

Woodsville Owls Weekly

"Pride in our Work, Ourselves & our World"

Principal Notes

Last week I wrote about building a partnership between the school, home and community. For a school to flourish it is essential for us to build strong connections with the common goal of supporting all of our students while creating a safe, effective and positive learning environment. For these partnerships to grow, we must provide opportunities that allow for open, honest and respectful discussion to happen. To that end I would like to invite members from our families and community to participate in the following collaborative opportunities:

School Wellness Team: The SWT is responsible for ensuring the SAU23 Wellness policy is successfully followed. The team meets monthly to develop strategies for school personnel that supports the wellness policy in the following areas: nutrition education, nutrition promotion, marketing of foods in schools, food sold during the school day, foods provided but not sold during the school day, physical activity, school-based activities that promote wellness, and notification to the public. The first meeting is scheduled for October 30th at 3:30pm in the WES library.

School Community Safety Team: This team collaborates with various other teams to determine if SAU23 Safety policies are being followed. The SCST also reviews school-wide systems and building structures to assure that our students, staff and families work in a safe and secure environment. This team also meets monthly. The first meeting is scheduled for September 26th at 3:30pm in the WES library.

If you are interested in participating on either of these teams, please contact me at 747-3363 or jross@SAU23.org.

Finally, I would like to invite all parents/guardians and community members to our first "School Discussion Group" on Saturday, September 29th at 830am in the WES library. This is a "coffee clutch" opportunity to discuss education topics with me and invited special guests.. Coffee will be provided.

Have a great weekend!



Calendar Reminders



September 24th

WES Bullying Awareness Assembly



September 24th

Woodsville Bullying Awareness Assembly for Families, 6:30pm
WHS



September 26th

School Picture Day

CONTACT INFO

Website

wes.sau23.org

Phone

603-747-3363

Did you know?

WES HAS A FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE!

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

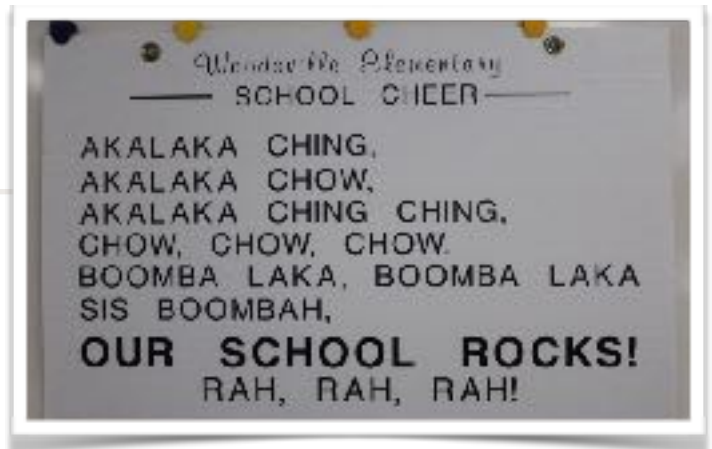
"I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do."

~ Leonardo da Vinci~

Classroom Corner

First Grade

In Ms. Calkins class we are studying the life cycle of butterflies. We have watched them grow from caterpillar, to chrysalis, and then to butterfly. In Ms. Favaloro's first grade we have been studying a variety of insects and put our engineering skills together *creating* insects. First grade students in Mrs. Giudici class are working with NH Agriculture In The Classroom to learn about the growth of plants native to our region. In math, all first grade students have been working on the concept of addition and numbers 0-10. In literacy we have started working with word families, reviewing letters and sounds, and decoding strategies. First grade is off to a busy start and looking forward to a wonderful year!



Emergency Response Drills

At WES it is our responsibility to ensure the safety of the students and adults in our care. This is a responsibility we take very seriously and have been quite successful in carrying out over the years. However, emergency situations are unpredictable. Please be assured we have planned and taken steps to prepare our staff and students in case such emergencies arise.

Throughout the school year, WES conducts a variety of emergency drills to prepare for emergency situations. Teachers prepare students for these drills and we have found that the children tend to respond very calmly. These exercises include fire drills, shelter in place, reverse evacuations, lock-down, etc. On Monday, 9/10/18, we held our first emergency egress drill (fire drill) in cooperation with the Woodsville Fire Department. Despite being our first drill of the year, everything went smoothly as planned. Although, we did have some difficulty turning off the alarm causing students and staff to remain outside a few extra minutes before we received the all clear!

PTA NOTES

Next PTA Meeting: October 1st, 3:15pm WES library

Halloween Dance Party Organizational Meeting:
September 17th, 3:15pm. WES Library

Halloween Dance Party, October 26th, 6pm

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



Award Winner!

We're so excited to share the good news that Ms. Senter has won \$500, along with 500 bonus points, in a raffle held by Scholastic Book Clubs and the James Patterson Partnership! Ms. Senter will be using the \$500 to purchase additional books for the classroom!

Handbook Reminder!

Have you signed and sent in the "Review of Handbook Acknowledgement" and "Photograph/Videotaping Permission Slip"? If not, please do so as soon as possible. We will begin posting pictures and short videos of activities and events involving our students when we receive the necessary permissions.

WES Volunteer Opportunities!

Are you in search of volunteering opportunities? At WES, we welcome volunteers to work within and around the school. Some examples of how volunteers help out at WES include reading to a class, helping out in the classroom, tidying up our landscaping/gardens, participating in PTA activities and assisting at special events. If you are interested in volunteering at WES, please see Terri Durney in the Main Office. Terri will assist you in the paperwork and answer any questions you may have about volunteering.

WES working to be Eco-Cool!

WES is joining Crayola and schools across the country to help protect the environment. Crayola ColorCycle is a recycling program that provides our students with an opportunity to explore and support eco-friendly practices. In classes we will begin collecting used Crayola markers. As our containers become full, we shipped them back to Crayola - all paid for by Crayola. Families are welcome to participate as well! This is a great community service project that helps WES become an "Eco-Cool School". For more information contact project coordinator Ashley McCormack (AMcCormack@SAU23.org)

Friends Of The Community

On behalf of WES students and staff, I'd like to send out a huge THANK YOU to the "Friends of the Community" for their recent donations of slippers, clothing, wipes, sanitizers, backpacks and other much needed items! We are all very grateful for your efforts!

SCHOOL BOARD INFORMATION

Next meetings:

Monday, October 1, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. - HCMS

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

**Shared Value
of the Month**

COOPERATION