**Woodland Elementary School**

**October 1, 2014**

A message from the Principal

Dear woodland families,

 As we transition into this beautiful fall season, our Woodland students and teachers are hard at work within all areas of the curriculum. Daily practice with reading, language arts, and mathematics are positioning our Woodland students with a rich understanding of essential skills. In addition, weekly lessons central to science, social studies, and related arts are providing our students with time for exploration and discovery through real-world connections. I am so very proud of our students and teachers – and to you, as parents, grandparents, guardians, and special family members. Thank you for your continued support, enthusiasm, and hard work at home. As we continue working together, our Woodland students will grow and excel within all areas of their academic, social, and physical endeavors.

 I wish each of you a wonderful fall season and upcoming Fall Break with your children. Enjoy the wondrous colors of our fall trees, the cooler temperatures, and celebrate this exciting time of learning with our precious children.

With kindest regards,

Dr. Karen Reach

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**Title 1 School News**

Positioned as a Title I school, Woodland is fortunate to receive additional financial funding for:

* *Our RtI (Response to Intervention) Coordinator: Mrs. Shannon Suttle*
* *Our Home/School Coordinator: Mrs. Beth Irwin*
* *One additional classroom teacher which reduces class size*
* *Three RtI educational assistants who work collaboratively with Mrs. Suttle and our teachers*
* *And ~*
* *Two academic tutors who will be working with students in grades K-2 very soon.*

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**Save the DATE!**

Our next Family Engagement Evening is scheduled for November 6th @ 6 PM. Our focus will be on STEM activities: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. More details to come!

**Fall Pictures -- Make-up Session: October 28th**

**A Special Woodland Thanks ~**

A special thanks to everyone who attended last week’s PTA meeting. We appreciate you!

And ~ Thank you, third grade students, teachers and Ms. Evans, for presenting a spectacular program!

*I especially loved the locomotion song! :)*

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Another very special thanks to everyone who attended our Family Engagement Hot Dog Supper on September 18th. It was wonderful to see you as we enjoyed our board games and outdoor playtime!

Thanks to Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Rainwater, and our Family Engagement Committee for their excellent planning!

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And last, but not least ~ a special thanks to Mrs. Jessica Cain and Mrs. Laurie Harvey for coordinating our most recent PTA fundraiser.

We appreciate everyone who participated in this special event to raise money for our school. It takes a village ~ and we appreciate all that you do for us at Woodland!

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**Report Cards**

Grading reports will be forwarded to parents/guardians on Wednesday, October 15th.

**Fall Break**

Fall Break is scheduled for next week: October 6 – 10th. Our school will be closed. We will resume our regular schedule on Monday, October 13th.

**McDonald’s McTeacher Night: October 28nd**

Location: McDonald’s/West Market Street

Please join us between 5 – 8 PM. All funds raised will go directly to our teachers to purchase classroom materials for our students. We hope to see all of you/our Woodland families during this exciting event!

**School Supplies ~**

If your child or children are in need of school supplies such as backpacks, paper, pencils, markers, etc., please let your child’s teacher know or contact Mrs. Beth Irwin in our main office. Thanks to Mrs. Hayley Dietrich and Southside Baptist Church members for providing these extra supplies for our students.

**A Closing Thought of Inspiration ~**

*There is no enjoyment like reading!*