



## Woodland Family Newsletter, December 2023

### **Principal's Corner:**

Greetings Woodland Families!

I hope you all had a great week off and are ready for a wonderful few weeks of learning before the winter break. Our school team enjoyed meeting with you all for family conferences and celebrating your students.

Thank you to those who took the *Values Survey* last week. Your input will be used to help us develop a mission and vision that will guide our work with students and families.

December is a short, but busy month. The life skill of focus is responsibility.

Our annual Title One Reading Night is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM. As a Title One school, we are required to share and gather input about our Title One plan. This year's event will begin with hot cocoa and a presentation in the cafeteria followed by read aloud, art and literacy activities in classrooms. Students may wear pajamas to the event and must be accompanied by an adult (eighteen or older).

Winter Break is December 18<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students benefit from practicing reading during break periods. Woodland uses Lexia to support literacy in and out of school. Students can access their online account from home. Please let your student's teacher know if you would like your student to take their school device home for the break.

TAG testing for second grade students begins in January. In Reynolds, all second grade students are assessed for potential TAG eligibility. The assessment window is Tuesday, January 30 – Friday, February 15, 2024.

If you have questions about TAG, please contact Mollie Holland, Assistant Principal at [mholland@rsd7.net](mailto:mholland@rsd7.net).

Sincerely,

Shelley Walker, Principal

**Care Team Updates:** Each week, the Woodland Care Team (Admin., Counselors, Social Worker, Registrar and Sun Community Partners) discuss attendance and ways to support students and families.

This year, we are off to a GOOD START! The majority of Woodland students are **arriving on time each morning** and are **attending school every day** they are well enough to be here! Families - Thank you for all you are doing to support this. We see your efforts and appreciate you!

Mr. Andy & Mrs. Allison, your child's school counselors have continued their Social & Emotional learning lessons, also called "Team Kids". Mrs. Allison has been teaching the 5th graders about cyberbullying as well as how to have good digital etiquette. In working with the 1st graders, she has wrapped up lessons on safety and is helping students improve their understanding and appropriate expression of emotions with both lessons and smaller groups, continued work around safety and friendship building with kindergarteners. Mr. Andy has been working diligently on starting small groups with students that will be focusing on leadership, teamwork, empathy, & communication. He has also wrapped up a series of lessons on how kindness can be contagious.

**Upcoming Dates and Events:**

- 12.04: Winter Sun Forms Go Home
- 12.05: Voting for Attendance Celebration at the Beginning of Lunch Times
- 12.06: Last Day to Vote for Attendance Celebration During Lunch Times
- 12.07: No Sun, Annual Title One Reading Night
- 12.08: Schoolwide Attendance Celebration
- 12.11: Winter Sun Forms Due to the Office
- 12.11: PTA Meeting 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- 12.14: Last Day of Fall Sun Session
- 12.15: December Assembly
- 12.18 - 01.02: Winter Break

***Next Newsletter Date: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023***