### October—November

**Wednesday, October 20**
- Birthday Celebration Day

**Thursday, October 21**
- 6th grade Rocket Launch @ 1:30pm
- Raindate for Rocket Launch:
  - **Friday, October 22**
  - **Monday, October 25**
  - BOE meeting @ 7:30pm
  - **Friday, October 29**
  - Halloween Celebration

**Tuesday, November 2**
- No School
- Parent Teacher Conferences

**Thursday, November 4**
- Conferences
- Early Dismissal @ 12:40pm

**Saturday, November 10**
- Early Dismissal @ 12:40pm
- **Monday, November 15**
- BOE meeting @ 7:30pm
- **Tuesday, November 16**
- PTA meeting @ 7:30pm
- **November 15, 16 or 17**
- 6th grade trip to King Tut Exhibit

**Tuesday, November 23**
- Go Home Drill
- Early Dismissal @ 12:40pm

**November 24-26**
- Thanksgiving Recess

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**Woodhull Intermediate School**

**MESSAGE FROM MRS. STOKKERS**

October is upon us and we are busier than ever. Our club notices went out last week and I have posted them on my E-board.

Last week, Theatre works presented a musical “Virtually Me” through our Arts & Education department. Please ask your son/daughter about the production in reference to cyber bullying and technology abuse. These are two of the biggest issues facing our students today. Having open conversations about the dangers of the internet and setting limits is strongly suggested. Another good idea is to keep your household computer in a room where adults can constantly monitor. Please talk to your child about the danger of writing e-mails, instant messaging, facebook, myspace and/or U-Tube accounts. Be aware of who your child talks to and who contacts him/her. “Remember, technology is a powerful tool, be careful how you use it and think before you press send”. I hope to have a parent Technology Safety program come to Woodhull soon.

Please send a note with your child if you must pick him/her up early and request that he/she remember to come to the lobby at the specified time to be signed out. This should not be done regularly, as instruction is ongoing until dismissal. At 3:30pm, teachers will review expectations for the next day and pack up reminders are given at that time. Teachers have requested that we limit calls into their rooms.

Arriving on time is also important to start the day off right and hear the format of the day. School starts at 9:15 (breakfast at 9:00). If you are dropping your child off at early morning activities, please make sure an adult is here before leaving. The earliest an adult will be here to check in students signed up for early morning programs is 8:00am. For safety precautions, please remain in the single car lane when dropping off and please do not go around cars that are letting students out.

To minimize distractions in school, please note that all electronic devices; games, phones, ipods should not be brought into school. Parents will be asked to pick up these devices if found or seen.

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**Stay Connected**

Log onto www.hufsd.edu
See our E-Boards by going to the click bar, select e-boards and scroll down to Mrs. Stokkers and other e-boards.

Go to Woodhull school page by clicking the link when on the hufsd.edu homepage. Check out other schools in the district.

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**October Principal’s Challenge**

Halloween is coming with a spooky café and mummy dancing and pumpkin rolls for recess sponsored by the PTA! All Woodhull Eagles that dare to dress up on Friday, October 29th will be judged on: the most original, funniest and best costume design. Do not wear masks or bring props. All hair and makeup must be colored before school (no blood please) and no changing in school. Please make sure you can walk, run and write throughout the day.

We have several contests you can enter this month. Our PTA is sponsoring “Together we can …..” Reflection Program 2010-2011. Please see the attached flyer to enter. “Sweeties Candy Store” is also sponsoring a writing contest titled “Spookiest Scariest Essay Contest”. Students may write a 250 word scary story/essay and hand it in at the Sweeties Candy Store, 142 E. Main St., Huntington by Friday, October 22nd. Please include your name, age, e-mail address, and phone number. Prizes will be awarded. Winners will be announced Halloween week.

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**Shared Decision Making**

The shared decision making team and PTA is working on improving the outside playground. Balls, jump ropes and flags have been ordered by the PTA. Basketball nets and goals will be installed and a sub comm. of SDM have painted four squares on our blacktop. A fence will be put around the swings and newer playground equipment to enlarged the recess area. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 22nd due to Halloween being on Oct. 29th.
Ms. VonVange's class is collecting Box Tops, Campbell Labels, Coke Rewards and Tyson A+ Labels! Please tell all your friends to save them and send them in. We are saving for smartboards and projectors!

Math Tips from Mrs. Barresi & Mrs. Mahoney  Do you know that math is the most widely used subject in the world? Your mathematical knowledge helps your mind to reason and organize complicated situations or problems into clear, simple and logical steps. You may be wondering why it is so important for your children to memorize math facts. The answer is that a lack of fluency in basic math facts hinders a child's subsequent progress with problem solving, algebra and higher order math concepts. This can impact the child's academic performance and self confidence and it can make the child frustrated when trying to solve more complicated problems. How can you help your child? Encourage your child to study their math facts, play multiplication games, test your child using flashcards, or visit many fun websites that reinforce the learning of math facts. Remember: Practice makes perfect!

Ms. Matos, our school social worker is organizing a “Banana Splits” group for 6th graders. This group is for students from separated or divorced families. The group will meet for half of year on Thursdays from 3:00pm to 3:30pm. Should the number of referrals be over 8, Ms. Matos will do two separate groups that meet alternating weeks. A group for 5th graders will be conducted during the second half of the year. If you are interested in referring your child, please call Vilma Matos, School Social Worker @ 673-2063.

Physical Education Notes from Ms. Carrie Postel and Mr. Eric Triolo Can you believe September is already over...WOW time flies when you’re having fun!! Your children probably have been updating you regularly on what we are doing in physical education class. For the month of October and some of November, we will be doing our football unit. This unit incorporates the basic skills of football; throwing, catching, learning 9 different pass patterns, 1 on 1’s, 2 on 2’s, mini-games and finally games. Don’t worry the girls will be playing against the girls and the boys will be playing against the boys.

IMPORTANT: Students need to remember their sneakers for physical education class. Remember physical education grades are based primarily on participation, and if you’re not playing you’re not participating. We also require students to have a note if they are going to sit out of class. A parental note is good for 1 class only; if your child needs to sit out for more than 1 class, they will need a doctor’s note.

Intramurals: Mrs. Connors & Mr. Triolo will begin an intramural program soon. They will be held on days when playing on the fields outside are playable (weather permitting). All students will be given particulars in their PE classes Monday for 5th graders and Tuesday for 6th graders. Intramurals will be Monday 8:15-9:15. Students may not miss there music program for intramurals.

Indoor Recess

We are in need of gently used games (with all pieces) or new games for students to play. We are looking for volunteers for Scrabble tournaments.

Our first marking period ends October 29th. Please check your child’s agenda book each night. If you have not signed up for a conference, please call the school at 673-2030 and leave a message for your teacher to make an appointment.