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Woodworth News

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A Note From The Principal

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

As we look forward to warmer weather and the official start of spring, we all know this time of year can also be very unpredictable. Please remember to send your students to school with appropriate clothing. Unfortunately, our playground tends to have lots of mud and puddles that kids are typically attracted to. We warn the students to stay out but sometimes that doesn't always happen. It helps if they still have boots available, jackets on hand if the temperature dips, or even some extra clothes in their backpacks or classrooms. Thank you for your help with this.

March is Reading Month is obviously here and I want to thank Eric and Shanna Messner for bringing Sparty to Woodworth Elementary School to help us kick off our Reading Month activities. Sparty visited each classroom and encouraged students to read.

Also, a tremendous thank you to Michelle Croope for entering our school in a contest to win $5000 from Independent Bank for educational materials. We were one of the winners!!!!

Sincerely, *Jim Dell*

~ Mrs. Ziehmer's Counseling Corner ~

Giving children the freedom to express their feelings and deal with their emotions allows them to learn and grow. Using active listening strategies teaches children to take ownership of their feelings and encourages positive problem solving.

Here are a few tips to help actively listen to your child:

- **Try to understand—**Concentrate on what your child is saying, rather than thinking about what you're going to say next.
- **Be present—**If you notice your mind has wandered, bring it back to what your child is saying. It can help to turn off nearby devices. Giving your undivided interest and attention sends the message that your child is the most important thing to you right now. It says that you're available and interested in what they are thinking, feeling, and doing.
- **Show you've been listening—**Summarize your child's main points and how you think they might be feeling. Try repeating what your child is saying in your own words. For example: "You're feeling left out because your friend played with another person today. What might you do tomorrow if that happens again?"
- **Try to avoid making judgments—**It is judgmental to say, "You always get so frustrated when you lose a game! You need to be a better sport!" It is nonjudgmental to say, "It can be frustrating to lose after you've worked so hard." ☺

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.

Special Dates

March 13 – Set clocks ahead 1 hour.

March 15 – Bible Release

Family Literacy Night 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

March 20 – 1st Day of Spring

March 22 – Conferences 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

March 23 – PTO 3:15 p.m.

March 24 – Conferences 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

March 25 – No School, Good Friday

March 28 – April 1 -Big History Lesson (Duffey/Gibbs)

April 4 – 8 – Spring Break

April 11 – Mileage Club Begins

April 19 – Late Start – School begins at 10:00 a.m.

April 22 – Carnival

April 26 – Bible Release

April 27 – PTO 3:15 p.m.

Kindergarten Round-Up

April 28 – ***Kindergarten Round-Up***

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP – APRIL 27 & 28

Kindergarten Round-Up is fast approaching. If your child will be 5 years of age on or before September 1st, they will be eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year.

Registration forms have already been sent home with students. They will also be available in the office or on our school website at www.lesliek12.net.

The following items must be brought when attending your child's round-up session:

1. **Your child's original birth certificate**
2. **Up-to-date immunization records**
3. **Proof of residency** (such as electric bill, phone bill, etc.)

MARCH is READING MONTH

March is Reading month is here!!!!!!!!!! Students are encouraged to meet reading goals for the month. As parents/guardians, please take a few moments to share in their reading experiences. Encourage your child to read as much as possible either to themselves or another person. Practice is one of the best tools a child can use to become a proficient reader and learn strategies for success in the future.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

One of our parents, Michelle Croope entered our school into a contest to receive $5000 to use for extra educational materials from Independent Bank. She entered our school and our staff and parents took it from there by voting every day and spreading the message to friends and family to vote. We were one of the winners! Thank you!

2015-2016 Woodworth Music Programs

1st Grade & K-Club

March 28th, 2016

2ND Grade

March 30th, 2016

3rd Grade

April 20th, 2016

4th Grade

May 4, 2016

All shows are at 6:30 PM on the LHS stage.
Report time will be 6:15 PM.

End of Day Student Pick-Up

Please make sure your child/children are picked up after school in a timely manner if they are not riding a bus, going to daycare or attending an after school program. School releases at 3:01 p.m. and students are not supervised after that time. If you are picking your child/children up and running a few minutes late, make sure to call the office and leave a message so we know to expect your arrival shortly.