

Woodsville Owls Weekly

"Pride in our Work, Ourselves & our World"

Principal Notes

Despite the extra warm weather, we are off to an incredible start at WES! The first day was full of anticipation and excitement followed by 3 days getting back into school routines - but with the same levels of enthusiasm! A huge shout out to Police Chief Alling and Officer Roberts for taking the time to greet our students on the first day back!

This week was a short week for students (the teachers were in all week) and next week will also be a short week due to the Labor Day weekend. In two weeks the students will have *another* short week. On **September 14th** we will be holding our first **Data Day** of the school year. This is a very important day for our teachers and, ultimately, our students. For our educators, Data Day is a full day of analyzing assessment scores to identify each student's academic strengths and struggles. Using the data, we determine the best instructional strategies to help each student succeed academically. Our intervention and accelerated groups are determined from the data analysis performed on Data Day. We have three such days during the school year which fall in each trimester. Between the days, the teachers revisit the data and monitor student progress to determine if students are meeting academic goals. Strategies to help ensure individual student success are modified as needed throughout the year. So the students may be off, but our educators are still hard at work!

Have a happy and safe 3 day weekend!



Calendar Reminders



September 3rd

Labor Day
No School



September 13th

WES
Open House



September 14th

Data Day
No school for
students.

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

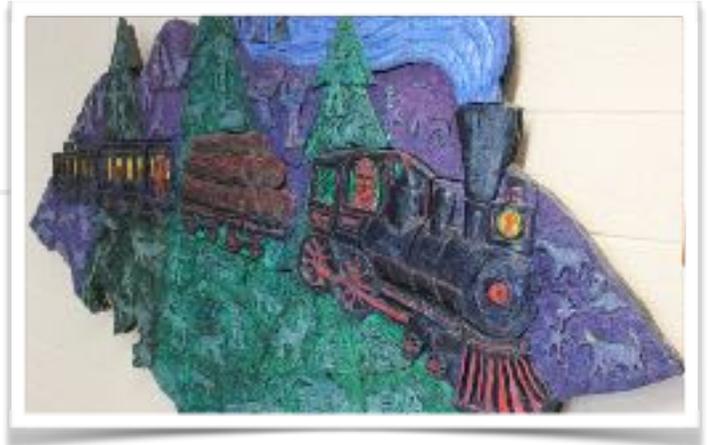
"I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better."

~ Maya Angelou ~

Classroom Corner

Opening Day Assembly

On Tuesday we held our first assembly! Our students were introduced to new WES staff members, we talked about being a good audience and learned about “Give Me 5”. The students were informed about all of the rules they may encounter throughout the school community - from the classroom to the playground! However, during the opening assembly we talked about just one rule, The Golden Rule - treat others as you would have them treat yourself. If we all just followed this one rule, all the other rules will take care of themselves. If you would like to be listened to, become a good listener. Need help with a project? Be sure to help others with their projects. We finished with the “Kindness Pledge” and our school cheer (ask your child about our school cheer!).



WES Family Handbook Reminders

This is a friendly reminder to complete, sign and return the “Photograph/Video-taping Permission Slip” and “Review of Handbook Acknowledgement” forms located in the back of the WES Family Handbook. Forms may be returned to your child’s classroom teacher or to the main office.

WES is becoming more eco-friendly!

As part of our move to become more eco-friendly, we are collecting email addresses from all families. Our plan is to pass along school information and materials, such as the “Woodsville Owls Weekly” through electronic means - reducing our use of paper and helping to shrink budget costs! You will find a line on our “Review of Handbook Acknowledgement” where you may record your email address. Your email will only be used for the distribution of school related materials and information.

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.



School Arrival Procedures

For students there are two routes to take upon arriving at school each morning. If a student wishes to have breakfast, please drop your student off at the front door and a staff member will direct him/her to the gymnasium. For students wishing to opt out of breakfast, they will be directed or feel free to escort your child to the playground area behind the school. In each case the school day begins as your child arrives at school. 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.

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.

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

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. 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.

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 or 603-243-0277. Registration is limited to the first 40 students who send in completed registration forms.

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