Woodland Elementary School

**November 5, 2014**

**SEVERAL POINTS AND DATES OF INTEREST**

**Mid-Term Grading Reports:** November 12th

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**Woodland’s next PTA Meeting:** Tuesday,December 2nd @ 6 PM featuring a musical performance by our first grade students. Everyone is invited!

Our first grade students are also invited to perform at the Johnson City Schools’ School Board Meeting on Monday, December 1st @ 6 PM. Thank you, Mrs. Evans, for coordinating these special musical performances!

Mr. Dixon will also be showcasing our students’ most recent artwork for the PTA and school board meetings. Thank you, Mr. Dixon, for all that you do!

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**Thanksgiving Break**

Thanksgiving Break is scheduled for: November 26 – 28th; school will be closed. We will resume our regular schedule on Monday, December 1st.

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**Additional Dates of Interest**

* Grades 2 – 4 Second Quarter Benchmark Testing: December 16 – 17th
* Early Dismissal: December 19th @ 11:30 AM
* Winter Holiday: December 22nd– January 5th
* Regular school schedule: January 6th
* Report Cards: January 7th
* Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday: January 19th

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**Let’s Read. Let’s Soar!**

*This is our 2014/15 reading motto @ Woodland. We are very excited as students are working to read a total of 70 million words this school year. When we reach that goal, our Woodland mascot, Eagle K-Neagle ~ and I will sit on the school roof for an entire school day reading lots of books! We are proud to announce that our students have already read over 24 million words! Wow! Eagle K-Neagle and I may be on the roof this winter! BRRR; however, that is terrific! We are so proud of our students!*

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**An Outstanding Woodland Report Card**

*The Tennessee Department of Education has just released report cards for all schools throughout our state. We are pleased to announce that Woodland has received straight A’s in every category: Student Achievement and Attainment. This is a tremendous accomplishment, and we are VERY excited! Check out the state department’s link @* <http://www.state.tn.us/education/data/report_card/index.shtml>

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***School Safety Unit ~ A Message from Mrs. Mary Jacobs:***

We are working on our “safety” unit in guidance class for the next few weeks.  “Safe at Last” is a personal safety curriculum that empowers students in Kindergarten through Fourth grade by providing critical skills and tools to stay safe and avoid dangerous situations.  The program includes age-appropriate learning techniques such as role-playing, a puppet, games, stories, and videos.  If you would like to view any materials, I will have materials available in my room from 3:15-4:00 on Thursday, November 6th.

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You may also email Mrs. Jacobs anytime @ jacobsm@jcschools.org

Thank you, Mrs. Jacobs, for ALL that you do for us!

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A message from the Principal

Dear woodland families,

 November greetings! It is hard to believe that we are already positioned within the second quarter of our academic calendar ---- only three weeks until Thanksgiving Break!

 I want to extend a tremendous THANK YOU to each of you who participated in our PTA Fall Fundraiser and McTeacher Night. It is because of your participation and support that additional funds will be used for our instructional needs at Woodland. *And --- a very special thanks to our PTA Fundraising Chairpersons Jessica Cain and Laurie Harvey for coordinating our most recent Inflatables Party and fundraising details* --- we are most thankful for our PTA and all of you --- our Woodland families! It takes a village!

 With our academics in full motion, Team Woodland students and teachers continue to work diligently within all content areas of the curriculum. Engaging lessons with regard to reading, language arts, writing, math, science, and social studies are a daily focus at Woodland. Be sure to ask your child/or children what he/she is/are learning --- it is exciting! Also, be certain to read with your student each day and encourage him/or her to read wherever your family may travel throughout our community: at the grocery store, while traveling to Wal-Mart, etc. Reminding your student that reading is important and FUN wherever we travel is essential during these important developmental years.

 As always, please do not hesitate to stop by the office and say hello --- being connected with you as we work together in regard to your child/or children is so very important to me. Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail should you ever have questions or concerns: reachk@jcschools.org or 434.5267. We appreciate each of you --- our Woodland families!

With warmest regards,

Dr. Karen Reach

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**Title 1 School News**

**Woodland’s Family STEM Night: November 6, 2014**

**6 PM**

Please plan to join us for an evening dedicated to STEM/Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math. Dinner will also be served. We are very excited, and look forward to this special Parent Involvement activity! ☺

Thank you to our *Title I Planning Committee* and *Mrs. Beth Irwin* for coordinating this wonderful Woodland event!

If you have not registered, please contact Mrs. Beth Irwin @ 434.5267 or irwinb@jcschools.org

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**Our Team Woodland Most Recent Lifeskills’ Focus** ~

Please be sure to ask your child/or children about these essential lifeskills! Being our “Personal Best” at school is always very important.

1. *Effort: October 27 – 31*
2. *Initiative: November 3 – 7*
3. *Integrity: November 10 - 14*