October- November 2011

October 21—Rocket Launch (see 6th grade news)
October 24—BOE @ JAI 7:30pm
October 24—Beautification Planting during lunch periods. Bring bulbs & tools
October 27 & 28—5th grade Pumpkin Math
October 31—Woodhull students may dress up (refer to bottom right hand side of this page) Happy Halloween @ Huntington HS 4-6pm

November 8—Parent/Teacher Conference Day
School Closed
Please call for an appointment if you haven’t signed up for one
November 9—Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences 4-8pm
November 10—Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 12:35pm) No LUNCH Served
November 11—Veterans Day
School Closed
November 14—BOE Meeting @ 7:30pm JAI
November 15—PTA meeting @ 9:45 –11:00am
Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal @ 12:35pm)
No LUNCH Served
November 22—Emergency Go Home Drill (15 minute early dismissal)
November 23-25—Thanksgiving Recess (School Closed)

MESSAGE FROM MRS. STOKKERS  mstokkers@hufsd.edu

Dear Parents and Staff,

Fall is definitely here and our school calendar is filling up fast. Please make sure to follow district happenings on the HUFSD.EDU website.

Last month our first annual Patrick Hannon softball game was played. Thanks to all our staff and parents, we raised over $3,000. Several boys will be sent to Boy Scout Camp with equipment next year. The Hannon’s appreciated the outpouring of support Woodhull showed by sponsoring this event. If you missed the article or slide show, you may click onto the Woodhull page to see it. A special thanks to Julie LaBella, Mr. Jarrett Stein, the Boy Scouts and parents of troop 78 for a memorable day to honor Patrick.

Mr. Hiscox has completed our first courtyard with his students stepping stones “works of art” and PTA donation of white stones. Please feel free to stop by and see the beautiful job Mr. Hiscox has done. We need help finishing up the gardens and spreading wood chips. Please join us on October 24th during your child’s lunch period. We need bulbs, perennials and please bring your own tools.

If you haven’t signed up for your parent/teacher conference, please call the school at 673-2030 to leave a message for your child’s teacher to make an appointment. Report cards will be given out during the conferences.

Students in 6th grade have the opportunity to make the Honor Roll or Principal’s List by receiving the following criteria:

Principal’s List
All “A”s in core subjects and “G” and above in behaviors/learning.

Honor Roll
All “B”s and “C”s in core subjects with minimum “S” and above in behaviors/learning.

6th Grade News

Rocket Launch - October 21st—Parents are invited.
The launch will take place on the lower field. This launch is all about learning Newton’s Laws of Motion from their science unit. The teams will be shooting off their rockets at the following times:
Red Team—9:40-10:50
White Team— 11:30-12:50
Blue Team—1:40-3:00

DNA Field Trip - Permission slips will be sent home in November:
The classes will go on the following day:
Thursday, December 15th (Helstrom, Walsh, Flaherty/Turner)
Friday, December 16th (VonVange, Armyn, Anderson/Kinane)
Tuesday, December 20th (Esposito, Reilly, Nowack)
Wednesday, December 21st (Mahoney, Suarez, Jovans/Curtin)

Buses will leave from school @ 9:30am and return by 2:30pm.

Fifth Grade News

A Giant Map of North America will be coming to Woodhull for our 5th graders to walk across the United States and Canada to learn their geography.

The fifth graders will be going on two field trips this year connected to the curriculum. Both field trips will be in the spring. “Paul Revere” at the Engleman Theatre and a visit to the Suffolk County Court House where a judge will perform a mock trial. Dates and times will become available next month.

5th Grade Pumpkin Math Day
October 27 & 28th

Halloween Dress Up Day
All students may wear their costumes on Monday, October 31st. All face painting and hair coloring should be done at home. Masks, props or imitation blood will be not be permitted. The PTA will be decorating the cafeteria for our Halloween lunch.
Homework
Please look at your child’s agenda book each night. The faculty of Woodhull is firmly committed to the idea that homework enhances and extends the school learning experience. The purpose of homework is fourfold:

1. To help develop good study skills
2. To reinforce skills learned each day in school
3. To provide for extended enrichment beyond the classroom
4. To establish a daily contact with parents who will be constantly aware of the child’s academic work

Now that our students are into a routine, please encourage your child to bring all their necessary books and belongings home each night for homework along with their agenda book. We are having too many students returning in the evening to get forgotten items. If they are consistently forgetting something, please notify the teacher to set up a checklist.

Please participate in the collection of items for various programs listed below to assist us in purchasing Smartboards and equipment for Woodhull.

Box Tops for Education: We get 10 cents for every Box Top we collect. General Mills sends us a check twice a year. In the last two years we have collected almost $4000. Please be sure that the expiration date is visible on the Box Top. Sign up on their website for coupons, we also get bonus points for everyone who signs up. boxtops4education.com Did you know the following products participate in the Box Tops program? (General Mills, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Kleenex, Betty Crocker, Ziploc, Avery and Yoplait)

Campbell's Labels for Education: Please be sure you send in the entire label. Did you know the following products participate in the Labels for Education program? (Campbell's Soup Labels, Pepperidge Farm Goldfish Crackers, V8 Splash Beverages, Campbell's Supper Bakes and Campbell's Microwavable Soup.) Points can be used for classroom supplies

Coke Rewards: Collect the tops of all bottles and there is a code on the boxes of all cans. In the last two years we have been able to get every classroom their own football, kickball, soccer ball and jump rope.

Tyson A+ Labels: Found on Tyson Chicken products. We got 30 cents for every label collected.

Target for Education and Stop and Shop: Sign up our school and every time you shop we receive points. Both companies mail a check to the school.

All products can be brought to Ms. VonVange’s room. (Room 18)

Clubs

5th & 6th Grade
Student Council  Tuesday & Wednesday
Mr. Armyn 8:30-9:20am
Mrs. Barresi 5th & 6th Grade
Mrs. VonVange 3:45pm—5:00pm
Mrs. Jacovina

5th & 6th Grade Drama Club  Monday and Wednesday
Mrs. VonVange
Mrs. Jacovina

5th & 6th Grade Intramurals  Monday—5th Grade
Wednesday—6th Grade
Mr. Triolo Meet in lobby
Mrs. Postel

5th & 6th Grade Bridge Club  Thursday—3:45-4:45
Mr. & Mrs. Sage Library

6th Grade School of Rock  Thursday—3:45pm-4:45pm
Mr. Esposito

6th Grade Art Club  Friday—3:45pm-4:45pm (until January)
Mr. Hiscox Tuesdays—(beginning January 3rd

Lego Club  Thursday—4-5pm in cafeteria

DONATIONS
We need donations of games for indoor recess time. Please send in whatever board games such as Jenga, checkers, cards etc. to your teacher. Thank you.

PRINCIPAL’S FALL CHALLENGE
Design the lettering for our 2011-2012 Woodhull T-Shirt.
Incorporate a Soaring Eagle into the lettering
Theme: Soaring Eagle

Shared Decision Making
The Shared Decision Making Committee will make action plans to support the following BOE goals this year.

1) Show measurable improvement in student performance (adequate yearly progress) at all buildings and graduation rates at the high school, leading toward removal of pertinent schools from identified lists.
2) Commence a shift to the common core curriculum while providing appropriate rigor and individualization in classrooms at all levels.
3) Improve the public perception of the district by highlighting successes through outreach to community members and groups.

To see all five BOE Goals, please go to the hufsd.edu webpage.