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# NOVEMBER 2009-2010 Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Things at Woodland School are settling down and as a result, you should find this month's newsletter a "light" read. As for myself, I too am feeling not so harried and it's a good feeling! (I take that back... I've probably just jinxed myself!)

As you are probably aware, all students have visited the library and have a weekly time to visit and take out books. Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Winters are excited to see that the library is not only filled with books, but with children! On another note, Mrs. Baillargeon and Ms. Osterfund are back with us. We thank Mr. Quinn and Mr. Whalley for doing a wonderful job covering in their absence.

The students at Woodland are reading up a storm! Last year at this time, the students had read 2,864 books. Right now our students have read 3,539! Keep continue to keep supporting and encouraging reading at home.

## *School Council*

At the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Council consolidated past climate surveys and created one survey which all third and fourth grade students will participate in. The students will provide an "often, sometimes, or never" response to 17 statements. There are also two short answer responses. In the near future, the results will be shared with families. The next School Council meeting is on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The public is always welcome.



**PICTURE RETAKES**  
**November 20, 2009**

## Lost and Found

Please label all student's clothing, lunch boxes, etc. with their names to ensure the return of misplaced items either left on the bus or at school. A "Lost and Found" table has been set up in the dining room with several items. If your child(ren) have lost items, please ask them to check the table at the end of their lunchtime. Thank you!

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# CIVILITY

In October our civility theme was caring. The children nominated others who they saw doing something kind and caring for another. These nominations were placed in a Caring Box outside the office. During our lunchtime, the nominations were announced and children were recognized for their good deed. For the month of October we received 356 caring cards! That's a whole lot of caring going on at Woodland!



## HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE



We will be celebrating Veterans Day with an assembly on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The walls of our foyer will be decorated with stars holding the names of veterans known to those of us at Woodland. It is an honor to recognize all, past and present, who have served our country.



Samuel Mizanoglu

On Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, I had the time of my life! For the entire day, I was principal. I arrived to school early to do bus duty. During morning announcements I informed the students that they would have an extra recess and would not be given homework. My buddies, Daniel Scharmann, Vinnie DelBuono and Dante Forgey got to join me in my office for lunch. Besides watching and participating in numerous recesses, I pumped up the recess balls and put out new equipment. I organized the extra recess equipment in the supply closet and I got to shred papers. The day went by very fast. Before I knew it, I was waving goodbye to my friends as their buses pulled away.

## *Counselor's Corner*

Pennie Sibley, School Adjustment Counselor & Nicole Fernald, School Counselor are pleased to introduce this addition to Woodland's newsletter. Each month we would like to update you on what we are doing to promote the academic, social and emotional growth of all students at Woodland Elementary.

This month, the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Safety Council will be performing a play for all students. The Safety Council is a group of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who work to make the school safer and teach students about being a good community member. This November's play, "Who is Bigger?" is about respect, consideration and coping with others.

*Second Step*, a violence prevention curriculum, has begun again this year. *Second Step*, an evidenced-based curriculum, is designed to help children learn empathy, problem-solving, and anger management skills. We are giving lessons in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms and will be moving onto additional grades soon.

## **HALLOWEEN CANDY COLLECTION**

Woodland Elementary School will be doing a community service project in honor of Veterans Day. Students who celebrate Halloween are invited to bring in Halloween candy (collected during trick-or-treating) to share with service men and women over seas. Candy will be collected from November 2-10 and then mailed to troops.

Candy collection boxes will be located in the cafeteria and the main office. Notes and cards that students and families would like to write to the troops will also be collected in the boxes to be mailed.

Please let your students know that service men and women will feel very happy to have a special treat from home. They will also be glad to know that our community appreciates and is thinking of them. If you have any questions please call Nicole Fernald, School Counselor, x157, [nfenald@strsd.southwick.ma.us](mailto:nfenald@strsd.southwick.ma.us)

**Woodland Elementary School Lunch Program**

**Things to Know:**

The Manager and Assistant are  
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Free/Reduced Student Lunch  
Applications are available throughout the year.  
Please call the Food Service Office for an application  
569-6870

All information is confidential.

**"REMINDER"**

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He/she is entitled to Free/Reduced breakfast daily.

Prices: Student lunch \$2.00

Reduced Lunch \$.40

Ala Carte Milk\$.50

Paid Breakfast \$1.00

Reduced Breakfast \$.25

Lunch Tickets sold @ \$40.00 for 20 day ticket.

Assorted Snacks are sold between .25 -\$.75

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