

WOODSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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# Toucan Flyer

OCTOBER 2013



Dear Woodside Families,

We are off to a great start! It has been wonderful reconnecting with students, families and friends. I especially welcome our new students and families and hope you are starting to feel a part of the Woodside Community. This is my fifth year as principal at Woodside and I continue to be excited about the work we are doing to increase academic performance for all students. I look forward to meeting you when you are on campus or attending evening events at the school.

This year, teachers will begin teaching to the new Common Core State Standards (CCSS), which are a coherent progression of learning expectations in English language arts and mathematics designed to prepare K-12 students for college and career success. The CCSS communicate what is expected of students at each grade level, putting students, parents, teachers and school administrators on the same page, working toward shared goals. The November issue of the Toucan Flyer will feature information for parents about the new Common Core State Standards.

Beginning on Friday, October 4, all Everett Public Schools will dismiss 75 minutes early on FRIDAYS. Learning Improvement Fridays will be used for teachers to work together to review student work, analyze assessment data, plan lessons to reteach students who are not yet at standard, AND lessons to challenge those who are meeting or exceeding standard. This time will strengthen the instructional program and improve the individual performance of our students. We are very pleased to have this time and I assure you that it will benefit each and every student.

Dismissal times on Learning Improvement Fridays are as follows:

**All Day Kindergarten and 1st grade - 5th grade**

1:30 p.m. dismissal \*breakfast & lunch service will follow the normal schedule

**Half day Kindergarten schedule (start and end times):**

AM Kindergarten 8:30 a.m. - 10:42 a.m. dismissal

PM Kindergarten 11:27 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. dismissal

All students will need to be picked up by 1:30 p.m. on early dismissal Fridays as our staff will be busy meeting as soon as the student day ends.



I welcome and thank you for your partnership at Woodside. Your continued involvement in your child's education will be your most rewarding investment. Please consider becoming a PTA member this year, our PTA is one very positive way to contribute and serve. I am continuously amazed at the support and activities this important group provides for our students and staff. Your child's teacher is also a great source for recommending ways you can help your child and our school.

We are truly off to a great start! Thank you for allowing us to be honored stewards of your precious children.

Sincerely,

*Betty J. Cobbs*

Dr. Betty J. Cobbs, Principal, [bcobbs@everettsd.org](mailto:bcobbs@everettsd.org)

## A Special Note from Dr. Cobbs

*Thank you for your patience and understanding during the changes that were made in student placements, classroom moves, and teacher reassignments last month. It is difficult to make these kind of changes after school has started, but it was necessary due to increased enrollment numbers and a need to balance class sizes in the first, second, fourth and fifth grades. Thank you again for your ongoing support.*

### WOODSIDE CALENDAR

#### OCTOBER

4	Learning Improvement Friday (Early Dismissal 1:30)
10	PTA Meeting 7-8:30 pm
11	Teacher Work Day – No School
18	Learning Improvement Friday (Early Dismissal 1:30)
22	Picture Day
24	4th/5th Grade Concert - African Drums, Woodside Cafeteria
25	Harvest Bingo – Woodside Cafeteria 6:30-8 p.m.
25	Teacher Work Day – Early Release (2 ½ hours) – 12:15
25	Popcorn Friday (.25)
28 - Nov. 1	Conference Week – Early Release (2 ½ hours) – 12:15

#### NOVEMBER

8	Learning Improvement Friday (Early Dismissal 1:30)
11	Veterans Day – No School
14	PTA Meeting 7-8:30 pm
15	Learning Improvement Friday (Early Dismissal 1:30)
18	Skate Night – Skate Deck
22	Learning Improvement Friday (Early Dismissal 1:30)
22	Popcorn Friday (.25)
27	Thanksgiving Break – Early Release – 12:15



### Toucan Flyer 2012-2013

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<http://everettsd.schoolwires.net/>

[Domain/33](http://everettsd.schoolwires.net/Domain/33)

Kelly Howell, Submissions Editor  
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**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.

**Everett Public Schools** does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

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## Woodside Elementary - Early Dismissal Fridays

Starting Friday, October 4, all Everett Public Schools will be dismissing students 75 minutes early on FRIDAYS. At Woodside, this dismissal time is 1:30 p.m. Please see the schedule below for the dates that our students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. This early dismissal time will be used for our grade level teams to collaborate and to review student work in order to plan how to teach students who are not yet at standard AND how to challenge our students who are. This time will strengthen our program and improve the individual performance of our students. We are very pleased to have this time and I assure you that it will benefit each and every student. We will need all students picked up by 1:30 p.m. on these early dismissal Fridays as our staff will be busy meeting as soon as the day ends. Thank you for your continued support!

### Your student's dismissal time:

#### All-Day Kindergarten and 1st grade - 5th grade

1:30 p.m. dismissal

#### Half-day Kindergarten schedule (start and end times):

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### Days throughout 2013-14 school year that are early dismissal Fridays:

October 4, 2013	February 14, 2014
October 18, 2013	February 21, 2014
November 8, 2013	February 28, 2014
November 15, 2013	March 7, 2014
November 22, 2013	March 14, 2014
December 6, 2013	April 11, 2014
December 13, 2013	April 18, 2014
December 20, 2013	April 25, 2014
January 10, 2014	May 2, 2014
January 17, 2014	May 9, 2014
January 24, 2014	May 16, 2014
January 31, 2014	May 23, 2014
February 7, 2014	May 30, 2014



## No Pets Allowed at Woodside!

**Please keep all pets off Woodside's playground and school campus. If an animal or pet is on our campus, every effort will be made to contact the owner. If we cannot identify the owner, the pet will be impounded.**

**Policy 3418P states:**

- 1.** The principal shall approve the instructional purpose for each animal in the school. No animal shall come into schools without the principal's approval.
- 2.** Prior to introducing any animals into the classroom, teachers shall ascertain that: students and school personnel are not allergic to the animal; the animals will present no physical danger to students; and students will be instructed in the proper care and handling of the animals.
- 3.** Animals shall not be allowed to roam freely in the school.
- 4.** Animals shall be housed in suitable, sanitary self-contained enclosures appropriate to the size of the animal or kept on a leash.
- 5.** Teachers will be responsible for ensuring enclosures are kept in a sanitary condition.
- 6.** Animals shall not be left in schools during holiday periods where practical (fish in tanks an exception), and teachers are not responsible for making arrangements for their care.
- 7.** Dogs and cats brought to school must have a health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian.

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## Delayed start or closed schools

If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning after 5:45 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 Schools, school is on the regular schedule.

To see more information about preparing and resources for school closures or delays, see the district website under the Parents tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

listen for media announcements;

view the district's website at [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org); or

call our district information line 425-385-4636.

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## Parent communication system messages

Did you miss the last recorded call from us? If you would like to hear the most recent recorded calls made to your home phone, dial 1-877-737-5291 (1-877-REPLAY1). You will hear a list of the most recent recorded messages sent to your home; select the message that you would like to hear.

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## School Performance Report

Our schools performance report is available online from our school website. More information is available on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) website, <http://www.k12.wa.us>. Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.



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## New Website = New tools for you

The new website has new tools to make your life easier. Sign in to:

- Customize a personal profile in MyView
- Add your student's school and teachers' calendars to your calendar view
- Filter calendar items by category
- Export calendar items to your personal calendar
- Access Grades & More, lunch menus and staff contact information from the home page
- Find directions and maps to event locations listed on the calendar

If you are a parent or guardian authorized to have Web access to your student's records, you can sign in to the new website using the same login and password you use for online grades to customize MyView. Need a login or not sure if you have access? Contact [LMS@everettsd.org](mailto:LMS@everettsd.org) for help.

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## Student opportunities and activities on the Web

We post approved fliers from community organizations on the district website. From the Parents tab on the homepage, select "Student Opportunities" to view the fliers listed by category. If you do not have internet access, copies are available in the school office.

Electronic e-fliers extend the time community information is available, reduce paper waste, printing costs for organizations and the sorting and distribution work done in schools.

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

**LINKS**

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

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





*As we are back together for another year at Woodside, it is good to remember that for a child to be successful in school, it takes a collaborative effort involving parents, students and staff. Parents and guardians play a key role in helping their child be ready to learn each day. Here are a few reminders:*

### Sleep

It is very important that your child get enough sleep. Younger elementary students need around ten hours of sleep or MORE per night. When they don't get enough sleep, it is difficult to concentrate; students cannot process information as quickly when they are tired.

### Breakfast

Make sure your child eats something nutritious before going to school. Brains work better when there is fuel in their body. Even if a student had a snack before bedtime, without breakfast, his body will have had no food for energy for over twelve hours when he goes to lunch. Many families are on the go in the morning, which makes having a good breakfast even harder. If you stock your pantry and refrigerator with easy-to-go items like yogurt, cheese, granola and fruit, you should see a payoff in school performance.

### Homework

It is essential that parents help to ensure that their children complete their homework. One way you can do this is by providing a consistent, organized and quiet spot where your child can do her/his homework. It is not your responsibility to do the homework, just to make sure it gets done. If homework is taking too long to get done, contact your child's teacher.

### Low Stress

Children learn best when their lives are stress free. It is not possible to take all stress away, but it is important to keep adult problems away from children. If your child cannot do anything to fix or improve the situation, you probably want to consider not telling him or her about it.

Collaborating between home and school, the 2013-2014 school year can be another great one of many to come. Remember, everyone has the same goal: giving your child the greatest educational experience possible!

*John Lerner*  
*Woodside Counselor*  
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[jlerner@everettsd.org](mailto:jlerner@everettsd.org)

## Wanna be One of our Woodside **Watch D.O.G.S.?**

Dear Dads, Uncles, Grandfathers, etc.,

Come out and volunteer a day of your time at Woodside, and be a positive male role model to our students. Watch D.O.G.S. volunteers perform a variety of tasks during their volunteer day, including monitoring the school entrance, assisting with unloading and loading of buses and cars, monitoring the lunch room, or helping in the classroom with a teacher's guidance by working with small groups of students on homework, flashcards, or spelling.

### At little background about Watch D.O.G.S.:

WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center For Fathering. It began in 1998 and has since grown into a nationally recognized program that has brought hundreds of thousands of fathers and father figures into our nation's classrooms and hallways. WATCH D.O.G.S.® has created millions of "in school" volunteer hours and continues to have a tremendously positive impact on the educational process. Today, more than 2,276 schools in over 40 states participate in WATCH D.O.G.S.®



Don't forget, when you volunteer for Watch D.O.G.S, you get to park in the FRONT row, in the designated Watch D.O.G.S. parking spot.

If you would like to volunteer for the Watch D.O.G.S. program, please give me a call; or you can send me or our TOP DOG Andy Morgan, an email. Thank you for your support!

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*P.S. If you would like to find out more about Watch D.O.G.S., check out the Watch Dog calendar, or to purchase Watch Dog gear, visit my page at:*  
<http://www.everettsd.org/Page/12139>

## Technology News



### Type to Learn 4

Woodside students have a new, fun typing program for use at school and home. Dr. Cobbs wants our students to succeed in all aspects of school, and in the next couple of years, the MSP writing will be all online. It will be necessary for students to type their essays, and although we have incredibly smart students, their typing speed could possibly limit what they type. So, Woodside is now the first school in the district to use the new Type to Learn 4 program. Dr. Cobbs purchased this site license for our students and they have learned to use the program in the computer lab. They LOVE, LOVE using Type to Learn 4 and it's amazing to see how quick their typing speed and accuracy have improved. Lessons are catered to each individual student, and the lessons are challenging and fun.

To download Type to Learn 4, please see the home page of our Woodside Elementary School website at: <http://www.everettsd.org/woodside>. The instructions as well as download links are at the bottom of the page.

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Tricia Hill  
Music Teacher  
425-385-7800

## Music to our ears...

### *What's happening in music this October?*

The students at Woodside have been doing wonderful things in music class since school started! Each day in music we focus on different concepts and various musical skills so we can become well rounded and informed musicians.

**4th and 5th Grade students** have been preparing for their African Drumming Concert, which will be Thursday, October 24th. We will be doing an afternoon performance for the school and an evening performance for parents at 7:00PM. The students have been learning folk songs, drum patterns, and xylophone melodies as we explore West African culture and history through music.

**3rd Graders** have been working on reading music notation from the staff (do-re-mi-sol-la) and practicing rhythm reading. The students will transfer their melodic and rhythmic skills to the xylophones later this month as they perform and create short songs!

**In 1st and 2nd Grade**, the students have been working on performing beat and rhythm on the hand drums and reading simple rhythms (quarter note and eighth notes). This month we will begin reading high and low patterns from the music staff and performing on the xylophones.

**The Kindergarteners** have been learning many new songs and singing games as we work on using a singing voice. Later this month, the kindergarteners will begin instrument exploration on the xylophones and hand drums.

## Upcoming Music Events:

### **First Choir Rehearsal for 4th and 5th Graders**

Tuesday, October 8th  
7:10AM-8:10AM

### **4th and 5th Grade African Drumming Concert**

Thursday, October 24th  
7:00PM

### **2nd Grade Music from Around the World Concert**

Monday, December 16th  
7:00PM

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

## 4th and 5th Grade Choir:

Our before school 4th and 5th grade choir will start Tuesday, October 8th! All 4th and 5th graders interested in joining need to fill out a choir information sheet and be ready to come to rehearsal on Tuesday, October 8th from 7:10-8:10AM in the music portable!

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!

## Happy Fall, Woodside Families!

September has flown by and we've welcomed October. Last month, your PTA welcomed teachers and staff back to school by hosting a luncheon catered by Qdoba, and provided teachers with treats in their lounge. We also welcomed Woodside families back by providing cookies & drinks at Back-to-School night.

We've been very busy! We've received several teacher reimbursement requests and have issued checks to those teachers. We secured coffee for the September Coffee Chat; sent home PTA information packets with all students; and updated the PTA website and Facebook page. We've started the Reflections Art contest (a flyer was sent home with your student last month), started up the Box Tops program; and prepared for the following October programs: Art Docent, Junior Achievement, Beautification, Harvest Bingo, afterschool programs, and Popcorn Fridays. PTA also helped run a successful Book Fair, raising thousands of dollars of new books for our school!

Below is a copy of our September general meeting minutes. Please take the time to review what we are discussing and implementing. All are welcome to join us for our next meeting on October 10, 2013, from 7-8:30 in the school library.

Feel free to submit your ideas, questions, or concerns to [woodsidedpta@hotmail.com](mailto:woodsidedpta@hotmail.com).

PTA News can be found online at: <http://www.everettsd.org/Page/12246>

Thanks and have a great October!

Your PTA Co-Presidents,  
*Alysia Stauffer & Courtney Holden*

### 9-11-13 PTA Minutes

- Called to order 7:02 pm.
- Motions have been made and approved for the following:
  - Dropping the spring BINGO, Treasurer to get a deposit only bank card, and disposing of the cotton candy products.
- Treasurer report
- Ways and Means Report.
  - Fall Fundraiser September 19th-October 3rd
  - Upcoming events: After school art and chess club starting in October. PTA and the Law, October 3rd; one more shed cleanup; Harvest Bingo - October 25th
- Membership Report: N/A
- Message from Dr. Cobbs: Everyone is pleased with the MSP scores; we are now the largest elementary school in the district; and Woodside is getting new portables. Students and teachers will soon be rearranged to make class sizes smaller.





## Box Tops FAQs

**Q:** What is our Box Tops goal for 2013-14?

**A:** \$2000

**Q:** What is the money used for?

**A:** Money goes to PTA to use for projects like field trips, school events, etc.

**Q:** Do I have to tape my box tops to the forms?

**A:** NO! You may send them in baggies. Please include your child's name and teacher name. For ease of processing, please write the number of included box tops on the bag.

**Q:** Are there other ways to earn?

**A:** YES! Go to [btfe.com](http://btfe.com) and register for Woodside. There are games, contests, and online shopping portals which also earn money! Print out your earnings monthly and send them to school so that your child gets credit for the contests.

*Jennifer Holling, Box Top Chair*

## Junior Achievement

We are still seeking parent volunteers for the following classrooms, if you can help out, please email [jenniferh@live.com](mailto:jenniferh@live.com). The commitment is minimal - 5 lessons that run less than an hour each. Most classes do the lessons once per week. It really is a lot of fun, and so easy! Find more information about this program here.

Davis  
Clifton  
Meeuwson  
Jordan

Sykes  
Pritchard  
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*Jennifer Holling  
Junior Achievement Chair*



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## Fall Book Fair

Woodside's Fall Book Fair was a great success, raising thousands of dollars to go towards our school library. Thanks to all who came out and shopped. And a special thanks to Joan & Mark Litzkow, parent volunteers & PTA for working tirelessly to set up, run, and tear down Book Fair!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Spring Book Fair!

*Julie Schlosser & Kelly Howell*

### Around Town!

Fall Registration is now open at the Mill Creek Parks & Recreation. Don't miss out on fun classes such as: Gymnastics, Music, Fitness, Art, Soccer, Dance, Monster Making Workshop, Cheerleading, Babysitting Safety, Science, Baseball & Pitching, Youth Basketball League, and more! For more information, contact [www.cityofmillcreek.com](http://www.cityofmillcreek.com) or 425-745-1891.



**Woodside's Girl and Boy Scouts lead the September 11 Remembrance Flag Ceremony.**