

DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **4/19–4/23**—Scholastic Book Fair all week
- **4/21** - Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **4/23**—Campus Cleanup after school w/Family Council 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- **4/26–4/29** Iowa Testing for Grades 1 & 2 in the morning
- **5/3**—Kindergarten Round-Up for Fall, 2010 Kindergarteners
- **5/3**—Family Council Meeting 3:45 p.m.
- **5/14**—Fall, 2010 Kindergarteners Visit 9:00 a.m.
- **5/19**—Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- **5/25**—Primary Music Concert 6:30 followed by Production of *Cinderella* at 7:00 p.m.
- **5/27**—Band & Choir Spring Concert 7:00 p.m.
- **5/28**—Band & Choir Concert for student body 10:30 a.m.
- **5/31**—NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day
- **6/4**—Trimester ends for 3-5 Village
- **6/7**—Trimester ends for 6-8 Village
- **6/7**—Intensive Week for 3-5 & 6-8 Villages
- **6/7**—8th Grade Graduation 7:00 p.m.
- **6/8–6/10** 8th Grade Trip
- **6/11**—Last Day of School Primary Village to Sleeping Bear Dunes

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CURRENT 5TH GRADERS & FALL, 2010 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

The State of Michigan has made changes in it's required immunizations. All children entering Kindergarten, all 6th grade students (for fall, 2010) and all children changing school districts are now required to have **two** doses of varicella vaccine or a history of chickenpox disease.

All children 11-18 years of age who are changing school districts **or who will be in 6th grade this fall** are required to have one dose of meningococcal vaccine (MCV4 or MPSV4) and one dose of tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertusis (Tdap) vaccine if 5 years have passed since their last dose.

Please take time over the next few months to ensure your child's immunizations are up-to-date so they are ready for this fall. Call Mrs. Pataky at 947-7474 ext. 3001 with questions.



THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends and Families:

I'm always amazed at how much occurs from one newsletter to the next. The speedy spring weather has made that even more evident. Some very recent big occurrences are the birth of Cailin Grace Hadd to Sarah and Shane Hadd and the return of Wyatt Miller to classes at Woodland. Both events were highly anticipated by staff and students. Around school the Primary Village flowers are cruising upward in the raised beds, the Middle Village is prepping the garden for fall crops and watching the progression of insects and plants as summer nears and the 6-8 Village is keeping close tabs on water quality and helping instruct the Primary about the nature "of nature." That is just a sampling of the outdoor activities.

I'm equally amazed at how much transpires in these next eight weeks. Keep your personal calendars nearby as you read this newsletter. You'll find many events that pertain to your children and to you. We end this Book Fair week with the Family Council's Annual Campus Clean-up on Friday, April 23 at 2:00. Thank you in advance for helping out. It is a tremendous service to the school and it only takes a couple hours. The weather prediction looks perfect for working and eating hot dogs outside.

On another front, public education in Michigan is experiencing major changes. Woodland and other charter schools are finding it necessary to defend themselves as the State searches for ways to solve the economic downturn. You can be assured that Woodland stands strong on all fronts and will continue being a leader in education.

Thank you for being so generous with your time, talents and resources and for choosing Woodland School for your children.

Nathan Tarsa
 Director

PRIMARY VILLAGE NEWS

Our Read-A-Thon was a tremendous success! The children read a total of 57,043 minutes and raised \$3,079.96. We are so proud of all the students who participated in this event. It was exciting to have so many enthusiastic readers and hope it has sparked a lifelong love of reading. Money raised will be used to fund a trip to the Sleeping Bear Dunes and to purchase materials for our classrooms. We also want to thank our parents for encouraging their children to participate and, in turn, for helping to make this year's Read-A-Thon such a successful event.

Beginning Monday, April 26 through Thursday, April 29 all first and second grade students will be taking the Iowa Basic Skills test. It is important that children get a good night's rest, eat a nutritious

breakfast, arrive at school on time, and bring a healthy snack each day. Since it is difficult to find time to make up missed tests, we urge you to have your child here each day.

In honor of Earth Day the children will help raise funds to help protect rain forest habitats. Each child was sent home with a small collection box to collect loose change from around the house. The proceeds will be sent to Earth's Birthday Project which partners with the World Land Trust (www.earthsbirthday.org/biggift).

We have been blessed with beautiful weather this spring. Please spend time outside with your children enjoying the simple pleasures and beauty Mother Nature provides for us!



MIDDLE VILLAGE



Can you believe we only have eight weeks left of school? I know the teachers feel there is still so much to do before the end of the year. One of those things is continuing to plan events. On June 10th, the Middle Village will have their end of the year trip. We will be traveling to the Sleeping Bear Dunes. We will be in need of parent drivers from every class. If you are interested in volunteering your time to drive please put this date on your calendar. We will send out more information as it approaches.

Other events include the Fathers' Day Luncheon and Movin' On Up Party. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with these events. If you are interested in helping with either of these activities

please contact your student's advisement teacher. Both will happen on the last day of school, June 11.

As we approach the end of the school year, many students are starting to reach their reading goals. Please let your student know that even if they have reached their classroom goal they must still be reading. Talk to your student about setting a personal goal to reach by the end of the year.

The Village would like to extend an official welcome to Richard Rountree, who is taking over the duties in the 3-5 N classroom. Sarah Hadd is on maternity leave and Mr. Rountree will be teaching all of her classes. It can be difficult stepping into someone else's shoes, and he is doing a wonderful job. Please help us make him feel welcome. If you see him in the halls, feel free to introduce yourself and let him know we appreciate having him here!

6-8 VILLAGE

Please watch for midterm reports, which will be going out sometime during the week of April 19. We do not have student led conferences this trimester but we do send home midterms and ask that parents sign the top sheet and send it back to us so we know you have seen them.

Remember to reserve the evening of June 7 for 8th Grade Graduation. Seventh grade parents are asked to send in something for the reception we hold for the 8th graders after the graduation ceremony. Gina Cameron has graciously agreed to coordinate this but she needs help setting up before and cleaning up afterwards. Please let her know if you can help.

The weather is turning warm but please listen to the weather reports as we can have some very cool days and students will be going out for recess and of course any outdoor class they may be involved in. Also, just a reminder to dress modestly — no string strap tank tops or short shorts.

Our day to shop at the Book Fair will be Wednesday, April 21.

The 8th grade trip will be happening June 8, 9 and 10. We are still looking for some male chaperones. If you cannot commit to all three days you could just drive down to Lansing for our Wednesday night stay there. We would cover your fuel costs. Talk to a 6-8 teacher if you are able to help.

FAMILY COUNCIL NEWS



Spring, Spring, Spring...and you know what that means? It's time for our annual Spring Clean Up Day! Friday, April 23 we will gather after school to do some beautification to this wonderful property. You should have seen the flyer with details that was sent home with your child this past week. We will meet at 2:00 and organize into groups. Please bring rakes, gloves, tarps, and any other tools you think might be useful. Label tools with your name! We are especially in need of trailers/truck beds that can be loaded with debris. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided afterward. Plan on spending a few hours.

On the horizon is Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3-7). If you already signed up for food or recess duty you will be getting a call from our coordinator Stephanie Volz. If you did not sign up, but would like to help out please call her at 922-8190. If you aren't familiar with this week, it is the time when we provide lunch for our fantastic staff each day and help them out with their recess duties. It is a chance to thank them for all they provide for our children the whole year through.

Lastly, the May meeting will be the final Family Council meeting of the school year. Steve Haver (Chairperson), Marcie Timmins (Secretary) and Janet Wood (Treasurer) will be ending their run as the board for the Family Council. As the core group for the last three years they are very excited to get some new families involved in this parent-run, student-focused group. If you are interested in taking on one of these positions please plan on attending the meeting on Monday, May 3 at 3:45 p.m. If you would like details or descriptions on any of these positions, feel free to contact Steve, Marcie or Janet.

Family Council Makes Things Happen!

MC SPORTS ACTIVE REWARDS PROGRAM EARNS \$\$ FOR SCHOOL

Sign up for the Active Rewards program at MC Sports to earn money for Woodland with your purchases. As an Active Rewards member you will receive a \$15 gift certificate every time you reach 500 points (one point for every dollar spent). Designate Woodland School as your affiliate, either online at www.mymcsports.com or at any MC Sports store. The affiliate number for Woodland School is 5555002400. Woodland will then receive 1 point for every ten dollars their members spend. When we reach 5000 points, MC Sports issues a \$250 gift certificate to the school.

Stop at MC Sports or go to www.mymcsports.com for more information.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR APRIL 19-23

It's happening now! The Scholastic Book Fair runs from Monday, April 19 through Friday, April 23, in the lobby. Open 8 – 9:00 a.m. and 3 – 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Friday.

The theme this year is Book Fair Diner, All You Can Read! As a way to encourage students to read there are two events that have Book Fair Gift Certificates as prizes. Can you guess how many drinking straws are in the bottle? This contest is open to all students with the winning prize a \$20.00 certificate. Also, there will be a school-wide drawing with \$5.00 certificates as prizes. Every student will automatically be entered in the drawing and 3 names will be drawn from each Village. Prizes will be awarded Wednesday morning.

A Book Fair connects students with books at affordable prices and makes reading a positive experience. Children are more likely to read the books they personally get to choose. It's one of the best ways to get more children reading, and children reading more.

We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair Diner where there are **tasty books at excellent prices!**



April 2010

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18	19 Scholastic Book Fair all week	20	21 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22	23 <i>Pizza Day</i>	24
25	26 Iowa Testing for Grades 1-2 in a.m. through Thursday	27	28	29	30 <i>Pizza Day</i>	

May 2010

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30	31  NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY					