

WOODSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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(425) 385-7800

Toucan Flyer

JUNE 2014



Dear Woodside Families,

We take pride in the work we do to improve teaching and learning, with the goal of moving students to higher achievement levels. We are in the home stretch of the school year! Hats off to our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students (and our wonderful staff) for facilitating a very smooth MSP (Measurements of Student Progress). Thank you to all of our parents and guardians for your support during this important assessment time. We are looking forward to receiving results from this spring testing in late August. Individual student results will be available late in September.

I am happy to report that WOODSIDE is a recipient of the 2013 Washington Achievement Award. The Washington Achievement Award is sponsored by the Washington State Board of Education and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Winning this award is an extraordinary accomplishment and is a direct reflection of the hard work of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the support and guidance of our parents. The selection process for this award is very rigorous, and all of us take great pride in our accomplishment. The Washington Achievement Award is based on statewide assessment data for the three previous years and celebrates schools for:

- Overall Excellence (highest performing and top tier)
- High Progress
- Reading Growth
- Math Growth
- Extended Graduation Rate
- English Language Acquisition



WOODSIDE is being honored for OVERALL EXCELLENCE. This is an honor for our school that is well deserved.

Believe it or not we are already in full swing for planning for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year. We will begin working on next school year student classroom assignments. This is a difficult task and one that we take very seriously. We spend a great deal of time looking at a range of criteria to create balanced classes. Among the factors we consider are academic achievement, gender ratio, special education, limited English needs, social relationships, and learning and teaching styles. Your child's current teacher has come to know your child very well and will provide valuable guidance in the placement process. Making the best placement possible for each child is our first priority.

If you feel that your child has special needs that should be considered in class placement, you are welcome to write a letter to me explaining your concerns. Please do not send letters to teachers. I would like to receive your letter by Friday, June 6, 2014 in order to help us make the best placements we can. Your letter should include information about your child's needs, not a request for a specific teacher. Letters requesting individual teachers will not be considered.

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Examples of specific input that can help us make thoughtful placements include:

My child has a specific learning need that requires ...

My child works best when...

My child enjoys...

My child excels at... but needs additional assistance in...

My child responds well to a teacher who...

Please understand that writing a letter is not a guarantee of placement; it simply provides us with additional information that we can use in our work to create the best possible classes for all students. Due to the careful process we use to create balanced classrooms, no changes will be made in classroom assignments next fall.

In fairness to all, I have asked teachers to refrain from discussing specific teacher requests with parents. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this policy. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I appreciate all you do for our school community and look forward to another great year working with you.

Class lists will become final in late August. As in the past you will receive a Connect-Ed phone message the Friday before school, August 29th stating your child's new classroom assignment. We will host our Annual Back to School Night the evening before the first day of school. Supplies for each grade level will be on the Woodside website. Planners will be required for 5th grade students and will be available for \$3.00 at the Back to School Night event. Postcards will be mailed home during the summer regarding this event.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our parents/guardians, the staff and the Woodside PTA for making this school year so productive and pleasant for our whole school community. I recommend that you sign your child up for the Summer Reading Program at the city library. Reading is fundamental to learning and students should read up to 10 good books before school begins in the fall. Enjoy your

children during the summer break and remember the time you give them is a priceless gift of happy memories.

Thank you for another wonderful year at Woodside.

Sincerely,



Dr. Betty J. Cobbs, Principal

bcobbs@everettsd.org



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Kelly Howell, Submissions Editor
Kathy Kotomaimo, Design

Woodside School is receiving support from the state funded Learning Assistance Program. The LAP program is designed to provide supplemental support to eligible students who are identified in need of additional assistance to meet state and local reading and math academic standards. Funds provide extended day classes and opportunities to include parents in the education of their children. If you have questions about the LAP program, please contact Karen Miller, Woodside's Reading Teacher, 425-385-7830; or Cynthia Jones, Director of Categorical Programs, 425-385-4030.

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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

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Title IX Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104

504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063

ADA Coordinator – Kristine McDowell, kmcdowell@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250

Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201

Dear 5th Grade Parents,

The H.I.V. video/lesson was presented in 5th grade classrooms on Friday, May 30th. The Human Growth and Development lesson will held on Tuesday, June 17th.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

John Lerner, Woodside School Counselor
(425) 385-7810

jlerner@everettsd.org

JUNE

- 6/2 4th Grade Fieldtrip to Burke Museum**
- 6/3 Safety Patrol Fieldtrip to Skate Deck/Mays Pond**
- 6/3 3rd Grade Fieldtrip to Pacific Science Center**
- 6/5 Variety Show, 7:00 p.m. Woodside Cafeteria**
- 6/6 Early Dismissal - 12:15**
- 6/6 5th Grade Fieldtrip to Everett Civic Center, 8:30-11:45 a.m.**
- 6/6 5th Grade Evening Performance at Everett Civic Center**
- 6/11 Kindergarten Goodbye: AM K. - 9:15 a.m.; PM K./ADK- 2:00 p.m.**
- 6/11 PTA Meeting, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**
- 6/13 5th Grade Celebration, 1:30-2:30, Cafeteria**
- 6/13 1st Grade Fieldtrip to Edmonds Beach**
- 6/16 Woodside Field Day**
- 6/18 Last Day of School – Early Release (12:15 p.m.)**

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A Special Thanks from your Submissions Editor

I have enjoyed working with you, Kathy Kotomaimoce, on Woodside's outstanding newsletter for the past 3 years! Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication, and for creating such a beautiful school newsletter. Woodside Elementary has been so lucky to have your amazing talent. Best to you always as our 5th graders move on to middle school.

Kelly Howell, Submissions Editor
Woodside's Toucan Flyer

We're planning for next year at Woodside...

As this school year winds down we are beginning to make plans for next year. One of the most important tasks we have is that of placing each child into a class where he/she will learn, be successful, and feel safe physically and emotionally.

Because we do not take this process lightly we put a lot of time into creating a learning community for each child. Our goal is to build classes that are the best possible mix of students who complement each other in learning style, social skills, personality and academic achievement.

Current classroom teachers will begin to place students for next year by detailing each child's strengths and areas for improvement. The entire grade level will meet to put each child into learning communities that equal the number of teachers in each grade level. The teachers will use knowledge of their students and information provided by the child's parent.

If your child will not be attending Woodside next year, please complete the form below and return it to your child's teacher.

If you have any questions about the process, please feel free to call the office at 385-7800

WILL YOUR FAMILY BE MOVING?

Will your family be moving out of the Woodside area this summer?

If your child(ren) will NOT be returning to Woodside in the fall, please call the office at 385-7800 or return the note below with your child. Thank you!

My child(ren) will not be attending Woodside in the fall.

Student Name(s):

Grade:

Where are you moving? _____

Parent Signature: _____

June 18 is Now Last Day of School

Because of the snow day in December, Wednesday, June 18 is now the last day of school. The calendar may be adjusted again if there are any more weather-related school closures.

Art Shows

Everett Public Schools and the Everett Public Schools Foundation are pleased to announce the 16th annual art shows. All art shows are open for public viewing from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Community Resource Center at 3900 Broadway in Everett.

The Elementary School Art Show will be open for public viewing May 21 to June 4, 2014 at the Community Resource Center.

The Middle School Art Show will be open for public viewing from May 5-16, 2014.

ECEAP Preschool Accepting Applications for 2014-2015

Everett Public Schools Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for income-eligible families with children three and four years of age. ECEAP is funded by Washington State.

ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and provides family support and health and nutrition services.

There are five ECEAP sites in elementary schools within our school district. They are located at Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake Elementary schools. For a screening application or more information, please call 425-385-4628.

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Natural Leaders Graduation!

The Natural Leaders Team Program is designed to help families overcome language barriers that exist between the home and school community. They are trained to connect with refugee and immigrant parents, providing them with the resources they need to help students be successful at school.

The graduation in April was a great event for 14 Hispanic parents (10/WOE and 4/PCE) who are now trained Natural Leaders. The event, of close to 100 (families and friends of the NLs) enjoyed the program, which included, the awarding of a certificate (from the state) for completion of the 15+ hour training, a district Natural Leader name badge, and t-shirt identifying them as a Natural Leader at their school. We enjoyed Latino dancers, a family style dinner, fancy desserts, a video on diversity and music.

Woodside will begin to see Natural Leaders wearing their official black t-shirt and a name badge when they are on campus. The NLs are registered in the volunteer program and have district clearance to volunteer in the school. NLs meet with *Sandra Mejia*, NL Facilitator, *Anne Carnell* and myself on Fridays from 11:00-2:30 in the conference room. They are already identifying projects they want to work on at the school to increase safety and improve the learning environment for students. They are also ready to volunteer in their child's classroom in ways that will assist the teacher.

Natural Leaders is a state organization that is sponsored by the Washington Alliance of Better Schools. You can read more about the program from the following link from OSPI: <https://www.k12.wa.us/CISL/PromisingPractices/NaturalLeaders.aspx>



Congratulate our Woodside Natural Leaders! Special thanks to the Woodside PTA for their support and *Starlette Casey* for baking the wonderful celebration cake.

Anne Carnell
Assistant Principal



Tricia Hill
Music Teacher
425-385-7800

What's Happening in Music?

The 5th Graders are working hard on recorders as they get ready for their Link Up Concert: The Orchestra Rocks, which will take place on Friday, June 6th. The concert is funded by Carnegie Hall, and all Woodside 5th graders have the opportunity to participate at the

Everett Civic Center, with a symphony orchestra. There will be a combined rehearsal/field trip during the day on June 6th from 8:45-12:00, where all 5th grade students get to practice with the orchestra. The final concert will take place at the Everett Civic Auditorium the evening of June 6th at 7:30PM. All families are invited to attend!

The 4th Graders have worked really hard on recorders and will be finishing up their recorder karate testing the beginning of June. We will end the year with some new singing games as we get ready for 5th grade!

3rd Grade has been working hard on recorders and put on a wonderful Recorder Concert on May 22nd! I am so proud of all their hard work! Following the concert we have continued to play recorders and finish up our recorder karate testing in music class.

2nd Grade is working on reading, writing, and performing sol, mi, and la patterns from the staff. We will finish the year with some listening activities as we learn about different composers and various genres of music.

The 1st Graders are working on reading, writing, and performing rhythm patterns using quarter notes (ta) and eighth notes (ti-ti). We will end the year learning to read sol-mi melodic patterns on the music staff.

The Kindergarteners are getting ready for their end of the year concert, Now I Know My ABC's. The concert will be on Wednesday, June 11th at 9:30AM and 2:00PM. All families are encouraged to attend!

Final Music Events for 2013-14

**5th Grade Link Up Field Trip
Concert Rehearsal at
Everett Civic Auditorium**
Fri, June 6th 8:45-12:00

5th Grade Link Up Final Concert
Fri, June 6, 7:30pm

Kindergarten Concert
Wed, June 11, 9:30am & 2:00pm

To keep up to date on music events and concerts, make sure to regularly check the [music website!](#)

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!

JENNIFER MEEUWSEN, 1st Grade Teacher

How long have you been at Woodside?

This is my first year as a certified teacher here, but last year I was in Tracy Clifton's classroom as her student teacher.

What's your favorite part about your job?

There is never a boring or dull moment.

Tell us about your family....

I am married to my husband of almost 13 years. We have two dogs, Einstein and Gimli.

What book(s) are you reading?

Since this is my first year teaching, the only things I have time to read are teacher books.

What are your favorite food, drink and treat?

I love veggie burgers, sweet potato fries, dark chocolate, and decaf coffee!

What are your hobbies?

I don't really have any hobbies other than health and fitness.

What type of music do you listen to?

I listen to all types of music. Right now I'm really into listening to music from the 70's, like Fleetwood Mac.

Do you have any pets?

I have two dogs. Einstein is a Boston terrier, and Gimli is an English bulldog/Boston terrier mix.

What is your biggest pet-peeve?

One of my biggest pet-peeves is being late.

What is something unique about you that people may not know?

My first degree is in microbiology so I really love to talk about and read about bacteria, viruses, and other microscopic organisms, especially the ones that cause diseases.

What advice would you give students and parents at Woodside?

Always try your best!



STACY BLENMAN, Kindergarten Teacher

How long have you been at Woodside?

This is my first year at Woodside. It is such a fun and friendly place to be.

What's your favorite part about your job?

My favorite part of the job is watching how much my students have learned in such a short time. In our kindergarten class, many students started out not knowing the letters of their alphabet. Now they are reading! I love watching the kids grow and learn all year.

Tell us about your family....

My husband, Artie, is an executive chef and a sports fanatic. He plays soccer and softball. He is also crazy about the Seahawks and the Sounders. We have been married two years. We are expecting a baby boy in September, and are really excited to add to our family. My mom and brother live nearby and I see them almost every week.

What book(s) are you reading?

I just reread *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck, which is my all time favorite book. I also recently read *The Twits* by Roald Dahl, which is such a funny book. I try to read every night before I go to bed.

What are your favorite food, drink and treat?

I favorite food is popcorn. I could eat it every day! I love coffee. My favorite treat is lavender ice cream. It sounds weird, but it is amazing!

What are your hobbies?

I love baking; it is a huge stress reliever for me. I also enjoy jogging, reading, knitting, and trivia.

What is your favorite sport team?

Seattle Sounders!

What type of music do you listen to?

I really love classic rock. Some of my favorite artists are David Bowie, The Rolling Stones, Queen, and The Beatles.

Do you have any pets?

I have a huge dog, Sonny. Sonny, like Clifford the Big Red Dog, was born a runt, and simply refused to stop growing. He is about 110 pounds now. Sonny enjoys chasing balls, long walks on the beach, and eating oranges.

I also have a big fuzzy orange cat named Ron Weasley. He spends his time sleeping in warm places, and getting into mischief.

What is your biggest pet-peeve?

My biggest pet peeve is when we are too scared to try. If you never try you can't succeed.



What is something unique about you that people may not know?

I lived in France for one year to study and learn the language. It was the best experience I've ever had.

Do you have a favorite historical figure (or current) who inspires you?

Helen Keller has always been very inspirational to me. She faced great obstacles, but through hard work and education, was able to do so many great things.

What advice would you give students and parents at Woodside?

Enjoy your time in school and make the best of it. Learning can be really fun, and school is a great place to be. It will go by quicker than you think.

PATTY JOSEPHSON, Kindergarten Teacher

How long have you been at Woodside?

I have taught the past three consecutive years at Woodside. However, I started my teaching career here in 1989 and spent nine years then. I feel like I am home.

My favorite part about teaching is seeing the small growth each month that students make and how all those small pieces turn kindergarteners into first graders... it is amazingly rewarding.

Tell us about your family....

My very favorite thing! I have been married to my wonderful husband Jeff for 26 years. We met in college. We have two incredible children Makenzie 20 who is completing her second year at WSU, and Simon 18 who will graduate high school and attend WSU in the fall.

What book(s) are you reading?

I have been trying to read books my son in high school has been required to read. I recently finished *The Great Gatsby*. I am looking forward to reading *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*.

What are your favorite food, drink and treat?

My favorite food is spaghetti, I mainly drink water but something special would be an iced mocha or frappe. I can't say no to ice cream!

What are your hobbies?

I love reading, boating and walking - especially in the sun.

What is your favorite sport team?

I'm not a huge professional sport fan but truly enjoyed and learned a little about all sports my children played - baseball, soccer, basketball, tennis, golf and cheerleading.

What type of music do you listen to?

I'm a little bit country, I'm a little bit rock and roll. My children expose me to other genres ...

Do you have any pets?

Much to the dismay of my children, we don't have any furry friends. However, we do have 4 fish... two have been swimming upside down for over a year!

What is your biggest pet-peeve?

I would have to say being late.

What is something unique about you that people may not know?

I grew up just down the street on 35th Avenue on a farm in what used to be the country. We had lots of animals and a big garden. My house is still there but the farm is now filled with houses.



Do you have a favorite historical figure (or current) who inspires you?

I think the two most inspirational people in my life are my parents. They are loving, honest and friendly people who have been the best role models I could ask for. I am so fortunate they are both active, healthy and continue to learn new things. They keep me inspired!

What advice would you give students and parents at Woodside?

My advice to both parents and students is to make school and education important. Be on time, attend regularly, and always work hard. But know that it can be fun too!

AMANDA ZECH, Kindergarten Teacher



How long have you been at Woodside?

This is my first year here at Woodside. I worked at Mill Creek for 5 years and Garfield for 3 years.

What's your favorite part about your job?

Seeing how excited the students are everyday to come to school and learn. I also love when the students finally understand something that they have been working so hard on. You can see the excitement in their eyes.

Tell us about your family....

I have a husband who works at Heatherwood Middle School, a two-year old daughter named Peyton and another little girl on the way due in early July. I also have two small dogs, two cats, three fish and a frog.

What book(s) are you reading?

My daughter and I read every night together. Our favorites are *Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See*, *Hello Kitty*, *The Big Red Barn* and *Guess How Much I Love You*.

What are your favorite food, drink and treat?

I love pasta. Any and all kinds! My favorite drink is a Grande nonfat decaf vanilla latte, and my treat of choice would be cookies!

What are your hobbies?

I love spending time with my family, we enjoy going to the zoo, swimming and taking the dogs for a walk.

What is your favorite sport team?

Seahawks!!!

What type of music do you listen to?

Classical in the classroom, and Disney soundtracks with my daughter. If I am alone in the car, I listen to 106.9 in hopes of winning a weekend getaway.

Do you have any pets?

Yes! We have a Jack Chi named Eva, a Corgi named Dobey, and two very large orange cats named Kosey and Snicklefritz. Not to mention 3 fish and a frog.

What is your biggest pet-peeve?

People having road rage and texting on the phone.

What is something unique about you that people may not know?

I am a vegetarian. But I do eat fish on occasions.

Do you have a favorite historical figure (or current) who inspires you?

My mom and grandma inspire me to be a kind loving person and my dad inspires me to achieve my dreams. My daughter inspires me to be the best mom I can be.

What advice would you give students and parents at Woodside?

Have confidence in your children. Hold them to high standards and watch them meet those goals! Tell each other how much you love one another every day and don't forget to laugh!

KELLY PARKS, Third Grade Teacher



How long have you been at Woodside?

11 Years

What's your favorite part about your job?

I enjoy the students I work with, families and staff. I also love that every day is different.

Tell us about your family....

I have 3 brothers who all live in AZ, My Husband's name is Jacob and we have a cat named Harley.

What are your favorite food, drink and treats?

I love Italian food- I am more of a salty food lover than sweets!

What are your hobbies?

I love to go snowboarding, visit my family at our ranch in AZ, and relaxing on rainy days on the couch.

What is your favorite sport team?

Seattle Seahawks, University of Arizona Wildcats

What type of music do you listen to?

Country, Classical, Pop when I am working out!

What is something unique about you that people may not know?

I went to the Super Bowl this year to see the Seahawks win!

Do you have a favorite historical figure (or current) who inspires you?

My father – he is so driven, inspired me to become a teacher and to be passionate about my career and love what I do.

What advice would you give students and parents at Woodside?

Education is the key to success - whether you go to college; learn a trade, culinary school etc. Keep yourself driven and learn to have a passion for what you do!

Hello Woodside Families,

Your PTA is working on several end-of-the-year events, clerical needs, new Board and Committee members, and the calendar of events for next year. We are excited to see new growth and change within our team and hope that you will approach us and get involved. A new year is a wonderful opportunity to start fresh. We look forward to working with you!



A new school new year brings new faces and fresh funds. We will be voting on the 2014-15 budget and Executive Board members at the June 11th meeting. Please join us in the Woodside Library at 7p.m. We will vote first in case you can't stay for the full meeting. Free childcare will be provided by the YMCA.

Did you know we need several people to chair positions next year? The newsletter, ways and means (fundraising), fifth grade celebration, and legislation are just a few. We have a great team willing to help you succeed.

Here are a few notes on May and June events:

- Popcorn Friday was May 30th—a FREE popcorn day! We wanted to thank every student for their hard work and efforts during the MSP testing. We also thank the K-2 students who had to be extra quiet and respectful during testing.
- Family Fun Night! Thank you to everyone who stepped up to help put on this yearly event! We had bounce houses, food, carnival games, and the reptile man—and a fun time was had by all!
- The Variety Show has held tryouts and two rehearsals. The show will be Thursday, June 5th, at 7:00 p.m. The kids are working so hard and we couldn't be more proud of every student who tried out!

We appreciate our teachers and staff! We honored them with special treats, breakfast and coffee during the week of May 5th. We also awarded our Outstanding Educators and Golden Acorn Award winners April 18th. We are pleased to announce *Karen Johnson* (3rd Grade) and *Joan Litzkow* (Science Teacher/Librarian) as Woodside's Outstanding Educators. Our Golden Acorn winners for outstanding PTA volunteers were *Kelly Howell* and *Jolene Larsen*. Woodside is a better place because of all you! Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to our kids.

Your Presidents,

Alysia Stauffer & Courtney Holden

Next PTA Meeting
June 11th, 7-8:30 p.m.

To contact Woodside's PTA, send email to: woodsidepta@hotmail.com or like us on Facebook!

Spring Book Fair Earns Big!
Thanks to Julie Schlosser, Joan Litzkow and several PTA volunteers who helped raise \$2300 for our school and library!

Woodside's Spring Fundraiser Rocks It!

Congratulations Woodside Families!! We raised \$13,527.41 at the Wacky Sock Fun Run!!! We didn't reach our school goal of \$18,000, but we raised enough to keep our current programs going and enough to increase our Art, Music and Technology budgets! Our top earning class was Mrs. Maclean's at \$1,286.25, and Mr. Vasei's class was close behind at \$1,042.08. Our Top school winner was Charlize Manzano with a whopping \$813.00! 2nd place was Kylee Philips; and 3rd place was Keira Budding! Congratulations kids – nice going! We randomly picked winners of the raffle prizes during the school lunches and had many happy winners!

And thank you parents - you may remember your students being extra tired the night of our Fun Run; they got a lot of exercise and had a blast! And everyone went home with a Woodside Fun Run water bottle. If your student didn't receive theirs, or if they were absent that day, they can pick one up at the office.

Woodside did AWESOME and we want to thank everyone for supporting PTA and giving our children opportunities for a more enriching education!

Many thanks,

Your Woodside PTA





THANK YOU...

*to Gold Creek Church
for donating over
1,000 books to
Woodside students!*

PTA AWARDS!

*Congratulations Kelly Howell
& Jolene Larsen for receiving
our annual PTA Golden Acorn
Award; and Karen Johnson
& Joan Litzkow for receiving
our annual PTA Outstanding
Educator Award.*

