

EAGLE NEWS



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March 12th Bring in your Science Fair project

March 13th- Science Fair

March 13th-PTA Meeting 9:45

March 19th BOE Meeting 7:30

March 20th-23rd 6th Grade- GREENKILL Trip-Be at Finley at 8:30 am

March 20th, 21st GIANT MAP of

North America-5th Grade

March 27th-30th 6th Grade- GREENKILL Trip- be at Finley at 8:30 am

April 4th -10th Spring Vacation

April 12th Hoops for Hearts 8:30-9:15

Box Top News

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 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 ropes.

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)

MESSAGE FROM MRS. STOKKERS

Dear Parents and Staff,

Our annual "Parents as Reading Partners" better know as PARP has begun. Thanks to our PTA representative, Pam Fallon, each grade level will build giant pictures pertaining to their social studies curriculum.

5th graders are building a map of the United States. A 5th grade team will be represented by having a state in their team color, yellow, green, orange, if they collect ten hours or more.

In sixth grade, Mrs. Fallon will be building pyramids with team colors on the blocks for ten hours of reading or more. Sixth graders have studied Egyptian pyramids in their social studies curriculum. At the end of each week, the team that collects the most slips will be named on the block that week. Help your child build the pyramids by reading together and signing their slips. A big thank you to Mrs. Fallon, one of our PTA members, for creating, organizing and building our giant pictures that encourage our child to continue reading outside of school. The most effective way to become a better reader is to READ!

Our 5th graders will also be walking around North America on March 20th and 21st. The PTA has donated money to bring in a giant map of North America. 5th graders should bring in an extra pair of socks those days because they might get their socks dirty while hiking the Appalachian Trail. Each class will have an opportunity to learn their geography with this exploratory activity in our gymnasium.

On March 13th we will be having our annual Science Fair. Thanks to Mr. Helstrom the gymnasium will be transformed in to an exhibition hall for 5th and 6th grade projects. Please see the schedule on the back of this page to join your child during the day at your child's scheduled time during the day or during evening hours from 4-6 pm. Hope to see you there!

Last month, our 6th grade band and their families went to an Islander game on Saturday, February 18th. Ms. Jablon seized the opportunity to have our 6th grade band perform "God Bless America" at halftime during the Islander game. It was great fun and I was so proud of the performance and behaviors. I would like to thank our chaperones that volunteered.

Thanks to Ms. VonVange we have just ordered another Smard Board. They continued to collect "box tops for education" from all the coupons families sent in. Hopefully in June we can order another one so PLEASE continue to cut coupons off any item that you see "box tops for education" on. Usually it is found on General Foods and Betty Crocker, but I have also found some on copy paper, toilet paper and flour bags. We have raised \$1,610.00 this year.

Students in this class are also collecting Coke Rewards, Campbell Labels and Tyson A+. We have also ordered school supplies, recess equipment plus balls from these coupons. We still need 3 or 4 more Smart Boards to have every classroom equipped with one. Keep them coming to support Woodhull.

In April we will be having our March Madness (the only date we can reserve the HS gym). At that exciting basketball game where Woodhull staff plays against Finley staff we collect money for admission and raffles. Some of the money raised will be donated by our student council to The Morgan School. The Morgan School is a Pre-K and kindergarten school for students with cancer.

All sixth grade parents were invited to an orientation meeting at Finley on Thursday, March 1st to hear directly from Mr. Amato, the Principal and Mr. Parham the Assistant Principal. An overview of middle school was given. Our 6th graders will visit Finley in the spring (TBA) and workshops by Finley and high school students will be presented to Woodhull students. In May. We will also have lockers placed in the 6th grade hallway to practice how to open a locker, as this is, believe it or not, a huge challenge transitioning up to the middle school.

To facilitate transition from our primary school, our PTA will be inviting our 4th grade parents to PTA meetings and I will sponsor an orientation and tours in the spring.

Please note the following dates for our NYS Assessment.

ELA-April-17th, 18th and 19th

Math-April 25th, 26th,27th

Please send your child in to school well rested and provide a health snack as each test is 90 minutes.

Health and Safety Committee

We will be conducting a lockdown drill on March 19th. A lockdown drill is performed to prepare the students and staff in the event that an unwelcomed individual is on or around the school grounds. During the drill, students and staff are asked to remain in the classroom quietly until an "all clear" is announced over the loud speaker. Specific procedures need to be practiced as we have done in the past for fire drills and emergency go home drill. Please note that no one will be able to enter or exit during this drill. If you happen to come to Woodhull on that day or any other day during a drill please be patient with our employees and security guards while we execute this drill.

SEARCH PROGRAM News

Grade 5 is beginning the Jurisprudence Unit, analyzing laws, the court system, due process rights of every individual-all in preparation for the Mock Trial Day which will be held on Friday, June 8th.

Grade 6 is involved in learning all about Forensic Science. They have already completed labs in fingerprinting and handwriting analyses and discovered how difficult it is to be an eyewitness to a crime. Using the FACES software, each group tried to duplicate a sketch of a suspect!!!

SCIENCE FAIR TUESDAY MARCH 13th

All projects will be setup on Monday, March 12th. If your child would like to be considered for the Brookhaven Science Fair the application must be attached to the back of the board. Our judges will select one 5th grader and one 6th grader to participate at the Brookhaven science competition. Parents may come during the period their class is viewing the exhibit or during the evening between 4-6 pm.

Schedule

<u>Period</u>	<u>5th Grade</u>	<u>6th Grade</u>
1	Telesco/Broomer	_____
2	Reeves/Caruso	Walsh/Suarez
3	_____	Reilly/Dierking/Turner
4	Hearn/Gasparino/Grassi	Jovans/Curtin/Anderson
5	Shivers/McKeown	Esposito
6	_____	Helstrom
7	Meyers/Danzig	Mahoney/Army
8	Persichilli/Curtin	Nowack/VonVange

The Science Fair exhibition is open for families to view in the gymnasium 4-6pm

PASTA NIGHT

This past Friday night was our annual pasta night for our 6th grade families and teachers. Our 6th graders served their parents, siblings, our teachers and staff members all evening. Tables were set in red and white checked tablecloths and the entrance was decorated with grapevines and the ambiance of a fine Italian restaurant with music playing in the background.

Our 6th graders were the waiters and waitress taking orders, serving food and making sure their families and school personnel were enjoying the evening together. What a treat it was for all!

I would like to thank Julie Labella, and Debbie Caravetto and the many helpful volunteers for all their hard work collecting and putting together raffles, setting up, training the children and cleaning up. Everyone enjoyed winning such items as "family game night", "sports baskets", gift certificates to local stores, restaurants and tickets to sporting events.

THANK YOU PTA

WORLD MATH DAY

Mrs. Barresi and Mrs. Schirripa organized and prepared our students for World Math Day last week on March 7th. Many Woodhull students participated in this worldwide event. All students in the school were given passwords to participate in this worldwide competition for three weeks prior to the event. The students that had the most logon points competed on March 7th with students from all around the world. The following students were Woodhull's top scoring students with the most correct answers. Nicholas Earle, Tim Earle, Ryan Hoffman, Ethan Garcia, Katie Seccafico, Alyssa Sorensen, Nicholas Haupt, Jordan McCoy, Mathew Hearl, Erich Gaiting. Congratulations to all our participants. Certificates will be awarded on March 16th.

Physical Education News

Intramurals-Begins the first week in April-8:45-9:15
Please note that intramurals will not be held on rainy days.
Monday-5th grade
Wednesday- 6th grade

Greenkill Trips

Greenkill trip #1- Mr. Meyers, coordinator March 20th -23rd

Mr. Suarez, Mrs. Reilly, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Kinane, Mr. Dierking, Ms. Turner, Mr. Helstrom, Mrs. Nowack.

Greenkill trip # 2-Ms. VonVange, coordinator March 27th-30th

Ms. VonVange, Mr. Esposito, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Jovans, Mrs. Curtin, Mr. Army, Mrs. Mahoney

6th Graders:

If you are not going to Greenkill you will have 2 in house programs and a field trip to the Fish Hatchery to mirror the outdoor environmental education program. Teachers will plan programs similar to the Greenkill sleep away camp. School will be in session for students not going to Greenkill.