



Woodbridge Farms School Newsletter #11 June 29, 2017

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From the Principal's Desk...

At the time of writing this, the school year is almost over. Almost ... and not quite. Students may already be casting a longing eye to their summer holidays. In the last weeks of school we were very busy. Grade 6s were "working hard" to "finish strong", especially for their PATs. Math and Science posters, art work, student writing, word walls, colour charts, alphabets and more is being taken down from bulletin boards. This will help with the cleaning and summer work being done.

Over the summer we'll have several significant projects: sanding and re-finishing the gym floor, new urinals in the Division 2 boy's washroom and furnace replacements. The furnaces were originally on the list for last year, however the project was moved to this year. Expect to see people working on our roof as the new heating unit will be roof-mounted. There will also be a significant amount of road work done in front of the school by Strathcona County. This includes the addition of a crosswalk (lines on the road, not flashing lights) on the west side of the bus loop/staff parking lot.

I always like to say that I'm very proud of the work students and staff have done this year. My perception is there were more student led and initiated clubs and activities than last year. The 7 Habits are alive and well at "the farm". I look at events such as the recent bake sale that so successfully raised funds for the Christian Out-Reach Peru Foundation. 5 grade 6 students raised over \$800 to help those less fortunate. This is the kind of work that not only is remarkable for the students' accomplishment, it also highlights that students here are learning about active citizenship.

As a school, we have many things to be grateful for. Firstly, to parents for entrusting us with their children. Secondly, we're grateful for the care, dedication and support the WBF Parent Association and School Council provides. Some of this year's highlights include purchasing hand-chimes (choirchimes), all division 1 students to the symphony and DJ CreeAsian who worked with division 2 students in particular. Parents organized Hot Lunches and the Family Dance to name just a few events. **Thank-you!**

There will also be a number of staff changes. This year there will be several changes, some of which were previously announced: Mme Giovannoni, Ms Draganoff and Mrs. Watt are retiring, Mrs. Wells-Taylor and Ms Clarke who are moving to a different school, Mrs. Martin Spady will be a literacy consultant at EIPS Central Office, and Mrs. Sieben who will be welcoming a new addition to her family. We are grateful for their dedicated service to Woodbridge Farms students and community.

For more information please visit the school website at: <http://woodbridgefarms.ca/>

Have a safe, restful and relaxing summer!
Sven Danzinger
Principal



CALENDAR AND IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 2017

Aug 23 School Office Open 800 - 330
Aug 30 First Day of School Grades 1-6
Note: Kindergarten has staggered entry

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sept 4 Labour Day – no school
Sept 5 Kindergarten regular schedule begins
Kindergarten photos for Tues/Thurs & AM classes
Sept 6 Early Out/Staff Meeting 2:13 PM
Photos
Sept 7 First Assembly 9AM
Sept 14 Meet the Staff BBQ
Sept 15ish Dot Day
Sept 28 Terry Fox Run & Assembly – to be confirmed



In and around the School

CLASSROOM CONFIGURATION & SCHOOL STAFF

Kindergarten	Mrs. S. Siminick, Mrs. A. Clark
Grade 1	Mrs. E. Anderson, Mrs. M. Burns, Ms. D. Turnbull-Smith
Grade 2	Ms. H. Squair, Mrs. L. Sundell/Mrs. D. Spalj
Grade 2/3	Mrs. M. Malak
Grade 3	Ms. S. Carruthers, Mrs. J. Massel
CSP	Mrs. M. Berg
Grade 4	Ms. L. Nadema, Ms. S Zarowny
Grade 4/5	Mrs. T. Belesky
Grade 5	Mrs. S. Dermott, Ms. D. Jossy
Grade 6	Ms. A. Triska, Mr. G. Baker
ETP	Mrs. C. Ganert
Music	Mrs. L. Newton
ESL / Literacy / First Nations, Metis, Inuit	Mrs. A. Sisson
Educational Assistants:	Ms. P. MacIntyre, Mrs. C. Plant, Mrs. A. Cundliffe, Mrs. V. Tannahill, Ms. J. Andrekson, Ms. C. Cummings, Mrs. S. D'Lima, Mrs. D. Fleck, Mrs. J. Reaney, Mrs. M. Sawatzky, Mrs. M. Black
Library	Mrs. C. Sargeant
Secretaries	Mrs. K. Wells, Mrs. F. Davies
Counselor	Mrs. M. Smith
Assistant Principal	Mr. A. Cunningham
Principal	Mr. S. Danzinger



WBF SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PARENT ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Please join WBFPA for a "Back to School" Paint Nite party at Sherwood Park Sawmill on Thursday August 24. This is an opportunity for parents to meet and reconnect at the end of the summer before school starts and raise money to support our school community. Register online at:

<https://www.paintnite.com/events/-1201708>

Information about meetings for the 2017/2018 school year will be updated early in the "new year". A great way to stay up-to-date with School Council and Parent Association happenings is

<http://wbfpawebly.com/>

PARENT HELP REQUESTED

Do you like public speaking? And do you have a job that requires you to use literacy and/or numeracy skills that you started to develop in elementary school?

A section of the Accountability Pillar Survey links school preparation to work preparation. The wording of the Alberta Education survey question is "your child is taught attitudes and behaviors to be successful at work when he or she leaves school." We would like to highlight to students that the Math, or Language Arts (reading, writing, representing, viewing) they are learning or doing has a purpose and will be helpful to their future world of work.

If you would like to speak about your job to students, please let your principal, Sven Danzinger, know via email sven.danzinger@eips.ca or phone call.

So long, Farewell, Aufwiedersehen, Goodbye

Firstly, to our departing **Grade 6** students, we wish you all the best in your future studies. We trust that you have gained skills, knowledge and attitudes that will enable you to be successful, lifelong learners. Please remember the student motto "Be Safe, Show Respect, Work Hard, Finish Strong, Be You!" and the 7 Habits. We trust this will serve you well in your future studies and beyond.



With much gratitude for all the service they have given the students of Woodbridge Farms School, we wish Mrs. Sieben, Ms. Clarke, Mrs. Wells-Taylor, Mrs. Martin Spady, Mme Giovannoni, Ms. Draganoff and Mrs. Watt all the best!



Your Future in MIND



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