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Woodsville Owl Weekly

Pride in our Work, Ourselves and our World

Calendar Reminders

September 9th
School Picture Day

September 10th
Parent's Night Out
Clifford Memorial
Building, 5-8 pm

September 16th
PTA Meeting, 6pm

September 19th
WES Open House
5 – 6pm

September 20th
WES Data Day
No school

October 8th
Fire Prevention Day



Contact Info

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Find us on Facebook!

Principal Notes

Woodsville Elementary School Opens Its Doors for the 58th Consecutive Year!

Woodsville Elementary School was opened in 1961! Well over 15,000 children have walked the hallways, enjoying the caring, passion, and dedication of a school community committed to providing the most innovative and exciting educational experience possible. As we embark on another school year we offer to all of our families and community members a very enthusiastic and hearty “Welcome back!”

This week was a short week for students. In two weeks the students will have another short week. On September 20th 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 – one day for each trimester. Between the Data 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. The students may have a day off from school on Data Day, but our educators are still hard at work!

Saturday is National New Hampshire Day!

Sunday is National Grandparents Day!

Have a great weekend!

Quote Of The Week

“Treat Others As You Wish To Be Treated.”



Building Updates

Be sure to stop in and see the new building upgrades!

- New floor in the main entrance.
- Inspirational quotes spread throughout the building.
- Painting in and outside the building reflecting our school colors.
- New sidewalk from the gym to the sidewalk.
- 50 new chromebooks.
- 7 interactive TVs replacing old interactive boards.
- Nurse's office upgraded with a new floor.
- New carpeting in the main office.
- Additional 15 security cameras positioned in and outside the building.
- New mulch on the playground.
- Back parking lot leveled.



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 above the “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.

WES Permission and Acknowledgement Reminders

This is a friendly reminder to complete, sign and return the form containing the “Review of Handbook Acknowledgement”, “Photograph/Video-taping Permission Slip”, Walking Field Trip Permission Slip” and “Attendance Agreement” sent home with the welcome back letter. You may also find a copy in the back of the WES Family Handbook. Please be sure to include your child’s first and last name. Forms may be returned to your child’s classroom teacher or to the main office.

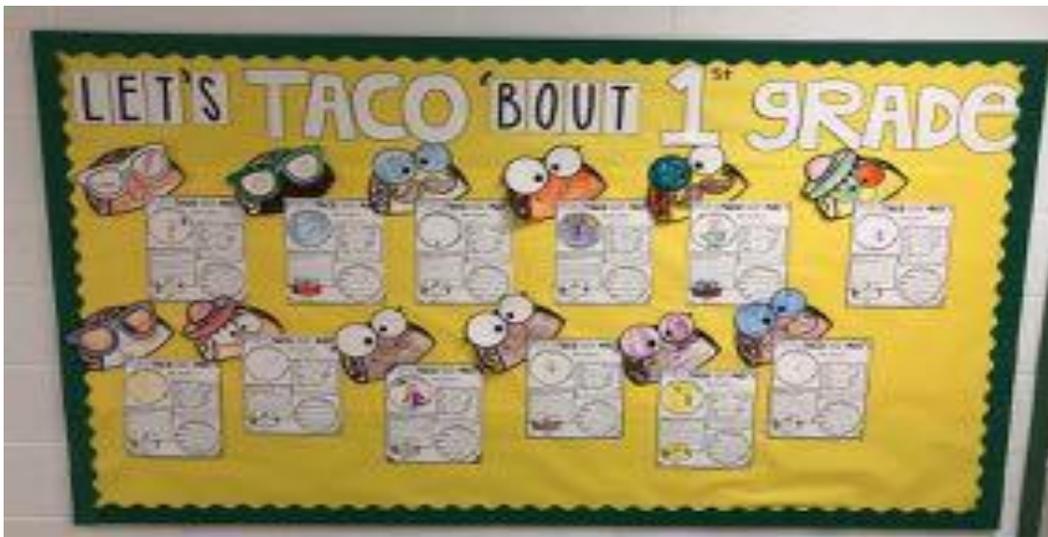
School Arrival Procedures

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, feel free to escort your child to the playground area behind the school. In case of inclement weather, all children will be directed to the gymnasium for indoor morning recess.

The school day begins as your child arrives at school (after 8:00 am). 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 front window outside the main office. A staff member will escort your child(ren) to class.





FEDERAL FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEAL PROGRAM

A reduced or free meal is available to any family who meets the financial guidelines established by the federal government. Application forms have been sent home and are also available in the main office. Application forms are also available on our website. Families are encouraged to apply. This information is kept strictly confidential, so please take advantage of this opportunity to reduce meal costs.

Families qualifying for the “Free or Reduced Price Meal Program” will be charged \$0.40 for lunch. New this year: **breakfasts are free**. Please note that the federal program does not cover the cost of snacks or snack drinks. Free and reduced meal recipients must pay the regular price for drinks when they have a snack or bring their own cold lunch from home.

FINDING OUR STRIDE RUNNING CLUB

On Wednesday, September 11th will be the first meeting of our running club at WES. This year our runners will be coached by Matthew Daly, Carrie Daly, Maggie Daly and Jennifer Morneault. There is room for 25 runners and registrations will be chosen on a first come, first serve basis. Registration forms have been sent home with this week’s WOW. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays until October 18th. The Fall session of Finding Our Stride will end with the CHAD Hero Run on Sunday, October 20th. For more information, please contact Matt Daly at 603-348-1115.

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.

Next PTA Meeting:
Monday, September 16th 6pm at WES

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



Safety and Security Reminders

Parking Lot Safety

- Please park only in designated spaces.
- Parking spaces closes to the building are reserved for administration and handicapped parking.
- Please do not park on the grass or block the emergency vehicle access.
- During drop off/pick up, the only vehicles allowed in the lane closest to the building are school buses.
- Please use the crosswalk when approaching the school from the parking lot.

Emergency Drills

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.

Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.
-Carl Sagan



Physical Education News

Happy School Year!

Students are adjusting nicely to their new routines and are hitting the ground running in PE. We are working hard following the rules and practicing our locomotor skills! Your child/children can explain all the amazing things we are doing in PE.

Students have learned about the Golden Sneaker Award as well as the Laces Club Tree. We can't wait to fill up our tree. Which class has what it takes to be the first recipients of the Golden Sneaker this year? Stay tuned!

Please help remind your child to wear sneakers and comfy clothes on PE day.

We are looking forward to an exciting year. Be sure to follow our PE Instagram handle at [wes_pe_rocks](#) for up to date information, photos, and fun!

Community Announcements Events

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, September 10th from 5pm-8pm

Robert E. Clifford Memorial Building
65 South Court Street
Woodsville

- Learn how to identify questionable items associated with drug use.
- Learn how alcohol and other drugs can be easily hidden in a teen's bedroom.
- Wellness Fair
- Free Childcare is provided!
- Free Hepatitis A Vaccine and info
- Refreshments, sandwiches and ice cream provided.

YOUTH SOCCER FOR CHILDREN

- For all students in grades K-3
- Sundays: Sept. 15, Sept. 22, Oct. 6 and Oct. 13
- K-1st from 1pm-2pm, 2nd-3rd from 2:30-4:00pm
- Haverhill Cooperative Middle School Soccer Field

Sign ups: Wednesday, September 11th from 5:00-7:30pm at
Robert E. Clifford Building in Woodsville

Registration: \$20 includes a Haverhill Recreation soccer t-shirt!

UPPER VALLEY WOLVERINES SOCCER CLUB

Age Groups: all students in grades PreK - K

Sign ups: Sunday September 8th U10: 12:15pm, U8 & U6: 2:15pm

Fees: \$10 for sign up, \$10 for an additional shirt (optional)

Practices and games held at VFW field in North Haverhill

For more information please contact Johgn Rutherford @ rutherj99@msn.com

