



# Window on Woodcrest

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## Mrs. Kahoun's Corner

As I write this I find the Woodcrest family in the middle of another busy week. Our children are working on retelling, sight word recognition, routines for silent reading, and assessments. I have enjoyed the opportunity to read to children in many classrooms. With modeling and practice, the routines of learning are settling into place!

If your child eats breakfast at school, please remind them to head right to the cafeteria upon their arrival at school. Walkers eating breakfast should enter the building at 9:00, those kids riding the bus should head quickly and immediately to the cafeteria in order to be able to eat and get to class on time. If you could give your child a reminder about this before they head out the door in the morning I'd really appreciate it.

This week we have been focusing on school safety. On Monday, we focused on how to respond to a tornado warning, Tuesday we reviewed fire drills, Wednesday brought us a lock down drill and today we practiced bus safety. Tomorrow we will review these safety procedures in our classrooms; please review them at home with your child over the weekend.

We look forward to seeing our Grades K-3 families tonight (Thursday, September 18) for Parent Information Night. This is an open house format and families may drop in anytime between 7:00 and 8:00 PM. Please bring your children, we need our students to attend to help "co-host" the evening's activities!

### Coming Up

#### September

- 15-19 Safety Week
- 18 Open House - 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
PTA Fundraiser Kick-off
- 24 School Pictures

#### October

- 9 Early Release - 2 hrs.  
No p.m. Kindergarten
- 10 No School

## Conferences Oct. 13, 14, & 15

Parent Teacher conferences are just around the corner. You will be receiving a letter in your child's Thursday folders. Please indicate on that form your preferred choices for conference days and times and return the letter to school by Monday, September 24th. From that information a conference appointment will be scheduled for you and a letter confirming the day and time will be sent home with your child.

We will make every effort to work with your schedule as it is so important for you to take advantage of this opportunity. This is the best chance to have a meaningful conversation about your child with his/her teacher.

## Open House Tonight 7-8 p.m.

Please join us for our Open House tonight, Thursday, September 18 between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. Your child(ren) should come as your personal tour guides. They will guide you through our building and through their day here at Woodcrest. You will get a first hand look at what your child does and where they go during their days here in school. Your child's classroom teacher as well as specialists and support staff will be on hand for you to meet and have your questions answered.

We hope you can join us and share in supporting your child and their educational experience here at Woodcrest.



## Picture Day is Coming

Wednesday, September 24 is Lifetouch picture day. If you choose to purchase fall pictures of your child(ren) you must prepay. Students must bring their payment envelopes to the photographer at the

time their portrait order packets are being sent home in today's Thursday Folders. Please make checks payable to Lifetouch.



## Words from the Media Center

### Acceptable Use Policy 2008-09 (Computer, network, and Internet use)

Every student and his/her family are asked to sign the Acceptable Use Policy every year. The district form is used for all students K-12 and may seem quite complicated for our younger children. I think if you ask them - 1) Do you agree to treat all the computer equipment carefully? and 2) Do you agree to follow the directions of the teacher in the computer lab? - that covers what they need to know and do.

Programs, testing, and printing are done through the network. Third graders have used teacher-selected Internet sites to find information for

their animal reports. Second graders have used the ZoomWhales site to answer questions about whales. First graders and even kindergarteners create and print work in the computer lab.

The Internet is a wonderful resource, and our goal is to teach our students to use it safely and effectively. The district uses a filter to block access to inappropriate sites, and elementary students NEVER use the Internet without adult supervision. Safety is always our primary concern. If you have questions about our use of the Internet, please contact me.

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## PTA News

Wednesday Volunteers got off to a great start this week. This is a groups of parents (along with their children who are not yet of school age) who meet most Wednesdays and assist the teachers with various classroom projects. They meet in the cafeteria starting at 9:30 a.m. and work until about 11:30. The times are not hard and fast. You can come and go anytime that suits your schedule and you do not have to commit to coming weekly. We welcome anyone who may be interested.

Tomorrow, Friday, September 19 is the PTA Fundraiser Kick-off. Students will attend a short information session and be given a packet for participating in our annual

fundraiser. This is our primary source of income for the PTA. The money is used to fund a number of programs and activities for students including covering much of the cost of bus transportation for field trips. This is not a door to door sale and students should not go out alone through their neighborhoods. Your child's safety is a primary concern. If you choose not to participate and would like to send a donation to the PTA instead, please make checks payable to "WC PTA". We will have a display set up in the cafeteria at tonight's open house where you can see (and taste) some of the items that are included in the fundraiser. Thanks for your support!

