

DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **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; Middle Village Father’s Day Lunch & Recess 11:00 & 5th Grade Movin’ On Up party 1:00
- **6/16** - Annual Budget Hearing 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MESSAGE DELIVERY

Please phone the school before 2:30 p.m. if you have a message for your child or if they will be picked up early. With our vast campus and the beautiful weather students are frequently outside, and we can’t guarantee a prompt early pickup or a message delivered after 2:30.

MEDICATION PICK UP

If your child has any medication stored at school, please make arrangements to pick it up by the last day of school (Friday, June 11). We are not able to store medication over the summer months, nor can we send it home via your child, so any medication a parent has not picked up by June 16th will be discarded. Call Sandy at extension 3002 with any questions.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The school office is staffed on a part-time basis during the summer. If you plan to come out to the school this summer please call first to ensure someone is there and the building is

LOST & FOUND



As we near the end of the school year, please check the Lost & Found outside the lunchroom downstairs to see if any of your child’s belongings are there. Any items left after June 11 will be donated to charity.

THE DIRECTOR’S CORNER

Dear Friends and Families:

This time of year I am often asked by friends if we are *winding down* at Woodland. My response is “No! We are winding up!” The myriad of activities over the next four weeks is incredible. Thank you, in advance, to everyone who has volunteered to plan or help at an event. This newsletter provides the details. You might notice the staff panting during this time.

There are two items that are not on the schedule that need comment. You have noticed some digging going on near the vineyard and gardens. After fourteen years of pulling hoses across the drive to water the gardens we now have a pipe to run water under the drive thanks to Steve Basch of Steve Basch & Son, Inc. Steve donated his time and equipment to get the job done. Thanks is also due to Brad and Patti Link of Dollar Lake Farm. They are assisting Woodland School with the gardens, particularly with winter gardening and were instrumental in connecting with Steve. Many thanks also to the students who have helped trench and move soil.

The garden project is very visible but another project has taken place that was behind the scenes and many of you were involved as were charter school families from around the state. In an effort to rescue the public school pension system (Woodland School is not a participant), charter school employees and charter schools were unfairly targeted. Wording in a Senate Bill (SB 1227) was removed taking away a huge financial threat to Woodland School and charter schools in general. We were pretty wound up! Thank you to all of you who took time to write meaningful, honest letters to senators and representatives and a big thanks to Jan Wood who initiated action via Facebook.

This is the final newsletter until August. Thanks for a great year and thank you for choosing Woodland School for your children.

Nathan Tarsa
 Director

LOST DURING SPRING CLEANUP...Mr. Tarsa’s sound protection headset came up missing. It is labeled with his name...if anyone finds it, please drop it off at school. Thanks!

IMMUNIZATION UPDATE

Parents of incoming Kindergarten students and students moving up to 6th grade have been notified of updated immunization requirements. Please make sure your child is up-to-date on all immunizations and provide the office with a copy of their card, showing the dates of their most recent immunizations. Call Mrs. Pataky at 947-7474 ext. 3001 if you have any questions.

PRIMARY VILLAGE NEWS

Spring is a'buzz in the primary! The children are enjoying their last elective sessions. A huge thank you to the following parents leading electives this session: Keith Carlyon (Incredible Egg), David and Shelly Boyd (Hiking), Scott Keely (Pond Exploration), Melanie and Sean Dye (Shake, Rattle & Roll), Jen Steinorth (Food for Thought), and Stephanie Volz (Sweet Treats).

Our annual Primary Talent Show will be on Thursday, June 10th at 2:00. It is always very entertaining and we invite families to attend! Keep your eyes open for a talent show entry form to come home soon!

Plans are being made for our end of the year trip to the Sleeping Bear Dunes on Friday, June 11th. More updates will be given to you in your classroom newsletters. Keep your fingers crossed for a nice weather day!

Have you noticed the beautiful blooming flower beds in the vineyard? We are all planning to dissect a few of our blossoms to learn about plant parts.

We'll see you on Tuesday, May 25th for the primary music concert at 6:30 p.m.!

P.E. NEWS

Physical Education students have been engaged in a variety of Health & Safety lessons and discussions in addition to their fitness activities. Some of the topics have included helmet and bicycle safety, seatbelt safety, and water safety.

Ask your student(s) to explain the importance of the water safety reminders from the American Red Cross Water Safety Education Program: **WHALE TALES (Water Habits Are Learned Early):**

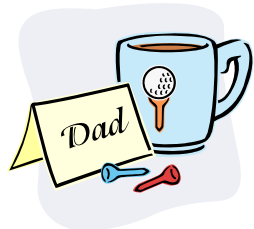
- Swim with a buddy in a supervised area
- Be cool, follow the rule
- Look before you leap
- Reach or throw—don't go!
- Don't just pack it, wear your jacket
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MIDDLE VILLAGE

Students are beginning to wrap up the school year. This last month of school is always jam-packed with fun and excitement. Final projects include "Father Stories", the 25 Book Goal, elective projects, math assessments, and individuals saving up classroom bucks for the BIG auction! We welcome future Middle Village members with classroom visits, and shake our heads as our fifth graders prepare for launch into the 6-8. Time does fly!

Our traditional Father's Luncheon and Movin' On Up party for fifth graders will be on the last day of school, Friday, June 11th. Dads, be on the lookout for your personal invitations soon. We look forward to seeing all of our wonderful families that day.

Thank you for your responses to our requests for parent volunteers. Advisement teachers will contact you personally if you are selected to be a parent driver for our field trip on Thursday, June 10th, (the Sleeping Bear Dunes trip.)



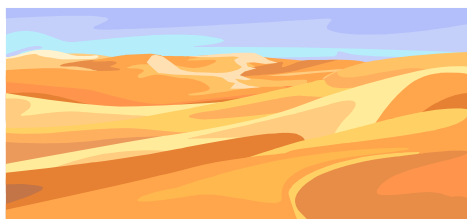
LOST

A student lost her Play Station portable unit and some games at school. The unit was in a gray case and was labeled with a name. If anyone finds it please contact Mrs. Klann at 360-7392. Thanks!

6-8 VILLAGE

The end of the year is fast approaching! Encourage your student to stay FOCUSED!

The final 6-8 dance will be Friday, May 21, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.



Students were asked to pick up their art work. Art

work not picked up by May 21 will be recycled.

Monday, June 7 is 8th grade Graduation. 7th grade families are asked to help with the reception that follows the graduation ceremony. Call Gina Cameron at 369-3185 for more information.

8th graders will be going to Grand Rapids and Lansing for the 8th grade trip. Watch for letters and permission slips to go home soon.

6th and 7th graders will be doing a sand dune trip with Mr. Post and Mr. Milne. Watch for those permission slips and information.

BAND & CHOIR NEWS

Join us for our final performances of the school year! The Primary Village Music Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m. Immediately following this concert will be the Production Class play *Cinderella* (at approximately 7:00 p.m.). Admission to the play is \$2.00.

The Band/Jazz Band/Choir Concert will be Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m. There is no admission charge for this concert.

JAZZ BAND! The newest music ensemble at Woodland is the Jazz Band. Students expressed an interest in starting a jazz band, so a Middle Village Jazz Band and a 6-8 Jazz Band were formed! The jazz groups meet 1-2 times per week during recess. Come see their debut performance at the spring Band and Choir Concert!

BEGINNING BAND 2010-2011—It's time to start thinking about joining band next year! Any current student in grades 3, 4 or 5 will get the opportunity to try all band instruments during the week of June 1-4. Third graders in the 2-3 classroom will take their turn during music class time. All other 3-5 graders will get a turn during their Advisory time.



If you are interested in joining Beginning Band next year, make sure you take the time to try the instruments and find out which ones you like. A Beginning Band sign-up form will also be sent home. Please return the sign-up sheet by the end of the school year, or mail it to the school over the summer. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Terhune at 947-7474 ext. 3041.

CHERRY FESTIVAL FLOAT

It's only Spring, but time to think July and Cherry Festival! This year's theme is "Cities of Michigan." We were given Sault Ste Marie.

If your child would like to ride the float, we ask parents to help out in the float construction. The first Work Bee is scheduled for Friday, May 21 (cookout & working!) from 6:00-8:30 p.m. We will be working on the structure/building on this date, as well as Sunday, May 23 from 2-5 p.m. and Friday, June 4 from 6-8:30 p.m. Please bring your cordless drills! Work bees to complete the "decorative touches" will be Sunday, June 6 from 2:00-4:30 p.m., Saturday, June 12 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and Friday, June 18 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All bees will be at Walker's home at 2390 Lake Chandler Drive. Go East on Potter, cross 4 Mile Rd., first left onto Cross Country Trail and right on Lake Chandler Drive.

Visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com) and join the group Woodland School Cherry Festival Float 2010. You may also contact the parents of our Prince & Princess... Prince Clint Walker (parents Laura & Clary, 590-8115) and Princess Ivy Halligan (parents Jack & Janette Halligan 590-1671). Parade dates are July 9th and 11th.

LIBRARY NEWS

With summer fast approaching it's time to get connected with the Scholastic Summer Challenge. It's a free summer-long program designed to motivate all children to read books for fun. The web-based campaign helps kids find great books and log their reading minutes to help set a new Scholastic Read for the World Record! Check out the website with your child and get started today at www.scholastic.com/summer.

Our April Scholastic Book Fair was a terrific time to see and buy new books for summer. Sales totaled \$1,810.07! The library profits \$605.00 for books and supplies. \$130.00 of that went back to students and volunteers to spend at the fair. Guessing game winners were Laine Kreykes, Sean Pataky and Sasha Whiting. Vibrant volunteers were: Kristin Amalfitano, Drew Donegan, Kristine Giem, Meghan Hansen, Tracy Livingston, Kati Maki, Jen May, Carrilyn Stobert, and Matt VandeKerkhof. Thank you all.

Have a great summer, and happy reading!

FAMILY COUNCIL NEWS



A big thank you goes out to all of the parents, students and staff who took time out of their day to come and help with the spring clean up. The school grounds look amazing. From wood chip spreading to hot dog cooking, we couldn't have done it without all of you. Thank you all for your contributions.


What wonderful meals and desserts were brought into the school during teacher appreciation week! A big thank you to all the families who brought in all the yummy meals and who took time out of their days to help supervise lunch and recess duty. The staff really enjoyed the break and the food.

Family Council has one more community service project for the year. We have adopted a stream through the Grand Traverse Watershed. We will be collecting and counting samples of aquatic insects to check the streams health. The stream we have adopted is East Creek. We will monitor it twice a year once in June and once in October. Our first monitoring session will be the second week of June. All families that are interested are welcome to come. Contact Marcie Timmins for more details at 645-2206 or email at sticknstonez@gmail.com. We hope that many of you will join us for this fun adventure!

Family Council has wrapped up for the year, but we are still looking for interested individuals that would like to be Family Council officers next year. This is a great way to get involved in the school and help make the students experience at Woodland as rich and full as possible. If you are interested in being Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary please contact Nathan Tarsa.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this such a great school year. See you in the fall!

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16	17	18 Scouts 3:30-5:00 p.m.	19 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	20	21 <i>Pizza Day</i> Water Watch class to NMC Water Congress 8:30-2:00	22
23	24	25 Primary Music Concert 6:30 p.m. immediately followed by <i>Cinderella</i> 7:00 p.m.	26 <i>Cinderella</i> 8:50 a.m.	27 K-1 & 2-3 to Gr. Lakes Children's Museum & F&M Park 11-3 Band & Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.	28 <i>Pizza Day</i> Band & Choir Concert for students 10:30 a.m.	29
30	31  NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY					

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <i>Pizza Day</i> — <i>Final for the year</i> Trimester ends for 3-5 Village	5
6	7 Trimester ends for 6-8 Village Intensive Week for 3-5 & 6-8 8th Grade Graduation 7 p.m.	8 8th Grade Trip—students leave in a.m.	9	10 8th Grade Trip returns 3:30 p.m. <i>Primary Talent Show time TBA</i> 3-5 Village to Sand Dunes 8:45-3:30	11 Last Day of School Primary to Sleeping Bear Dunes 3-5 Father's Day	12
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