

WOODSDALE WEEKLY

Woodsdale School

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Principal's Message

Dear Woodsdale Families,
There are so many things to be proud of this week! Our students have been impressing us with their acceptance- they seek others who look like they need someone to play with, include all in their activities, and have been welcoming to new students joining our school. The Global Read Aloud efforts have begun, with classrooms reading about our robot friend Roz and her adventures on the island- thanks again to PTO for providing funds for these books school-wide. You'll begin seeing materials for the Monster Mash and our Boosterthon fundraiser coming home soon, so be on the lookout in those backpacks! Congratulations to our Stop & Shop A+ raffle winners: Tammy & Lauren Shea, Sean & Jean Francis, Lorena & Geovanna Rocha, and Tracy & Luke Charbonnier. These 4 raffle winners won a \$25.00 gift card to Stop & Shop for the adults and a homework pass for the kids! Thanks to the Woodsdale community for all of your continued feedback and positivity- we feel it and it fuels us!

- Mr. Hawes

Nightly Reading

The importance of nightly reading can't be stressed enough. Our 3rd and 4th graders should be reading nightly (or in the AM if that's what you can manage!) and the benefits of this practice are widely documented (see links below).

Step away from traditional methods and change things up. If you have a reluctant reader, try reading with them. Have your student read aloud to siblings or via FaceTime with a relative...there are tons of options!

Below you'll find a TEDtalk on the topic of nightly reading and an article you may find interesting.

Reading Homework Tips

TEDtalk: why we should be reading aloud to children

Hands-off Play

We want to take the opportunity to get all of the Woodsdale stakeholders on the same page. We've been discussing the need to eliminate hands-on play at recess. We will not allow hitting, tugging, tackling, and other potentially dangerous or harmful moves. Please help us out and continue this conversation at home.

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Save the Date

- **October 9:** NO SCHOOL, Columbus Day
- **October 11:** School Council, 4:30
- **October 11:** Community Forum on K-12 education, 6 PM (Abington High School)
- **October 13:** Bus Evacuation Practice
- **October 24:** Boosterthon Kick-off
- **October 27:** Picture re-takes
- **October 30:** Monster Mash at Woodsdale (6:30-7:30)

Boosterthon

We are one month away from the start of our Boosterthon fundraiser! Last year, we devoted the funds raised to technology, and you surpassed our expectations (over \$30,000 raised!). This year, our funds will continue to be devoted to technology. All of the tech we funded last year remained at BBES, so we'll need another big push to bring laptops and tablets for student use here at Woodsdale!

Global Read-Aloud

Beginning October 2nd, Woodsdale will be participating in the Global Read-Aloud. This initiative is a great way to get the whole school to experience something together while also utilizing connections world-wide. We'll be using Skype to connect to classroom read-alouds (using the book, *The Wild Robot*) around the world and we'll be using lesson plans and activities that are from peers in other countries.

Ask your student about this exciting school-wide connection, starting October 2nd! Check out some resources and info here:

<https://theglobalreadaloud.com/>

Morning Meeting Corner

This week, Morning Meetings school-wide took an opportunity to weave in our character focus of October (Good Manners), reviewed expectations for productivity in class, and reviewing norms for Morning Meeting participation (notably, body control, respectful comments, and praise).

Our students are sharing daily and it is so powerful- whether its recapping an exciting soccer game, celebrating a milestone, or talking about an issue with a friend, to hear our 8-10 yr olds having conversations about their achievements and challenges is powerful.

These moments not just important for the climate of the classroom, but they also lay the foundation for relationship-building with both peers and staff.



Picture Re-takes
- Oct 27

Links

[Curriculum Night Presentation](#)

[Important District Forms](#)

[How to Raise a Reader \(NY Times\)](#)

[District Calendar](#)

[Woodsdale Facebook](#)

[Bedtime Math](#)

[Global Read-Aloud](#)

[Abington Public Schools: Food Services](#)