



WOODWARD WILDCAT

OCTOBER, 2016

WOODWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal's Message

Dear Woodward Families and Friends,

We are off to a great start this school year. We appreciate everyone working with us to have our students in our school uniform. We will wear our uniforms on Monday through Thursday. Fridays will be reserved for "Collegiate Awareness Day".

You may think, why are we talking to elementary students about going to college? It is important to instill in our students at an early age, the importance of not only completing high school, but obtaining a college degree. Most jobs require additional schooling in order to obtain employment. So, please have the conversation with your child/ren about what university they would like to attend and what their major would be.

It's never too early to plan for the future.

Your Principal,
Dr. Carla F. Cunigan



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Dates to Remember



NO SCHOOL - Students	November 8
Veteran's Day	November 11
NO SCHOOL - Students	November 23
Thanksgiving - District Closed	November 24-25
School Assembly-Service Learning Project	November 29



Nurse Notes



Dental Clinic for the Underserved Children of the St. Louis Region



- Serve children who are Medicaid qualified and/or those who qualify for free or reduced lunches at school.
- **Must call the Give Kids A Smile office to make an appointment**
- **Clinics take place on the campus of St. Louis University on the dates listed**
- **Volunteers and financial supporters are always needed.**

October 28-29 2016—BI-ANNUAL DENTAL CLINIC

The Bi-annual free dental clinic provides free comprehensive dental treatment for children toddler thru 8th grade (no older than age 14). The dental treatment includes x-rays, cleaning, sealants, restorative and other comprehensive care in a fun-filled carnival like atmosphere.

****Appointment scheduling begins August 1, 2016.**

All Give Kids A Smile Dental Clinics take place on the campus of St. Louis University at the Center for Advanced Dental Education. Teams of dental professionals and lay volunteers provide a highly skilled and fun-filled atmosphere to treat the children. Experts provide dental and nutrition educational materials for families. Additional resources, gifts, prizes and entertainment will be available for their families. ALL OF THIS IS FREE TO QUALIFIED CHILDREN.

Contact the GKAS Office to volunteer, to make an appointment for a qualified child or to receive more information.

**By
Appointment
Only**



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School-wide Positive Behavior Support News



submitted by Mrs. Warren, School Counselor

Students, please remember to follow ALL of the school expectations:



1. **Be Respectful**
2. **Be Responsible**
3. **Be Safe**

Character Word of the Month:

Tolerance and Acceptance

Understanding that we are all special and important, just the way we are.

Think about this:

- ♦ *What makes you special/unique?*
- ♦ *How are we alike and how are we different?*
- ♦ *How can you show someone that you think that they are special?*



Wildcat Store

*The store will be open every Friday for all students that have at least 5 **Violet** days in a row.*

The store is open during their lunch/recess times.

Service Learning Project



submitted by Mrs. Warren, School Counselor

Woodward's service learning project for this year will be **American Diabetes Association (ADA)**. Diabetes is a growing challenge in our community, impacting more than 30 million people across the United States. We know how important it is for students to learn how to help and give back in their community.

This project will teach our students the risk factors of diabetes and childhood obesity. There will be a school-wide assembly November 29th in which the students will learn more about our project. This will also be **Hat day** (see below).

We will then start collecting money-particularly pennies, from November 29 – December 21th. The class that collects the most money will win a pizza party.



There will be a **Hat Day** on giving Tuesday, November 29, 2016, to kick off our service learning project campaign. Each student and staff member can pay \$ 1.00 to wear the hat of their choice to school.

All proceeds will go to the **American Diabetes Association**.

Using Digital Picture Books with Young Children



Submitted by Ms. N. Davis, Librarian

In this excerpt, written by Elizabeth Stillwell, MEd, useful tips are shared for using e-readers/tablets with young children.

“Research continues to demonstrate that reading aloud with young children is the single most important way to create a love of books and to support later learning and school success, yet only about 51% of families read aloud daily to their young children. Digital books provide book access, one of the essential elements to support reading aloud at home. “

Here are some simple things to help provide the “full read-aloud benefit” from a digital picture book for your young child/ren:

- ◆ **Choose digital books in a format that is as simple as possible.** If your goal is to read to your child, use books without all the extra bells and whistles. Search for classic picture books in a digital format.
- ◆ **Turn off the narration.** Especially during the first few times with a new digital book. Read the book in your own voice, pause, ask questions and fully engage in the wonderful parent-child conversation that makes the read-aloud experience so rich for young children. Just as with traditional books, children will learn to “read” them independently. Encourage them to do this without the narration and to tell the story as they remember it by looking at the pictures.
- ◆ **Use the manual instead of auto setting.** This allows you and your child to move through the book at a comfortable pace and to turn back a page or two whenever your child wants to.

The convenience and novelty of e-readers for young children can provide entertainment and access to a huge collection of books. It’s crucial to remember, however, that it’s an adult who can help make this experience more complete by adding lots of conversation.

————— In Addition..... —————

Did you know that you can download digital books from your local public library? For more information, call St. Louis Public Library at (314) 241-2288. You can also access Tumblebooks from their website if you have a library card. Tumblebooks has a wonderful selection of quality children’s books that can be read online. (We also subscribe to Tumblebooks here at school).



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Let's Move!



submitted by Ms. Ware, Physical Education

Double Dutch Showcase



Calling all St. Louis City families, communities and businesses!

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016 • 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wohl Recreation Center
1515 N. Kingshighway

Teams of 3-5, all ages

Registration forms
are due **Oct. 21**

Cost: **FREE**



Participation prizes will be provided!

For a registration form contact:
HSHC@bjc.org or call **314-286-0539**

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Team Woodward needs more jumpers and turners. If anyone is interested, please see Ms. Ware in the gym for more information.