Woodside Cougar News

Marianne Williams, Principal

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Principal's Message:

The month of December is a festive month for many. However, it can also be a very stressful time for some students and families. Our Project Wisdom focus for this month has been on giving and helping others. I would like to thank all of you who, throughout the year, give your time, talents and financial resources to our school. Woodside is very fortunate to have parents who are actively involved by either being members of our PTO, parent volunteers, or by providing other support to our students, such as participating in our school-wide fundraisers.

I’d like to also thank all of you who donated to our Giving Tree program. Several Woodside families will be helped during this holiday season by the generous donations that many of you made. Parents have not only made donations to our Giving Tree program, but in the past, many parents have donated items to our school that have been used by the office and also distributed to the classrooms. Our site budget remains low, so we are still extremely appreciative of any donations that you are willing to drop off. If you’d like to make a tax-deductible contribution, the following items are greatly appreciated: Printer cartridges (HP2300), #2 pencils, dry erase board markers and erasers, binder paper and plain white copy paper. Also, we’re looking for donations for our school-wide student store. All students earn Cougar Cash, which can be spent on items at the store. Students love going shopping at the Cougar Store. Any help you can provide is extremely appreciated.

Finally, on behalf of our entire staff at Woodside, we want to wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday season. We look forward to seeing you when school resumes on Tuesday, January 5th. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at school.

Sincerely,
Marianne Williams

PTO Corner:

We would like to thank everyone who has helped PTO! We are very appreciative of our students, families and community. PTO can only work with your help; supporting our fundraisers and events. Our last fundraiser, Mrs. Field’s Cookie Dough Fundraiser, was a great turn out! We hope you enjoy your tasty treats!

Our Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping Fundraiser is in need of volunteers! Barnes & Nobles, at Sunrise and Greenback, has been gracious to give us this opportunity in efforts to help our school. This is a by donation only fundraiser – we offer to wrap B & N’s patrons gifts & they in turn offer a donation if they’d like. There are 2 days we need to fill – Friday, December 18th and Sunday, December 20th. The hours are 9:00AM – 10:00PM both days. We like to schedule volunteers in 2 hour shifts. Of course we will always accept more hours! Parents, families and friends are all invited to volunteer and this is an opportunity for our 6th, 7th and 8th graders to earn community service hours. Students must have an adult with them for their shift. B & N provides the wrapping paper, scissors and tape. Donations of name tags, ribbon and/or bows is always appreciated. To sign-up for a shift please contact Ani Sagryan at anisayran@yahoo.com or Wendy Sjoberg at wcsfirecracker@comcast.net

If you are ordering any Butterbraids please have your orders in by Monday, December 14th by 3:00PM. Any orders turned in after that will not be able to be

Student Safety Corner:

Woodside is committed to keeping our students safe. Although students who eat breakfast are allowed in the cafeteria at 7:20 a.m. there is no student supervision on our school grounds prior to 7:45. Thank you for your cooperation by ensuring that your child does not arrive at school prior to 7:45 unless he/she is eating breakfast.
Kid’s Night Out CANCELLED

Kid’s Night Out, which was originally scheduled for Friday, December 11th has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled. This is a very busy time of year, and due to lack of parent volunteers and donations, the event was cancelled. KNO forms, money and donations that were already turned in, as well as Elf on the Shelf donations will be returned to families. If you have questions, please contact Wendy Sjoberg, PTO president at wcsfirecracker@comcast.net.

White Copy Paper Donations Needed
Woodside goes through a lot of white paper! If you are able to donate any amount of white copy paper it would me much appreciated.

Noon Duty Aides Needed
Woodside needs more noon duty aides to supervise students during lunch and recess. If you are interested in this paid position, please contact the office.

Amazon Smile
The holidays are approaching quickly! When you shop at Amazon Smile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Woodside School Parent-Teacher Organization. Bookmark the link http://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-4691190 and support us every time you shop. For Twitter users: Amazon donates to Woodside School Parent-Teacher Organization when you shop @AmazonSmile. http://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-4691190 #YouShopAmazonGives

Yearbook Cover Student Art Contest
Woodside students are invited to submit their own artwork for our yearbook cover contest. Yearbook cover entries must be on an 8 1/2” by 11” piece of white paper with a design on the front side only. Covers must include the student’s name, the school’s name and the school year. Drawings must have a 1/2” border on all sides of the paper for binding purposes. Please submit all entries to the school office. Art work is due no later than Tuesday, January 5th.

Woodside Spelling Bee Results!
A huge congratulations to this year’s Spelling Bee winners! Trophy winners are 1st place-Craig Malkin, 2nd place- Leila Lopez, and 3rd place-Hanna Pyle. Class medal winners were: D’ooge’s class-Alex Stillma; Sather’s class-Noah McKinney; Wegner’s class-Jack Marcus; Tanner class-Avery Goff; Andino’s class-Jacob Keeler; Tiner’s class-Nathan Mullenhour; Kallis’ class-Melanie Stephens; Chapman’s class-Macy Notermann; Lunardi’s class-Karah Delgado; Vogt’s class- Ava Dahmen; MacKay-Logue’s class-Maddie Stephens; Cerecedes’ class-Leila Lopez; Slayton’s class-Lily Saathoff; Simmon’s class-Billy Kersey; 7th grade class-Eljah Vaughn, Arcelia Naranjo, and Craig Malkin; and 8th grade class-Rameses Lujan and Hanna Pyle. Good luck Craig at the Sacramento Bee Scripps spelling Bee in January!

Project Wisdom Character Focus: December “Generosity”

21st Century
For the month of December we will be focusing on Netiquette. Netiquette is electronic etiquette on the internet. Students will be learning that the same rules about politeness apply in the real world and in the digital world. We will also continue to practice our keyboarding skills using typing.com. Students will also use programs like Moby Max and Lexia Core 5 to reinforce what they are learning in their regular classrooms. We are excited to continue on the path towards becoming great digital citizens.
-Mrs. Schichtel, 21st Century Technology Teacher

Student Store:
The Student Store will now only be open on Fridays after school for all Woodside Students.

Cougar Chat/Parent Coffee, December 17th at 8:00 am
Join us on Thursday, December 17th at 8:00 am for our monthly Cougar Chat. This is a great opportunity to meet the principal, Ms.Williams and the school counselor, Anna Khoklan.

Topics:  Fitness & Dieting for Kids and Positive Discipline Approaches
Location: Woodside K-8 Media Center

Upcoming Cougar Chats:
January 28th, February 25th, March 31st, April 28th and May 26th

Woodside Giving Tree
The Woodside Giving Tree is in our office. The tree has many stars left that will help support our families. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile effort, you will need to come into the office and pick one or more stars off the Giving tree. Each of the stars has information about the child’s gender, age, and a specific gift that the parent thought the child would like. Then, purchase a gift or gift certificate anytime between now and December 16th, and return it wrapped to Woodside. All gifts need to be at Woodside by end of school day on December 16th. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile program!

BAND TEACHER NEEDED AT WOODSIDE
Woodside has the opportunity to hire a band teacher for our students. If you know of someone who might be interested please spread the word. No teaching credential is required and the pay is $36.00 per instructional hour. The number of hours per week is still being determined.

Woodside Century Approach:
Fitness & Dieting for Kids and Positive Discipline Approaches: 21st Century

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