

By the time you receive this newsletter, you will have attended your child's fall conference. These early conferences are a great time for the teachers and the parents to communicate about the good work that has already happened and the things that still need to be accomplished. I am always thankful for the incredible support the parents at Woodside provide for their students. Everett Public Schools' grading periods are by semester, the semester ends January 24th. Report cards will go home with students sometime during the week of January 27th. I want to thank parents for taking the time to complete the Educational Effectiveness Survey during your visit to Woodside for parent-teacher conferences. Your input let's us know how we are doing and what we need to focus on for improvement in the areas of teaching and learning, safety, communication and family engagement at our school.

Woodside had some very good news about student scores on the state MSP assessment that was administered last spring. As in previous years, Woodside students performed well when measured against our state standards. Woodside has much to be proud of, including the strong support our students receive from their families. The scores in the chart below show the percent of students who scored at or above standard in each tested in grades 3, 4 and 5 last spring.

Grade Level	Reading	Math	Writing	Science
3rd Grade	91.1%	85.3%		
4th Grade	83.7%	80.8%	61.5%	
5th Grade	83.0%	80.0%		91.0%

This fall, we are conducting "Test Talks" with 4th and 5th grade students. Test Talks involve a classroom presentation on how to read the MSP Report and individual goal setting conferences where each student identifies personal goals for improvement during the 2013-2014 school year. The Woodside staff continues to work on increasing achievement levels for EACH student in the area of reading, writing, math and science. Our School



Improvement Plan (SIP) includes actions for creating a welcoming school that offers access and equitable opportunities for students and families. This year, our building will implement the Eight Step Continuous Improvement Process. This process is being implemented district wide. The steps include: 1) Data Disaggregation, 2) Instructional Timeline, 3) Instructional Focus, 4) Assessment, 5) Tutorials, 6) Enrichment, 7) Maintenance, and 8) Monitoring. Woodside teachers work together to align instruction with state and district standards, design lessons and deliver instruction using research-based "best practices", provide ongoing assessment to inform the teaching emphasis, and plan interventions for students who are not learning. Teachers work throughout the year in various teams to support the goals of our SIP.

#### DR. COBBS, CONTINUED

When compared to schools with similar demographic data, Woodside consistently scores significantly higher in all academic areas on our state assessments than most other schools. These scores are a result of a highly qualified and dedicated staff, willing to do whatever it takes to empower every student to reach their highest academic and social potential.

After two months of school, our students and staff are fully engaged in the challenging work of school. Every day, I am thankful to see and experience the learning that is happening for each child. We've got more work to do, but a master teacher and a wise parent knows that is always the case.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Betty J. Cobbs Proud Woodside Elementary School Principal <u>bcobbs@everettsd.org</u>



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### WOODSIDE CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

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	1	Conference Week – Early Release (2 ½ hours) – 12:15		
	5	Election Day		
	8	Veterans Day Program – Woodside Cafeteria, 9:00 a.m.		
	8	Learning Improvement Friday (Early Dismissal 1:30)		
	8	Reflections Art Entries Due		
	11	Veterans Day – No School		
	14	PTA Meeting 7-8:30 p.m.		
	15	Learning Improvement Friday (Early Dismissal 1:30)		
	18	Skate Night – Skate Deck		
	19	Hearing Tests		
	22	Learning Improvement Friday (Early Dismissal 1:30)		
	22	Popcorn Friday (25 cents)		
	27	Thanksgiving Break – Early Release – 12:15		
	28-29	Thanksgiving Break – No School		
	DECEMBER			
	5	Picture Retakes		

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6	Learning Improvement Friday (Early Dismissal 1:30)
12	PTA Meeting 7-8:30 pm
13	Learning Improvement Friday (Early Dismissal 1:30)
16	2nd Grade Musical – Woodside Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.
17	4th & 5th Grade Choir – Holiday Caroling Party, 2:45-4:15
20	Learning Improvement Friday (Early Dismissal 1:30)
23-31	Holiday Break-No School

**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: **Affirmative Action Office** – Carol Stolz, cstolz@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106 **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

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## Dogs On Campus

Please do not bring your dog on school property when school is in session and students are present. Dogs are a safety concern and present a threat to students who are afraid of dogs and/or are allergic to dogs. Actually, no pets are allowed on school property unless there is a direct link to our curriculum and a school visit is pre-approved by the principal. I know we need to walk our dogs and a walk to school is a perfect thing. If this is your situation, please stay well outside the school gates and keep your pet leashed and close to you at all times. Thank you for your full cooperation with this request!

## Students Arriving to School Too Early

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Morning supervision does not begin until 8:15. Please do not bring your child to school until that time, (unless they are having breakfast at Woodside which begins at 8:05). We really need everyone's help to keep the start of every school day safe for students! Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding this reminder.

## Health Room Needs

New or gently used clothing is needed for the health room. We keep a supply on hand for student "emergencies" during the day. If you have any items that you would be willing to donate, please send them to school in a bag labeled "health room". The greatest need is for pants (sizes 6-8), and underwear (especially for girls - sizes small, medium).

Thank you in advance for your donations!

Katie Rivera Woodside Elementary Health Room Assistant

### THE Counselor's Corner



### **Giving Snowman**

As the holidays approach, I am excited to announce this year that we will once again have the "Giving Snowman " for families here at Woodside. The Snowman will be displayed on the office bulletin board after Thanksgiving. Any family who wants to help with this rewarding project may simply take a Snowman representing a deserving student. This year, we would like to give gift cards to places like Fred Meyer, Target, etc. up to \$20; this way, the parent or guardian can purchase what they know the child needs or wants. If you are a family who may benefit from this, please call me at 425-385-7810. If I am not in, please leave a message, and be assured this will be confidential.

John Lerner Woodside Counselor (425) 385-7810 <u>jlerner@everettsd.org</u>



# Free research-based tools to help stop bullying

The National Association of School Psychologists has a concise, well-documented, and timely resource, A Framework for School-Wide Bullying Prevention and Safety: <u>www.nasponline.</u> <u>org/resources/bullying/Bullying\_Brief\_12.pdf</u>

Stopbullying.gov has lots of bullying prevention information and strategies. There are training modules, PowerPoints, toolkits, videos, resources, state-by-state laws and policies, suggestions about how to talk about bullying with your kids and much more.

### FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an office of the U.S. Department of Education. FAFSA coordinates with postsecondary schools and financial institutions to help students and families pay for college. FAFSA application season begins in January. Watch for FAFSA completion events happening around the district. Find more information at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

### **Comcast Internet Essentials**

Comcast Essentials is a program that offers internet for about \$10 per month for qualifying families, a low-cost laptop for about \$150 and free internet training. If you are not currently a Comcast customer and your student qualifies for free or reduced meals at school, go to www. <u>internetessentials.com</u> or call 1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376) to learn more.

### Remember to vote Nov. 5, 2013.

Everett School District http://www.everettsd.org



Woodside Elementary http://everettsd.schoolwires.net/Domain/33

Woodside PTA http://everettsd.schoolwires.net/domain/1537





### Around Town!

Check out fun classes and workshops for the entire family at the Mill Creek Parks & Recreation. Upcoming events include Parents' Night Out, Family Bingo, Tree Lighting event, etc.

For more information or to register for classes, contact <u>www.</u> <u>cityofmillcreek.com</u> or 425-745-1891.



Tricia Hill Music Teacher 425-385-7800

### Music to our ears... What's happening in music this November?

**Congratulations 4th and 5th graders on a wonderful concert!** All of the 4th and 5th graders worked very hard, and the African Drumming concert was a huge success! Way to go! This month in music class, 4th and 5th graders will be focusing on performing, reading, and writing rhythmic and melodic patterns.

**The 3rd Graders** will begin reading, writing, and performing melodic patterns (mi-re-do) on the staff. We have also been working on our rhythms and just learned a new one, half note. Ask your child what a half note is; how it sounds; and to sing a song from class that has a half note!

**2nd Grade** has started working on the music for their concert on December 16th, Music Around the World. The students will be singing, dancing, and playing instruments as they learn different folk songs and games from countries all around the world. Ask your child what new songs they have learned and where they are from to encourage them!

**1st Grade** is learning about the music staff. We have just started reading high and low patterns on the music staff as we learn about what the line and spaces mean in music! We have also started practicing reading long and short-short rhythms.

**The Kindergarteners** have been working on keeping a steady beat. We have been working on maintaining the beat in many different ways including playing instruments, moving to the music, and creating movements that show the beat.

### 4th and 5th Grade Choir:

I am proud to announce that there are over 80 students in the before school choir at Woodside! I am thrilled that so many students are willing to wake up early and come sing! Our first performance will be at the Veteran's Day Assembly on November 8th!

### Upcoming Music Events:

### Veteran's Day Assembly

(1st Grade and Choir singing) Friday, November 8th 9:00AM

### **2nd Grade Music from Around the World Concert** Monday, December 16th

7:00PM

### **Choir Caroling**

Tuesday, December 17th 2:45-4:15PM

To keep up to date on music events and concerts make sure to regularly check the music website! <u>http://www.</u> everettsd.org/woe-thill

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!

### Hello, Woodside Families!

Your PTA has been busy implementing several yearlong programs. Our successful afterschool Art & Chess clubs are both running smoothly and we're looking forward to the winter sessions. We hope to add a program called "Bricks 4 Kidz", which is a Lego-based program. We've also kicked off our Art Docent program, where we have volunteers going into classrooms teaching students about various artists and doing art projects. Harvest Bingo and our Fall fundraiser were a huge success! With your help, we've earned over \$11,000! Thank you to all who helped make this possible!



Please join us for our PTA next meeting on November 14th, from 7-8:30 pm in the school library.

Have a great month,

Alysia Stauffer & Courtney Holden, PTA Co-Presidents

Ideas, questions, concerns? Contact <u>woodsidepta@hotmail.com</u>

PTA News: http://www.everettsd.org/Page/12246

### **October PTA Meeting Minutes**

- Called to order 7:04 pm
- Grant Requests Approved: \$480-Provides the 2nd Grade with a Times Subscription (a weekly handout to each student and on-line access from Oct to May); \$160- Shirt Fee for 20 Choir Students
- Ways and Means Report: Fall Fundraiser closed, delivery date changed to Nov.7 instead of Nov.20; Gross: \$27,540.00; 40% To Woodside PTA-\$11.016.00. Book Fair – approximately \$3000 worth of books to Woodside Library and \$600 to PTA; Spring Fundraiser – Toucan Fun Run Approved
- Membership Report: Approximately 143 members; 42 out of 48 teachers, discussed \$100 Stipends; Planning of Membership Drive in January
- Message from Dr. Cobbs: Amazed and proud of all the students (approx. 90) that turned out during the first week for Choir. Everyone is encouraged to attend the High School and Beyond at Jackson High on October 24, 6:30-8:00pm. Way to go Kelly Howell and Shana Wolf of Art Docent, Everett SD Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent were greatly impressed with the teaching of the Art Class. Woodside is looking to implement an enrichment and maintenance program to increase standard improvements, starting with literacy. This program is expected to begin in November.
- Date set for cleaning the shed: October 21st at 11am
- Decided to continue using Hotmail account instead of mail chimp until we grow larger.
- New business: PTA and the law class complete, Erika to take over yearbook, conferences coming up PTA to provide small grab and go snacks.
- Committee reports: Harvest Bingo is on October 25th 6:30-8pm we are organizing and still need volunteers. Beautification; thinking about new bark, Skate night coming up November 18th-Susan Warner to chair event.

## **Box Top News**

September Winner: Tobin in Mrs. Zech's class won a Toys-R-Us gift card.

We collected 1794 box tops in September—way to go, Toucans! We will be mailing off the box tops before November 1, so look for an update to our Goal status in December's Toucan Flyer!

### Did you know that there are ways to earn box tops for Woodside besides clipping the coupons and sending them in?

Click and Earn <a href="http://generalmills.promo.eprize.com/clickandearn">http://generalmills.promo.eprize.com/clickandearn</a>

General Mills is offering extra Box Tops for watching videos and answering survey questions. This is an easy (and free!) way to earn more Box Tops for Woodside. Simply log in (or register if you're a new member), then select activities to earn eBoxTops. Please remember, if you participate in this, print out your progress page and submit it (with your child's name, teacher, and grade on it) so your child is entered in our monthly drawing!

### BONUS Box Tops http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/

bonus/Default.aspx Each month, you'll find special promotions and sweepstakes where you can enter for a chance to win thousands of Bonus Box Tops. Check back often for the latest bonus opportunities and remember to spread the word! The more people who enter, the greater your school's chance of winning.

MarketPlace Shopping http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/ marketplace/Default.aspx Launch the Marketplace—online purchases must begin in the marketplace in order to be credited to the school, so please remember to start here when making a qualified purchase.

**NOTE:** If you've been submitting electronically or earning Box Tops through the marketplace, please print out your total submissions for the month and send it via one of the above methods. We want to make sure your child gets entered into the prize drawings!

Coupons/Offers/Recipes - PLUS more boxtops! <u>http://www.</u> GrowingLocalLearning.com Many local grocery stores are printing Box Top codes on the back of their receipts for submission to schools.

Please check your receipts carefully for these, and turn them in, or log them yourself on the site.

In addition, this site has extra coupons and box top offers, as well as recipes, available to peruse. There's even an iPhone app to make it easier to access all of this! Check the site often for details and changing offers.

Jennifer Holling, Box Top Chair



## Labels for Education®

The Labels for Education program is a great way to get FREE merchandise for our school. With your help, Woodside Elementary can make this year the best ever! Participating in the program is easy—simply save proofs of purchase from participating Campbell products and send them to our school. Some of the products eligible for redemption include:

Campbell's<sup>®</sup> soups

SpaghettiOs® Pasta

Campbell's<sup>®</sup> beans, gravies, and canned pasta

Prego<sup>®</sup> Italian sauces

Swanson<sup>®</sup> broths and canned poultry

Campbell's® tomato juice

Pepperidge Farm<sup>®</sup> breads, cookies, crackers, and frozen products

Campbell's Foodservice products

Visit www.labelsforeducation.

<u>com</u> for a complete list of eligible products and point values. Help multiply our efforts by asking your friends and family to collect proofs of purchase on behalf of our school. Thanks so much for your support!

### FROM YOUR Woodside PTA

## Art Docent Program

Woodside's Art Docent Program is in full swing! Students have been busy being Architects as well as Artists. Our inspiration this month is Friedensreich Hundertwasser, an Austrian painter, architect and ecologist. He is famous for his apartment house in Vienna, Austria called The Hundertwasserhaus.

> We want to thank Woodside Parent Eva Soukal. Eva wrote the art curriculum for our

amazing Art Docent Program this year, developed and teaches our afternoon art class "Art Around The World" and has graciously given EVERY Woodside student a year subscription to her art magazine, "arTree"!!! <u>Click here to download the issue</u> and you will be able to explore art with your kids at home!

## Woodside Afterschool Activites

Afterschool Programs are off to a great start. Our programs are geared to reach all grade levels. Currently in session are **Art Around The World** with arTree. We are lucky to have Eva Soukal, a Woodside PTA mother and talented artist create this curriculum and instruct our class. Of course we couldn't do this with the help of two other Woodside PTA moms Shana Wolf and Michelle Dick who are assisting with the class.

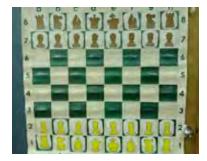
Symmetrical Castles

Winter session will bring on **"Brick 4 Kidz"** and another session with arTree.

We would love to hear from you on what kind of art class your student would be interested in. Please take a moment to fill out this quick survey.

### http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CHFYXYT

Registration and program details will be posted the first week of December - please be on the look out for further communication on the winter session via Woodside's Facebook page, Woodside's website, and flyers. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions please email jolenelarsen@yahoo.com.



**Chess 4 Life** is our other class currently happening. Students are learning to set up a board, the names of the pawns, the way they move, and are learning how to play the game strategically. Thank you to Woodside PTA Mom, Corrie Wilder, for coordinating the class.





### AMANDA VILLIOTT, 2nd Grade Teacher



#### Where did you go to school?

First to Western Washington University to study Spanish and Political Science, and then to the University of Washington for my Master's in Teaching degree.

#### Tell us about your family....

I have a wonderful fiancée named Tucker. He is an engineer at a rocket engine company. We plan on getting married next summer. My parents and brother all live in Anacortes, which is where I grew up. We love to play board games and explore the outdoors together!

#### What book(s) are you reading?

I read every night before bed and I have ever since I was a little girl. Right now I am reading *Poser: My Life in 23 Yoga Poses by Claire Dederer.* 

## What are your favorite food, drink and treat?

My favorite food is seafood - all kinds and all ways, from sushi to grilled salmon to calamari to canned sardines. My favorite drink is water with a squeeze of lemon. It's so refreshing! I also love hot ginger tea in the winter. My favorite treat is the darkest of dark chocolate!

#### What are your hobbies?

I love to do anything outdoors! My favorites are hiking, biking, running, gardening, skiing, and going to the beach. I also love yoga, reading, arts and crafts, cooking, and of course... teaching!

## What is your favorite sport team?

Go Sounders!!!

## What type of music do you listen to?

I love old stuff that I grew up listening to because of my parents, like Bob Dylan, Janis Joplin, Cream, the Beatles. I also appreciate all of the local music our area has to offer.

#### Do you have any pets?

I am getting a kitten soon!

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

I was an extra in the Free Willy movie about the Orca whale, filmed on Friday Harbor in the 1990s. You can see my Grandfather's white hair from the back, and if you look closely you can see my brother and I. It's near the beginning of the movie.

#### Do you have a favorite historical figure who inspires you?

Ordinary people that do extraordinary things for others inspire me the most! My friend Nicole is one of my heroes. She spent two and a half years in Ghana teaching English to prepare students for high school who might not have had an opportunity to go and starting a program that donates bikes to local citizens so they would have a reliable mode of transportation, among many other things. Now she lives in Indiana where she is going to school to study environmental policy while she works four jobs! She does all of these things with a smile on her face and has the kindest, most generous heart of anyone I have ever met.

### What advice would you give students and parents at Woodside?

I would tell kids and parents to have a healthy breakfast every morning to get their brains ready for the day, to find books they love and to read every night, and to play outside every day.

### THEODORE VASEI, 5th Grade Teacher



Where did you go to school?

I got my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Ohio State, and then 20 years later, got my Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Seattle Pacific University.

### Tell us about your family...

Besides my Mom and Dad, I have two sisters and one brother, who is also my best friend. We all live in Washington state now, that's why I moved up here from Dallas. Family is everything!

#### What book(s) are you reading?

I read for different reasons. The staff is doing a book study this year about how poverty affects the developing brain, and how schools can positively support students coming from disadvantaged backgrounds. I read that during the daytime, because I need to concentrate on it carefully. I also often read right before bed, and that's for lighter reading! I have a stack of biographies on the nightstand that I'm working through.

## What are your favorite food, drink and treat?

I have yet to bump into a seafood platter that I didn't like. Love crispy baked shrimp, or thick and creamy chowders, especially in our long, dark winter months. I'd have to put my Mom's freshly baked bread right up there with it, though! My favorite drink is boring – Diet 7Up. Ginger Ale runs a close second. Treats? Pretty much anything that I don't have to make myself. I hate cooking, so anything I don't have to make, that's a treat for me!

### What are your hobbies?

When I was a kid, I had TYCO trains that I adored. As I grew up, I sold or gave it all away as I lost interest. These days, I spend time on eBay trying to find everything back again! Kids, keep your toys! In 20 years you'll want all your toys again! Other hobbies I enjoy would be playing board or card games with family, going to the movies, and going on road trips.

## What is your favorite sport team?

I should probably say the Seahawks, but the Dallas Cowboys are the ones I root for.

## What type of music do you listen to?

As a child of the 1980s, pretty much anything from that decade, or the 90s. I'm a little bit country, I'm a little bit rock 'n roll.

#### Do you have any pets?

I have a cat named Boots who loves me very much, and a fish tank full of tropical fish who totally ignore me, unless I'm feeding them.

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

I'm a huge rollercoaster fan. My brother and I travel all over the United States riding rollercoasters in the summertime.

## Do you have a favorite famous person who inspires you?

Famous people are fascinating for different reasons, but they don't impress me much. The people I'm genuinely inspired by are everyday people that quietly live and deal with problems I can't imagine ever facing. I know people who have lives a LOT harder than mine, and the fact that they carry on with dignity, pride, and hope, that's what inspires me.

### What advice would you give students and parents at Woodside?

School is really important, not just because of what you are learning, but because you're learning good life habits, like meeting deadlines and how to work with people. I'd also say that's it's just as important to find time to develop yourself as a person. Turn off the video games, get outside, and go do things. Find your balance in life.

### TRICIA HILL, Music Teacher



### Where did you go to school?

I did my undergrad at the University of Colorado, Boulder, where I received a Bachelors of Music Education (GO BUFFS)! My Masters in Music was completed at Colorado State University last fall.

#### Tell us about your family....

My husband is a pediatrician and is in his first year of residency at Seattle Children's Hospital. We just moved to WA from Charleston, SC, where he attended medical school. Prior to living in South Carolina, both my husband and I grew up in Colorado where the rest of my family lives. My mom is a retired 2nd grade teacher and my dad is a retired high school band director. I was in my dad's band program and he was a huge inspiration in my musical career. I also always loved working in my mom's elementary classroom. I have been putting up bulletin boards since I could use a stapler!

I also have an older sister who is a high school science teacher in

North Denver. Needless to say... teaching runs in the family.

### What book(s) are you reading?

I just finished The Language of Flowers and am in the middle of The Art of Hearing Heartbeats. Thanks to a book club I joined in Seattle this summer, I have been reading at least one book a month!

## What are your favorite food, drink and treat?

I LOVE coffee, all Italian food, and dark chocolate

### What are your hobbies?

I love running and really enjoy races! I am signed up for the Seattle half marathon in December and completed my first full marathon last January in Disney World. I also love yoga and cooking! Trying new recipes is one of my favorite things to do!

#### What is your favorite sport team?

I am not a huge sports fan, but always cheer for the Buffs; GO CU!! My husband and I have always been band geeks, we are not much into sports!

## What type of music do you listen to?

I enjoy listening to all types of music, but I adore Broadway musicals! Some of my favorite artists are Arcade Fire, The Killers, Lana Del Rey, Jack Johnson, and Florence and the Machine.

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### Do you have any pets?

I have two cats. Douglas is a 3-year-old Siamese and Wembley is a 3-year-old black maine coon mix. For now they are our children.

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

I love marching band! I was in the color guard in high school and played clarinet in college marching band. My husband and I actually met in high school marching band!

## Do you have a historical figure who inspires you?

No one specific from history has inspired me. I think much of my inspiration comes the people around me. As I watch my colleagues, friends, and family members become leaders, embrace challenge, overcome fear, and accept change, I am awed and motivated by their successes.

### What advice would you give students and parents at Woodside?

Embrace the arts! Our future not only needs lawyers, doctors, scientists, and historians, but people who are creative! Discover the wonder and joy in music every day as it frees our hearts and souls, allowing us to express ourselves in ways that words cannot.

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything." - PLATO

### JUST ONE More Thing ...



"College Knowledge" Day! Woodside staff wore college attire and shared with students what college has meant for their lives and careers.



Mr. Lerner leads conga line at Harvest Bingo!



4th & 5th Grade Concert – "Drumming Up World Music"



#### **Getting Ready For Yearbooks!**

Watch for the Yearbook Release Form coming home! Please sign them and return them to school ASAP!

Also, we are looking for pictures taken by you for the yearbook. Please email pictures to me at <u>erika.ouderkirk@</u> <u>gmail.com</u>. Or, feel free to copy them to a disk or flash drive and drop them by the office.

Thank you!

Erika Ouderkirk, Yearbook Chair

