



WOODSDALE SCHOOL PARENT BULLETIN MARCH 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1	PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
March 2	Dr. Seuss Day – Read Across America!
March 3	Term 2 Marking Period Ends
March 3	Winter Beach Bash 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
March 8	Wellness Fair @ Woodsdale Cafeteria 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
March 9	Early Release – 11:15 a.m. Lunch will be served.
March 10	Term 2 Report Cards Distributed
March 13-16	Book Fair – Classroom date/time indicated below
March 23	Principal for a Day

Message from the Principal

Dear *Woodsdale* Families,

Happy March! It feels like spring is almost here!

Speaking of *March*, this month at *Woodsdale* we are celebrating *March “Mathness”* – an entire month of daily *math* activities, puzzles, and problems of the week. We are shining a bright light on math throughout the month. Join the fun – ask your children about each day’s activity.

While we are focusing on math, we have some exciting news about *Reading* too! Thursday, March 2nd is *Read Across America Day* in honor of Dr. Seuss! We have passed out a special reading form for students to complete and return by Monday, March 6th. Then we will hold a drawing in each grade to win a **Kindle Fire** (donated to the school by *Horace Mann*).

We hope these efforts will continue to build excitement about learning here at *Woodsdale*!

Sincerely,

David Summergrad, Principal

Special Guest: Rosie Doherty speaks at *Woodsdale* on April 5th at 6:30 p.m. **Thanks to the Jeff Coombs Memorial Foundation!** **Rosie Doherty** will be speaking here at *Woodsdale* on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m. in our cafetorium. She will share her personal life journey as a person with autism. Rosie has a great story to tell, and we hope that many parents, guardians, community members and staff members will attend this special session. (The Woodsdale PTO Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. right after Rosie speaks.)



“Don’t Limit Your Dreams!”

Spring 2017 MCAS Dates

Grade 5

ELA Session 1 - Tuesday, April 25, 2017

ELA Session 2 - Wednesday, April 26, 2017

ELA Session 3 - Thursday, April 27, 2017

Grade 6

ELA Session 1 - Tuesday, April 11, 2017

ELA Session 2 – Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Grade 5

MATH Session 1 - Tuesday, May 9, 2017

MATH Session 2 - Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Grade 6

MATH Session 1 – Thursday, May 11, 2017

MATH Session 2 – Friday, May 12, 2017

Grade 5

Science/Technology Session 1 - Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Science/Technology Session 2 - Wednesday, May 17, 2017

It is very important that all students attend school during the MCAS testing periods.

Please keep these dates handy and plan for your child to be in attendance during this time period.

March Madness “Gift Card Giveaway”

PTO is busy preparing the calendar for the month of March with our March Madness “Gift Card Giveaway”.

They are still in need of gift card donations. If you could donate a gift card with a minimum of \$10.00 to a restaurant, bookstore, movie or fun activity, please leave or send to the Woodsdale school office.

Woodsdale Winter Beach Bash – Friday, March 3rd



From 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Tickets will be on sale during lunches on Wednesday, March 1st or Thursday, March 2nd - \$5.00 each

*Music provide by DJ Anthony Brooks!

*Snacks and water are free, pizza slices will be on sale.

*Polaroid pictures and raffle tickets will be on sale for \$1.00 each.

*Dress in beach attire, but no bathing suits please!

*Only **Woodsdale Students** may attend – No friends or siblings allowed.*

Wellness Fair

There will be a Wellness Fair on **Wednesday, March 8th, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at the Woodsdale School Cafeteria in Abington**. Our Behavioral Health Grant sponsoring this event is focused on children (Kindergarten thru 6th grade). All families with elementary aged children are welcome!

The purpose of the fair is to connect families with services and supports in the area. The fair will include emotional, social, and physical resources such as mental health providers, food pantries, and extra-curricular activities. At the fair there will be refreshments to enjoy, as well as children's activities in the adjacent gym in order for parents to gather information with less distraction.

Coins for Character

Many students have earned Caught Being Good coins for behaviors above what is expected during the past few months. The staff is extremely proud of the efforts demonstrated by these students. The Winners of the Abington hats were Callie Hess and Lucas Leines. Congratulations to all and keep up the good work!

Youth Art Month Exhibition at the Abington Public Library

March is Youth Art Month, a national celebration promoting the value of art, the creative process and quality art education. For this occasion, the Abington Public Schools Art Department is currently exhibiting artwork from students in grades one through twelve throughout the Abington Public Library. The show offers the viewer a broad range of art work in many different media and expressions. The exhibition of over two hundred works will continue through March 31st. The art teachers will host a "Viewing Afternoon" for the students, their families and the community on Thursday, March 16 from 4:00 – 5:30pm.

Abington High School Drama Club

The Abington High School Drama Club will be presenting Disney's "High School Musical" on March 9th - 10th at 7:30 pm, and March 11th at 2:00 p.m. in the Frolio Auditorium. Tickets are \$8.00 for students and Senior Citizens and \$12.00 for adults.

WOODSDALE BOOK FAIR SCHEDULE

<i>Monday March 13</i>	<i>Tuesday March 14</i>	<i>Wednesday March 15</i>	<i>Thursday March 16</i>
9-9:30 Dr. Gilpatrick Rm. 5	9-9:30 Mrs. Samsel Rm. 18	9-9:30 Ms. Whitman Rm. 8	9-9:30 Mrs. Johnson Rm. 11
9:30-10 Mrs. Grady Rm. 7		9:30-10 Ms. Sherlock Rm. 15	9:30-10 Mr. Lodge Rm. 2
	10-10:30 Mr. Pease Rm. 12	10-10:30 Mrs. Riley Rm. 6	10-10:30 Mrs. Ryan Rm. 13
	10:30-11 Mrs. Magee Rm. 17	10:30-11 Mrs. Duquette Rm. 10	10:30-11 Mrs. Brisson Rm. 3

Lost & Found Items

We have many unclaimed items (coats, hats, gloves, shoes, water bottles, lunch bags, and more!) here at **Woodsdale**. Please remind your children to check the **Lost & Found** table (in the lobby near the stairwell) for missing items. Anything that remains unclaimed by Thursday, April 13th, will be donated to charity.

"Coloring Books, Crayons, and Books, Oh My!"

Have you heard about the **Care Center Club**? Their latest generous activity is collecting coloring books, crayons, and books from today until March 10th - to be donated to the *Colony Center Health and Rehabilitation in Abington and South Shore Hospital*, and to *More Than Words – Youth Rehabilitation Center*.

Principal For a Day

In addition to the importance and positive spirit of giving to a good cause, students will be entered in a raffle to become **Principal For a Day** at **Woodsdale**! For every two items they donate, students will get a raffle ticket (e.g.: bring in two coloring books and get one raffle ticket, bring 10 children's books and earn 5 raffle tickets, and so on!). The winner will be drawn on Monday, March 13th, and then that student will swap places with Mr. Summergrad for a day on Thursday, March 23rd! Donate to a good cause *and* take over the school!

Hoops For Heart



The whole school participated in this annual activity during the month of February! There will be a special assembly on March 31st to celebrate this healthy and generous project!

