

# **Woodside Toucan News**

WOODSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

January 2023

## Principal's Message

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." ~ Harriet Tubman

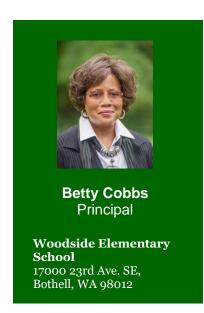
Dear Woodside Families,

I would like to extend a warm welcome back and a Happy New Year to all families. May this year bring you, and your family, great joy, peace and harmony, good health, and prosperity. We thank you for your caring support and partnership in working together with your children.

This is a critical time of year for our staff and students. By now, all

routines are well established and some of the most vital teaching and learning should be occurring. Engagement with the curriculum should also be at a very high level and the important relationships between staff and students (and between students and their peers) are being fostered and nurtured. By now, we've also identified most, if not all the students who need additional interventions to give them "that extra boost." These interventions could include a little more one-on-one time with the classroom teacher or para-educator in the classroom, all the way up through our extended day program.

We are working hard, every day, to support the learning and development of each individual child at Woodside. Every school in Everett Public Schools participates in an "Instructional Review." It is like a report on the accomplishments of Woodside. On December 1<sup>st</sup>, a team of Woodside staff gave a presentation on our school's achievement data and our school improvement plan to the district's leadership cabinet. During this presentation, we reviewed Woodside's student academic strengths and areas of improvement. I am proud to be a part of this team; it is a rewarding experience to share the many positive attributes of the Woodside learning environment. *We are a team at Woodside!* 



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I appreciate deeply the positive support you've given us as a team together to help make that happen for our students. School can be so much more than "a place to learn to read, write and do math." Our wish is for students and their families to truly love coming to Woodside Elementary School.

On another note, I want to remind you that on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy and sacrifice; a lifetime that he so bravely and selflessly gave for a better world. Dr. King believed in world peace and respect and inclusion of all people. Celebrating the birthday of Dr. King, reflecting upon his extraordinary life and legacy; we must renew our commitment to the ideal that we will not judge people by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. Indeed, our mission at Woodside and our community depends upon our ability to build an agile and diverse school that values differences among individuals.

**Friday, January 13**<sup>th</sup>, Woodside will have an assembly honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be performing at 9:00 AM.

Thank you for your continued support of Woodside!

Sincerely,

Buty &. Cobbs



Please do your part to support our Woodside student expectations:

- **S**tay Safe (Be Safe)
- Own Your Own Actions (Be Responsible)
- Always Be a Leader (Be a Leader)
- Respect Yourself and Others (Be Respectful)



	Calendar of Events				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January	Winter Break -No School-	Welcome Back from Winter Break! (Students return to class)	4	5	6 Learning Improvement Friday; 1:35 dismissal
	9 Woodside Spirit Week -Sports Day-	10 Woodside Spirit Week -Crazy Hair Day-	<b>11</b> Woodside Spirit Week -Pajama Day-	<b>12</b> Woodside Spirit Week -Backwards Day-	Learning Improvement Friday; 1:35 dismissal  MLK Assembly 9:00 AM  Woodside Spirit Week -Wear Blue and White or Toucans Day-
	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed -No School-	17	18	19	20 Learning Improvement Friday; 1:35 dismissal  Movie Night (Disney Encanto) 6:00 -8:00 PM
	ML Family Night 5:00 PM PTA Meeting 6:00 PM	24	Transitional Kindergarten Family Connection Meetings	Transitional Kindergarten Family Connection Meetings	27 Learning Improvement Friday; 1:35 dismissal  Transitional Kindergarten Family Connection Meetings
	Transitional Kindergarten Classes begin	31	1	2	3 Learning Improvement Friday; 1:35 dismissal



#### Dear Woodside Families,

I would like to warmly wish everyone a very Happy New Year. At this time during the year, our students and families are coming back from the winter break with school routines, activities and events. Looking forward to the new 2023 year, we can reflect and create upcoming resolutions to make a difference in our community. Each day of learning is an opportunity for students to make positive connections with their teachers along with peers to gain important academic and social-emotional learning skills. The continued



growth that our students make is from the ongoing partnerships with our families, staff and students. Later this month, new learning experiences will begin for our youngest learners in the TK (Transitional Kindergarten) program that is for children who are not currently in an early learning program and are to start kindergarten in the fall of 2023. This program focuses on foundational academic, social and self-help skills to provide qualifying students with a jumpstart in school. The Transitional Kindergarten classrooms are located at several elementary schools in our district. Woodside is one of the TK sites.

We truly value and thank you for your partnership with our school learning program. Everyone's effort is appreciated to make this a phenomenal rest of the school year for all Woodside toucans!



Let's SOAR together and make EVERY day count!

Warmly,
Christine Vo
Assistant Principal
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# What is happening in music this January?



**The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders** will begin reading music from the staff using absolute pitch names A, B, C, D, E, F, and G. The letters that go with the lines on the staff are E, G, B, D, and F ( $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$ very  $\underline{\mathbf{G}}$ ood  $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$ ird  $\underline{\mathbf{D}}$ oes  $\underline{\mathbf{F}}$ ly). The letters that go with the spaces are F, A, C, and E ( $\underline{\mathbf{FACE}}$ ). Reading music from the staff is an important musical skill that we will be using in March when we begin recorders.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders** will be learning a new melodic note this month, re. We will be practicing various do-re-mi songs and note combinations that we will play on the recorder in March.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** has been preparing for their upcoming **Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly**. The MLK Assembly will take place on **Friday**, **January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM in the Gym.** Families are invited to attend the morning performance.

**1<sup>th</sup> Grade** is starting to prepare for their *Let it Snow* Concert, which will be on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM</u> and 6:30PM. The concert is based on the book, *Snowmen at Night*, and the students have learned a variety of songs about winter that they will share in between narration of the story. We hope to see you there!

**The Kindergarteners** are continuing to work on the beat as we explore it through fast and slow in various songs. We will also start practicing the beat on the xylophones this month.

To help reinforce music at home, please always encourage your child to show you new or favorite songs from music class! The more each student practices at home, the more progress they will make in music class!

## 4th and 5th Grade Choir begins Thursday January 5th at 7:30AM!

I am so excited to start our Woodside Choir this month! Choir will take place on Thursday mornings in the gym from 7:30-8:25AM from January 5<sup>th</sup>- March 30<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to waking up bright and early to come sing with some fabulous 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades!

#### **Upcoming Music Events**

First Choir Practice for 4th and 5th Grade - Thursday, January 5th

7:30-8:20AM in the gym (repeats every Thursday morning until March 30th)

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Martin Luther King Jr Assembly - Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

• 9:00AM in the Woodside Gym

1st Grade Let it Snow Concert - Thursday, February 9th

2:00PM and 6:30PM in the Woodside Cafeteria

4th and 5th Grade Choir Concert -Thursday, March 23rd

2:00PM and 6:30PM in the Woodside Cafeteria

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mrs. Hill at: thill@everettsd.org



#### Mr. Langley's PE Curriculum Update

The past 3 weeks I have been teaching the throwing and catching unit. Students have been learning proper throwing (overhand/underhand) techniques along with catching skills.

#### Some of the games we completed for K-2 are:

- Yard of the Month Competition
- Throwing and Catching Challenges
- Farming Frenzy. Grades

## 3-5 did a fantastic job of playing the following games:

- Boom City
- Win the Pin
- Battleship (based off the board game).

This week we launched the "Fastest Class in the School." Each class had to run laps around four cones in 5 minutes. I took the number of students who ran, number of laps for the class, and the average laps per student, to see which is the fastest class at Woodside Elementary. Students really took this competition seriously; each student did their best! We will run this competition again in February 2023! I will announce winners next week.



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## 5th Grade Science Conference Week Academy with Ms. Greenberg

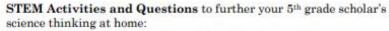






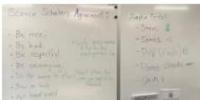


During Conference Week Academy, 5th grade scientists spent the week engaged in pumpkin science as they investigated concepts of floating/sinking, density and matter. They practiced the science skills of developing models (on paper as labeled diagrams and kinesthetic models with their body), making observations, taking measurements, asking questions, planning and carrying out investigations, analyzing data, construction explanations and making claims supported with evidence. We packed a lot of science learning and hands-on fun into four lessons. Our lessons also reinforced the 21st Century Skills of Critical Thinking, Collaboration and Communication.



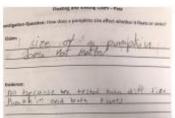
- Test out different objects to see if they float or sink.
- What do you notice is similar about the objects that float?
- What do you notice is different about the objects that float and the objects that sink?
- What do you think makes objects sink?
- Practice making claims to explain what you observe and use evidence (data from what you measure or see) to prove it.
- Observe how matter changes state from solid liquid gas as you watch or help your family cook in the kitchen.

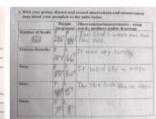










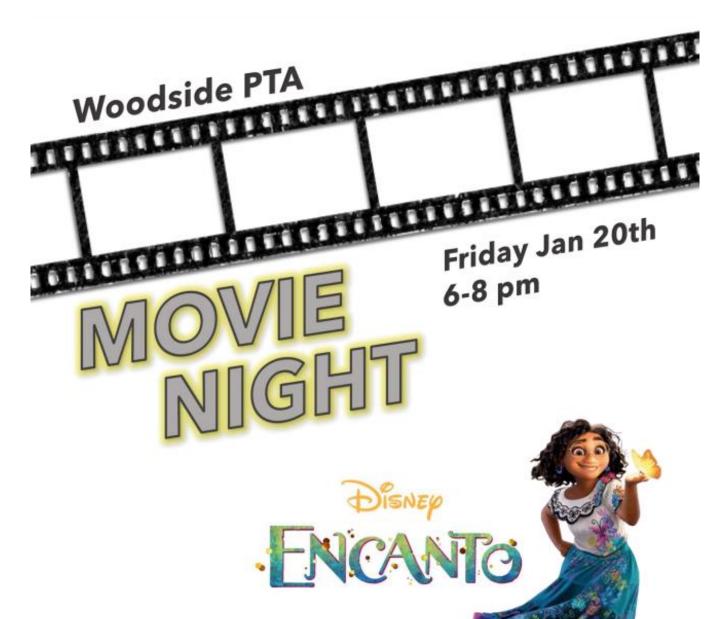






# Woodside Spirit Week MONDAY- SPORTS TUESDAY- CRAZY HAIR WEDNESDAY-PAJAMAS THURSDAY- BACKWARDS FRIDAY - WOODSIDE WEAR (BLUE AND WHITE OR TOUCANS) JANUARY 9-13TH





**Free Admission** 

Concessions For Purchase
-Bring Cash-

Students must be accompanied by an adult



## **January is School Board Appreciation Month**

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition — a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. You can learn more about <u>board members online</u>. You can also <u>watch past school board meetings</u> on the district's YouTube channel. The Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) honors exemplary school boards that improve student learning and follow best practices of governance. Everett Public Schools Board of Directors has earned this honor for the seventh time this year for presenting exemplary evidence of ongoing professional development, addressing opportunity gaps and practicing governance that reflects the Washington School Board Standards.

## **Delayed start or closed schools**

If we must cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:00 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule. More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district's website at <u>www.everettsd.org</u>
- watch district Facebook, Twitter or Instagram accounts

#### Snow routes are online

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the <u>snow route information</u> on the district's website.

## Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? **Report it!** You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern.

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law

enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods. Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.



#### First semester ends soon

This is a reminder first semester ends February 3. Report cards and Elementary Progress Reports will be both online and mailed/distributed by February 17.



## **Good Citizenship Day**



Good Citizenship Day is observed on January 13. On that day, social studies teachers coordinate a voter registration event in each history or social studies class attended by high school seniors. Students who will be

eighteen years of age or older by the time of the next general election will be allowed to register to vote online in the classroom. Paper registration will also be made available in the classroom.

Registering to vote is easy. Visit the <u>Snohomish County webpage</u> for details on the three ways you can register to vote or update your registration or scan the QR code. Students who are 16 & 17 years old can now pre-register to vote.

You can sign up today, it's easy! Scan this QR code:





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## Enero es el Mes de Agradecimiento al Consejo Escolar

El mes de enero marca la celebración anual de Reconocimiento al Consejo Escolar, una ocasión para agradecer el trabajo de los miembros del consejo escolar y celebrar la educación pública. Puede obtener más información sobre los miembros del consejo en línea. También puede ver reuniones anteriores del consejo escolar en el canal de YouTube del distrito. La Asociación de Directivos Escolares del Estado de Washington (WSSDA) reconoce a los consejos escolares ejemplares que mejoran el aprendizaje de los estudiantes y siguen las mejores prácticas de gobernanza. El Consejo de Administración de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett obtuvo este reconocimiento por séptima vez este año por presentar evidencia ejemplar de desarrollo profesional continuo, abordar las brechas de oportunidades y practicar la gobernanza que refleja los Estándares del Consejo Escolar de Washington.

#### Retraso en el inicio de clases o cierre de escuelas

Si debemos cancelar las clases o retrasar el inicio de las clases, usaremos nuestro sistema de comunicación con los padres para llamar por la mañana, generalmente alrededor de las 5:00 a.m., con un breve mensaje sobre el motivo del cierre o el retraso. También utilizaremos los medios locales y publicaremos el mensaje en nuestro sitio web. Si no hay ningún anuncio sobre las Escuelas Públicas de Everett, la escuela tendrá sus actividades en el horario regular. Más información y recursos para avisos sobre cierres o retrasos escolares se encuentran en el sitio web del distrito en la pestaña *Padres*.

En caso de inclemencias del tiempo u otras emergencias, por favor:

- revise su correo electrónico o teléfono para ver los mensajes del distrito
- escuche los anuncios de los medios de comunicación
- consulte el sitio web del distrito en www.everettsd.org
- consulte las cuentas de <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> o <u>Instagram</u> del distrito

## Las rutas restringidas por nieve están en línea

Las ubicaciones para dejar y recoger a los estudiantes en la escuela pueden cambiar en una situación de emergencia. Si su hijo viaja en autobús a la escuela, familiarícese con la <u>información de la ruta restringida por nieve</u> en el sitio web del distrito.

## Línea de consejos de seguridad

estudiantes aprendan y crezcan de manera segura.

¿Usted o su estudiante tienen alguna preocupación acerca de alguien que esté experimentando bullying o acoso? ¡Denúncielo! Usted puede hablar directamente con la oficina de su escuela o puede llamar, enviar un mensaje de texto o enviar un correo electrónico con su inquietud.



Si hay motivos para preocuparse por la seguridad en un camino designado hacia la escuela, llame al 9-1-1 de inmediato para obtener ayuda rápida y autorizada. Tenemos asociaciones sólidas con las fuerzas del orden público locales que comparten nuestro interés en escuelas y vecindarios seguros. La seguridad de los estudiantes es una prioridad para todos nosotros. Trabajando juntos, podemos ayudar a que nuestros vecindarios y escuelas sean lugares propicios para que los



## El primer semestre termina pronto

Este es un recordatorio de que el primer semestre termina el 3 de febrero. Las boletas de calificaciones y los informes de progreso de la primaria estarán en línea y se enviarán por correo/distribuirán antes del 17 de febrero.



#### Día del Buen Ciudadano



El 13 de enero se celebra el Día del Buen Ciudadano. Ese día, los profesores de estudios sociales coordinan un evento de registro de votantes en cada clase de historia o estudios sociales a la que asisten los estudiantes del

último año de preparatoria. Los estudiantes que vayan a tener dieciocho años de edad o más en el momento de las próximas elecciones generales podrán registrarse para votar en línea en el salón de clases. El registro en

papel también estará disponible en el salón de clases.

Registrarse para votar es fácil. Visite el sitio web del <u>Condado de Snohomish</u> para obtener detalles sobre las tres formas en que puede registrarse para votar o actualizar su registro o también puede escanear el código QR. Los estudiantes que ahora tienen 16 y 17 años de edad pueden preinscribirse para votar.

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