



*WOODHULL  
INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL*

**Staff and Parent  
STUDENT HANDBOOK & AGENDA**

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Principal's Message –

Welcome Back 6<sup>th</sup> Graders and welcome Woodhull Intermediate School 5<sup>th</sup> Graders! Our incoming Jefferson, Southdown, Washington and Flower Hill students will join together for the very first time here at Woodhull.

Our Eagle Guidelines for Success are in place to promote good citizenship, a positive safe learning environment, appropriate communication, and a peaceful resolution of differences. In and around Woodhull, you will see posters outlining our three expectations.

- Be safe
- Be respectful
- Be responsible

This school year we will offer a wide range of academic and extra-curricular activities for all of our students. We hope you challenge yourself to do your best and to take advantage of all the wonderful opportunities Woodhull Intermediate has to offer. You are now one of our "Soaring Eagles". Please read all the information provided in this Agenda book and have a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stokkers

**Mission Statement**

In keeping with the tradition of excellence of the district and with unwavering support of its parents, the Woodhull Intermediate School seeks to provide our students education with high expectations that underscores interdisciplinary learning and differentiation to meet all learners needs.

**Telephone Directory**

- Main Office.....673-2030
- Attendance Office.....673-2039
- Principal.....673-2030
- Cafeteria.....673-2138
- District Transportation...673-2032
- Nurse.....673-2147

**2012 – 2013 School Calendar**

- September 5.....1st day of Class
  - September 17-18..... Rosh Hashanah
  - September 26.....Yom Kippur
  - October 8 .....Columbus Day
  - November 6.....Supt. Conf. Day
  - November 12.....Veterans Day
  - November 22-23.....Thanksgiving Recess
  - December 24 – January 1.....Winter Recess
  - January 21.....Martin Luther King Day
  - February 18.....Presidents' Day
  - February 19-22.....Mid-Winter Recess
  - March 25-29.....Spring Recess
  - May 24 & 27.....Memorial Day
  - June 21.....Last Day for Students
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation will be at Huntington High School at 9 am on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**School Hours**

9:20 a.m. and ends at 3:40 p.m. To ensure safety, we request that no students be on school grounds prior to 9:00 a.m. unless requested to attend an activity or extra help.

**ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance at school is a key component to academic success. If a student is going to be absent from school please call the **attendance office @ 673-2039**. When your child is absent you must call this number and give your child's name, grade, teacher, and reason for the absence. When your child returns to school after an absence, a written excuse note must be brought to the teacher for attendance records. All students must be in class by 9:20am and stay until dismissal. Arriving late and leaving early will be reflected on attendance for that particular period.

**GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**NURSE'S OFFICE**

The good health of your child is important to us. Our school nurse, Mrs. Scanello can be reached in the health office at (673-2147). The nurse is responsible for assisting students and staff who might be ill or hurt, and for dispensing medication to students. The nurse may also be consulted on matters related to possible hygiene problems, nutrition, drug and substance abuse, depression, child abuse, neglect or other health related concerns. A phone call will be made home if follow up care is needed.

**CAFETERIA**

The Huntington School District participates in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program. Breakfast is available to students before school for \$1.25. A menu

is published and sent home each month. The cost of lunch is \$2.00 (price is subject to change prior to September, 2012). Prepaid meal tickets can be purchased from the cafeteria.

### **OUTDOOR RECESS**

The recess period follows or precedes lunch for approximately 20 minutes each day. Recess will be outdoors whenever weather permits. Please send your child to school with weather appropriate clothing and proper footwear. Students will be kept in or not allowed to use equipment if not dressed appropriately for cold weather or wearing sneakers. Exercise is crucial to the health of your child, therefore students will not be kept in to make up work with permission from parents.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Lost articles of clothing are stored in the cafeteria. Jewelry and smaller items are stored in the main office. Children should periodically check the lost and found for missing items. After a reasonable time, unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Each November there is time set aside for teachers to discuss the progress of their students with their parents or guardians (see district calendar). During the conference, the first report card will be given. Each child's progress, standardized test scores and special needs are discussed and explained. Parents should attend these conferences to find out how they and the school can work together to help their child(ren) succeed. Teachers and teams will always be available upon requests.

### **REPORT CARDS**

There are four report cards given each year. The first report card is given at the November Parent-Teacher Conference. The other three report cards are sent home in January, April and June. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time if there is a problem or question. Do not feel you have to wait for the teacher to contact you or for the report card to ask how your child is progressing. If you would like to meet with all team teachers, please call and make a request.

### **HOMEWORK**

Please look at your child's agenda book each night. The faculty of Woodhull is firmly committed to the idea that homework enhances and extends the school learning experience. The purpose of homework is fourfold:

1. To help develop good study skills.
2. To reinforce skills learned each day in school.
3. To provide for extended enrichment beyond the classroom.
4. To establish a daily contact with parents who will be constantly aware of the child's academic work.
5. Tests will be sent home on a regular basis to be signed.

6. Homework is not required to be completed on the day after students participate in a concert, Woodhull event or NY State Assessments. Students will be given an extra day to complete the homework assignment.

### **CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Character education is a school wide program integrated throughout class activities and curriculum. Woodhull Intermediate School strives to create an environment of respect for oneself as well as others. We work cooperatively and develop a sense of responsibility and pride. Through our classroom instruction, arts, physical education, music, and specific workshops (health and presentations) our goal is to develop citizens with virtues. We encourage parental participation through workshops, support of programs and positive role modeling.

**The Bully Program-** This is presented to our fifth and sixth grade students and is designed to combat negative behaviors. Proactive approaches to peer conflicts are taught. The contents of this program include communication, respect, understanding behaviors, and conflict resolution skills. This will include but not limited to cyberbullying, sexual harassment and sexting.

**Caught Being Good Program-** This is a weekly program that recognizes students for kind, cooperative, and exemplary behavior. Students who exhibit these behaviors are presented with a "Caught Being Good" slip by personnel in the building. The slip is then deposited in a team bin. Each week one student from each team is presented with a prize as recognition for his or her good behavior.

**Random Acts of Kindness Program-** Personnel in the building will recognize students that perform exemplary "Acts of Kindness". The adult will write up the act and a picture will be taken and posted.

### **PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

Parent Participation in the life of the school is one of the greatest resources of Woodhull Intermediate School. The Parent Teacher Association serves not only as a representative of parent concerns but also as a partner in establishing a wholesome and positive environment in the school. PTA representatives serve as active and important members of the Shared Decision Making Committee and are vital to the success of our annual Arts in Education and People as Reading Partners programs.

## **CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Music Programs**

- ❖ Intermediate and Advanced Band
- ❖ Intermediate and Advanced Orchestra
- ❖ Chorus at each Grade Level
- ❖ Ensemble groups before and after school

### **The Art Club**

The before or after school art club is a creative outlet for sixth grade students who have demonstrated artistic interests and talents.

### **School of Rock**

6<sup>th</sup> grade students that already play an instrument join together to form a rock band.

### **Woodhull Student Council**

The Student Council supports school and community service projects. Students meet formally twice a month in addition to participating in the many projects planned by the Student Council members.

### **Theatre Arts Club**

Each year a musical production company is formed to put on a famous Broadway hit or popular musical.

### **Field Day**

In early June all students participate in physical activities supervised by the Physical Education Department. In a spirit of good sportsmanship and fun, students compete in a variety of fun activities.

### **Science Fair**

Each year all students at Woodhull School participate in a science fair. Students create and develop science projects that are displayed for the entire student body and their families. Winners will be selected for the Brookhaven National Laboratory Science Fair.

### **Arts-In-Education**

These are a series of district and PTA sponsored programs that bring a wide range of educational, social and cultural experiences to our children.

### **Greenkill**

All sixth grade students in the district are invited to participate in a environmental camp in upstate New York. Any student that does not attend for any reason will be given “at home” similar environmental experiences.

The district’s complete **Code of Conduct** is in the transportation newspaper and on the HUFSD.EDU website. Please read the “dress code” section I have bulleted here before school begins as we will strictly adhere to it. Students will be instructed to call home and have replacement clothing brought up to school if their clothing is deemed in violation of our “dress code”.

- Brief garments including, but not limited to tube tops that show midriff, net tops exposing undergarment, spaghetti or halter straps that show straps of undergarment, plunging necklines (front & back) and see-through garments.
- All underwear, undergarments must be completely covered at all times.
- No hats or headgear.
- Footwear – students must wear sneakers to play in phys. Ed. and on playground. Sandals are hazardous, even in hallways.
- Clothing that has vulgar, violent, obscene, degrading or promotes alcohol, tobacco, drugs will not be permitted.
- No short shorts or short skirts. They may not be more than 3 inches above knee.

### **Sixth Grade Moving Up Ceremony**

This program is held on the last day of school at Huntington High School and the students are presented with a certificate of accomplishment. Parents and family are invited to attend the ceremony as well as reception.

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Tear off and keep this handbook to refer to.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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**Student Name (please print)**

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**Grade**

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**Student Signature**

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**Date**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**