

Woodsville Owls Weekly

"Pride in our Work, Ourselves & our World"

Principal Notes

Teamwork is a buzzword that is used quite often in schools and businesses – wherever groups of people come together to work toward a common goal. To move forward, to reach a goal, a group must use teamwork to be successful. A **partnership** is an arrangement between people to cooperate in advancing a mutual interest. Whereas teamwork is an act, a partnership is a relationship. What we – the school, families and community - have is an *educational partnership*. Our goal: to enhance student learning. We use teamwork to help achieve this goal.

Research focusing on academically high achieving schools has proven that when the home and school build strong connections the learning community tends to flourish. Families, community and school must work together to create a welcoming, positive and safe learning environment that enhances student learning. Some examples of what this collaboration may look like include volunteering in the classroom or at special events, attending parent/teacher conferences, taking time to review homework, reading together at night and reviewing the school day over dinner. From the school, communication between the home and school is a necessity. Evidence of creating and maintaining this link may be, but is not limited to, newsletters, class websites, conferences with families (including the student), or phone calls home.

At WES, we encourage the families and community to join us to build a stronger partnership, moving the school, as well as the community, forward in helping to ensure success for all our children.



Calendar Reminders



September 13th

WES
Open House



September 14th

Data Day
No school for
students.



September 26th
School Picture Day

CONTACT INFO

Website

wes.sau23.org

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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

"Individually we are one drop.

Together we are an ocean."

~ Ryunosuke Satoro ~

Classroom Corner

Butterflies and “Citizen Scientists”

Recently, butterflies have become a hot topic at WES.

Students in Ms. White’s (K), Ms. Calkins (1) and Mrs. Musgrave’s (2/3) classes are participating in the Monarch Watch Tagging Program

(www.monarchwatch.org). This is a project that started in 1992 “to help understand the dynamics of the monarch’s spectacular fall migration.” In class the students observe caterpillars as they grow from

larvae to chrysalis to butterfly! Before releasing a butterfly, it is “tagged” with a lightweight sticker that contains an identification number. The tags do not interfere with the flight of the butterfly. The numbers are recorded online at Monarch Watch. At the end of the migration season, the butterflies are “recaptured” and the locations are recorded. Our “Citizen Scientists” then go online and are able to track the migration of the butterflies they released! Many thanks to the community who donated caterpillars and milkweed for our project!



Kindergarten

In reading, Kindergarten students have begun “**Fundations**”, our phonics program. Students are also learning parts of a book and story elements. **Writer’s Workshop** has also started. Kindergarteners are learning how writers express their ideas and how to make detailed illustrations. We will begin working in our journals to practice drawing and beginning writing skills. In **math**, the students are working on counting, writing, modeling, and comparing numbers 0-5. Students are working in whole class and small groups with math manipulatives. Science has begun with a focus on **ecosystems**. Students are learning about plants, animals, and their interdependence. Kindergarteners are also working on social skills that focus on following rules, building responsibility, and being a good citizen.

PTA NOTES

First meeting:
September 10th, 3:30
WES library

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





Shared Values Assembly

Each month we focus on one of nine core values: Cooperation, Effective Communication, Courage, Initiative, Perseverance, Empathy, Tolerance, Social Responsibility, and Respect. Throughout the month, teachers deliver instruction on and highlight examples of cooperative behaviors. At the end of each month we hold a “Stand Up & Be Proud Assembly” at which time we celebrate students and staff who have exhibited shared values behaviors.

This week we held our first Shared Values Assembly to introduce the students to the core value: **Cooperation**. Mr. Goss, along with guest stars Ms. McCormack and Mr. Ross, performed a skit for the students that modeled behaviors of what cooperation looks and sounds like. The skit also included examples of uncooperative behaviors. Anglers, Ms.

McCormack and Mr. Ross, who despite being successful at first because they cooperated together, failed to land the “big fish” (played by Mr. Goss) because they became uncooperative.

Eco-friendly Reminder!

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.

After School Programs

Finding Our Stride: We still have openings for our 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

Shared Value
of the Month

COOPERATION