**Woodland Elementary School**

A message from the Principal

Dear Woodland Families ~

 January Greetings! We are so excited to be back in motion as we are off to an exciting 2015! We hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful, healthful, and relaxing Winter Break!

 A VERY special thanks to each of you who donated winter coats, jackets, hats, scarves, and gloves for our holiday Giving Tree. We received so many contributions that will be provided for any Woodland student in need during our winter season. Thank you, Woodland families, for all that you do! You are the BEST! ☺

 Please know that our students and teachers are working so diligently as we are learning many new reading, writing, language arts, and math skills. We are also making great connections through our science and social studies lessons. A special thanks to you, our wonderful parents and grandparents, for providing homework time and reading time at home. It takes a village and your support is greatly appreciated!

 As always, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail should you have questions or concerns: reachk@jcschools.org or 434.5267. We appreciate each of you --- our Wonderful Woodland families!

With kindest regards,

Dr. Karen Reach



*Our Wonderful Woodland Winter Funfest!*

*Thanks to each of you who attended our PTA Winter Funfest ~ it was such a wonderful evening for our students. Thanks for making it such a success! A special thanks to Laurie Harvey and Jessica Cain for coordinating this special family engagement event!*

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*Title I News*



*Please mark your calendars:*

*Our next Family Engagement Evening ~*

* *When: Thursday, January 22nd*
* *Time: 6 – 8 PM*
* *Event: Family Fitness*

*Stay tuned for further detailing! Thanks to Mrs. Beth Irwin and our Title I Planning Committee for their excellent work!*

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**SEVERAL POINTS AND DATES OF INTEREST**

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Reading ROCKS logs are due...

Please remember to read with your children each afternoon or evening. ☺ As your child is reading, be certain to ask him/her about their reading selection.

Example Questions/Guiding Points

Who are the main characters?

What is the plot (i.e., what is the story about)?

Talk about the sequence of events in the story.

What is the most important event within the story? Etc.

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An Inspiring Thought

**Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.**

--- Joseph Addison

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***Breakfast/Snow Delays***

* *Please remember that breakfast will not be served on our Snow Delay Days.*
* *Breakfast is served free of charge for all Woodland students on all other school days.*

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**Dates of Interest**

1. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday: January 19th (School will be closed).
2. Grade 4 NAEP Assessment: February 3rd
3. Mid-Term Grading Reports: February 4th
4. PTA Meeting: February 10th @ 6 PM: Our kindergarten students will be performing under the direction of Mrs. Evans. TY, Kindergarten and Mrs. Evans!
5. Grade 3 TCAP Writing Assessment: February 17 & 18th
6. Grade 4 TCAP Writing Assessment: February 23 & 24th
7. End of Third Quarter: March 6th
8. Spring Break: March 9 – 13th
9. Grade 3 & 4 TCAP Achievement Testing for Reading/Language Arts, Math, and Science: April 27 – 29th
10. Grade 3 & 4 Social Studies Testing: April 30 – May 8th

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***Team Woodland =***

***Soaring with Greatness!***