Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Our Fifth grade family game night was spectacular. Parents, teachers and students had great fun competing in game show activities such as smarter than a fifth grader, dancing contests, Singing and winning prizes. If we do it again, don't miss this great family evening.

On Monday, February 25, our fifth grade went on a field trip to Engeman Theater to see a play about “How to Stop Bullying.” This is only one of many programs to educate and practice supporting others and stop hurtful behaviors.

On Valentines Day every classroom read the book called “Have You Filled A Bucket Today?” by Carol McCloud.

Our classes learned that being nice, saying kind words and giving compliments fill the hearts of others and make them feel good about themselves. This person is called “A bucket filler.” If a person says a negative comment or does a hurtful action such as bullying to hurt someone or make them feel bad then that person is a “bucket dipper.” Many activities are on line at www.inspirationalstories.com to learn more about how to be a bucket fuller.

The Shared Decision Making Team is promoting a recycling initiative this year and is ready to kick off. Many of our 6th graders have made posters to bring awareness to Woodhull. Councilman Cuthbertson will present a program on recycling to each grade level on March 11th. Our student government will be selling water bottles promoting this effort with a slogan, “never refuse to reuse,” created by our student council. Each student representatives will explain the recycling of water bottle efforts and how by doing this will help our environment. Please support our students efforts to save the world.

Mrs. Stokkers

Woodhull Intermediate School

MESSAGE FROM MRS. STOKKERS

Woodhull’s own Bella Thompson Earns State Metals!
Bella captured first place on balance beam, tied for first in vault, took third place in floor exercise, fourth place in the uneven bars and third in the all-around competition in her age category. Joining her was fellow fifth grader Baylie Larsen. Both are members of the USA Gymnastics Level 6 Junior Olympic Team.
Congratulations Bella!!

SUMMER READING
Drop everything and read
Packet will be distributed in mid June and will also be posted on the Curriculum and Instruction webpage in June.
Reading builds vocabulary

English Language Arts, Assessments-Tuesday, April 16 through Thursday, April 18
NYS Mathematics Assessments, Wednesday, April 24 through Friday, April 26
Please make sure your child (ren) get a good night sleep and eat a healthy breakfast and arrive on time.

Congratulations to Julia Collins! She donated 16.5 inches of her hair to “Locks of Love”!
She is a “Bucket Filler”!
We need games for indoor recess. Please send in board games, card games, etc. to your child’s classroom.

**Eagle Rewards**

*We just bought another Smartboard from boxtops!*

Did you know? Our school collects Box Tops, Labels for Education, Tyson A+ and Coke Rewards. This year we also started collecting Kellogg Family Rewards and Prang Power Points. Please look for these on all products, they are a fantastic opportunity for our school to get supplies for the classroom!

Have your child ask their teacher what their classroom received from rewards. Also, some photocopy paper now has Box Tops on it! Ask at work if your company has these and set up a box for collection next to the photocopier. P.S. Did you know Kellogg’s now has rewards as well? They are called “Kellogg's Family Rewards” and they can be found on the inside box of all products. Please send these in along with the Box Tops, Campbell Labels for Education, and Coke Rewards!

**Woodhull Science Fair—March 13th**

All Students are invited to submit a science project. If they would like to be considered for the Brookhaven National Lab Science Fair, please have them tell their teacher. Schedules will be sent home.

**SEARCH**

Several students were recommended to take a two hour exam at SUNY Old Westbury on April 13th to determine whether or not they will qualify for the Institute of Creative Problem Solving in the 2013-2014 school year. Present Sixth Graders, Hadley Clayton and Haley Mortell have attended this year’s classes—all on Saturdays. They are named Long Island Math Scholars and qualified for 2 of the 25 places in their age group (from all over Long Island)! WOW To be recommended to even take this exam, Mrs. Daly considers attitude, effort and performance on the math meets when deciding who she nominates.

A SEARCH meeting for parents is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20 from 7-8 in the SEARCH Room. Notification will be sent to parents beforehand.

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Students visited Woodhull and had a tour when they attended our Woodhull Musical “Little Mermaid.” Parents and 4th grade students will be invited for a tour and orientation in June.

**A Reminder from the School Nurse to all 5th Grade Parents:**

Next year all 6th Grade students are required by New York State to have a pertussis booster, called Tdap, once they turn 11 years of age. The vaccination is available thru your child’s pediatrician or you may call the Dolan Family Health Center at 631-425-5250 for an appointment at their Immunization Clinic.

Please make sure to make an appointment for your child’s yearly checkup after their 11th birthday but before September date to be in compliance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mrs. Scannello RN at 631-673-2147.

**Shared Decision Making Meeting Tuesday, March 5th at 8:45 am**