



WOODWARD WILDCAT

WOODWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Woodward Families,

Spring is here! The warmer temperatures brings a great deal of energy and excitement for the students. Please remind your children that school is still in session and the behavioral expectations are still in place. We need all students to be respectful, responsible, and safe at all times.

We are also needing your assistance with students that walk home. Some of our students are playing in the neighborhood, front yards of families, and/or fighting. Please speak with your child about getting home quickly and safely.

In the upcoming weeks, our 3rd—5th grade students will be taking the *Smarter Balanced Assessment*. Please read the Test-Taking Strategies with your child and encourage them to do their best on the test!!!

Thank you for all that you do to help our school be successful!!!

Your Principal,

Dr. Carla F. Cunigan



Dates to Remember/Events April

Good Friday—No School	<i>April 3, 2015</i>
Voting	<i>April 7, 2015</i>
Parent Meeting / Title I	9:30-10:00 am
Progress Reports	<i>April 10, 2015</i>
Smarter Balanced Testing Window	<i>April 20th—May 15th, 2015</i>
Spring Picture Day - (Lifetouch)	<i>April 20, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m.</i>



Wildcat Store

The store will be open every Friday for all students that have at least 15 Woodward tickets. The store is open during their lunch and recess times.



Test-taking Strategies

We are approaching the time that students in grades 3 through 5, take the Smarter Balanced test.

Here are some tips that will help students prepare:

- ✓ **Test tip #1:** Make sure you eat a healthy breakfast.
- ✓ **Test tip #2:** Make sure you listen to the directions carefully.
- ✓ **Test tip #3:** Listen very carefully for clues to help you answer each question.
- ✓ **Test tip #4:** Read and think about all of the choices before choosing the answer you think is right. Get rid of the answers that you know are wrong, then choose the answer that you think best answers the question. Mark your answer on your test page.
- ✓ **Test tip #5:** Always double-check to make sure that you are marking your answer with the right question.
- ✓ **Test tip #6:** Remember, read the question first then, go back and read the passage. This will help you find the answer to the question.
- ✓ **Test Tip #7:** Multiple choice tests can be very tricky. Make sure that you read all of the answer choices before you decide which choice best answers the question. Remember to eliminate answer choices that seem too silly or are not correct. Also remember that that at least one of the answer choices must be correct.
- ✓ **Test tip #8:** Sometimes, one question will help you answer another question. If you do not get the question right away, leave it and then come back to it. You may find a clue to the answer in another question.
- ✓ **Test tip #9:** Think of yourself as a detective finding many clues in the exam. Clues can be found in the questions, the answer choices, and in the passages. Remember to read carefully and that every word counts.
- ✓ **Test Tip #10:** Watch for **KEY WORDS**. When you find a key word read slowly and carefully. The right answer is usually very close.



Dear Parents,

In order to ensure that I take the best possible care of your children while they are here at school, it is imperative that I am aware of all medical conditions and treatments that your child(ren) may have. If your child has been diagnosed with any medical conditions, please provide that information to the Health Services as soon as possible. Also, if your child is on any medications (even if they are not to be taken at school), please also provide that information to the school. When providing this information, please have your doctor provide a statement with the diagnoses as well as any medications being taken and sign this statement. For those of you who have already done this, thank you so much. Also, in compliance with SLPS rules and regulations, when a student has medication that you will like to be available for them for school administration, that medication has to be brought to the school by an adult (someone over the age of 18) and given to myself, the secretary, or the principal. Children are not to transport medications to school, and medications cannot be sent home with children. **All medications need to have the prescription label from the pharmacy affixed to it.** If it is over-the-counter medication, the medication needs to be in the box that it came in. I thank you all for your continued support as we work together to provide a safe and productive learning environment for your children.

—Jessica R. Nance RN, BSN



School-wide Positive Behavior Support News

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

1. BE RESPECTFUL
2. BE RESPONSIBLE
3. BE SAFE

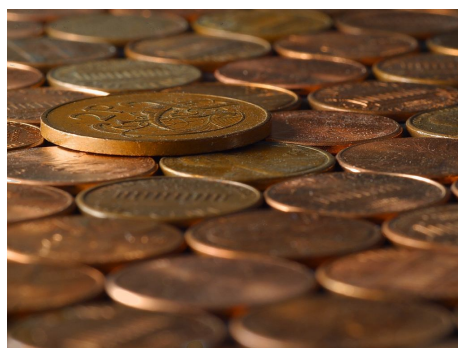
Character Word of the Month : INTEGRITY

Doing the right thing even when no one is looking; being honest.



The school will be collecting Pennies for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society on April 13-17

More information to come....



Spirit week is also the week of April 13-17!



End-of-the-year activities in MAY



Please plan ahead so that you can attend these upcoming events.

Date	Grade	Time	Location
May 20, 2015	Pre-K – 5 th Grade	All Day	Outside – hopefully
May 21, 2015	Pre-K	10:00am	Gym
May 21, 2015	Awards Day 1-4	1:30pm	Gym
May 22, 2015	Kindergarten	10:00am	Gym
May 22, 2015	5 th Grade	2-4:00pm	Gym