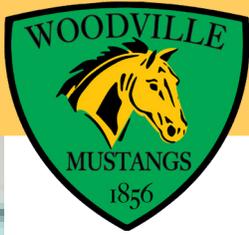


WOODVILLE UPDATE



October 2018

Fall is Here!

(Even though it doesn't feel like it, yet ☺)

The first nine weeks grading period will end on October 19th. The school year is moving quickly, and I am proud of the progress the students are making so far. Please remember that parents are a key element to student success. Grades can be accessed on a daily basis through FOCUS. Letters about FOCUS were sent home to parents in August. You can also access FOCUS from the convenience of your cell phone. Directions on how to do this can be found on the school website. Report Cards will go home on Monday, October 29nd. Please be sure to review your student's report card and talk about their successes and/or challenges.



With the cold weather coming soon, we want to be sure all of Woodville's students come to school prepared by wearing the appropriate clothing for cool weather. As the temperatures begin to drop, we suggest that our students come to school dressed in several layers of clothing, which can easily be removed should your child get too hot.



Yearbooks can be purchased for \$15.00 until December 7, 2018 online (at ybpay.lifetouch.com - ID Code: 13636719) or at the school; look for flyers to come home soon! Please see Ms. Albritton in the front office and make all checks and money orders payable to Woodville School.



From Kindergarten:

Kindergarten has been busy building on our reading skills, number sense, and classroom routines. In October, we will be enjoying more science and social skills with our new curricula!

First Grade News:

First Grade News- Students celebrated International Peace day on September 21st by making pinwheels for peace. Thank you to Mr. Thorner for displaying them in the Media Center. Our first in school field trip was a success with the Mag Lab Program learning and exploring magnets. What we're learning this month- Reading-Describing character, setting, events in a story using key details. Math-Developing and understanding using different strategies for addition and subtraction within 20. Social Studies- Learning that history tells the story of people and events of other times and places. Science-Technology all around us-understanding and applying scientific investigation, experimentation, and research using problem solving skills. Coming in November- Field trip to Richard G. Fallon Theater to watch "Pinkalicious Play" on November 16th.



2nd Grade

Our second graders are working hard to reach their AR (Accelerated Reading) goals for this quarter. AR tests must be taken at school, but they can prepare for the tests by reading at home. Encourage your child to read at least 20 minutes per night, preferably in an AR book they have chosen within their reading range. If you are unsure about your child's reading range, contact their teacher. You can check progress by going to the AR website on Class Link (Renaissance Learning). Your child may be bringing home books from the school or classroom library, but if you need additional books, the Woodville Community Library would be a great place to go. The librarian would be happy to help you find good AR books for your child to read. If you are not sure whether a book is on the AR list, or what its level is, just go to the AR Bookfinder site at: <http://www.arbookfind.com/default.aspx?client=HomeConnect>

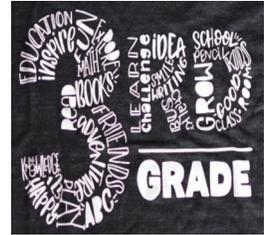


Two of our second graders enjoy reading aloud to Kosmo, who visits our school each Wednesday. Kosmo and his partner/owner Preston Colangelo work with Tallahassee Memorial's R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) program.

HAPPY READING!

A view from 3rd Grade

We are so proud of the hard work and effort that we are seeing from our 3rd Graders! They have made gains in reading, improved their problem solving skills, learned to think like a scientist, and discovered important events and figures in American History. We have just begun our chapter on multiplication, and our students love it! Please take some time to practice times tables with your child. Flash Cards, math games, and discussing strategies together can help build multiplication fluency and help your child become more fluent. Conference forms have been sent home, and we have enjoyed meeting with our parents and families. If you have not yet met with your child's teacher, please get in touch to set up a meeting.



4th Grade

This school year is off to a great start! We have had opportunities for growth and have really had a chance to get to know each student. A major focus this nine weeks has been making sure that 4th grade is meeting AR goals. Reading is very important for keeping the brain acclimated for learning and helps with boosting understanding of ELA and math concepts. In addition to AR being a major focus we are focusing heavily on boosting their multiplication fluency. Multiplication is a huge factor when it comes to understanding much of the future lessons we'll be covering in GoMath! This first nine weeks has paved the way for a smooth and productive school year.

5th Grade

The first nine-weeks is quickly coming to an end and we are in the process of scheduling and holding conferences. Conferences are important to ensure that the students, teachers, and parents are doing all that can be done to ensure the child's success.



Reading is vital to a student's educational success. Students are given Accelerated Reading goals every nine weeks. Make it a point to ask them how they are progressing on their AR goal. Students are expected to read 20-30 minutes a day. Additionally, they are required to complete their reading log daily and this should be turned in weekly as part of their homework.

In Science, students are starting the unit on Earth and Space. Science notes are in the student's binders for them to review and study. Please ask your student if they can explain the concepts they are learning about.

Math is a subject that develops through building concepts one upon another. Students are learning how to divide with whole numbers and decimals. If they have not mastered the multiplication tables, it is difficult to understand the division concept. Parents, please be sure to look over your child's math homework to ensure they are being successful.

Students can access all of their textbooks on line through class links on the Leon County School website. There are also other resources there to provide support for their core subjects.

It is important that students come to school prepared to learn. They need to have their binder with their notebooks, agenda, pencil, and headphones in their backpack every day.

Mrs. Auter, Mrs. LeCocq, and Mrs. Villa



MIDDLE SCHOOL HAPPENING: Information (intent and payment) for the 6th /7th grade trip to Busch Gardens has been distributed to students. Parents if you have not seen it please contact Mrs. Henderson.

For those middle school students who have great leadership qualities, please consider becoming a member of the Safety Patrol Team. See Mrs. Meador for an application.

Seventh and Eighth grade ELA students who work on Achieve 3000 at home can earn extra credit. For students who do not have computer access at home, they too can still earn extra credit by completing articles during morning intake. Students should see Mrs. Bush for login/password information or if they have any questions.



ESE:

The ESE team continues to collaborate with your child's regular education teachers to provide specialized instruction and support. In September, the ESE team attended a great workshop for teaching students strategies for reading and writing at the sentence level. We continue to work hard with your child to make progress on their individual goals. To help students make faster growth toward their goals, we encourage families to read books of high interest to the student, and ask them to write and answer questions about what they are reading. Please contact your child's ESE teacher or SLP for more ideas and resources!

Pre K News: Pre K has been busy working together on routines and social skills. During the first quarter, Pre K has focused on learning about ourselves and our families. We are excited about our garden box and the seeds we have started, watching them grow and change.



A Note from Special Area:

We want to first celebrate our September Students of the Month for each Special Area subject. Each month our Special Area team will recognize Students of the Month that demonstrates excellence in the class. We will reward the students and display their name on our Special area bulletin board in the cafeteria.

Music (O. LeCocq and J. Johnson)

Art (A. Lindsey and A. Franklin)

Elementary P.E. (L. Bamberg and B. Blanco)

Media (A. Humphries and M. Nicholes)

Middle School P.E. (S. Horsey and D. Wright)

We also have some exciting special events that will happen throughout the year. The information below are the upcoming exhibits and events.

Our Physical Education teachers will host the first Reindeer Fun Run for elementary students on December 14 and Middle School will have their Sweetheart Fun Run on February 14. These are a small fundraisers to raise funds for student resources at the school. More information will come at a later date.

ARTastic Student News

Current Exhibits: Leon County Main Library Downtown - "Selfie Portraits" September 8 - October 31

MEDIA Matters: This month we have added over 230 books of "intense interest" to our collection and our kids are so excited they are flying off our shelves. The hope is this will generate interest in reading and AR and improve reading goals as well as swell our collection. Several of the new books are for the Middle School level. There are more volumes on the way.

Upcoming Exhibits:

- Healthy Kids Healthy Lives Contest, Radiology Associates Atrium, November
- Fall Exhibit, Woodville Branch Library, October/November
- Red Ribbon Week Art Contest, October 22-26
- North Florida Fair, November 3-11
- Winterfest Celebration of the Arts, City Hall, December

