

Woodland

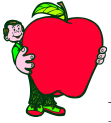
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Newsletter

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The staff and parents at Woodland school work cooperatively to develop the whole child in an atmosphere of respect and dignity



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Wow, what a fast paced year this has been! I can't believe that we are near the end of another year. I would like to say thank you for all that you have done to support the students, staff and each other. The PTO had another great year, and supported Woodland Elementary in amazing style.

As I have said for the past three years, it has been a pleasure for me to be a part of such a great family! From day one, I knew that the students, parents, and staff of Woodland Elementary were a special group of people. I am amazed at the dedication, knowledge, compassion, and strength of the staff! The Woodland parents are a close knit group of wonderful people guiding beautiful children to be the best that they can be.

I thank you all for letting me be a part of this great family. I hope that in some small way, I was able to make a difference. As I am sure you have heard I am retiring at the end of the school year.

I move on knowing that the Woodland Family is in great hands! We have amazing teachers, paraprofessionals, supervisors, custodians, and secretaries that love and care for your students, while pushing them to be the best, every single day.

Sincerely,
Mark A. Root
Principal
Woodland Elementary

2017-18 NOTIFICATION OF CLASS PLACEMENT:

If possible, next year's tentative placement will be on the report cards.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 5	Half day ~ dismissal 12:00 pm
May 26	Half day ~ dismissal 12:00 pm
May 29	No school/Memorial Day
June 15	Last day of school
	Half day ~ dismissal 12:00 pm

ARE YOU MOVING??

As we attempt to estimate the number of classrooms we need at specific grade levels for the 2017-2018 school year, it is imperative that we maintain an accurate count on students we will have enrolled at Woodland Elementary for the upcoming school year. If you are aware that you will be moving from the Woodland attendance area next year, please contact the school office at 323-6600 as soon as possible.

2017-2018 KINDERGARTEN AND YOUNG 5s PAPER WORK DUE!!

If you have a child entering kindergarten or Young 5s in the fall, please turn his/her paperwork in as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already done so. We would like the information by June 15.

Thank you! Your child will not be able to start school in September if the paperwork is not turned in.

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR REMINDERS:

The school year is quickly coming to an end and there are many tasks that need to be taken care of before we say goodbye for summer vacation.

- ✓ No cash refund will be made for balances on food service accounts. Balances remaining will be carried over the upcoming school year.

- ✓ Any medication housed in the school office must be picked up by a parent/guardian by June 20. After this date, medication remaining in the school office will be properly disposed.
- ✓ If a new family moves into your neighborhood over the summer, please encourage them to register their children for school as soon as possible at the Administration Building, 8107 Mustang Dr., Portage MI 49002.
- ✓ Flip flops should not be worn to school on gym days and/or outside at recess time.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

The last day of school for all students will be June 15th. This is a half-day of instruction. Lunch will not be served. School will dismiss at 12:00 pm.

WOODLAND FAMILIES!!
Thank you for all your support!!!

WALK FOR WOODLAND – MAY 9:

THANK YOU to all of our Woodland families, teachers and staff for your support of our 8th Annual Walk for Woodland fundraiser. Let's hope for a beautiful day to be outside, walking and running laps, and having fun in the sun.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who help to make our event a success!

REMEMBER TO CHECK LOST AND FOUND:

We have many items in the Woodland Lost and Found located by the main doors. Before the school year is over please take time to claim any items your child may have lost. Items unclaimed by June 15th will be donated to a local charity.

DRESS CODE:

As the weather warms it is important that students remain mindful of appropriate dress for school. We believe that student dress is a factor in the establishment of an educational atmosphere and reflects the quality of the school, of student conduct,

and of student work. The following specific guidelines are reprinted from the student planner:

1. *Hats/headwear/hoods are not to be worn in the building, unless part of your religion.*
2. *No bandanas.*
3. *Footwear is required in the building.*
4. *Clothing will not be permitted which:*
 - a. *advertises or supports drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.*
 - b. *is profane or vulgar.*
 - c. *is revealing, suggestive or otherwise distracting.*
 - d. *tank tops should be at least an inch thick*
 - e. *spaghetti straps and halters should have a sweater over top*
 - f. *shorts should be finger-tip length or longer*

Please help us keep our focus on learning by talking with your son or daughter about what they choose to wear to school.

CURIOUS KIDS: Register today for spring, summer and fall!

Curious Kids School Age Child Care registration guidelines for summer and next school year can be found at www.curiouskidsportage.com. Registration for new families began April 17.

Curious Kids is a licensed child care program within Portage Public Schools, offering structured activities in a safe and caring environment. Curious Kids offers child care to all children in the community for children ages 6 weeks to 14 years as well as ½ day preschool for 3 and 4 year olds! Our goal is to promote positive social interactions and offer interesting and fun activities for our children! Our flexible schedules and payment plans, along with our super summer discounts, make us the center of choice with parents in Portage! Please call 323-6780 or check out our web page at www.curiouskidsportage.com for more information!

VOLUNTARY STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE PROGRAM:

During this school year the Portage Board of Education made available a voluntary student accident insurance program. Since the District has made this insurance available, an increasing number of parents/guardians have been taking advantage of this inexpensive policy. This fact dictates that as a community service, we will continue to offer this voluntary insurance.

The District offers this program because of trends in rising family health and dental insurance costs, in an attempt to limit the Districts' rising insurance costs, this program provides an alternative for claims due to accidental injuries that unfortunately occur on our property. This is the case for both during and after school hours.

Plan information and enrollment forms have been designed to respond to diverse family insurance needs. Coverage provided can help decrease the burden of unexpected medical and dental expenses, including

increased deductibles, and co-payments. Furthermore, those left unpaid due to family insurance deductibles and co-payments.

A link is provided on the District's home page under the parent/visitor tab, or go directly to www.1stAgency.com. Go to "Find Your School"; select the state; hit "Go". Select Portage Public Schools. From there you can download and print the brochure/enrollment form PDF and enroll via the mail with a check or money order, OR enroll online with a credit card.

