



L. L. Wood News

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November 2011

Important Upcoming Dates

Veteran's Day All School Meeting @ 2:10pm	11/10
Veteran's Day No School	11/11
Parent/Teacher Conferences	11/21 11/22
Early Release Day 12PM Dismissal ~ No Lunch	11/23
Wood School Holiday Concert 9:30am and 1:00pm	12/21

Principal's Message

October was a busy and productive month! The learning community at Wood School continues to find creative ways to get children engaged in learning through authentic experiences. The 2011 MCAS data has been released and we are proud to announce that our student's performance ranks Wood School in the top 5% of approximately 900 elementary schools in the state in the following tested areas: third grade math, fifth grade ELA and science. Wood School ranks in the top 10% of schools in the state in grade three ELA and grade five math. We are constantly working to get even better at providing your child with a safe, joyful and challenging school!

November brings many opportunities to be thankful. Thursday, November 10, we will honor veterans with an All School Meeting at 2:10pm. We'd like to invite any veterans in the community to join us at Wood School. The following week we have early release days on Monday and Tuesday, 11/21 and 11/22, to allow for parent teacher conferences and on Wednesday, 11/23. Before we dismiss school on Wednesday, November 23rd we will celebrate all that we are thankful for as a Wood School Family with a family meal. The children will prepare cornbread, cranberry sauce and butter to enjoy together as we appreciate all that we have to be thankful for.

Especially at this time of year I appreciate how fortunate I am to spend my days with the outstanding adults and beautiful children who inspire me everyday. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

School Council News

The Wood School Council is meeting Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 2nd at 3:15 PM. I am pleased to announce the 2011 school council members: Patricia Manchester, Linda Rogers, Linda Vieira, Paula Desrosiers, Mike Bouvier, Carrie Bouley, Kerrie McNamara and Denise Washko. Our council meets monthly to plan school improvement. Also, any parent is invited to attend our school council meeting. If you have a topic you'd like to discuss and give me advance notice I'll include it on the agenda. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact the LeRoy Wood School office at (508) 979-4073. Thank You!

Important Reminders!

- Our School day begins at 8:40 AM. Children are invited into the gym at 8:30am to begin our morning meeting. Every minute counts! As we say together everyday... This is important and we can do it!!
- We have a Breakfast Club that meets everyday at 8:00am. Everyone is invited to come to school and enjoy a hot, nutritious breakfast. Start the day off right at Wood School!
- It's getting chilly outside and it's important to wear appropriate outerwear. The fresh air and activity is good for learning so please dress warmly so we can continue to enjoy recess outside!
- Our Wood School Library is 100% volunteer operated. In order to manage our book collection and

- to respect the valuable time of our volunteers, library books must be returned on Thursdays. The following are some suggestions that may help with returning library books on Thursday: encourage your child to return the library book to her/his backpack after reading, keep your library book in a special place in your house, and leave reminders on your family calendar or agenda book. Thank you for your help!
- "The Book it!" Program has begun. Remember to read, read, read each and every night!
- It's never too late to start the Savings Program with Southern MA Credit Union! Bring your child into the local branch to open an account today!



Morning Drop Off Routine



Please help me keep all of our children safe by respecting the following drop off safety procedures:

- Drop children off at the front door ONLY. Do not drop off at the playground gate. The playground gate is not available for morning drop off. Children are moving around vehicles causing a serious safety concern and a traffic back up on Scoticut Neck Road. ALL Drop offs and walkers are to enter the school through the red gym doors.
- We will have three cones set up in front of the main entrance. Each cone marks a drop off location for a car. Three cars should be able to drop off at the same time. Each car pulls up to a cone and children should exit on the school side only.
- If your drop off routine takes any longer than 30 seconds you need to pull into a parking spot. The driveway drop off is reserved for quick drop offs only. If you need to get out of your car to assist your child please pull into a parking spot.

Thank you for keeping all Wood School children safe!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be on November 21st and 22nd. You should receive a reminder notice next week with your conference time.

Please remember that Monday, November 21st, and Tuesday, November 22nd are Early Release days for elementary schools only. Children will be dismissed at noon.

Donations Needed!

We need the following donations to prepare a Thanksgiving snack to share together:

Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix, Sugar, and Eggs,

Please send in donations on Friday, November 18th. Thank you!!

NURSES CORNER by Denise Valois

Nasty Bugs Lurking on your Cell Phone

A study done in the U. K. has shown that 92% of cell phones in the U.K. have bacteria on them, including E.coli, because people aren't washing their hands after going to the bathroom.

The study found:

- 92% of phones had bacteria on them.
 - 82% of hands had bacteria on them.
- 16% of hand and 16% of phones had E.coli bacteria, which is found in feces.

It's not just cell phones that the dirty hands are touching. Other surfaces such as door knobs, remote controls, light switches, and many other surfaces can be contaminated and a source on infection. So hand washing after using the bathroom is crucial.

*Please check the Healthroom webpage under LeRoy Wood School for other healthy information.

Are you looking for a way to get involved in Wood School? We still need volunteers in many different capacities!



- Lunch Monitors! Join us for lunch 11:15-12:00 or 12:00-12:50!
- After School Programs: Do you have a talent or hobby to share? Research is clear children who are involved in extracurricular activities are far more likely to be successful in school. We offer an incredible after school program from February-April but we can't do it without parent volunteers. Please help us provide after school activities for our students!

Call the front office or email Ms. Hartley-Matteson at ahartley-matteson@fairhavenps.org if you are interested in any of the opportunities above!

Have you visited our school website this year?

www.fairhavenps.org/wood_home.cfm

Wood School Fall FUN Day!

Saturday, October 29, 2011

10am-2pm

Carnival games, pumpkin decorating, face painting and temporary tattoos, sand art, petting zoo and pony rides, line dancing, tractors and trucks, bounce house, food and auction prizes!!

Armed Forces Donations collected until November 11th!

Dental Floss, Soaps, Hard Candy, Books/magazines, Toothbrushes, baby wipes, GumSun Lotion, Dunkins Coffee, Cup of soup, hand lotion, Ziploc, Hand lotion



Holiday Celebration Reminder...

In an effort to keep our school community safe, healthy and happy I ask that our school celebrations, including birthdays and holidays, be non-food related. Life threatening food allergies, medical concerns, and dietary restrictions keep many of our students from participating in celebrations that center around food. Beginning in September 2011 the Wood School Family has work together to re-define how we celebrate birthdays, accomplishments, holidays and more!

If your child wants to celebrate in school please see below for non-food ideas:

- Bring pencils, erasers, or stickers for classmates

or

- Bring your favorite holiday book to school for your teacher to read to classmates

Of course, we will continue to celebrate birthdays every Friday during our All School Morning Meeting with a song and a pencil! Thank you so much for your support in keeping our school family safe, healthy and happy!