

# EAGLE NEWS



September – 2012

## Woodhull Intermediate School

MESSAGE FROM MRS. STOKKERS

Monday, September 3rd-Labor Day School closed.

Tuesday, September 4th- "Welcome to Woodhull Day" Grade 5, 2:00-2:30pm

Grade 6, 2:45-3:15pm

Wednesday, September 5th-**First day of School**

Monday, September 10th- BOE Meeting 7:30

Tuesday, September 11th-9/11 Day of Remembrance wear red, white and blue.

Wednesday, September 12th-SEPTA Mtg. 10am @FMS

Monday and Tuesday, September 17th and 18th-School closed Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 22nd- Patrick Hannon Softball Game @WH

Huntington Awareness Day 11am-5pm

Parade @ 10am

Wednesday, September 26th -School Closed Yom Kippur

Saturday, September 29th- District-wide Homecoming Parade 12 Noon

Monday, October 1st-BOE meeting 7:30pm

Tuesday, October 9th-Grade 5 "Meet the Teacher" night 7pm, ESL 6:30

Wednesday, October 10th- Grade 6 "Meet the Teacher" night 7pm, ESL 6:30

Thursday, October 18th-Picture Day

### TEAMS

#### 5th Grade Teams:

##### Yellow:

Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Finnegan, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Telesco, Mrs. McKeown, Mrs. Myers.

##### Green:

Mrs. Ginty, Mrs. Verrelli, Mrs. Shivers, Mrs. Curtin, Mr. Hender, Mrs. Persichilli.

##### Orange:

Mrs. Danzig, Mr. Meyers, Mrs. Grassi, Mrs. Hearn, Mrs. Gasparino, Ms. Jerome.

#### 6th Grade Teams:

##### Red:

Mrs. Mahoney, Mrs. Flaherty, Ms. Turner, Mr. Helstrom, Ms. Williams.

##### White Team:

Mrs. Nowack, Mrs. Reilly, Mrs. Jovans, Mrs. Curtin, Mr. Esposito.

##### Blue:

Mr. Army, Mr. Suarez, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Kinane, Ms. Von Vange.

As the Principal of Woodhull, I welcome you to our Intermediate school "The Home of the Eagles". I look forward to personally meeting each and every student and family members during our "Welcome to Woodhull Day" or during the month. Please know my door is always open.

Mr. Stein is the Assistant Principal and he will oversee our Code of Conduct, disciplinary issues as well as many other day to day activities. Please contact us with any questions or concerns by calling 673-2030 or e-mailing at [jstein@hufsd.edu](mailto:jstein@hufsd.edu).

Teachers are assigned a team color. The list of teams will be in this newsletter. Please have your child wear their team color on September 4th.

I would like to officially welcome two new faculty members to our Woodhull team; Mrs. Williams, a special education teacher and Mrs. Ginty, a 5th grade teacher. The entire staff has worked long and hard during August for a great opening. The hallways are shining and classrooms are setup for an exciting and fruitful new year. Our clerical staff is ready to assist you in any way they can. Please introduce yourself to Ms. Somers, Ms. Lindsay and Ms. Cindy.

I would like to bring to your attention our district-wide dress code.

At Woodhull, we emphasize appropriate dress, grooming and appearance. Student violation of dress code will result in contact of parent to bring acceptable clothing to school. Students may not wear:

- Brief garments including, but not limited to tube tops that show midriff, net tops exposing undergarment, spaghetti or halter straps that show straps of undergarment, plunging necklines (front & back) and see-through garments.
- All underwear, undergarments must be completely covered at all times.
- No hats or headgear.
- Footwear—students must wear sneakers to play in phys. Ed. and on playground. Sandals are hazardous, even in hallways.
- Clothing that has vulgar, violent, obscene, degrading or promotes alcohol, tobacco, drugs will not be permitted.
- No short shorts or short skirts. They may not be more than 3 inches above knees.

Mrs. Scannello, our school nurse is always available to discuss medical issues and concerns. Please call her 673-2147.

Our PTA has planted the beautiful gardens in the front and in our courtyards. Please join the PTA and SEPTA by becoming a member. Whether you are a staff member, parent or grandparent, they need your support.

If you would like to receive e-mails with news and events, please e-mail [Lfitzpatrick@hufsd.edu](mailto:Lfitzpatrick@hufsd.edu) or send in a note with your child's name, teacher and your first and last name with your e-mail address. As soon as we have completed our collection we will start emailing.

In closing, I would like to emphasize the importance of attendance. Attendance at school is directly related to school success for your child. Students should be here, prepared and ready to learn each and every day with the exception of an illness. Please call the nurse attendance line at 673-2039 to let us know your child is ill and send a note in the next day. Please do not plan vacations during the school year and pay particular attention to state testing days on our school calendar. Appointments for doctors or dentist should be made after dismissal at 3:41pm. If you cannot avoid it, send in a note instructing your child to meet you in the lobby at a certain time. Your child must give it to his teacher in home-room and come to lobby at that time.

I look forward to a great year!



SUPPLY LIST IS ON THE HUFSD.EDU WEBSITE

### Homework

Please look at your child's agenda book each night. The faculty at Woodhull is firmly committed to the philosophy that homework enhances and extends the school learning experience. The purpose of homework is as follows:

1. To help develop good study skills
2. To reinforce skills learned each day at school
3. To provide for extended enrichment beyond the classroom
4. To establish a daily contact with parents, keeping them abreast of their child's academic work

Homework should be approximately one hour per night. If your child takes much more or less, please contact the teacher. Please encourage your child to bring all of their necessary belongings home each night for homework along with their agenda book.

### Clubs offered at Woodhull

- **Student Council**—5th and 6th grade is made up of 2 representatives from each classroom. They will develop ideas for school projects, community service, school spirit and fundraisers from all students. Advisors: Mrs. Barresi and Mr. Armin.
- **Drama Club**—5th and 6th grade students will be performing a play. Please listen for announcements if you would like to participate in drama club. Advisor: Mrs. VonVange.
- **Intramurals**—5th and 6th grade students are eligible to participate in outdoor intramurals on specific mornings at 8:45am. Advisors: Mrs. Postel and Mr. Triolo.
- **Bridge Club**—5th and 6th graders can participate. Club will help students with social skills, strategic thinking, planning abilities, math skills, brain power and memory. Advisors: Mr. & Mrs. Sage.
- **School of Rock**—6th graders are eligible to audition. Students must already know how to play their instrument. Advisor: Mr. Esposito
- **Art Club**—5th and 6th grade offered before school. Advisor: Mr. Hiscox.
- **Lego Club**—5th and 6th grade offered after school. Advisor: Mr. Stein.
- **Knitting Club**—5th and 6th grade offered after school. Advisors: Ms. Peggy and Ms. Lindsey

### What is Wheel Time?

Every day our 5th and 6th graders have a period called "the wheel". Every quarter, each class rotates to a new curriculum to enhance their education.

The 5th grade wheel consists of: **Library, Computers, Choices and Health.**

The 6th grade wheel consists of: **Library, Computers, Health and World Language**

. In Health, your child will be discussing personal health, nutrition, growth and development and disease prevention. Health will be taught by Mrs. Daub, certified health teacher. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or leave her a message.

**Mrs. VonVange and her students collect, sort and submit these labels for our school. We have raised enough over the years to buy Smartboards, playground balls and equipment, and school supplies. Please send them in.**

**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](http://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)**

### 5th Grade Choices Program-

Local agencies such as, The Huntington Youth Bureau, Tri-CYA and Project Excel will provide our 5th graders with school based character building and prevention programs to reduce risk factors and build positive and protective resiliency related to making good Choices and healthy relationships. The curriculum will include, but are not limited to:

Goal Setting	Mediation-conflict resolution
Decision Making	Positive self talk, actions
Bonding with pro-social friends	Bullying
Identifying & Managing emotions	Harassment (including sexual)
Communicating effectively	Coping Skills—resiliency
Social & Emotional Intelligences	Overcoming peer pressure
Intrinsic Motivation	Self Respect
"I Can see opportunities in life"	