

DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **10/21**—Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- **10/21**—School Picture Retakes
- **10/24**—Cross Country meet @ Elk Rapids 10:30 a.m.
- **10/28**—SMART Music informational mtg. 3:30
- **10/30** Half-Day of School; History Fair; dismissal at 11:30 a.m.
- **11/1**—Daylight Savings Time—Set Your Clocks Back One Hour!
- **11/4 & 11/5** Parent Teacher Conferences after school
- **11/18**—Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- **11/24**—NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Development Day
- **11/25-27**—NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
- **12/11**—3-5 & 6-8 Trimester 1 Ends
- **12/14**—NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day
- **12/21 through 1/1** NO SCHOOL—Holiday Break

REMINDER
 1/2 DAY OF
 SCHOOL FRIDAY,
 OCTOBER 30
 (History Fair)

NO SCHOOL
 NOVEMBER 24-27

BAND NEWS

A SMART Music informational meeting will be held in the theater on Wednesday, October 28 at 3:30 p.m. This is for any band parent interested in learning how SMART Music works. We are using this program in ALL band classes.

Don't know what SMART Music is? Ask your band student!



Don't forget to set your clock back on Sunday, November 1st!!

LOST AND FOUND ALERT!

Many nice items (jackets, hats, etc.) are showing up in the Lost and Found with no identification. Please label your child's belongings (including coats, hats, gloves, lunch boxes) so items can be returned to their owner if misplaced. Also, please check out the lost & found area outside the lunchroom if your child has misplaced something.



THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends and Families,

We are in the heart of Autumn colors and nature's beauty is spectacular at Woodland School. Many of you had a chance to enjoy the scenery during Hike-A-Thon 2009 and we appreciated having you here. Everyone's efforts - the students', staff's, parents' and the Family Council's - resulted in nearly \$9,000 being raised, very special prizes being donated and awarded and much fun being had. I'm always amazed with everyone's dedication, especially the students'. Thank you all once again.

Thank you also to those who answered the call for help with some projects. Mike Greilick was able to re-stripe the cement court thanks to Matt and Mahaney VanderKerkof, Jonas Greilick, David Boyd, Moe Easterle, Mae DeBruyn, Bob Willette and Alyssa and Mike Pataky. There is always something to accomplish around school and your help makes it possible. Call me if you would like to help out.

History Fair is approaching quickly. The Renaissance theme is apparent in many classes and visible around school. You'll notice many dragons, coats of arms, a newsletter titled "The Kingdom Times" (The rulers of the Kingdom are Royal Highnesses Milne and Kreykes) and much activity in the 6-8 Village as they prepare to sponsor a "Renaissance Fair". Dress for the "times" and join us on Oct. 30th.

Intensive Week, Primary Village electives, Cross Country team races, October Scenes and Songs, and Carrot Day have all been part of our first months back in school. Amongst all of these activities we are learning deep, even sneaking in a few state tests. Take time to thank teachers and staff for the efforts they put forth. They are the reason your children love coming to Woodland School. They are the reason you find yourself thinking: "This is so right."

Thank you for all you do and for choosing Woodland School.

Nathan Tarsa, Director

PRODUCTION ASSISTANCE REQUESTED



Do you have some free time? We are in desperate need of volunteers to clean and organize the Production costume and prop area. Please speak to Mrs. DeBruyn or Mrs. Tilley if you are able to help...it would be greatly appreciated!

PRIMARY VILLAGE NEWS

Ellie Navarro shows some of the carrots harvested by the 3-5 gardening class.



Children have been busily planning and designing our two garden beds. We have received numerous donations of flower bulbs (thank you!) and look forward to getting out and planting in the

next few weeks. Expect to see a rainbow of color as you drive by during the spring and summer.

The weather has certainly become colder in the past few weeks. It's not too early to start thinking about sending your child to school with warmer winter attire such as hats, gloves, and winter coats. Please make sure your child has everything they need to play outside comfortably at recess. Children go out daily unless the weather is zero degrees or below.

Our all school Renaissance Fair is just around the corner, on Friday, Oct. 30th. We are encouraging all children to come dressed in Renaissance costumes. Contact us if you need ideas. Children will be parading around the school and participating in other activities the rest of the morning. It's a great event and everyone is invited!

MIDDLE VILLAGE

Intensives in the Middle Village took place the week of October 5-9. Students were exposed to interesting topics such as Madagascar, Fishing, and Blindness. Thanks to all the parents who helped out with classroom activities, driving and donations. We couldn't do it without your constant support!



Healthy snacks are essential to your student's diet. In the Middle Village we take time for a healthy snack on a daily basis. We encourage you to discuss the importance of eating only a nutritious healthy snack at this time. Such snacks could include; fruits or veggies, nuts, whole grain crackers, cheese or meat snacks. We will continue to encourage your child to eat only healthy snacks at this time and save their sugary or salty snacks for lunch time.

Students in the Middle Village are required to write three proposals in a school year,(one per trimester) that includes all/most of their peers. One of the three proposals must be conducted while the other two proposals can be "mock" proposals. They have the choice of writing this proposal with a partner or alone. This is an educational way that we promote and include our core democratic value system. We teach all the core democratic values and then give the students examples of what type of proposal they could do to support a particular core democratic value. Many such proposals have included pajama day, bake sale, red, white, and blue day, student appreciation day, talent show, writing letters to veterans, donate a book day, toy drive, checkers club, pop can drive, etc... just to name a few. We have found that this is an excellent avenue to demonstrate our core democratic values in action. Ask your student what ideas they have about participating in the writing of a proposal for our Village meeting.



6-8 VILLAGE

Keep checking up on your child's progress to make sure they are keeping up with tests and projects. It is always a bit hard to get back in the swing of regular classes after the Intensive Week. By the way, we were very proud of the 6-8 village during Intensive Week. They had a great attitude at Hayo-Went-Ha even if the weather wasn't so great on Tuesday. They also worked extremely hard on projects for the Renaissance Fair the other days.

Student-led conferences are a very important piece of your child's education and experience at Woodland School. Sign-up sheets for these conferences will be going home very soon (Monday, October 19). Please return it promptly as the slots fill up very quickly, especially the times right after school.

Heads up...in case your child did not tell you, there will be a 6-8 dance on November 13 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. It is very helpful if arrangements are made to pick up your child on time as we (the teachers) are eager to go home at the conclusion of the event! If your child is on the dance committee he/she will need to clean up afterwards. It should be all cleaned and they will be ready to go no later than 9:20 p.m.





FAMILY COUNCIL NEWS

Another successful Hike-A-Thon has come and gone! We are so thankful to have such enthusiastic students and their supportive families for this unique fund raiser. We were very happy to see so many families participating in the hike and thankful for the many hands that pitched in to help. It is a major undertaking and without the help of so many we could not make it happen.

Our next event in the planning stage is Movie Night! We will be showing a nearly new release on a Friday evening (date to be announced!). In lieu of admission we take donations to support our Helping Hands Fund (assisting Woodland Families in their time of need.) We serve popcorn and during admission raffle off the movie to one lucky attendee! Please look for more information to come home with your student soon!

Thank you to all of you who have returned your volunteer form handed out at the beginning of the school year. I will be contacting those of you for our various projects throughout the year. Once again FAMILY COUNCIL MAKES THINGS HAPPEN!

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 2 at 3:45. Please join us for the Movie Night planning and giving input on our Woodland Community Service plan for this year. If you have any suggestions or questions please feel free to contact an officer of the council.

Steve Haver, Chair
Marcie Timmins, Secretary
Janet Wood, Treasurer 935-1938

LIBRARY NEWS

Coming up fast is our BOGO Scholastic Book Fair, Nov. 30 through Dec. 4. Parent Volunteer forms will be sent home in a few weeks. This is a fun time to meet other parents and get in on the best deals, plus volunteers get a \$5.00 Gift Certificate to spend at the fair.

Outside the Library window is a glorious view of the pond and the incredibly brilliant colors of autumn. We're all having some difficulty keeping our eyes in our books! Enjoy it while it's here...it will be gone altogether too soon.

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

Our cross country team is off and "running" and will soon wrap up their outstanding season. We have one more meet left on the schedule, so come check out and cheer on this awesome group of runners. Saturday, Oct. 24 we will be competing in Elk Rapids at 10 :00 a.m.



ART UPDATE

In Primary Art students have been very busy learning about certain art elements and incorporating them into Medieval-type art projects as reinforcement, as well as learn a little history in the process! Some artwork is up and on display, but Mrs. Kreykes is keeping other artwork for our Annual Student Art Show held in March. So don't worry if you do not see a lot of art coming home; we are saving them for this awesome event.


GRACE BARTHOLOMEW IN MILLERSBURG RACES

Woodland 3rd grader Grace Bartholomew recently participated in the first Millersburg races. She trained with her Mom and Grandma prior to the race, and participated in the one mile run. Grace came in 5th place, with a time of 14:42. Congratulations, Grace... we'll look forward to seeing you on the Woodland Cross Country team in the future!


GLEN'S MARKET CASH FOR CLASS PROGRAM BENEFITS WOODLAND

Pick up a "Yes" card from Glen's Market to earn cash for Woodland School. When you have your card scanned during the weeks of October 18-24 or November 29-December 5, Woodland will earn a rebate on those purchases. Once you have your card, go to www.myyesrewards.com to get your card linked to Woodland School. Our school code is 89894. Then rebates will be automatically calculated.

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| 18 | 19 | 20 Scouts 3:30-5:00 | 21 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. School Picture retakes in a.m. | 22 Hearing & Vision retests | 23 Pizza Day | 24 XC Meet in Elk Rapids @ 10:30 a.m./potluck to follow |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 SMART Music info meeting for parents 3:30 in the theater | 29 Last Day for MEAP testing | 30 Half-Day History Fair | 31  |

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| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 <i>Pizza Day</i> 6-8 Dance 6:00-9:00 p.m. | 14 |
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