

DATES TO REMEMBER!

- 10/11-10/27—MEAP testing for grades 3-8
- 10/19 & 20—6-8 student led conferences after school by appointment
- 10/19 — Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 10/24-28—Intensive Week #1 for Middle & 6-8 Villages
- 10/24 & 25—6-8 Village to Camp Hayo-Went-Ha
- 10/28—History Fair; half-day of school. Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.
- 10/31—NO SCHOOL—teacher professional development day



- 11/2 - School picture retakes first thing in the morning; original package must be returned that morning in order to have them retaken
- 11/4—6-8 Dance 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 11/9 & 10—Primary and Middle Village conferences after school by appointment
- 11/16 - Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 11/23 thru 11/25 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break
- 12/6—Primary Holiday Music Concert 6:30 p.m. followed by Production approx. 7:15 p.m. (if 12/6 is a snow day, the concert & production will take place 12/7).
- 12/9—Trimester 1 ends for Middle & 6-8 Villages.
- 12/13—Band/Choir Holiday Concert. 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (if 12/13 is a snow day, the concert will take place 12/14).
- 12/19 through 1/2—Holiday Break. Back to school on 1/3/12!

SCOLIOSIS SCREENING

A nurse from Northern Michigan Helping Hands will be conducting scoliosis screenings for 6th and 7th grade girls and 7th grade boys this fall (a date had not been set at the time we went to press). Parents will be notified by mail when we have a date and asked to return a signed permission slip prior to that date.

Only those students who have a permission slip on file in the office will be screened, so please make sure you've taken care of this if you want your child screened.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Mrs. Pataky at 947-7474.



**FRIDAY
 PIZZA
 REMINDER**

Money must be turned in by Thursday at 9:00 a.m. to ensure pizza is ordered for your student that Friday.

On half days of school (ex: October 28) there is no pizza lunch, as school dismisses at 11:30 a.m. If your child is absent on a Friday you've paid for, the order will be carried over as long as you have called in the absence by 9:00 a.m. on Friday.

Feel free to order for multiple weeks. We've noticed that families with more than one child often write a separate check for each one's pizza order....that is not necessary! Please write just one pizza check and attach or enclose an order form for each child.

THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends and Families,

On behalf of the students and staff, thank you for your support of Woodland School's 8th Annual Hike-A-Thon. Although not announced at the time of writing this newsletter, the total amount earned is significant. After eight years, the evidence of these pledges and hard work are visible everywhere. A special thanks goes out to Heather Smith for serving as Hike-A-Thon coordinator. Thank you also to the many Family Council parents who took on leadership roles to make the hike special and a smooth process. Decorating, scavenger hunt planning, prize collecting, pledge counting, acting, snack organizing and pizza serving are just a sample of what goes on behind the scenes.

The days ahead are as full as the days behind. Two items are of great importance. First, conferences for all villages occur over the next month. Be sure to keep track of the days and conference times. This is an important time of the year to check in with teachers and your student to understand their progress. Second, History Fair is October 28. Every Village is focused on this year's theme of Ancient Greece and Egypt (which even became part of the Hike-A-Thon fun). The Fair, no matter what the theme, is always extra special because the students dress for that time period. Now is the time to start planning. You are also welcome to join us and show off your Greek attire as well.

Thank you for your generosity in all forms and for sharing your children with us.

Nathan Tarsa
 Director



**REMINDER—PLEASE RETURN
 YOUR FORMS!**

A few weeks ago a mailing went out to all Woodland families with forms for free/reduced lunch eligibility (which is used for an important required state report) and permission to share directory information. Several families have not yet returned these forms. Please use the stamped envelope that was included and get them back to us as soon as possible. If you need another copy, please notify the office.

PRIMARY VILLAGE NEWS



What a wonderful fall it has been! We are feeling like things are getting into a nice groove here at school. The weather will start getting a bit chilly soon, so please make sure you send your child to school with the appropriate gear (hat, mittens/gloves, coat) for outside weather. It's always disheartening when we see a little one unable to enjoy time outside due to lack of warm gear.

We'd like to thank all of our wonderful Primary Village families for helping us to make the Hike-A-Thon such a success! The kids had a great time on the hike and will hopefully be able to enjoy some new playground equipment with the proceeds. Each Village also receives a small portion of funds raised to use as we see fit. This fall we were able to help pay for our field trip to the AuSable Institute with funds raised last year. Every penny is used for our students and put toward worthwhile activities.

Now that the Hike-A-Thon is behind us our attention is turning toward the upcoming History Fair which will be held

on Friday, October 28th. We strongly encourage children to dress up in costumes related to the themes being covered. The K-1 and 2-3 classes have been learning about Ancient Egypt and the K-2 class has been learning about Ancient Greece and the Olympics. If you need costume ideas don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher. Don't forget that dismissal on the 28th is at 11:30, and there is no school on Monday, October 31st.

Our first Primary Village elective session is right around the corner! If you have a special skill, area of interest or craft that you would be interested in teaching to our students we would love to have you teach an elective! Electives are held Friday afternoons from 12:45 to 1:45. The dates for the first elective session are November 4, 11, 18, 25 and December 2. We need to know if you are planning to participate by no later than Wednesday, October 26th. Let your child's teacher know if you are interested in helping with a class and they will guide you with ideas to help with planning. Also, make sure you've completed volunteer paperwork.

MIDDLE VILLAGE NEWS

Intensives are coming soon, the week of October 24-28th. We are so lucky to have three exciting options to choose from. By now your child is aware of which intensive they are in for the week. Are they in *Creatures of the Night* with Mrs. Louis, which has a nocturnal, animal focus? Or, are they in Ms. Goodrick's *Apple* class? In this class, you guessed it, the focus is on the Northern Michigan apple production. Also, your child could be in *Behind the Scenes of a Festival* with Mrs. Hadd. This class will focus on our very own Cherry Festival and the local cherry industry. Talk with your student to see what exciting intensive they have chosen for the 1st trimester!

Accelerated Reading is an independent reading program in the Middle Village. We encourage the students to set realistic, yet challenging point goals each month that are based on the book they have pre-selected. Students then read their books and take the corresponding AR test. Students are given some class



time to silently read but are also expected to read on their own outside of class. Students generally choose books that are within their reading range but sometimes adjustments are made on an individual basis. Please encourage your student to set goals, read, and take AR tests in a timely fashion. Students are strongly encouraged to read 25 books (or equivalent) a school year.

MEAP testing will continue through October 19th. Please make every effort to ensure your student arrives at school on time. Thanks to several parent volunteers we are again offering a hot oatmeal breakfast to our village on test days. This is not meant to replace breakfast, just warm up their tummies before testing begins.

History Fair is Friday October 28th. Students have been learning a lot about ancient Greece. Students have also been given suggestions on costume ideas. Please encourage your student to dress up in traditional ancient Greek clothing for the History Fair.

6-8 VILLAGE

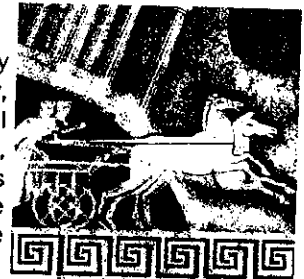
Thank you for scheduling a conference time with your 6-8 student. He/she should have returned the slip with your time circled. These are very important conferences. Thank you for your interest and involvement in your child's education. If you do not know your conference time feel free to call one of the 6-8 teachers.

The 6-8 Village will be having a dance on Friday, November 4th. Dances are from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Please make sure you pick your child up promptly at 9:00, as we (the 6-8 staff) are eager to get home to our families. The dance committee (those students who proposed the dance) is also in charge of cleanup after the dance.

The 6-8 Village will be going on an overnight trip to Camp Hayo-Went-Ha on Monday, October 24, returning

October 25. Permission slips for this trip will be going home soon. We have been able to get the cost down to \$65 per student. If this is an undue burden for your family please call a 6-8 teacher. We do not want any students not to go because of finances.

The Ancient Greece History Fair is coming up on Friday, October 28. The 6-8 Village will be hosting the rest of the school, so it is essential that all students come to school wearing some sort of Ancient Greek costume that day.



LIBRARY NEWS

Students enjoy coming to the Library because there's no pressure. They can find a book for Accelerated Reader points, research, or just for their enjoyment.

Our lending policy is simple; Primary Village is allowed to borrow 2 books for 1 week, Middle Village 3 books for 2 weeks, and 6-8 Village 4 books for 2 weeks. Books are renewable if requested.

Overdue Reminders are handed out occasionally if books are more than a week late. If a book is lost or damaged beyond repair you may choose to pay the replacement cost or donate a book from your home (Preferable one similar to the one lost). Mrs. "O"psasnick or Mrs. Kreykes can answer any questions or concerns.

Woodland is glad to announce in December, a Scholastic BOGO Book Fair! Watch for information next month.

BAND NEWS FROM MRS. POESSLER

The Beginning Band is up and running! *Hot Cross Buns* and *Merrily We Roll Along* are some of the fun tunes we are learning. All students are to be logged into SmartMusic. Students need to turn in their home practice sheets every Friday. Fifty minutes a week is recommended for beginning band. Home practice is essential to be successful in the beginning band stages.

We may be small, but our hearts are large in the Cadet Band. We have already had a SmartMusic assignment with more to come. Practice forms are due every Monday, and 75 minutes per week is the required minimum practice time.

The Eagle Band is preparing for the holiday concert. SmartMusic is up and running and assignments are being posted every few weeks. Students' practice forms are due every Friday with a minimum of 100 minutes practice time each week.

If you need any supplies such as reeds, oil or a repair pick up or drop off, be sure to call Marshall Music at 922-9503. A representative stops by the school every Friday when needed and can drop off your order.

Mark your calendars for the Holiday Concert on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m. (makeup date is Wednesday, December 14th in case of a 12/13 snow day!).

I am enjoying my time here at Woodland. The students are a pleasure to teach. Everyone is so helpful and friendly I may not want to leave!

GLEN'S CASH FOR CLASS PROGRAM

Glen' Market Cash for Class program is tied to their "yes" card. Yes card members designate a school group to credit their purchases toward. Yes card members need to log onto www.myesrewards.com and click the "yes" card on the right side of the screen. Use Woodland School's Cash for Class Code, which is **89894**.

Last year's information has been removed, so be sure to update your card! Your school's rebate will be determined by the amount of purchases our group makes during our Event Weeks. Yes cards are scanned at the time of purchase, and our rebate will be determined by the total.

2011 Program Event Weeks for Woodland School are:

- **October 30-November 5**
- **November 20-26**

If you have questions you may call Dawn Bredeweg, Community Relations Coordinator, at 616-878-2235.


CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

The 6-8 cross country team has had a fantastic 2011 season! Each runner continued to improve each week and should be very proud of all they have accomplished as individuals and as a team. When you see any of our runners, congratulate them for a successful season of running and for being a super representative of our school. Thank you to all of our wonderful parents who were able to help out the team in any way; we truly appreciated every contribution.

The Art Room is in need of cigar boxes...if you have any please bring them in!





October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
16	17	18 XC Practice 3:45-5:00	19 XC Practice 3:45-5:00 6-8 Student-Led Conferences Board Mtg. 7 p.m.	20 6-8 Student- Led Conferences XC Practice 3:45-5	21 Pizza Day	22
23	24 Intensive Week #1 for Middle & 6- 8 villages 6-8 Village to Hayo-Went-Ha	25 6-8 Village returns from Hayo-Went-Ha	26	27	28 History Fair (no pizza) Half Day of School *	29
30	31 NO SCHOOL— Teacher Professional Development Day					

*Reminder—school dismisses at 11:30 a.m. on half days.

November 2011

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		1	2 School Picture retakes in a.m.	3	4 Pizza Day 6-8 Dance 6-9 p.m.	5
6	7	8	9 Primary & Middle Village Conferences after school	10 Primary & Middle Village Conferences after school	11 Pizza Day	12
13	14	15	16 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	17	18 Pizza Day	19
20	21	22	23 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	24 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK 	25 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	26
27	28	29	30			