

# WOODSDALE WEEKLY

Woodsdale School

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## Principal's Message

Dear Woodsdale Families,  
At our All-School Meeting today we discussed the character trait of the month, Kindness. Students gave examples of what kindness feels like to them and they shared how they can exhibit this trait throughout our school and in the community. We were also joined by representatives from Abington Bank. Students learned a bit about savings and savings options for kids, and each student is coming home with materials from this presentation, including a promotion offering each student their first \$5 to get a savings account started!

Please be sure to check your classroom's MCAS schedule (located on the bottom of pg 2). Also on pg 2 you'll see an update from the students in Mrs. Bonner's classroom, summarizing the work they've done over the past two weeks. Enjoy your weekend!

- Mr. Hawes

## ALICE Drill

Friday March 20th we'll be holding our next ALICE critical response drill. With the help of Woodsdale Staff and the Abington Police Department, we'll be walking students through steps they may use to barricade in a classroom should the need arise. We will meet first, as a school, to review expectations and provide some modeling for the drill that students will later participate in. The short drill will follow, with the assistance of all staff and the Abington Police Department.

Following the drill, a comprehensive debrief will be held within classrooms, discussing how we felt and any concerns associated with the drill.

## Nurse's News

Please see this weeks update from Mrs. Ambrose, our school nurse!

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# Save the Date

March 20: Early Release,  
11:40 dismissal

March 30: MCAS testing  
begins

## Morning Meeting Corner

The character focus throughout the month of March is kindness. Within Morning Meetings this month, classroom's will be discussing different kindness initiatives they can participate in in the interest of helping others and spreading kindness. They'll also be talking about the effects of being unkind, how to deal with a peer who has been unkind, and how to address when someone has been unkind to them.

## Update From Room 11 :)

Room 11 (Mrs. Bonner's room) has been busy. In ELA we have been building our reading and writing stamina. We Skyped with our kids' mentor author, Carol Gordon Ekster, and she gave us writing advice and answered our questions. We are working on finding main idea and key details and using text features. We are writing opinions and summaries. We wrote letters to our pen pals from the Abington Senior Center and we got letters back from them! We are excited to write back to our pen pals. In Math, we have worked on telling time to the quarter hour and minute and finding elapsed time. We are helping each other with our written math answers by using Thinking & Feedback. We are working on finding the area of irregular figures. We started working with fractions and want to learn more about them. In Social Studies, we are learning about European explorers and are making a PowerPoint about them. We are ready to learn about the Pilgrims next. We learned how to make a FlipGrid with Mrs. Graham. In Science, we learned about plants and made a life cycle PowerPoint. We are now learning about Stormy Skies. We learned about the water cycle and experimented by making a gas trap tester and we learned how a cloud is made. We can't wait to do more fun experiments.

## LINKS



[Important District Forms](#)

[ALICE: K-12 program](#)

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[APS Food Services](#)

[Uncompleted Homework Slip](#)

[District Calendar](#)

[School Improvement Plan](#)

## MCAS Testing Schedule

We'll begin MCAS testing for English Language Arts starting Monday, March 30th. testing begins in the morning, shortly after our start time- please be sure your student is arriving on-time for school. See below for the testing schedule (by homeroom teacher):

### Grade 4:

Kelleher, Dailey, Gilpatrick- March 30 & 31  
Glynn, Yarasitis, Patterson- April 1 & 2

### Grade 3:

Clark, Lennon Stavropoulos- April 8 & 9  
Widmann, Kelly- April 13 & 14  
Bonner, Eddy- April 15 & 16