

WOODLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Second Semester Signals the Beginning of the End for Some

As second semester starts, 8th grade students and parents should realize that the beginning of high school is eminent. The last four years of secondary education are particularly important as they prepare a child for post-secondary opportunities, the work force, and becoming part of the adult community. Courses students take in high school affect a student's post-secondary opportunities so it is very important that parents and students set goals together and plan for the high school experience. WHS counselors began going into 8th grade classes the last week in January to discuss options and 8th grade teachers have been and will continue to work with students on forecasting and their four year plan. **Parents, please mark your calendar for March 15, from 6:00 - 7:00 PM for 8th grade WHS orientation. This event will be held in the WHS auditorium and it is imperative that you and your child attend so questions about scheduling, credits, and high school activities may be explained.** If you have any questions about high school forecasting or options, please do not hesitate to call the WMS or WHS counselors.

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Parent Project Classes Offered

This spring, there will be a parenting class called the Parent Project offered by Safe Schools Healthy Students Cowlitz County with Adam Scattergood. These classes consist of a 10 week group for parents to attend. During this time, parents will learn a wide variety of parenting strategies and skills to deal with their children's behaviors. This class is a great experience for any parent, and can be of particular help to parents of strong-willed and out of control children. Parents will learn ways to show love, develop boundaries and structure, control their household and deal with even the most destructive adolescent behaviors. These classes are also recommended to anyone who works with adolescents. Many of the skills can be applied in a school or therapeutic setting.

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02/07 Boys' Basketball @ Jemtegaard
02/09 Boys' Basketball-home vs. Wind River
02/10 Valentine's Dance ~ 3:30-5:30
02/14 Boys' Basketball @ Henkle
02/16 Boys' Basketball-home vs. Canyon Creek
02/17 2nd Qtr HR Field Trip - Big Al's Bowling
02/20 No School - President's Day
02/23 Boys' Basketball-home vs. Jemtegaard
2/29 Knowledge Bowl @ La Center MS

The classes are completely free. The first six classes are from 6-9 PM. The last four classes are 6-8 PM.

The staff at Woodland Middle School believes

- All students have the ability to learn and contribute positively to the learning environment.
- Student success is a partnership involving students, parents, staff, and community to promote students in becoming self-sustaining learners.
- Using data, educators will continually reflect on and improve instruction to implement best practices.
- Challenging curriculum will be developed collaboratively to meet standards while addressing students' diverse needs.

Dinner is provided every night. Parents will also receive a workbook that will be packed full of information and resources they can utilize. No children please as they do not have childcare. This may be the final year that Parent Project will be offered at no cost.

If you want more information, please call Kelly Sloniker, Woodland Middle School Counselor at (360) 841-2850.

Valentine's Day Surprises for Your Student

Order Valentine's for that special student in your life from the \$2.00. Choose from fresh flowers, playful balloons, and cuddly student on Valentine's Day. Email orders to Friday, February 10th.

Woodland High Flower Shop. Orders start at stuffed animals and we will deliver to your vetterm@woodlandschools.org no later than

HOMEROOM COMPETITION

Homeroom/Activity News

Here are the latest homeroom competition winners:

Pajama Day: Mrs. Royle and Ms. DeBower

Holiday Colors Dress-up: Mrs. Royle

Tug-of-War: Mrs. Swett

Least Overdue Books-December: Mrs. Royle

Least Tardies-December: Mrs. Swett

Snow & Star Quiz: Mr. Steve Smith, Mrs. Swett, Mrs. Uhlenkott

Most Box Tops/Labels-December: Mrs. Royle and Mr. Michael Smith

Knowledge Bowl: Mrs. Nesbitt

3-Legged Race: Mrs. Swett



The following students have had their ticket drawn and have spun the wheel at lunch for a prize:

December 14: Zach Cochran, Skyler Gildersleeve, Marcos Roldan, Jared Cloud, Randi Sellek

January 4: Zach Cochran, Kole McQuivey, Grace Adams

January 11: Zach Cochran, Josh Preston, Isaac Warner, Jamie Sansbury

Students of the Month - December

7th: Mariah Fuller, Skyler Gildersleeve, Tyrelle Massey

8th: Jessica Flanagan, Torri Peterson, Esmeralda Sanchez



TAP Coming February 1 to WMS

Did you know that 11% of all school age children in the United States are bullied while attending school? That means roughly thirty children at WMS are affected by bullying. Last spring, our students filled out a survey about these incidents including where bullying occurs at WMS. The information was tabulated and unfortunately the survey reinforces WMS has problems with bullying.

Starting February 1, Woodland Middle School will be introducing a new program called the "Trojan Achievement Program" or T.A.P. The TAP program was developed by a committee of teachers, counselors, and administration.

The process started last winter with the group participating in a book study titled, "Schools Where Everyone Belongs" by Stan Davis. Recommendations were given to the building administration and through the fall of 2011, we have been busy finalizing the TAP program.

The goals of the TAP program are to reduce incidents of bullying and to award students for their academic achievement and positive citizenship while attending WMS.

The staff at WMS has a new behavior citation to be used during the school day. These citations are to be used for minor incidents of aggressive behavior in the classroom and in the hallway. All teachers will be using the same form and have been trained in the importance of documenting physical, verbal, or exclusion behaviors that are not deemed severe enough for a referral. The behavior citations will be turned into the office where administration

will collate the information and contact parents. By being proactive with these minor incidents, we are confident formal referrals for aggressive behavior will decrease.

For this year, the academic field trips for 2nd and 3rd quarter will remain on the calendar. Next year, our goal is to have four TAP field trips instead of the three Honor Roll field trips. This spring, your child can earn a TAP field trip to a Portland Timber's Soccer Game at the end of May. Below is the criteria we will be using February 1 through the remainder of the year.

- Only one referral with no suspensions (Referrals for electronic devices and academic referrals will not count against the student)
- 2.0 GPA with no F's

If successful, Woodland Middle School plans to expand the TAP program in an effort to increase community involvement. Our goal is to provide a school environment where everyone belongs.