

# Woodsville Owls Weekly

"Pride in our Work, Ourselves & our World"

## Principal Notes

On behalf of the staff of WES, I invite you to enjoy the first edition of the Woodsville Owls Weekly (WOW)! Each week will be highlighting classroom work, school events and student successes! Sent home weekly, WOW will contain useful tidbits of information reminders that will inform you what is going on in and around the school!

As the incoming new principal you may be curious about who your children and the staff of WES will be working with on a daily basis. I was born in New Hampshire but moved to Lake George, NY when I was in high school. I hold 3 graduate degrees including a B.S. and M.S in Physical Education from Springfield College and a Certificate of Advanced Educational Studies (CAES) in Educational Leadership from Long Island University. I taught Elementary Physical Education in Ridgewood, NJ for 25 years before starting my path in administration. Previously, I served as interim principal in Shoreham, VT and spent the last 3 years as the principal of Alburgh School, a PreK-8 school in Alburgh, VT.

I have two grown boys. Greg is a writer living in NJ and Brian is currently attending medical school with the goal of becoming a pathologist. I love to travel - Alaska and Montana are among my favorite places to visit. Hiking, geocaching, kayaking and photography take up most of my spare time. A die-hard Red Sox fan and proud card carrying member of Red Sox Nation, I also cheer on the Celtics, Bruins and Buffalo Bills.

I am truly excited to begin working with the student, staff and families of Woodsville!



## Calendar Reminders



August 28th

First Day of School!



August 31st

PreSchool Open House



September 3rd

Labor Day No School

## CONTACT INFO

### Website

wes.sau23.org

### Phone

603-747-3363

## Did you know?

WES HAS A GROUP FACEBOOK PAGE?

Find us at : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/818886095167117/>

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Give me a fish and I eat for a day. Teach me to fish and I eat for a lifetime."

~ Chinese Proverb ~

## Classroom Corner

### School begins August 28th!

Classes begin promptly at 8:25am each day. Dismissal begins at 3pm. If you need to change your child's dismissal or transportation arrangements, please deliver a signed and dated note detailing the changes or call the main office before 1pm. This will ensure that all messages are received in a timely manner so classrooms and personnel may be notified of changes.



Providing a safe and welcoming environment that fosters independence in our students is a top priority for all of us at WES. We strive to have students thinking about their own learning, taking control, embracing challenges and retaining motivation in the face of adversity. We feel confident that the families share this goal in helping our students develop a sense of self-confidence and self-reliance that grows with independence.

The school day begins as your child enters the school building. We have members of the faculty/staff assigned in and out of the building to help provide a smooth and safe transition from home to school for our students. Once inside, your child will be directed to the appropriate classroom or area of supervision. In either case, your child will be under direct supervision of our faculty/staff until dismissal at the end of the school day.

For families who are late arriving, please sign in at the main office and a staff member will escort your child(ren) to class.

## PTA NOTES

Dedicated to our children's educational success and wellness, this team of parents/guardians, educators, and community members work to build strong working relationships among families, teachers and WES. The PTA works in partnership with a wide array of individuals and organizations to broaden and enhance our ability to serve and advocate for all WES children and families.

For more information about joining the WES PTA, please contact Tiffany Glynn at 603-747-2868 or taglynn11@gmail.com.



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## **Attendance and Truancy Reminders**

Parents/Guardians are asked to call the school between 8:00 - 9:00 am to inform the school office that their child will be absent for the day and give the reason for the absence. A message may be left by calling 747-3363 ext 101, or email [tdurney@sau23.org](mailto:tdurney@sau23.org). This call will eliminate the need for the school to call you to verify that your child is safe and accounted for during school hours.

All students are expected to be in school every day that school is in session unless a genuine illness prevents his/her attendance. The administration may require a doctor's note before excusing excessive absences. We may also call you to inquire about an emerging pattern of absences or tardies.

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## **Now appearing at WES!**

We have new staff going us this year at WES. Please welcome Natashia Baker (SpEd), Jennifer Morneault (Physical Education), David Kirk (Music), Gina Dunn (ELL), Amy Franco (Title 1), Luanne Fournier (IA), Elizabeth Mitchell (IA) Jason Roth (custodian) and Rene Raymond (Food Services) to the WES school community!

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## **After School Programs**

**Finding Our Stride:** WES will once again be “running” the after school program “Finding Our Stride”. This is a school-based running program for grades K-3. Its mission is to build fitness, self-esteem and teamwork through running. Participants of the program meet twice a week (Mondays and Thursdays) from 3:00 - 4:30pm. We will have an informational/sign up meeting on September 4th at 3:15pm in the WES gymnasium. You will also find a registration form and information sheet attached to this newsletter. For more information, please contact Kelly Stiegler at [kstiegler79@yahoo.com](mailto:kstiegler79@yahoo.com) or 603-243-0277. Registration is limited to the first 40 students who send in completed registration forms.

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## **School Board Information**

Next meetings:

Monday, September 10, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. - WHS

Monday, October 8, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. - HCMS

Monday, November 12, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. - WHS