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Welcome Back!

Dear Woodland Parents and Families,

As your new PTA President, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to the 2008-2009 school year. I trust that you and your family have enjoyed a fun-filled and relaxing summer. With the start of the school year underway, I'd like to share some new and exciting things that have happened with your Woodland PTA recently.

We passed a new bylaw in May allowing the PTA Executive Board to consist of a president, five vice presidents, a treasurer and a recording secretary. The five vice presidents will serve as liaisons, representing each of the five Woodland schools. While these vice presidents will serve as another contact for the Woodland schools, this new structure will also enable the PTA to determine more concisely the needs of each of the representative schools and to ensure the representation through more thorough correspondence between the parents, staff and students and the PTA as a whole. In addition, the vice presidents will retrieve mail from each of the schools and be the contact for any PTA event that occurs at their school. Your 5 vice presidents are as follows:

Woodland Primary - Annie Schladt
Elementary West - Rhonda Nitto
Elementary East - Michelle Klemz
Intermediate - Lisa Gjelsten
Middle - Patti Shanders

All of the board member's names, phone contacts and e-mail addresses can be found on the back page of the PTA calendar.

I would like to encourage you to please consider joining the PTA. Being a part of the PTA allows you to be an interactive part of your child's school and to be proactive in their school experiences. This opportunity is beneficial for you and your child in many ways. While we all lead busy and active lives, as parents we want to be a part of our children's school to some degree. The PTA demands little of your time but speaks volumes about your efforts when you volunteer for any of the PTA events. Once you join the PTA, you will receive a membership card as well as a district calendar. The calendar is filled with a great deal of useful information such as non-student attendance days, half days, SIP days, Curriculum nights, open houses and picture days.

You can join the PTA at any time! Membership forms will be sent home with your student within the first few weeks of school. Membership forms can also be downloaded online via our website at www.dist50.net.

We look forward to working with you this year to make the 2008-2009 school year successful for our children. Should you have any questions or need anything, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at woodland-pta@comcast.net.

Sincerely,

Polly Hergenreder, Woodland PTA President

Cash For Caps

Welcome back Woodland Families! This year we are participating in the CASH FOR CASH Program through Swiss Valley Farms. By saving the plastic Swiss Valley Farms' milk jug caps throughout this school year we can raise additional funds for your child's school! Simply place the caps in a plastic baggie once your Swiss Valley product is finished and drop them off at the office at your child's school. That's it! The caps will be collected at the end of each month from the schools. For every cap we collect, Woodland receives 5 cents. The more caps we collect, the more money we receive; it adds up with everyone's help! The Swiss Valley Farms caps can be found on gallons and half gallons of milk and orange juice. These products can be found at Sam's Club and at Woodman's. We are looking forward to all the support of the Woodland families this year and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alison Koehler at 847/856-0866. Start collecting today!

Market Day

As our thoughts turn to fall and the start of a new year, I wanted to take a moment to remind you about an important program at Woodland Schools. Market Day is a unique and valuable fundraiser, last year contributing more than \$17,120 that we used for programs that benefit our students. Why is Market Day so important to our organization? It's the only fundraiser that offers high quality and nutritious food at competitive prices on a monthly basis. By doing your grocery shopping each month with Market Day, you are serving your family delicious, wholesome meals while helping us raise funds at the same time. Market Day requires no door-to-door selling, so it's simple and easy to contribute. With over 160 foods to choose from, Market Day offers a wide variety of products including low fat, low calorie and all natural options. We rely on Market Day to help fund the needs of our organization.

It's easy to participate – simply order online at www.marketday.com or return the order form to your child's teacher. Extra forms are available at each school's Main Office. You have two days to choose for pickup. For the **Thursday sale**, return your order form to school by

Thursday, September 25 and pick up your order on **Thursday, October 2 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at the Middle School. For the **Saturday sale**, return your order form to school by **Friday, September 26** and pick up your order on **Saturday, October 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the Intermediate School.**

I encourage you to order from Market Day. They are a trusted company and with every purchase you are helping our organization. We appreciate your support of this important fundraiser at our school. For more information about ordering from Market Day or becoming a volunteer, please contact our chairperson, Celeste Brown at 847/855-2366 for the **Thursday sale**, or Becky at 847/602-1146 for the **Saturday sale**.

Sincerely yours,

Polly Hergenreder, Woodland PTA President

eScrip

Sign up with eScrip at escrip.com and register your Dominick's Fresh Values Card. Once enrolled, every time you shop at Dominick's with your Fresh Values Card, up to 4% of your purchase will be credited to Woodland CCSD 50 PTA.

Every shopping trip counts - all year long!

- Visit escrip.com for easy on-line registration. The name of our group is Woodland CCSD 50 PTA
 - Simply use your registered Fresh Values Card every time you shop
- Contact Cheri Blenniss at 847/548-5988 or cheri@blenniss.com with any questions.

Campbell's Labels For Education!

Welcome back from your friends at Campbell's. We collected over 75,000 UPCs last year. Let's work together to reach our goal of 100,000 UPCs and lids. A list of eligible products will be sent home this week. Please place this somewhere in your house where you can reference back to it throughout the year. There are new five point bonus labels this year! UPCs and lids can be sent to school with your child at any time during the year. Collection bins are located at all the schools as well as at Jewel Food Store in Gurnee on Hunt Club Road. Thank you for your continued support of this program. Please contact Polly Hergenreder at 847/336-7851 or Amy Martin at 847/599-8830 with any questions.

School Supply Packs

Thanks to everyone who purchased a school supply pack for the 2008-2009 school year! All orders from last spring were delivered to the classrooms before school started.

If for some reason your child did not receive his or her school supply pack, please call on one of the following PTA volunteers:

Primary (Kindergarten)

Cara McFeggan: 847/409-0814 or schoolsupplies@comcast.net

Elementary East

Heather Rakosnik: 847/855-8933 or hrlr@liskfamily.com

Elementary West

Jan Chinske: 847/373-2185 or jchinske@aol.com

Intermediate East

Beth Frericks: 847/680-8632

Intermediate West

Mary Jo Urquhart: 847/625-7720

Middle School

Pat DeBreaux: 847/223-2301 or debreaufamily@sbcglobal.net

You can confirm receipt of your order by checking to make sure your check cleared or your credit card was charged. Checks would have cleared in May, June or possibly July (Kindergarten). Credit card charges would have been applied in April, May, or June.

Remember, in addition to the supply packs, all students need to have their own gym shoes and backpacks. Please check the supply lists at <http://www.dist50.net/parents/supplylists.html> to see what other items you may be required to provide.

Spirit Wear

Order Forms for Spirit Wear will be going home mid September. We will be needing volunteers to help stuff mailboxes with order forms and volunteers to help deliver orders in October. Contact Kim Stams 847/856-8475 or kim.stams@comcast.net if interested.

Book Fair Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help at the Scholastic Book Fairs that take place during Curriculum Nights. Duties include setting up, helping customers find books, checking out customers at the registers, taking book orders, straightening or restocking shelves and taking down the book fair.

Volunteers are needed for the Primary Book Fair on the following dates and times:

September 23, 1:00 p.m. for set-up

September 23, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

September 24, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (including take down)

Please contact Annie Schladt at 847-223-3105 or

annie.schladt@comcast.net if you are available.

Volunteers are also needed for Elementary East on the following dates and times:

September 16, 3:30 p.m. for set-up

September 16, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

September 17, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

September 18, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (including take down)

If you are available to help, please contact Julie Lucarelli at

847/543-9365 or Heather Rakosnik at 847/855-8933 or

hrlr@liskfamily.com.

Volunteers are needed for Elementary West on the following dates and times:

September 16, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (set up)

September 16, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

September 17, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

September 18, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (including take down)

If you are available to help for any dates or times, please contact Laura

Shabat at 847/543-9365 or pleshabat@sbcglobal.net

Volunteers are needed for the Intermediate Book Fair on the following evenings:

September 9, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

September 10, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you are available to help for any of these evenings, please contact Becky Saul at bsaul@earthlink.net

PTA Meeting

CHILD CARE PROVIDED

Please join us for our first PTA meeting for the 2008-2009 school year on Monday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Intermediate School. Meet the new board, learn about the PTA and be the first to hear about some new and exciting events that the PTA will be hosting. Child care is provided. Please contact Polly Hergenreder at 847/336-7851 or woodland-pta@comcast.net if you have any questions about the meeting. Contact Cathy Bohren at 847/362-1279 or cbohren@dist50.net for child care arrangements.

Tyson Labels

Did you know that our school participates in a national fundraising program sponsored by Tyson Foods, Inc. called Tyson Project A+? By clipping and saving Project A+ labels from participating products, we can raise money for supplies for our school. Each label collected is worth \$0.24. Labels can be identified by the "Project A+ Support Your School" and/or "Project A+ 1 2 3" logo. More information is available at the Tyson website: <http://ProjectAPlus.tyson.com>. Thank you for your support!

McDonald's Fundraiser Nights

Mark your calendar for 2008-2009 McDonald's Fundraiser Nights. Please join us on the following dates from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the McDonald's closest to Six Flags Great America: September 22, October 21, November 19, January 21, February 18, March 25. Set up a play date and have a good time while helping the PTA raise money. Contact Cheri Blenniss at 847/548-5988 or cheri@blenniss.com with any questions.

PTA Membership

PTA membership forms will be coming home soon. We hope you will take the time to join the PTA! The PTA sponsors events and raises money to be used to purchase library books, playground equipment, 5th Grade DARE t-shirts, and much more. The PTA also sponsors and pays for all Cultural Arts Assemblies at all schools. Membership forms can also be found in the parent section of the district website (www.dist50.net).

Mark Your Calendar September

- 9 4th Grade Curriculum Night and Book Fair, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Intermediate School
- 10 5th Grade Curriculum Night and Book Fair, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Intermediate School
- 11 8th Grade Curriculum Night and Book Fair, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Middle School
- 11 Market Day pick up, 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Middle School
- 12 SIP Day, Early Release
MS 10:40 a.m., Intermediate 11:15 a.m.,
Elementary 11:50 a.m., Primary not in attendance
- 13 Market Day pick up at 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., Intermediate
- 15 PTA meeting, 7:00 p.m., Intermediate Multipurpose Room
- 16 1st Grade Curriculum Night and Book Fair, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Elementary East and West
- 17 2nd Grade Curriculum Night and Book Fair, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Elementary East and West
- 18 3rd Grade Curriculum Night and Book Fair, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Elementary East and West
- 18-29 MAP testing
- 22 McDonald's Fundraiser, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 23 Primary Curriculum Night Rooms 1-17 and Book Fair, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Primary School
- 24 Primary Curriculum Night Rooms 67-89 and Book Fair, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Primary Building
- 26 Quarter 1 Midterms go home
- 30 No School, Rosh Hashanah