

October 2023

Woodland Family Newsletter

Dear Woodland Families

I hope this letter finds you well. We are certainly into the swing of things here at Woodland. The students have settled as we have developed new routines and everyone is doing wonderfully here at school. Teachers have done an incredible job creating warm and inviting spaces and making learning fun and hands on.

As you will read about in this month's newsletter, we have been busy between our Back to School Picnic, Fun Run and getting ready for the new playground to open. We are looking forward to upcoming events including our outdoor Halloween Parade (fingers crossed for weather) and our PTO Autumn Bingo Night.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and enjoy what may be the last stretch of some beautiful fall weather.

Mrs. McClowry

Halloween Parade

We are excited to have our annual Halloween Parade again this year. We would like to invite families to watch the parade out in front of the building near the grassy circle. As a reminder, please do not park in the circle. The parade will likely last for approximately 20 minutes, with kindergarten leading the way and fifth grade closing us out. **If we have inclement weather, we will cancel our parade.**

As a reminder, please send students dressed in their costumes to school on Halloween (if you'd like to participate). Please do not send students in any full-face makeup or masks. Also, please do not send in any weapons of any kind. Thank you for your support with this.

Playground Update

As you may be aware, we are in the process of putting the finishing touches on our brand new playground. We are so excited to have a variety of things for the students to explore from new slides, to climbing equipment and swings. As part of our preparation for the new playground, our amazing physical education teachers will be sharing information with staff about the safe ways students should be using the equipment. Students will also spend time during their physical education class learning the proper ways to use the equipment. We are so excited and can't wait to announce the new opening date.



Woodland Building Information

Arrival 7:35-7:45am

Dismissal 2:00pm

**Building Hours:
7:30-3:30**

**Main Office:
315-434-3440**

**Transportation:
315-434-3460**

**Food Service:
315-434-3340**

Student Attendance

We are so pleased with everyone's cooperation with our new arrival time. Students are gaining valuable learning time as a result. As a reminder, please use weattendance@esmschools.org for all attendance communication. Written notification is required for an absence to be excused. This email can also be issued for late arrivals, early dismissals, and parent pick-up notifications (submitted no later than 1:00).



PTO Updates

Back to School Picnic

On September 15th, the Woodland PTO hosted our Annual Back to School Picnic. It was a wonderful, well-attended event. Families enjoyed food, games, slides, and even pony rides. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible.

Fun Run

On September 30, Woodland held their annual Fun Run. Students had a wonderful time running in the bus loop to raise funds for PTO events held this year. This year the PTO added capes and headgear to liven up the run. Thank you to everyone who donated time and funds to this special event! For PTO Information and communication, please use Woodland Elementary PTO group on Parent Square or email at esmwoodlandpto@gmail.com.



PLC & WIN Work at Woodland

You may have heard the buzzword "WIN" from your students and/or conversations about Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) across the district. Part of the new Strategic Plan from the District includes a commitment to and active participation in the PLC process. This year at Woodland we have formed a new Building Guiding Coalition to oversee our work. We have sent several staff members to Professional Learning Community trainings and have dedicated specific time to talk about essential learning standards. As we continue to move through this work, we will use data to identify specific student needs and brainstorm ideas on how to extend or expand on student learning. We are very excited about this initiative at Woodland and believe it will have a positive effect on our students.

Mark Your Calendars

- 10/16 - Board of Education Meeting
- 10/18 - PTO Meeting @ 6pm (Collaborative Commons)
- 10/23-10/26 Scholastic Book Fair
- 10/25 - Shortened Day (Dismissal @ 11am)
- 10/26 - Autumn Family BINGO @ 5:30-7pm
- 10/31 - Halloween Parade & Shortened Day (Dismissal @ 11am)
- 11/7 - Superintendent's Day/Election Day - No School for Students
- 11/10 - Veteran's Day - No School for Students

