

DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **1/17—NO SCHOOL—**Teacher Professional Development Day
- **1/19—**Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **1/26 & 1/27—**3-5 & 6-8 Village Student-Led Conferences after school by appointment
- **1/28 —**Family Council Movie Night 6:45 p.m.
- **2/7—**Family Council Meeting, 3:45 p.m.
- **2/15—**Information Night for those interested in potential enrollment—7:00 p.m.
- **2/16—**Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **2/21—NO SCHOOL—**Teacher Professional Development Day
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- **2/26 —** Winterfest 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

**Are you preparing
for the 2011
Woodland School
Learning Fair?**



**Get ready it's
coming
April 19th!**

**Check with your
teacher for more
details.**

THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Woodland Families and Friends:

We received, without asking, about 6 inches of snow during a school day last week. As I approached the staff parking lot two parents were busy sweeping off teacher vehicles. They would never want me to use their real names so let's just call them Shelley and Marcie. What a treat...what an example. I was under a tight schedule for an appointment and was thinking moments before how nice it would be to have the vehicles brushed off on heavy snow days.

Now switch to a Family Council meeting where parents are thoughtfully planning a movie night, discussing how to be of service to the school community and the greater community, ultimately deciding to assist a food pantry at the alternative high school. What an example!

On Tuesday I observed as numerous parents generously volunteered to help all aspects of the upcoming production of *Aladdin*, our spring musical. During the school days parents are often quietly working away helping teachers with prep work, or organizing Pizza Fridays or spending time planning to teach primary electives or organizing volunteers for future activities. What service!

I mention these examples for several reasons. First, your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. Second, you provide a wonderful example of service especially for students. Finally, you demonstrate an appreciation for Woodland School—for the education provided and the teachers responsible for it. These all contribute to Woodland School being a standout in the education community. Keep up the good work!

Nathan Tarsa
Director

FREE FLU CLINIC DATES!

The Grand Traverse County Health Department will be hosting FREE flu shot clinics for ages 6 months and up. These clinics will be held Friday, January 28th at the Grand Traverse County Health Department, 2325 Garfield Road, N., Traverse City. These are walk-in clinics, and no appointments are needed.

Morning hours are 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Afternoon hours are 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

These are flu clinics only. Call 922-4831 with any questions.

VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL COMPETITION

Woodland School is hosting a Charter School Solo & Ensemble competition for charter school students in grades 5-12 on Saturday, March 19. This is a great experience for students to demonstrate their abilities in the areas of vocal and instrumental music.

There is a \$10 fee for each entry. There is a registration deadline so if you would like to participate or need more information contact Mr. Tarsa or Mrs. Terhune.

PRIMARY VILLAGE NEWS



The children have truly been delighting in all this snow! On the playground they have been busy sledding, building snowmen and snow forts, and of course, EATING IT! Please remember with all this snow and cooler temperatures that children need to come

to school prepared for all this outdoor fun! It doesn't hurt to keep an extra pair of gloves in lockers for those times when we go outside in addition to recess. Labeling your child's clothing

whenever possible helps to ensure it gets back to its rightful owner!

Our second elective session begins Friday, January 21st and will run for five weeks. Classes include Bird Feeding 101, Snowshoeing, Mealworms, First Aid, Mad Scientist, Nature Journaling, Crafts With Scraps, and Ice Fishing. We are excited to offer such a wide variety of classes and appreciate the parents who are donating their time and talents to spend Friday afternoons with us!

Progress reports will be going home with students on Friday, January 28th. You can expect to see them in your child's Friday folder. Should you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

MIDDLE VILLAGE

Welcome to 2011!

This year winter conferences are taking place earlier than in the past. On January 26th and 27th we will be conducting student-led conferences throughout the Middle Village. The conferences are held after school in your child's advisement room from 3:30-5:30. No specific appointment is necessary. Plan to spend between 15-20 minutes with your child as he/she shares information about learning attitudes, work habits, and personal accomplishments. We look forward to seeing you.

Family Council is working hard every month to provide enrichment activities at Woodland. The Movie Night on January 28th is an opportunity to kick back and relax together. We hope you will join in the fun. See the Family Council article for admission details.



6-8 VILLAGE

Student Led Conferences will be held the last week in January. Watch for the sign up sheets to go home this week.

A 6-8 dance will be held February 18th from 6:00—9:00 p.m. Those on the dance committee should plan on staying after school to decorate (students not on the committee need to be picked up at dismissal time).

Thanks to all the parents who came to the parent meeting for Production. We couldn't do it without you!



FAMILY COUNCIL NEWS

Family Council is sponsoring the first Movie Night of the school year. It will take place Friday, January 28 at 6:45 p.m. in the Woodland School theater. We will be showing *Despicable Me*. There is no admission, however you may make a \$1.00 donation per person (\$5.00 maximum per family) or bring in a non-perishable food item to benefit the food pantry at Traverse City High School (the alternative high school in Traverse City).

Winterfest will be held on Saturday, February 26th from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. This is a fun time for the school families to come together to sled, snowshoe, participate in the free raffle, and visit the bake sale, cake walk, and face painting tables. Join Mr. Milne for the 2nd annual “Football on the Lake” game. Don’t forget the community chili pot...everyone brings enough chili to feed their family, and it is all “mixed together” ... it is very tasty!! Please put this date on your calendar and plan to join us for the fun.

We are looking for donations for the raffle, as well as volunteers for the various activities taking place. Please consider donating an item or service for the raffle, and/or volunteering to help out at one of the activities that day. Watch for more information coming home later on Winterfest and how you can help make it a success!

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you everyone for making the Scholastic BOGO Book Fair exceptional! Our Fair sales totaled \$2130.53 and the profits went back to you in the free book you chose. Remember, that’s our way to say “Thank you” to all our school families for their support. Many of you generously gave to your favorite teacher utilizing the “Classroom Wish List”.

Mrs. Opsasnick wants to thank those who gave of their time to help; Kristin Amalfitano, Drew Donegan, Kristine Giem, Suzee Gignac, Shelley Giovannangeli, Holly Hart, Tracy Livingston, Jen May, Susie McBride, Mary McGinnis, Angela Rohring, Melissa Ryba, Cathy Simons, Missy Smith, Jen Steinorth, and Carrilyn Stobert. She couldn’t do it without all your outstanding help.

Enjoy all your new books!

MT. HOLIDAY ANNOUNCES SCHOOL SKI NIGHT

Back by popular demand, Mt. Holiday Ski & Recreation Area announces their School Nights beginning January 3rd, and running through the end of March (as long as there is snow). Woodland School’s designated night will be **Mondays**, and on those nights lift tickets are just \$12 per student who show a valid student I.D. Mt. Holiday will also be offering rental equipment to students for \$12. For more information or to view the events calendar, visit Mt. Holiday on the web at www.mt-holiday.com. You may also call 938-2500.



EARN CASH FOR WOODLAND SCHOOL!


Please continue to save the following items and bring them to the office:

- Box Tops for Education
- Tom’s Market receipts
- Empty toner cartridges
- Spartan UPC labels
- Campbell’s Soup labels

Designate Woodland School as your school of choice at Gordon’s Food Service and Glen’s Market.

When you do internet searches, use **www.goodsearch.com** and designate Woodland School, Traverse City as the entity you search for. We will make one cent per search! Also, use their feature “Good Shop” when you do online shopping to earn even more dollars for our school. Thank you!

January 2011

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