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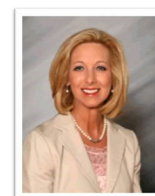
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Principal's Letter

Dear Parents and Families,



Wow! What an awesome beginning to the 2014-2015 school year! We have gotten many new pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students! What a precious, delightful group of new students!

We have enjoyed meeting the new students and families who have come to WES this year, and as always, have delighted in welcoming back our awesome returning students. We have hosted three open houses and visited with many wonderful, committed parents whom we are looking forward to working with hand in hand this year!

In the next upcoming weeks, we will have additional opportunities for our parents to attend events to get to know our faculty and staff, as well as other families. This week we will have room parent meetings and the WatchD.O.G.S.® Dads Pizza Kickoff. Check the school Website and the PTA Website to learn about many exciting events that are already scheduled.

This year our Pelicans will saddle up with a western theme and show they are "The Best in the WES." We will focus on designing exciting, engaging learning opportunities to enable our students to soar. We will create and support an environment where your children are learning, thriving, and will be excited to come to school. We always encourage you to partner with us in these endeavors.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please call me at our office or e-mail me at lelia.parker@stpsb.org.

Sincerely,

Lelia Parker,

Principal

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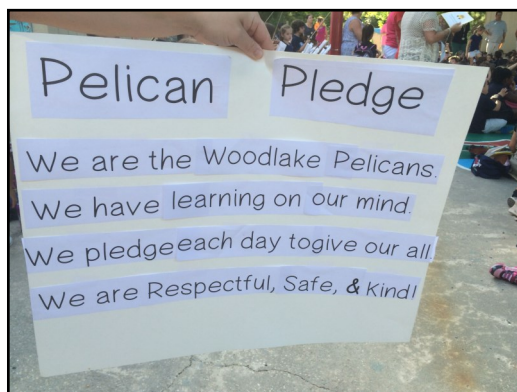
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September/October 2014

Visit www.woodlakepta.org for more information on scheduled events. Click on "WES PTA Calendar."

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
Sept. 15 Fund Raiser Orders Due	16	17	18 9 a.m. or 6 p.m. Room Parent Training; 6 p.m. Watch D.O.G.S. Party	19 School Pictures	20/21
22	23	24	25	26	27/28
29	30	Oct. 1	2	3 Parish Fair, No School!	4/5
6	7	8	9 4 p.m. until, Chuck E. Cheese Night	10 No School for Students	11/12
13 Bring Someone Special to Lunch Week!	14	15 First Box Tops/Labels Contest Ends	16	17	18/19



Students are reciting a new pledge, seen at left, at morning meeting this year.



Thanks to everyone who participated in the Fall Fund-raiser! Top sellers like Nathaniel, left, got wagon rides to class from Ms. Parker!

PTA President's Letter

Howdy Partners!

Your PTA Board members have wasted no time jumping into the saddle this year! Many events already are under our belt buckles, including three Pelican Playdates in the Park, a Campus Spruce-Up Evening, the Teacher's Welcome Back Luncheon, a PTA Meeting, the Volunteer Round-Up Tea and the Fall Fundraiser. Not to mention all the school sponsored Meet-and-Greets, Open Houses and more with which we have assisted! We don't plan to let the dust settle under our spurs anytime soon either! There are many great things coming up, and we hope you will join in the fun too!

There is nothing more rewarding than the smiles you receive from the students while volunteering at the school, especially those from your own students! We are well aware that not everyone can take time out of their busy schedules and hang out at the school, but if you can, there are many different opportunities for you.

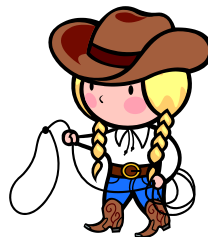
EVERY SINGLE STUDENT at Woodlake can have an adult in their lives make a difference at the school. We have ways ranging from A to Z in which even out-of-state grandparents can participate! For example, if you shop at any Albertson's grocery store, show your Woodlake Savings tag so a portion of your purchase can go to WES. Fill a ZIPLOC bag with Coke Rewards (2 liter bottles, 12 packs, etc.), Box Tops and Community Coffee and Campbell's labels. The school earns thousands of dollars in products and cash from these programs each year!

As you can see from the above opportunities, together in big and small ways, we can make Woodlake Elementary an even better school than it already is for OUR students! Please follow us on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WoodlakeElementaryPTA) and our Website (www.woodlakepta.org) to stay informed of upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and more.

Happy Trails!

Liz Garland

president@woodlakepta.org



Watch D.O.G.S.®

Kickoff Pizza Party

Attention all Dads, Granddads, Uncles, and male family members interested in being a WatchDOG Dad:

We will have our annual WatchD.O.G.S.® Dads' Pizza Party at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Please bring your student(s) for pizza and lemonade. Learn about the WatchDOGS program, and how you can get involved in the 2014-15 school year. For more details, please e-mail Glenn Nunenmacher at glenn.wesdadsclub@gmail.com or call him at 504.458.7035.

We hope to see you there!

Bus Driver Week

Donations Needed



The Hospitality Committee will be hosting Bus Driver Appreciation Week Oct. 20 to 24 and will be looking for donations for its meal. If anyone is interested in helping with this event, please contact co-chairs Renee Johnson at reneej626@gmail.com or Denise Paschke at tdpaschke@charter.net.

PTA Upcoming Events!

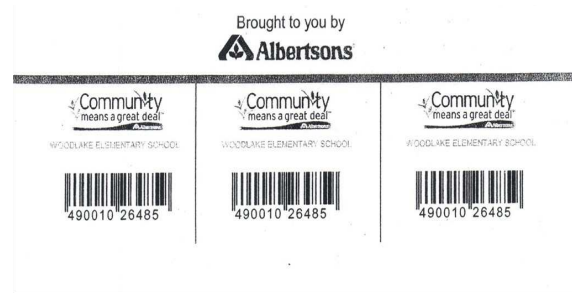
Bring Someone Special to Lunch Week is Oct. 13 to 16

Thanks to a Healthy Lifestyles grant the National PTA has awarded us, we are planning an EXTRA SPECIAL week for you. This means we are going to need EXTRAORDINARY volunteers to assist!

Look for more specific details to come soon, but if you know you are going to have some time to spare the week of Oct. 13 to 17, please email Liz at president@woodlakepta.org.

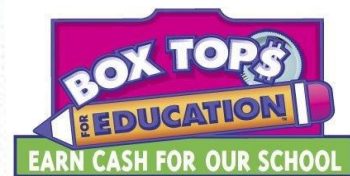
Don't Forget to Shop at Albertsons!

Woodlake is participating in the Albertsons' Community Partners program again this year. Scan the Community Partners card, seen below, each time you shop, and the school will get 1% of your shopping total. Cards are available in the office and at every PTA event. Every little bit makes a difference. Thank you!



Box Tops/Label Contest

Way to go parents and students! You're doing an aWESome job collecting your labels for our fall contest! Thank you for supporting Woodlake and submitting them!!! Keep up the great work and send us your box tops, Labels for Education, Coke tops and Community Coffee labels! Our fall contest ends October 15. The class that sends in the most Box Tops, Campbell's Labels for Education, Community Coffee Labels, or My Coke Rewards codes will win a fun surprise.





The PTA had a tissue table, manned by second vice-president Sara Blomkalns, left, to help kindergarten parents get through saying good-bye.



The first days of school got off to a great start, as kindergartener Nate M. is helped to the bus by big sister Kenley (top). Kindergarten girls learn the ropes (above), and Scott S. heads to class.



WANTED

Snowflake Shop Manager

The Snowflake Shop is a mini-store set up for the students to shop for holiday gifts for their family. Volunteers then wrap the items to keep the secret!

The manager manages all aspects of the store including volunteer schedules. Retail experience is a plus, but not required.

Must be available the week of December 8-12.

Payment: 100's of smiling faces and the joy of spreading the holiday spirit!

We are trying to reach our goal of 600 PTA members this year. Here's 10 reasons to join the PTA:

1. It's good for your child. Research shows children whose parents are involved at school make better grades and have fewer disciplinary problems.
2. It's important to the school. Schools are becoming more and more dependent on parent groups, which are responsible for almost all of the school's fundraising revenue. They provide support to teachers and administrators, and they create a caring and supportive atmosphere.
3. You'll get connected. There's no better way to know what's going on in the school than to join the PTA.
4. You'll be part of a network. Every parent group function is an opportunity to meet other parents in similar situations. You will be connected with a group of parents who share a common goal of improving their children's school.
5. You'll make a difference. By volunteering with the PTA, you'll be able to use your skills for a noble cause. Parent groups work to establish a supportive and encouraging community for the entire school. The goal is to create the most educational environment possible for our children.
6. It's fun! You'll connect with a group of people who are all concerned with creating a better environment for their children. You will help plan fun events, socials and activities for whole family can attend.
7. You'll be a role model. You'll show your children not only are they important to you, but so is their education. They'll see you taking a stand to make school better for them and their peers, and chances are they'll do the same.
8. You'll help raise necessary funds. Fundraisers remain important to improving the quality of the school overall, and parent groups make them possible.
9. It's flexible. The PTA has progressed to meet the changing needs of parents. There are a variety of small ways to be involved in the PTA. Project responsibilities are flexible and can be adjusted to fit with your time constraints.
10. It's for every parent. Your voice and opinion matters and can help improve the quality of education for your children and their peers! It makes a difference when you speak up. You'll see the smiles on their faces and know you've played a part in making school a little more comfortable and fun.

BBQ Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

Benefiting Beth Costanza

(Schoen Custodian/
Former Woodlake Custodian)

Former Woodlake Custodian)

Please help Beth and her family through this most difficult time in their lives. Beth, a mother of five, recently was diagnosed with Adenocarcinoma, a form of cancer. She currently is receiving treatment at the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center in Covington.

Dinners will be sold Oct. 17 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Bogue Falaya Hall at the Greater Covington Center, 23rd Ave. and N. Madison St.

Dinners are \$6 each and include BBQ chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, bread and dessert.

Tickets can be purchased
at the front office.

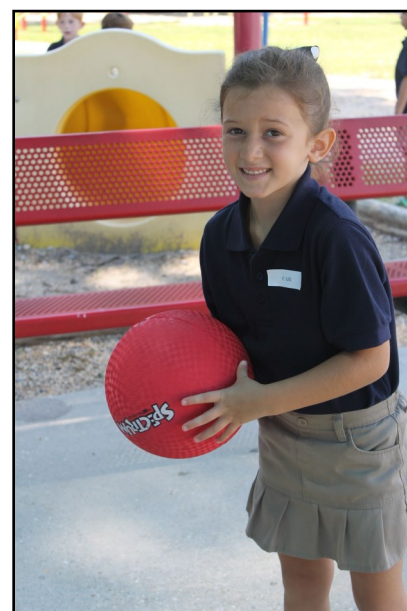


Returning violin students perform at morning meeting in August. To join the violin program, e-mail Ms. Stomps at kelly.stomps@stpsb.org.

Volunteers of the Month!

Lauren Black is a TASK MASTER! Many would have thrown in the towel if they saw the mountains of box tops, Coke rewards and other labels waiting to be processed when she took over her position. Not Lauren, she jumped in like Edward Scissorhands and started clipping! When she realized she needed back up, she organized a Stuff-and-Sort party.

The students, including her first grade son, are enjoying the fruits of her labor (and your's) in the form of new playground balls and storage containers! If you would like to help input Coke rewards and more (from your home), e-mail volunteer@woodlakepta.org.



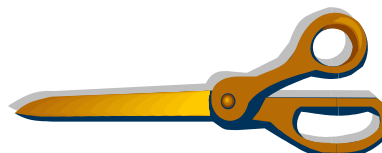
Peyton R., Carlos B. and Logan A. (top) enjoy new soccer balls purchased by the PTA with money from Box Tops and Coke Rewards. Irelynn W. (above) plays with one of the new balls. Keep clipping; it makes a difference!



Glenn Nunenmacher has been the fearless leader of the pack of our Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) program for several years now. Woodlake is one of the only schools in the area to be affiliated with his one-of-a-kind program that supports education and safety. Glenn also has served on the audit committee and has been an invaluable resource to the executive committee. He is the proud father of two pelicans, one in third grade and one in kindergarten. Glenn always is looking for new Watch DOGS. To learn, contact glenn.wesdadsclub@gmail.com.



We want to catch you in the act of being a super volunteer! To help at school or with PTA activities, e-mail volunteer@woodlakepta.org.





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Please consider making a TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation to support the many projects of the WES PTA, such as the cultural arts

programs, the computer labs, classroom software programs for reading and math, teacher and staff appreciation events, campus safety and beautification, playground enhancements, self-esteem enhancements, and more!

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100

\$150 \$175 \$200 Other \$_____

(Please make checks payable to WES PTA)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Telephone #: _____

Primary e-mail address: _____

Student(s) name(s): _____

Teacher: _____

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