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Woodlawn Early Years School January 2016 Newsletter



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to school everyone and to the start of the second term! I sincerely hope all children and their families were able to spend some quality time together during the winter break. I anticipate children are now feeling refreshed and ready for some engaging learning experiences in 2016. Our staff is excited to welcome back the children this week and see their smiling faces and curiosity once again. Teachers and students spend most of the first week back re-establishing relationships, revisiting class and school expectations, getting back into the routines and buckling down to academic work.

January is always a busy month academically in the classroom, but we will also take a break and celebrate school community on January 21st with our annual Winter Fun Day. Our grade 7 Connect Crew friends from CMS will also join us to assist with winter fun day. Watch for some detailed information and an opportunity to volunteer to be sent home mid January.

Outdoor safety is of utmost concern to us during the winter term with cold weather, slippery streets and sidewalks and large snowbanks. We ask for your assistance to help keep our youngest learners safe while on their way to and from school. Teachers will also be reviewing safety expectations with the children as well.

SAFETY IS AS SIMPLE AS ABC - ALWAYS BE CAREFUL.
AUTHOR UNKNOWN

*Sincerely,
Shelley Amos*

ARRIVAL/LEAVING TIME

Walking students and those dropped off by parents should arrive at school after 8:30 in the morning. Teacher supervision is provided starting at 8:30. Any students arriving on the playground before 8:30 will not be supervised and responsibility for the student belongs with the parent/guardian. Students are permitted to enter the building when the 8:53 bell rings.

Students are required to leave for home by 4:00 in the afternoon unless prior arrangements have been made. If you must pick your child up for an appointment please do so before or after recess times. It is difficult for recess supervisors to find students on the playground.

Vice Principal's Message

Happy New Year and welcome back! January is always a wonderful and busy month. A lot of teaching and learning will be taking place this month! At Woodlawn we believe in teaching the whole child and we also believe that we teach children first. Teaching literacy, numeracy, and other subjects is a very important part of what we do everyday. As teachers of young children we also believe that we have to help children learn to be problem solvers. The staff at Woodlawn facilitates this through class meetings, direct teaching, role playing, and direct intervention. Students are encouraged to talk to the person they are having a problem with. They have been taught to use a firm voice and to be assertive (not aggressive or submissive) when someone is doing something that they do not like. The students have been taught to seek the help from an adult if they are being physically hurt or if they are unable to solve the problem themselves. It is very important that our students know that the adults are available to them when they need help. However, children should always be encouraged to try to solve a problem first whenever they are able. When young children lack the language necessary to solve problems adults can prompt them by simply giving them the words. Instead of telling a child to use his/her words provide him/her with the actual words they need in a given situation. For example, "I was playing with that toy. I will give it to you when I am done." Teaching our children to be confident and assertive problem solvers will help them be successful in their social relationships as they grow.

Karen Fraser

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

"Attitude is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, money, circumstances, than failures and success, than what other people think, say, or do. It is more important than appearance, ability, or skill. It will make or break a business, a home, a friendship, an organization. The remarkable thing is I have a choice every day of what my attitude will be. I cannot change my past. I cannot change the actions of others. I cannot change the inevitable. The only thing I can change is attitude. *Life is ten percent what happens to me and ninety percent how I react to it.*"

~Charles Swindoll

Students in grade 4 have been learning that there are 4 components to all behaviour: Thinking, Acting, Physiology (our body) and Feelings. Restitution helps us understand how we can control our behaviour by making an analogy to a car, with each tire representing one component of behaviour. The two front tires represent thinking and acting. We have the most control over them. The back two tires represent our body (tense? breathing fast? hot? calm?) and our feelings. When we learn to pay attention to all 4 tires, we can control our feelings and our body's reaction by choosing our thoughts and actions. The Behaviour Car analogy can help us take control of ourselves and be the person we want to be in any situation.

Isn't it empowering to believe that no matter what others do or say, they cannot control what we think, do or feel? Only we can control that!



Warm Wishes for 2016 !

Sandy Kehler
School Counsellor

Important dates for the remainder of the school year:

Thursday, January 21	Winter Fun Day
Friday, February 5	PD Day - No Classes
Mon. - Fri., February 8-12	Kindergarten Phone In Registrations
Wed. - Fri., February 10-12	Book Fair
Monday, February 15	Louis Riel Day - No Classes
Friday, February 19	Kindergarten Report Cards Issued
Tuesday, February 16 Evg.	Public Budget Meeting
Friday, February 26	HTA PD Day - No Classes
Friday, March 11	Admin. Day - No Classes
Friday, March 18	Report Cards Issued
Mon - Thur, March 21-24	Wacky Week
Thursday, March 24	Community Pancake Breakfast
Thursday, March 24	Last Day of School Before Spring Break
Friday, March 25	Good Friday
Monday, April 4	First Day Back at School After Spring Break
Friday, April 8	Admin/PD Day - No Classes
Mon. - Fri., April 11-15	Education Week
Tuesday, April 12	Board/PAC Liaison Meeting
Thursday, April 14	Celebration of Learning Evening
Thursday, May 12	Afternoon/Evening Spring Concert - Grade 4
Thursday, May 19 7:00 pm	Grade 5 Orientation Evenings at CMS and SMS
Monday, May 23	Victoria Day - No Classes
Thursday, May 26	Volunteer Appreciation Event
Thursday, June 2	Jump Rope for Heart
Monday, June 27	Grade 4 Farewell
Tuesday, June 28	School Picnic - Last Day of School
Tuesday, June 28	Report Cards Issued at the End of the Day

Community Christmas

Thank you to Woodlawn students for making our toy drive a huge success! We collected 584 toys for Southeast Helping Hands.

Thank you to parents and community members who generously donated \$1338.00 to Steinbach Community Outreach at our Christmas Concert.

1C & 1JC would like to thank Woodlawn students, staff and parents for their support with our Gingerbread Bake Sale. With your help, we raised \$556.00 to support Steinbach Community Outreach. With this money we were able to provide warm clothes and food for people in our own community who are without these basic needs.

Cold Weather Protocol

If local conditions indicate that with the wind-chill the temperature is -30 or colder we have indoor recess. When temperatures with wind-chill range between -25 to -30 we normally will have outdoor recess in the morning and afternoon and a shortened outdoor recess during the lunch hour.

In the case of extreme cold or on storm days please tune in to AM 1250, CJOB 680 or Mix 96.7 FM between 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. for an announcement regarding school closure and/or cancellation of busses. School closure information and school bus bulletins are posted on the school division website at www.hsd.ca. Please refer to your Hanover School Calendar for more information on the school closure policies and procedures.

The main reasons students find winter outdoor recesses too cold is that they do not dress warmly enough or they do not get active enough. At Woodlawn we feel that students benefit from the fresh air, and are able to focus on their work much more effectively if they have had outdoor recess. Parents, please remind your children to bring clothing that will make it possible to have enjoyable outdoor recesses, even on quite cold days.

DAILY ROUTINE

8:53 Students enter the school

9:00-9:05 Homeroom Time or Religious Exercises (in designated area for students with parental permission)

9:08 School Begins: O Canada and Announcements/Attendance

10:40-10:55 Morning Recess

11:55-12:20 Lunch

12:20-12:50 Lunch Recess

12:50 Afternoon Class Time Begins

2:25-2:40 Afternoon Recess

3:40 Students proceed to Homeroom

3:45 Dismissal of Students

Woodlawn's Makerspace - Coming Soon

Our Makerspace is scheduled to open early in the New Year. We will need many different materials that need to be replenished regularly. If you are able to donate any of the following items, please send them to school with your child or drop them off in their classroom.

Thank you for supporting our Makerspace!

Tin Foil	Saran Wrap	Wax Paper	Wire Strippers
Wire	Foam Shapes/Sheets	Wood Scraps	Plastic Bottles
Egg Cartons	Cloth Tape Measures	Old Magazines	Plastic Tubing
Paper Bags	Stickers	Margarine Tubs	Straws
Stir Stix	Fabric/Beads	String/Yarn	Buttons
Toothpicks	Shoe Boxes	Popsicle Sticks	Duct Tape
Old Appliances	Cotton Balls	Broken Toy Vehicles	Rubber Bands
Glitter Glue	Tin Cans	Pipe Cleaners	Coffee Cans
Cardboard tubes	Felt	Craft Stuff	Rocks/stones
Nuts/bolts/screws	Bubble Wrap		
Metal Sheets/pieces	Old Game boards and game pieces		



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day	2
3 Please send exact change with your child for milk and hot lunches	4 Day 3	5 Day 4	6 Day 5 Ham Pizza \$2.00 per slice	7 Day 6	8 Day 1 Hot Lunch - Chicken Noodle Soup & a Bun or ½ Turkey Sandwich or ½ Turkey Wrap \$3.00 each	9
10	11 Day 2	12 Day 3	13 Day 4 Pepperoni Pizza \$2.00 per slice	14 Day 5	15 Day 6 Hot Lunch - Chicken Noodle Soup & a Bun or ½ Ham Sandwich or ½ Ham Wrap \$3.00 each	16
17	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 Day 3 Ham Pizza \$2.00 per slice	21 Day 4 Winter Fun Day	22 Day 5 Hot Lunch - Chicken Noodle Soup & a Bun or ½ Turkey Sandwich or ½ Turkey Wrap \$3.00 each	23
24 <hr/> 31	25 Day 6	26 Day 1	27 Day 2 Pepperoni Pizza \$2.00 per slice	28 Day 3	29 Day 4 Hot Lunch - Chicken Noodle Soup & a Bun or ½ Ham Sandwich or ½ Ham Wrap \$3.00 each	30