see if I need to make any adjustments.

Really, I could do this without necessarily needing the new calendar year or school year. I could set goals based on quarters, or months or any number of other ways. The main thing that will help me is to reflect, correct and celebrate. As I reflect on where I am and where I want to be in any number of goals, I can set a course for achievement. As I correct the things that aren't helping me to get closer to my target goals I can ensure that I am making the correct adjustments. The thing that might get overlooked is the opportunity to celebrate. Hopefully this is not the case, but if it is, I need to take the time to tell myself I am doing a good job, and celebrate my growth.

This might sound a little bit familiar to you if you were able to read my last message on how, at Woodruff, we set goals with each individual student and we track these goals together. This tracking takes place weekly and in some areas daily. We love to see your student's love of academics and understanding of concepts grow in our classrooms. I think the students like the celebrations most, however, I also know that, though they might



not verbalize the growth they are making in different areas, they are very aware of it. We know that each of our student's has the capacity to learn and grow. It is important for us to build their self efficacy by showing them that they are capable of growth even though some things are difficult. I invite you to reflect with your student on these three areas in general about school, or specifically, or both. If we as a school and a home have conversations with each child to reflect, correct, and celebrate, we will communicate to them

that they are capable of doing hard things. The key to this is the celebration. Remember celebrations don't have to be expensive, they don't have to cost anything at all. I know that some of the best celebrations I have had this year

with my own kids have been to play Legos with them at our kitchen table.

Our students are amazing individuals and capable of doing hard things. I look forward during this new calendar year, and to the remaining school year, to helping them achieve their goals.

All the best, Mr. Holmgren

MONTHLY JOKES

(Read the next page to find the answers)

1. Why couldn't they play cards on the ark?
2. Why don't you see giraffes in elementary school?
3. Why is turtle wax so expensive?



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January

8	Fri	5th Grade Maturation Clinic
8	Fri	½ day noon out/No Kindergarten
9	Sat	Lego League Competition at Utah State
14	Thur	Community Council Meeting 3pm
18	Mon	No school – Martin Luther King Jr.
28	Thur	STEM at Work Night 6–8 pm
29	Fri	No School

February

9-11	T-Th	STEM Fair
10-11	W, Th	Parent Teacher Conferences
11	Thur	Valentine Tea
11	Thur	½ day noon out/No Kindergarten
12	Fri	No School
15	Mon	No School
22-26		Star Testing

March

4	Fri	½ day noon out/No Kindergarten
23	Wed	Spring Pictures
28-Apr 1		No School –Spring Break

SCHOOL WEBSITE: <http://woodruffwildcats.weebly.com/>

If you are new to the school, please enroll in the PTA.

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.

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.



Use Brain Pop Jr. to explain concepts in a fun and easy to learn way. <https://jr.brainpop.com>

Username: woodruffes

Password: elem



Enroll online in the Smith's reward program (costs nothing) and money will go to Woodruff each time you use your **FRESH VALUES CARD**

www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/account/create



COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER

Our School Community Council is made up of parents, teachers, staff and our principal. The purpose of this Council is to aid in the development of a School Improvement Plan, allocate the School Land

Trust funds we receive from the State of Utah to aid in reaching our academic goals and review other issues such as safety. The **Council meets every month on the 2nd Thursday from 3-4pm** in the main office board room. We welcome public input, anyone is welcome to come observe or bring a matter to the council. The Committee Chair, Melissa Dahle can be emailed atinfo@madwebsitedesign.com with any concerns you would like to be added to the agenda. More information can be found on the school's website woodruffwildcats.weebly.com under the "more" tab.



This month in our meeting we approved a request Mr. Holmgren to fund the computer program Science A to Z. Also, we discussed safety concerns both outside and inside, such as the busy road in front of the school and lock down drills. Again, your input in this matter would be valuable. The Council will meet again in **January 14th at 3pm**.

Answer to Joke #1 Noah was sitting on the deck!

STEM NIGHT IN JANUARY

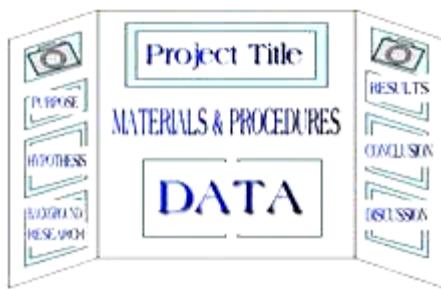


Everyone is invited to our STEM-at-Work Night on **January 28, from 6 – 8 pm!**

Come see the amazing things people do in their line of work! We will have Science, Technology, Engineering and Math professionals displaying what they do and how they use STEM at their work. Hands-on activities offered for all of those that visit each career booth! You won't want to miss this amazing night!

STEM FAIR IN FEBRUARY

The STEM FAIR is coming up. Projects are due on Feb. 9th, so it's time to get working. We would love if EVERY student entered a



project. Students can work together on a project or do one on their own. To get some ideas for projects, you can go to sciencebuddies.org or sciencekids.co.nz. The steps to include when completing a project are as follows:

Scientific Method:

1. Ask a question
2. Do background research
3. Construct a hypothesis
4. Test your hypothesis by doing an experiment
5. Analyze your data and draw a conclusion
6. Communicate your results

Engineering Process:

1. Define a need
2. Do background research
3. Establish design criteria
4. Prepare preliminary designs
5. Build and test a prototype
6. Redesign & retest as necessary
7. Present results

Answer to Joke #2 Because they're all in High School!

BOX TOPS AND LABELS FOR EDUCATION CONTEST:

Alright Wildcats the next Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education contest is under way and it is a good one!

Each **FAMILY** that brings in **50 box tops and/or labels** will receive a coupon that may be

redeemed at the upcoming PTA Book Fair in February. (The more increments of 50 you bring, the more coupons you'll receive!) Please send labels with only one member of your family for this contest and don't forget to put your name and teacher on the bag so we can give



you credit! This will be a quick contest, please have everything turned in to your teacher by **Tuesday, January 28th!** Thanks!!!

WILDCAT WEAR

Every Friday, students that wear Wildcat Wear get to enter a drawing to win a book. The PTA gives away 7 books every week! Also, the class with the highest percentage of students (and the teacher too) wearing any Woodruff shirt gets to have the rotating trophy in their classroom for the following week.



Congratulations to the following trophy winning class for November and December. Ms. Shaffer 86%, Ms. Shaffer 83%, Ms. Shaffer 82%, Ms. Shaffer 95%, and Ms. Shaffer 76%. This class needs some friendly competition!!

LEGO LEAGUE COMPETITION



Good luck to the FIRST Lego League teams from Woodruff! Three Woodruff teams will be presenting and performing at the Region Tournament at USU on Saturday, January 9th.

The Trash Trek Challenge asks teams to explore the hidden but fascinating world of trash, from collection, to sorting, to smart production, and reuse. They must also invent a solution to help our trash problem and create their own Lego Mindstorms robot to accomplish trash-themed "missions" on a playing field, and show how well they practice FIRST Lego League Core Values. FIRST - For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. These teams have put in a lot of time learning how to set up codes and computer programming.

TEACHING POSITIONS



The Logan Council PTA has positions open starting next school year. For more information or to nominate someone (yourself or anyone else) send an email to LoganCouncilPTA@gmail.com. Thanks!

Answer to Joke #3 Because turtles have such little ears!

ORCHESTRA

I think everyone should experience a standing ovation. This past December at the orchestra Christmas concert I experienced a big one. At that moment I felt like even though I messed up a couple of times, I still did great. I felt really proud of how well the orchestra did.



I joined orchestra in the fourth grade because during the spring concert at the end of my third grade year they said the orchestra needed more Basses. I have stage fright, and I thought that being a Bass would put me at the back of the stage. But at this year's Christmas concert I was on the very front row. I thought I'd be nervous, but really I had more fun.

I think other kids should join orchestra. Orchestra helped me to make more friends. I have met new friends and have been able to spend more time with friends I already knew. Another reason I love orchestra is because multiple people have told me that studying music makes you smarter. But mostly, I love orchestra because I have so much fun.

Where else can I get a standing ovation? In orchestra!!

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