

# St. Patrick's Day

## WOODSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

### DATES TO REMEMBER

March 21 Frolio/Wooddale School Council @ Frolio School – 4:00 p.m.  
March 23 Principal for the Day – 5<sup>th</sup> Grader Danica Shanahan

### Message From the Principal

Dear *Woodsdale* Families,

I am very proud of our students today.

The **Kenny Academy Irish Dancers** performed for the whole school at lunch today. It was a crowded room, and I was worried about how our students would behave while we had "company" in the house. The dancers were great - fast feet were flying! Our students were attentive and polite. As the Kenny Dancers were leaving they commented on what a great and respectful audience we have at *Woodsdale*! Bravo!

Last week we wrapped up the Care Center Club drive to collect coloring books, boxes of crayons, and books for children and adults. Altogether the school donated 3,500 items! That is such an amazing display of Woodsdale generosity. Bravo!

During the book drive, students who donated were entered into the contest to switch places with me and be principal of Woodsdale for a day. Next Thursday, March 23rd, Danica Shanahan will be our principal, and I will be a fifth grader in Mrs. Johnson's class for the day. (I am a little nervous about being a new student in the school!)

Thanks to all of you for sharing your wonderful children with us, and for your generosity in supporting our special book drive.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

David Summergrad

**Special Guest: Rosie Doherty** speaks at **Woodsdale** on April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. **Thanks to the Jeff Coombs Memorial Foundation!** **Rosie Doherty** will be speaking here at **Woodsdale** on **Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in our cafetorium.** She will share her personal life journey as a person with autism in a talk called: **“Don’t Limit Your Dreams!”** 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.)

**Lost and Found:** Please remind students to check the lost and found table (near the copier table in the lobby). Items will be donated to Goodwill when we get to the April break.

## **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

## **Spring After-School Enrichment Program**

The Woodsdale School is happy to announce a letter will be going home on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> outlining the new clubs for our Spring After-School Enrichment Program. Classes will start the week beginning March 27, 2017 and run for six school weeks. The registration fee for each class will be \$30.00 and will cover all activities and supplies. Classes will run subject to meeting minimum enrollment. Please fill out and return the registration form that is attached to the letter with payment by Wednesday, March 24, 2017. **Parents will need to provide transportation from the school at 3:50 p.m.**

## **March Madness “Gift Card Giveaway”**

March Madness is in need of donations for our March Madness “Gift Card Giveaway”. If you can donate a gift card with a minimum of \$10.00 to a restaurant, bookstore, movie or fun activity, please leave or send in to the Woodsdale school office.

## **School-Wide Announcement**

When it comes to bullying, we know that the majority of students in any school are bystanders not participants. These bystanders have the power to make a difference and end bullying. However, if each bystander works alone, it will be nearly impossible to accomplish this task. Addressing bullying in school requires the cooperation of everyone.

Cooperation means working together on a common effort for a common benefit. In this case the common effort is to end bullying behavior and the common benefit is to provide a safe learning environment at Woodsdale Elementary. This means:

- \* All students stop or report bullying if they see or hear it happening.
- \* Excluding someone from an activity is not an option.
- \* Adults will address any bullying behavior they witness.
- \* When bullying is reported, adults will respond and take action.
- \* We work together to create a bullying prevention campaign.

Together, we can all make Woodsdale Elementary a bully free school.

### **DRESS FOR THE WEATHER**

Students will be going outside to recess whenever possible. Please make sure that your children come to school dressed appropriately for the cold weather.

### **Classroom News**

#### **Mrs. Duquette Rm. 10**

This week in ELA we have been reviewing author's point of view and summarizing. We also found out the dates for our next book reports so please be sure to pass them in on time.

In Math we had our topic 11 test on multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers. We will be moving on to topic 12 next week which is all about volume!

In Social Studies we are learning about the New England Colonies. We made a letter from a Puritan's point of view. We talked about the government and economy in the letter.

This week in Science we have been talking about air and the layers of the atmosphere. We did a paper describing the layers.

#### **Mrs. Johnson Rm. 11**

In our reading program, we did our 6-3 spelling pretest. This week for math we continued lesson 11, this lesson is about multiplying and dividing fractions. In science we came back to our salt water and found that it had evaporated and the salt had been left behind in small cube-like shapes with an X through the middle. In social studies, we did a sway on the New England Colonies. In the sway we learned what people back then dressed like and how their chores tie into how they dress. For example, girls wore a petty coat so if they spilled hot wax or water while washing clothes and making candles, it wouldn't burn them. Also we had the drawing to see who won principal for a day and Danica won! She will be principal on Thursday the 23rd. By: Lily McGann and Danica Shanahan

#### **Ms. Feeney Rm. 14**

Please visit the art website link <http://feeneyartclass.weebly.com/> to view your child's artwork. Enjoy some of the cool projects we have been working on here at Woodsdale!

#### **Ms. Sherlock Room 15**

This week in Math we learned how to multiply mixed numbers, fractions, and how to draw and fill in a grid with fractions. In ELA we are reading, "Dog Newspaper" by 'Peg Kehert. We learned how to tell apart facts and opinions, how to tell the main idea, and how to use prepositional phrases. In Science we learned how to separate mixtures and solution such as salt and water, diatomaceous earth and water, and gravel and water. We also read and took two column about mixtures and solutions. In Social Studies we learned about the New England Colonies, and wrote a letter from the New England Colonies to a friend in England. We told them about why we came here, the government, the economy, and more. We have just started learning about the Middle Colonies now, and after we will start to learn about the Southern Colonies. One fun activity we are

doing this month is “March Madness.” The class voted for books to compete against each other. After the winning book has been chosen Ms. Sherlock will read that book. By: Ellie Bartholomew & Sarah Ahern

**Mrs. Samsel Rm. 18**

This is Nadia and Sophia coming to you this St. Patrick’s Day with the Friday News this week in room 18! This has been an exciting week with one snow day on Tuesday! In ELA this week we learned about facts and opinions. We also learned about Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases. We learned how to identify main ideas and details. The story that we read this week was The News Paper Dog. Dr. G came in to teach us some close reading skills. In math this week we learned how to multiply mixed numbers. We are in topic 11. In Social Studies we are continuing our Middle Colonies project. We will present the projects next week. We wish you a Happy St. Patrick’s Day and that is it for the Friday News this week.