

# WOODSDALE WEEKLY

Woodsdale School

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## Principal's Message

Dear Woodsdale Families,  
I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving break, we are back in action this week with more exciting learning opportunities! We have a few enriching experiences happening throughout the month of December for both 3rd & 4th grade. 3rd graders are taking field trips to the library, 4th grade is taking a trip to Patriot Place next week to participate in some real-world applications of math and measurement, and our whole school will be treated to a presentation from the US Postal Service in which a new stamp will be unveiled at Woodsdale and we'll be presented with a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

Thank you to all those who sent in items for our Comfort Cases initiative. The items donated will undoubtedly help kids through those first few days in foster care. Lastly, a reminder that we have a few early release days coming up. Our students are dismissed at 12:05 on these days and there will be lunch served.

- Mr. Hawes

## Internet Safety

This week, in Technology classes, we reviewed with our students how to be safe when they're online. We discussed which information should be deemed private (first & last name, address, phone number, passwords, email addresses, date of birth, etc.) and how to make safe choices with content.

Continuing this conversation at home is always beneficial. Check out the links below for some more resources on the topic:

<http://pbskids.org/webonauts/>

<https://www.thespruce.com/kids-online-parents-guide-internet-safety-1258920>

## Parent Conferences

Parent Conferences are coming up on December 14 & 15. Evening conferences are happening Thursday December 14 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Friday December 15th is an early-release day (*dismissal at 12:05*), with conferences taking place from 1:15 - 3:45 PM. Please visit the link below to schedule your conferences.

<https://ptcfast.com/schools/Woodsdale>

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# Save the Date

- **December 1:**  
Online conference sign-up begins (4:00 PM)
- **December 12:** Early Release, Professional Development Day, dismissal at 12:05
- **December 14:** Parent Conferences (5:30-7:30)
- **December 15:** Early Release (dismissal at 12:05), Parent Conferences (1:15-3:45)

## Morning Meeting Corner

Here's a sample of some of the messages and activities in place during Morning Meetings this week:

- *What to do when you recognize you're unfocused*
- *Strategies and ways to work through some drama with peers*
- *Ways to support a student who is new to our school climate and culture*
- *Setting expectations for work and productivity*
- *What to do when you know a peer is making a poor choice*

## Woodsdale Security

The topic of school security has been a town-wide focus recently. Here at Woodsdale we work with our Crisis Team (comprised of our principal, head custodian, lead teacher, secretary, school psychologist, and nurse) to walk through and drill each of our security protocols. Thus far, we've practiced with our kids a Reverse Evacuation (which would take place in the event we had students outside and we needed to enter the building due to a threat), a Fire Drill, and a Shelter In Place (in which we deem a particular portion of the building inaccessible, asking all to avoid and remain in rooms). We'll continue to work with our students, along with School Resource Officer Lynch, to review and practice safety protocols throughout the year.

*Links*

[TEDtalk: why we should be reading aloud to children](#)

[Important District Forms](#)

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

[District Calendar](#)

[Woodsdale Facebook](#)

[Bedtime Math](#)

[Abington Public Schools: Food Services](#)

