**Woodland Elementary School**

**October 21, 2015**

A Very Special Woodland Thanks ~

To everyone who attended our McTeacher Night last evening at McDonald’s. We appreciate you!!! :)

*Another very special thanks to everyone who attended our Family Engagement Supper and Board Games on September 24th. It was wonderful to see you!*

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

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*And ~ we hope you can join us for our PTA Meeting tomorrow evening, October 22nd @ 6 PM. First Grade Students will be performing. Thank you, Mrs. Evans, for coordinating this wonderful student presentation!*

*And ~ Thanks to Mrs. Burgess for showcasing our first grade students’ beautiful artwork in our hallways!*

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*New Woodland T-Shirts ~*

*Will be available in mid-November. A special thanks to our very own art teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Burgess, for designing our 2015/16 Team Woodland shirt. The new design and theme will be specific to our ongoing reading initiative at Woodland:*

 *Let’s Read ~ Let’s Soar!*

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*Forthcoming Dates of Interest*

* *October 21st – November 13th: JC Schools’ BEST Cards will be available*
* *November 3rd: School Closed for Parent Conferences*
* *November 25th – 29th: Thanksgiving Holiday*
* *December 18th: Early Dismissal @ 11:30 AM*
* *December 19th – January 4th: Winter Holiday*
* *January 5th: School Resumes*

*------------------------------------------------------------------------PTA Fundraiser*

*A special thanks to Mrs. Jessica Cain and Mrs. Rachel Pate for coordinating our current Cookie Dough PTA fundraiser. Please remember that all money must be collected when the cookie dough is collected.*

*We appreciate everyone who is participating 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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**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. Megan Story and Southside Baptist Church members for providing these extra supplies for our students.

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If your children are in need for particular clothing items, please reach out to Mrs. Beth Irwin, our Family School Coordinator. Mrs. Irwin is available between 8 AM and 1:30 PM each day. You may call us at 434.5267 to schedule a confidential appointment.

***A Thought of Inspiration ~***

*There is no enjoyment like reading!*

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, our weekly lessons with respect to science, social studies, and related arts are providing our students with time for exploration and discovery through hands-on and 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! 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: Mr. Sean Hogan*
* *Our Home/School Coordinator: Mrs. Beth Irwin*
* *One additional classroom teacher which reduces class size in fourth grade*
* *Two RtI educational assistants who work collaboratively with Mr. Hogan and our Team W Teachers*
* *Additional Technology Support through the provision of IPads, Laptop Computers, document cameras, printers, etc.*

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**Save the DATE!**

Our next Family Engagement Reading Night is scheduled for November 12th @ 6 PM. More details to come!

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**Let’s Read ~ Let’s Soar!**

Our new 2015/16 Reading Goal for this school year is 125 million words. We can do it! Last year, our students read over 100 M words – we are super excited as we work toward this exciting new goal! Please take time to read to/or with your students at least 20 minutes per day. Today’s Readers will become Tomorrow’s Leaders!

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**Grade 3 & 4 Families ~**

***A TN Ready Brochure*** *is included in your student’s Wednesday folder today. Please take just a few minutes to read through those important details. And please reach out to us should you have any additional questions or concerns.*