

# WOODSDALE WEEKLY

Woodsdale School

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## Principal's Message

Dear Woodsdale Families,  
 Welcome back! We had lots of sleepy-heads on Wednesday morning, always a sign we enjoyed a nice long vacation! At our All-School meeting this morning we discussed the topic of exclusion and how that connects to the month's character focus, Cooperation. Those small moments, whether it was choosing not to share a snack with some and not others or allowing some to play in your game of four-square while excluding others are not OK and can have a damaging cumulative effect. In addition to highlighting some ways we can be cooperative and work together, we discussed our upcoming ALICE training and sang to our January birthdays. During School Council this coming Wednesday, we hope to finalize our discussion guide for the upcoming Focus Groups in February. We'll be sending out randomly-selected invitations soon, be on the look out! Your input is valued.

- Mr. Hawes

## PTO Update

We have some exciting events to plan ahead for, many thanks to our Woodsdale PTO for coordinating these efforts.

We'll be running a Mixed Bag fundraiser in March as well as a Spring Fun Run in late May. Save those pennies now, we'll be looking to raise a ton!

## Digital Citizenship

This week, our students will be working through a digital citizenship curriculum, led by our Technology tutor Mrs. Duggan. Our students will learn about evaluating online sources, review safety aspects of online communication, review "netiquette" and cyber-bullying, and participate in discussions about inappropriate content. Many thanks to Mrs. Duggan and Mrs. Graham (our district technology integrationist) for getting this program up and running!

## Digital Literacy Frameworks

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# Save the Date

January 9: School Council  
January 21: No School, MLK Day  
January 25: Early Release  
February 1: Early Release

## Morning Meeting Corner

By now you're all familiar with the ways in which we develop peer relations and set school-wide expectations through Morning Meeting. What you may not know is that we also frequently weave in an academic extension. This may be a response to a prompt that students bring to the circle to share, a way to use current Mathematics or Science vocabulary in the meeting, or perhaps an investigation into a character in a story.

## Nurse's News

Click the link below for News from the Nurse!

[Nurse's News 1/4](#)

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## Anxiety in Kids & Teens

The article linked below delves into a topic we are facing each day, the anxiety our students carry with them throughout their day. Whether the worries are internal or external, they affect our students and their well-being. Please read:

[Washington Post: Why kids face more anxiety these days](#)

[Mrs. Feeney's Art Weebly](#)

[Important District Forms](#)

[ALICE: K-12 program](#)

[Woodsdale Facebook](#)

[Abington Public Schools: Food Services](#)

## Teaching ELLs

One of the amazing aspects of our school is our English Language Learner (ELL) population. Roughly 14% of our school population speaks a language other than English at home. The challenges those kids face to learn and interact each day are immense and they do it all with a smile and with success! Follow the link below for more:

[Teaching ELLS](#)

## School-to-Home

### TEXT FEATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

Put your student's knowledge of non-fiction text features to use at home! You can use sticky-notes, magazines, non-fiction books, and the PDF linked below. Have fun and be impressed!

[Text Feature Scavenger Hunt PDF](#)

## Supports

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