**Woodland Elementary School**

**February 4, 2015**

**SEVERAL POINTS AND DATES OF INTEREST**

**Dates of Interest**

* Mid-Term Grading Reports: Today, February 4th :)
* PTA Meeting: February 10th @ 6 PM: Our kindergarten students will be performing under the direction of our music teacher, Mrs. Evans. TY, Kindergarten and Mrs. Evans!
* Reading/LA Benchmark Testing for Grades 2 – 4: March 3rd
* Math Benchmark Testing for Grades 2 – 4: March 4th
* End of Nine Weeks: March 6th
* Spring Break: March 9 - 13th
* Report Cards: March 18th
* Spring Pictures: March 25th (Individual & Classroom Photographs)
* Family TCAP Preparation Night: March 26th @ 6 PM
* TCAP Testing for Grades 3 & 4: April 27 – May 8th.

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**CONGRATULATIONS to Jayce Johnston in Mrs. Scandlyn’s fourth grade classroom.** **Jayce is our 2015 Woodland Spelling Bee Champion.** We are very proud of Jayce! Thank you, Jayce, for representing Woodland with excellence!

And ~

**CONGRATULATIONS to Stone Lovell, also in Mrs. Scandlyn’s fourth grade classroom.** Stone is our 2015 Spelling Bee Runner-Up. We are also very proud of Stone!

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**Congratulations are also in order for our recent PTA Reflections’ Winners: Please see the reverse side of our newsletter for these special winners.**

**Special congratulations to Nathan Connor whose entry has now advanced to the regional level.** Nathan is a fourth grade student in Miss Jessica Johnson’s fourth grade classroom. Way to go, Nathan!

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A closing thought of inspiration:

**“READING a good book is like**

 **taking a journey…”**

*~ Emma Gulliford*

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*And remember ~*

*Let’s Read. Let’s Soar!*

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A message from the Principal

Dear Woodland Families ~

 February Greetings! It is hard to believe that Spring Break is just around the corner ~ our school year seems to move so very quickly!

 Thanks to each of you who attended our PTA Winter Funfest and/or Family Fitness Night. Both events were such great fun for all who attended. Special thanks to our PTA Moms, Dads, & Grandparents for helping us to coordinate our Winter Funfest evening ~ and to our Family Engagement Committee for planning our Family Fitness Night.

 It is important for me to mention that I am SO very proud of our Team Woodland students for their excellent reading connections. Thanks to each of you as parents, guardians, and/or grandparents for encouraging our students to read. Collectively, our K-4 students have read over 65 million words! This is tremendous, and we must continue to celebrate this wonderful milestone! As you probably know, we will celebrate with a special event upon the accruement of 70 million words. Eagle K-Neagle and I are very excited! In addition, it may be that we will be adding another special celebration once we accrue 100 million words. Our wonderful Woodland Reading Committee is processing those details now. Thanks to Nancy Miles and Chris Simerly for leading our reading committee.

 Please come visit us soon. Woodland is truly a GREAT place for learning! As always, you may contact me through e-mail or in our main office at anytime: 434.5267 or reachk@jcschools.org

With kindest regards,

Dr. Karen Reach

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**CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Robin Adams. Mrs. Adams has been selected as Johnson City Schools’ Elementary Teacher of the Year.** Mrs. Adams will represent our school system in the state competition for *Tennessee Teacher of the Year.* This is a tremendous honor and we are very proud of Mrs. Adams!

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*Title I News: SAVE THE DATE!*

*Family TCAP Preparation Night. Everyone is invited!*

*March 26th @ 6 PM*

*Mrs. Irwin and our Family Engagement Committee will send more details soon!*