

WOODSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
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# Toucan Flyer

SEPTEMBER 2013



Dear Woodside Families:

I am happy to welcome new and returning families and students back to school after such a beautiful Pacific Northwest summer break. Even after all my years of getting ready for a new school year, I am still as excited for the first day just like a new kindergarten student. I love seeing students return to school ready to learn new things and make new friends. I look forward to working with Woodside students and their families. This year will be exciting for a number of reasons. We will implement a new math program (enVisions Mathematics), integrate the new Common Core State Standards into our teaching program, meet and greet new students and families at our school, and welcome several new staff members this year. Due to a growing school community, Woodside's enrollment is over 700 students this year. There have been several staff changes due to retirements, teachers moving to other schools in and out of our district, and increased enrollment. I am pleased to introduce some exceptional new staff members that have joined the Woodside Teaching and Learning Team. Please welcome:

Kindergarten: Ms. Amanda Zech  
and Ms. Stacy Blenman  
First Grade: Ms. Amanda Villiott  
and Ms. Jennifer Meeuwsen  
Second Grade: Ms. Mary MacLean  
Fourth Grade: Ms. Starlette Casey  
Fifth Grade: Mr. Ted Vasei  
Music: Ms. Tricia Hill  
Math Support: Ms. Gaylynn Lynch  
Asst. Principal: Ms. Anne Carnell

We also have a few staff members teaching at new grade levels this year:

Ms. Patti Josephson ADK Kindergarten  
Ms. Keri Lindsey 2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
Ms. Gabriela Sykes 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
Ms. (Gustafson) Owen 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade class

All parents are invited to attend the Woodside Curriculum Night to learn about your child's grade level program. Thursday, September 12, is reserved for parents of students in grades 3-5. Monday, September 16, is reserved for parents with children in grades K-2. During these curriculum night programs, each teacher will provide two presentations to accommodate the busy schedules of parents: 6:00-6:30 PM and 6:35-7:05 PM. The PTA Book Fair is scheduled for the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>, with extended evening hours on each Curriculum Night.

*"Great teachers have high expectations for their students, but higher expectations for themselves."*

I also remind parents that student learning is increased when students have good school attendance and arrive to Woodside on time each day. I am looking forward to an exciting year of teaching and learning for Woodside students.

Special thanks go to the members of North Creek Presbyterian Church and their team of volunteers who did a remarkable job of making the Woodside Campus look beautiful!

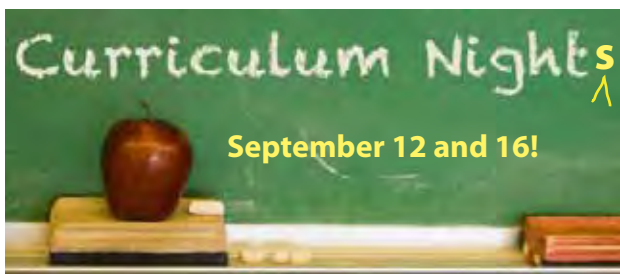
We are off to a great start and I anticipate that 2013-2014 will be the best year ever!

Sincerely,

*Betty J. Cobbs*

Dr. Betty J. Cobbs





**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Woodside Curriculum Nights**

**Grades 3rd-5th: Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013**

- 1st Session 6:00-6:30
- 2nd Session 6:35-7:05

**Grades K-2nd: Monday, Sept. 16, 2013**

- 1st Session 6:00-6:30
- 2nd Session 6:35-7:05

For your convenience, Woodside will be hosting **two** curriculum nights with two sessions each night. This enables families with more than one student the ability to attend each classroom's presentation.

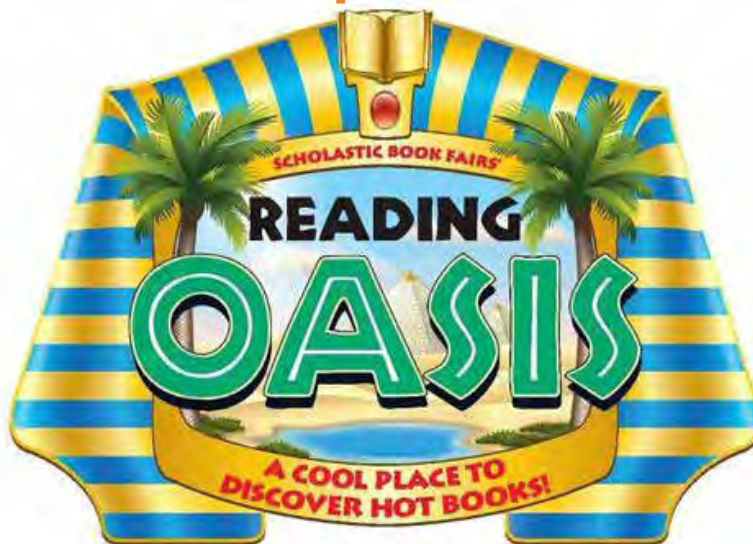
Curriculum Night is intended to inform parents of the curricula and instruction in each classroom. PTA Book Fair will also be open before and after both Curriculum Nights—from 5:30-8:00PM.

**WOODSIDE CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER**

- 10/4 **Learning Improvement Friday** - 75 minute early release
- 10/11 **Non-Instructional Teacher Work Day**
- 10/18 **Learning Improvement Friday** - 75 minute early release
- 10/22 **Picture Day**
- 10/24 **4th/5th Grade Concert** - African Drums
- 10/25 **Harvest Bingo**
- 10/25 **Early Dismissal for Conference Preparation** - 2 1/2 hour early release
- 10/25 **Popcorn Friday ~ 25¢**
- 10/28-11/1 **Conference Week** - 2 1/2 hour early dismissal

**Scholastic Book Fair  
Sept 9 - 16**



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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.

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**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

— NEW THIS YEAR —  
PTA NEWS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT:

<http://www.everettsd.org/Page/12246>



## PTA hosts monthly coffee chats!

Join us for coffee and conversation! Woodside PTA is introducing a new program for our families. We will host 1 or 2 morning coffee chats in the school cafeteria after the morning drop-off. Please join other parents, grandparents and caregivers for a nice cup of coffee or tea, baked goods, and good conversation. Watch for more information to come. Our first coffee chat was Monday, September 9.

## Woodside's Fall Fundraiser

Woodside is about to kick off its Fall Fundraiser with "360 Fundraising"! Get ready to cozy up with warm baked cookies and cakes on the chilly fall days that are headed our way! You may even sell enough to get a Limo ride around Woodside!

Funds from this fundraiser will support: teacher grants, transportation for field trips, educational programs, art education, fun events such as Harvest Bingo Night and much, much more!

Watch for more info coming home soon!

To contact Woodside's PTA, send email to:  
[woodsidepta@hotmail.com](mailto:woodsidepta@hotmail.com)



## WATCH D.O.G.S.!

Hello Wonderful Woodside Families,

We have our 1st Watch Dog Event coming up on **Wednesday, September 25th**. We are looking for volunteers to help greet, sign-in and dish up pizza for the dad's and their kiddos! The shifts will be from 6:15 to 7:30pm. If you are able to help out at this event, please email us at [woodsidepta@hotmail.com](mailto:woodsidepta@hotmail.com)

Thank you! ~Woodside PTA



## Register to vote!

Voter registration information and materials are available in an area in your school's main office. You can also link to voter registration online from the [Community section of our district website](#) or at <http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration>.

## Access to public records

Many records and documents in Everett Public Schools are available to the public. Parents and other citizens have the right to ask the school district to view or have copies made of records defined as "public" under state and federal laws including their own student's records and public records about discipline of school employees.

Everett Public Schools public records requests are handled by the district's finance and business services office. Records can be requested by writing that office at PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213, sending an email to [publicrecords@everettsd.org](mailto:publicrecords@everettsd.org) or calling 425-385-4150.

## Your student's records are confidential

Everett Public Schools takes very seriously its duty to protect student records and privacy. Student transcripts and other education-related records are protected by multiple security measures. Only those teachers, administrators and other staff members who work directly with the student and have an educational need to know about the student have access to individual student records. Staff members are expected to maintain confidentiality about information contained in a student's records.

## Student safety tips for parents

Many student safety tips are available for parents on our district website under the Parents tab, [Parent Tips](#). They include information about bike and walking safety, theft prevention, registered sex offender awareness and other helpful resources.

## Theft prevention tips

- Sometimes students can fall victim to theft of expensive and popular electronic devices. Thanks to the Everett Police Department for providing practical tips for reducing the chance of having items stolen at school or anywhere else.
- Keep your devices with you at all times, preferably in an inner pocket of your purse or backpack.
- If you are involved in extracurricular activities or have to leave a room, do not leave your purse or backpack unattended.
- Keep your device in a bulky case (such as a make-up bag or plastic container). It will be harder for a potential thief to steal without being noticed.
- Take advantage of device engraving services offered through Apple or engrave it yourself. That will make it harder for a thief to resell and thus less attractive for theft in the first place.
- If you store your device in a locker, LOCK IT! Do NOT share your locker combination with anyone, even with your friends.
- Do not leave your device or other valuables in your parked car.
- If you see someone acting suspiciously, hanging around a school, a parking lot, a locker room or area where students and belongings are gathered, report the incident immediately.
- Always report stolen devices immediately.



## Take steps to protect your children

Experts say first and foremost, tell your kids the chances of someone actually abducting them are incredibly remote, but if a situation should arise, there are some simple things they must remember.

The single most important thing to teach kids is to simply run away the very moment someone they don't know tries to talk with them. "The safest thing kids can do is say no, leave immediately, get out of there and tell an adult," police advise.

We encourage you and students to report any concern about safety on school grounds to the district's safety tip line at 425-385-5050. If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, calling 9-1-1 immediately will get 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.

## Student opportunities and activities online

We post approved fliers from community organizations on the district website and send a monthly email with a link to those approved activities and resources. From our district home page, on the Parents tab, find [Student Opportunities](#). The activities are listed by category. If you do not have Internet access, copies of approved fliers are available in the school office.

## Attendance

One of the most important things you can do to help your child succeed in school is to make sure he or she is there every day. When students miss school, they miss critical opportunities to learn and participate. Each lesson and class is critical to learning. The material covered each day depends on the lesson from the day before and introduces ideas for the next day.

When your child must be absent, be sure to let us know the reason for the absences. For absences of five or more days, we ask for a written note from your doctor. Call the 24-hour attendance line at 425-385-7805.



**NEW SITE—NEW LINKS!** The Everett School District website and all the individual school websites have been revamped. If you haven't seen them yet, take a look now and bookmark these important URLs!

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

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

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