

Woodworth News

SPECIAL DATES

- May 4 – 3rd Gr. To Jackson for Storyfest
- May 8 – 2nd Gr. To Woldumar
- May 11 – Muffins with Mom
- May 15 – Sundeen & Shook to Waterloo Farm
- 1st Gr. Music Program @ 6:30 p.m. *The Bear Went Over the Mountain*
- May 16 – Gillespie & Ries to Waterloo Farm
- May 25 – Kindergarten & 1st Gr. - FIELD DAY
- May 28 – Memorial Day- NO SCHOOL
- May 31 – P.T.O. @ 6:30 p.m.
- Kindergarten to Potter Park Zoo
- June 1 – 2nd & 3rd Gr. FIELD DAY
- June 5 – 4th Gr. To All-SKATE and Cascades
- June 6 – 1st Gr. To Cascades Park
- 2nd Gr. To Mason Bowling and Picnic
- June 7 - 4th Gr. – FIELD DAY
- June 8 – ½ Day - End of 3rd Trimester - Last Day of School - Dismiss @ 11:33 a.m.

Countdown To Summer



Summer is fast approaching and our students and staff at Woodworth are hard at work preparing for the end of another school year. The 2011/2012 school year has been busy, exciting and enriching for all.

We look forward to the 2012/2013 school year and wish all students and staff a safe and enjoyable summer.

LOCKED DOORS AT WOODWORTH

We at Woodworth Elementary make it a priority to always provide a safe environment for our students and staff. To ensure the safety of our children, all doors will remain locked during the day except for the main entrance. Please use only this entrance when dropping off or picking up children.

We also ask that you check into the office when entering the building.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking & Drop-Off Reminder

Just a reminder that parking is not allowed in front of Woodworth between the hours of 5:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Please be aware that violators may be ticketed.

Students should be dropped off in the designated drop off area.

S.T.A.R. PROMISE: Every morning the students promise to "Be A S.T.A.R. - Safe, Trustworthy, and Respectful student, even when no one is watching." Ask your child if they keep their promise.

From the Middle School Counselor, Chris Donoghue:

As the summer approaches I encourage you to consider activities and programs that can keep your student engaged in learning when school is not in session. There are many benefits to giving your student experiences outside of the school. Educational benefits are obvious when a kid goes to a one day science exploration day at the library, however there are also the social benefits that come with interacting with new students and learning from specialists. Many out of school activities and programs are group oriented and have just as many positive social opportunities as educational benefits. The students attending these fun extracurricular learning experiences can be positive peers for your student to spend time with.

I highly recommend checking out the search page on the Michigan State University Spartan Youth Programs website. The site makes it incredibly easy to **find the right opportunity for your student.**

<http://spartanyouth.msu.edu/>

Student Academic Support Remains a Priority

The After School Math Club is now completed and we feel it was a huge success. When the grant funding became available we planned on having maybe 40 students participate and 6 teachers. When the wheels were set in motion, we ended up with 140 students and 21 teachers participating. We hope that families found the Math Club helpful to support their students math skills and we look forward to having it again in the future if the funding becomes available again.

The staff is in the process of planning a Summer School to take place this coming summer. We are hoping to have information to parents of struggling learners as soon as we can figure out the funding. We are looking into some Federal grant funding as well as donations from some of our school support organizations. Our goal is to have around 60 students, healthy snacks, and busing. More information will be sent home.

Student Classroom Placement - 2012-13 School Year

Now that we are into May, thoughts begin to turn towards plans for the 2012-13 school year. Some parents have inquired about requesting a teacher for their child/ren for the upcoming year. We do plan to have a window for teacher requests, however, it may be a short window. We are currently in a bit of a holding pattern to determine our budget as we are waiting to see which version of the School Aid Bill gets signed by the Governor. This of course will affect the level of funding the District receives and therefore determine what class sizes we will have and how many teachers at each grade level to staff them. In the school year 2012-2013, we plan to group students into classrooms per reading levels, gender, special needs, class size parity, and by matching learning/teaching styles as closely as possible. Please understand that this may impact our ability to honor all placement requests when the window does open for requests. Notice will be sent home regarding the procedure for teacher requests as soon as we are able to open that window. Thank you for your interest in this very important aspect of your child's education and as always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding teacher requests and child student placement, please give me a call. Please let your current teacher know if you have placement concerns regarding other students. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely, *Jim Dell*