



L. L. Wood News

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Important Upcoming Dates

Last PTO Meeting @ 6:30PM	6/7
Field Day (Raindate)	6/6 6/7
Fifth Grade Fun Day! 12:00-4:30pm	6/8
Fifth Grade Year End Celebration @ 6:30pm	6/13
Kindergarten Year End Celebration @ 1:30	6/13
Last All School Meeting @ 9:30am	6/14
Last Day of School "Move Up Day"	6/15

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe there's only 21 days of school left. This last month of school is an incredibly busy one! From May 12-May 24 grades 3, 4 and 5 will again be taking MCAS. Our March/April MCAS administration was a great success as Wood School students took advantage of the opportunity to show how much they know!

Thanks to Chartwells, Mrs. Fluerent and Mrs. Lopes we are again offering a special breakfast menu each day of MCAS testing (May 12, 13, 17-20, 23 and 24) and hoping for enough donations to offer snacks each day!

On June 14th at 9:30am we will be "Celebrating our Learning" at the last All School Meeting of the year. At this meeting students will be recognized for achievements throughout the year.

I know we are all excited for some time to relax this summer and enjoy the beach. Please remember that ten weeks is a very long time. **It's so important that students keep**

reading and writing all summer long. We will be challenging our students to keep a summer journal and bring it back in the fall to share! In the fall any student who brings in a journal with at least 20 journal entries (just 2 a week) will be entered into a drawing to win a sneak peek and shopping spree at our Fall bookfair!!!

Once again the Wood School Family: students, families and staff, have amazed me. The enthusiasm, perseverance and effort everyday is an inspiration. I thank you all for your incredible support of Wood School throughout the year. It is my honor to be a member of the Wood School family.

Next year's amazing events are being planned now! **Our doors will be wide open, anxiously awaiting your arrival on Wednesday, August 31, 2011!**

Thank you for one outrageously outstanding school year!!!!

School Council News

Our council meets regularly to plan school improvement. Our next and last meeting is May 26th at 3:10 pm. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact the LeRoy Wood School office at (508) 979-4073.



Nurse's Corner
by Denise Valois

Healthy Tips for Spring

Skin safety – Apply sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or greater 30 minutes before sun exposure. Wear wide brimmed hats, long sleeve shirts and long pants. Wear sun glasses. Try to avoid outdoor activity between the hours of 10 and 4. Reapply sunscreen frequently and always after swimming or sweating.

Poison Ivy – Remember: Leaves of 3, let them be! To help prevent getting poison ivy:

Remove poison ivy. Use an herbicide to get rid of poison ivy. Don't burn poison ivy because the urushiol can be carried by the smoke and cause irritation or injury.

Clean anything that may be contaminated. Wear long pants, socks, shoes and gloves. Be sure to wash your clothing promptly with detergent. Wash any other contaminated items as soon as possible.

Wash your skin with mild soap and water. Be sure to wash under your fingernails.

Apply a barrier cream.

Poison ivy rash generally goes away within 1 to 3 weeks. In the meantime, you can use self-care methods and over-the-counter medications to relieve signs and symptoms. If the rash is widespread or results in a large number of blisters, your doctor may prescribe an oral corticosteroid such as prednisone.

Ticks and Insect Safety – Wear long pants tucked inside your socks, long sleeved shirts. Use bug spray. Check for ticks everyday. If you have a tick, remove it carefully using fine point tweezers. Do not twist or squeeze the tick's body, but grasp it close to the skin and pull straight out with steady pressure. Wash area with soap and water and watch for rash. Contact your doctor if any questions or symptoms develop.

Bicycle, Skate, Skateboard, Scooter Safety – Wear a helmet. Massachusetts law requires that a bicycle helmet be worn by a person 16 years of age or under who is riding as an operator or passenger on a bicycle, in-line skates, a scooter, or a skateboard.

Wood School Community Yard Sale!!

Saturday, May 21, 2011

8:00am-2:00pm



Start your spring cleaning NOW!! There are still table spots available for just \$20! Contact Carrie Bouley at beesmooch@yahoo.com or call Wood School right away to reserve your spot.

Don't miss out on the fun....

Face Painting, goodies, Garden Team plant sale, 5th grade bake sale, Wood School sweats and tees on sale!!



Reminder we have lots of Wood School Gear available at our front office!!

Wood School reusable shopping bags are available for \$3.50 each or 2 for \$6.00 and reusable water bottles are available for \$5.00 each as well. All profits from the bags and bottles support our Going Green efforts!

Also, Wood School Tee-shirts and sweat-shirts are in! All sizes available and profits support the Playground Committee's renovation plans!!

Springtime Safety

Appropriate footwear must be worn in order to participate in PE and to play safely on our playground. Children wearing backless sandals need to have sneakers to change into for recess or PE.

Thank you!