

WOODSDALE WEEKLY

Woodsdale School

120 Chestnut St Abington MA 02351



Principal's Message

Dear Woodsdale Families,
We greatly appreciate the positive feedback you've taken the time to give, either via email or just stopping us at arrival or dismissal to share some kind words. We know this is a bright and positive place, we're happy that you're seeing it too!

I've been enjoying reading and responding to your student's responses to our All-School Writing prompt. We've used this activity for the past three years as a way to get to know a little bit about your student. In year's past we've asked them to share how they are different or what they'd need to be successful in school. This year's prompt connects to the themes of our Global Read-Aloud book *Fenway & Hattie*. This story focuses on two best friends who learn that big changes aren't always easy but sometimes trying new things gets you everything you'd want.

Lastly, we're in need of parents to join our School Council. Flyers went home in backpacks last week and we recently posted to our Facebook page as well. Please consider this!

- Mr. Hawes



Owl Awards

We've been so happy to recognize the efforts of so many throughout our first few weeks. We've given out over 100 Owl Awards thus far, representing more than 1/3 of our school! The recognition of both big things (exhibiting acceptance, comforting an upset peer, or cleaning up trash from the floors or hallways) and small (helping a friend who dropped their crayons) is important to us!

Lifetouch Portraits

Reminder: School pictures will be taken on Monday September 9th. Classrooms will schedule themselves throughout the day.

AM Dropoff

We're hoping parents dropping students off in the morning can help us with some traffic backups. As you pull up to the curb, please be sure that you are pulling as far forward as you can. Mr. Sullivan (our AM custodian, look for the his traffic vest) is positioned near the end of our dropoff zone. This courtesy will allow us to avoid cars backing up to the Chestnut St. entrance. Thanks in advance.

Contact Us



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Save the Date

Sept 9: School Picture Day
Sept 19: Early Release Day
Oct 2: Curriculum Fair,
AMS (6PM)

Morning Meeting Corner

Throughout this week our students discussed what acceptance (or being accepting) looks like, ways in which they could support each other as teammates, and what someone new to our school would either need or need to know.

Students and staff also took time to connect, using discussion prompts and picture books as a way to learn a bit about each other.

ALICE

On September 18th we'll be holding our first ALICE drill to practice evacuating our school. That morning, classrooms will open their day reading a book about preparedness in an emergency situation and we'll meet as a school to review our evacuation options and rally points. Shortly after our meeting we will call for a whole-school evacuation. We will be assisted by School Resource Officer Sayers for this drill. We'll send out reminders prior via email and we'll debrief the drill via school-wide communication as well.

Street Sign Fundraiser

We're holding a street sign fundraiser once again. A \$5 entry gives you a chance at having your child's name on a street sign placed in front of the school for the year! Be on the lookout for flyers coming home on Monday.

LINKS



[Coombs Race Registration](#)

[ALICE: K-12 program](#)

[Woodsdale Facebook](#)

[Abington Public Schools: Food Services](#)

[Important District Forms](#)

School-to-Home

We don't want homework to be a struggle, we don't want students spending forever just to get their assignment completed- homework should be a meaningful extension of the day's learning or just a bit of practice. As we settle into typical school routines, we wanted to make parents aware of a homework option available to all students. Should your child be struggling with a particular assignment (beyond the typical 30 or so minutes assigned), please feel free to submit the slip linked below. All classroom teachers (district-wide) will be reviewing this form with their students and providing them with copies to keep in their take-home folders. As always, please reach out to our staff should homework be a recurring stressor and we'll work to make the necessary adjustments.

[Uncompleted Homework Slip](#)

Supports