December 18, 2014

Principal’s Message

I’d like to thank Wendy Sjoberg and Amy Bous for their work chairing the recent Kids’ Night Out. Their hard work, combined with our awesome parent volunteers, helped to make this event a big success. Even though the students who attended had a good time, turnout was low. PTO Officers and I are open to feedback on what we can do to help transform Kids’ Night Out into an event that all students want to attend. We’d like to see more students at our all-school events. Please email Wendy or me your ideas.

In the past, many parents have donated items 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, 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 it! Any help you can provide is extremely appreciated.

The month of December is a festive month for many people. It’s also a time for great learning. Thank you to parents who help keep their children focused on learning, while at the same time enjoying the traditions of the season. Also, winter break (December 20th through January 4th) is a great time to read, read, and read. Be sure to ask your child to read to you 5-10 minutes a night and to read to themselves an additional 10-minutes. Reading is a key building block to academic success!

And 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 January 5th. And, we hope to see everyone at school on the 5th, for it’s our next Perfect Attendance Challenge Day!

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at school.

PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)

Holiday Greetings to our fabulous Woodside Community!

I have a lot of thank yous for this newsletter and I’d like to start off with our parents, our PTO Teacher Rep, Mr. Cerecedes and Mr. Barge for coming to our last PTO meeting. Coming to our monthly meetings is appreciative & we are grateful for your support. Attending PTO meetings gives you an opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas and votes to upcoming PTO events. The more participation we have the more ideas can be shared & every idea is welcome.

To Ani Sagryan, Amy Bous and Lisa Lambeth, numerous parent volunteers & those who donated to the Elf Shelf – thank you for making December Kid’s Night Out a success! Kid’s Night Out is a large undertaking and we could not do it without each and every one of you. Our next KNO will be in May.

Thank you to Amy Bous & Rita Holverstott and to the countless volunteers including Clifford and Mr. Simmons for last week’s Christmas/Winter themed Book Fair. Clifford passed out candy canes and book marks, and Mr. Simmons read Christmas stories, while kids made crafts. Our next Book Fair will take place next spring.

Do you still have Christmas shopping to do? Smile.Amazon.com is a perfect place to shop and by shopping on Smile.Amazon.com you can support Woodside’s PTO. All you need to do is type in Smile.Amazon.com, pick our charitable organization which is Woodside School Parent-Teacher Organization & PTO will earn .5% on every purchase.

PTO does have a Christmas wish…. We’d love to see more ‘likes’ on our Facebook page as it’s another way of communicating with our families. You can find us at http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=197985580340544. We will be updating and adding more information to it soon & we’d like to share it with all of you!

PTO wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year & we’ll see you on January 5, 2015! As always, PTO welcomes your input! You can contact me at wcsfirecracker@comcast.net. We also have a Facebook page – http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=197985580340544.

- Wendy Sjoberg, PTO President!
Student Store Needs Your Support!

Our new K-8 PBIS Cougar Store needs your help! We’re looking for on-going donations from parent and community partnerships to stock the store with items that students purchase with the Cougar Cash they earn while in school. So far, it’s been a huge success. The overall goal is to improve student behaviors and increase our positive school climate. All donations are run through the Woodside PTO and people/businesses that make donations will receive a donation letter for tax purposes. Please let the office know when you drop off items in the box in front of the office so we can be sure to thank you! Any new or slightly used items are accepted! Thank you for helping us make our Cougar Store a huge success.

Gift Wrapping Fundraiser - We Need You!

It’s that time of year again: Holiday shopping time! Do you enjoy wrapping your family’s holiday gifts? Then come join coordinator, Ani Sagryan, as Barnes and Noble Booksellers welcome us for another great weekend of gift wrapping for their customers! Woodside volunteers will be in the store December 19th - 21st from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. If you’d like to volunteer or have any questions, feel free to contact Ani at AniSagryan@yahoo.com. She looks forward to working with the great parents and families of Woodside on this fun and easy event.

Perfect Attendance Month - January!

In an effort to increase our attendance during a great month of learning, our second Perfect Attendance Month will take place during the entire month of January! Woodside would like to once again highlight the importance of having all students at school and on-time, as well as increase our attendance rate this year.

Please share with your student that this will be a really active incentive month. We’ll have drawings each week for a lot of great prizes - free ice cream, lunch with the principal, gift cards, Principal for a Day, and at the end of the month, a top prize of a brand new, full color, HD, Kindle Fire. Students at school every day during the week and on-time will be entered into the weekly drawings. Those who are at school, on-time, during the entire month will be entered into the drawing for big prizes.

No School On...

There is no school December 20th through January 4th for Winter Break. We WILL be back in session on Monday, January 5th. Only traditional middle schools and high schools have no school. All elementary and K-8 schools ARE in session. Please ensure students come to school on January 5th. Thank you!

Smile.Amazon.Com! PTO $$

Woodside’s PTO is very excited to announce that they are now listed as a non-profit on Smile.Amazon.com! So many of us shop at Amazon.com. NOW, all you have to do is type in the address smile.amazon.com, pick your charitable organization, and Woodside’s PTO will earn .5% on EVERY purchase you make. You only need to select it once! After that, just always remember to type smile.amazon.com. When you search for our PTO, please enter the name as follows: Woodside School Parent-Teacher Organization. It will also state Citrus Hts., CA. That way you know it’s the correct Woodside PTO. There are a few out there. Be sure to sign up TODAY! Any purchase helps our PTO earn money, which always goes back into the school! Thank you!

Woodside Spelling Bee Results!

A huge congratulations to this year’s Spelling Bee Winners! Trophy winners include: 1st place- Luis Garibay, 2nd place- Dulciana Trinidad, and 3rd place- Muna Mandoob. Class medal winners were: D’Ooge’s class- Peggy Blackburn; Sather’s class- Paytin Paul; Tanner/William’s class- Owen Watson; Wegner’s class- Mia Pedersen; Buchberger’s class- Melanie Stephens; Johnson’s class- Kathryn Kukharets; Chapman’s class- Ava Dahmen; Kalis’ class- Samantha Keeler; Lunardi’s class- Kailey Pastrana; Koppy’s class- Alexander Mathiesen; Cerecedes’ class- Lily Saathoff; MacKay-Logue’s class- Sarah Sjoberg; Lyndaker’s class- Gizelle Garcia; Simon’s class- Arcelia Naranjo; Slayton’s class- Muna Mandoob; 7th grade class- Ramses Lujan and Dulciana Trinidad; and, 8th grade class- Luis Garibay and Julie Dawson. Good luck Luis at the Sacramento Bee Scripps Spelling Bee in January!

Lost and Found - Lots of Items!

Attention everyone…..Our Lost and Found is packed full of clothes. If your child has lost or forgotten something at school, please check in at the main office during school and check out our Lost and Found in the Multi-Purpose Room. Any items left unclaimed by December 19th will be donated to the district’s clothes closet.

Marquee Birthday Greetings!

This year, we’re continuing something fun and new at Woodside- Marquee Birthday Greetings! Here’s how it works. For just $20, you can have your student’s name on the marquee all day to wish him or her Happy Birthday or to congratulate them on some achievement. All proceeds are deposited into the district’s Positive School Climate Room. Any items left unclaimed by December 19th will be donated to the district’s clothes closet.

FIRST DAY BACK: JANUARY 5TH