

WOODSDALE FRIDAY NEWS



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 18 **The 15th Annual Jeff Coombs Memorial 5K Walk/Run Road Race**
held at Woodsdale School, 128 Chestnut Street, Abington, MA 02351.
8:30 a.m. - Children's run
9:00 a.m. - Run begins
9:05 a.m. - Walk begins
You can register between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

September 20 Yankee Candle Fall Fundraiser Envelopes will be handed out to your students. Please put their NAME and HOMEROOM on the envelope once you receive them.

September 25 Abington Music Parents 37th Annual Fall & Holiday Craft Fair
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Abington High School Gym
Admission - \$2.00 and Seniors - \$1.00
All of the proceeds support music programs in Abington Public Schools.

Message From the Principal

Dear Woodsdale Families,

"If you get one thing from today's presentation, I hope you can try to be nice to each other." Special guest, Christie Coombs, was wrapping up a 90-minute presentation in our cafetorium to the Woodsdale 6th graders about the events of September 11, 2001. Christie's husband Jeff Coombs died on Flight 11 on that fateful day, and one of their daughters was actually here at Woodsdale in 6th grade that morning.

Our students in the 6th grade were a terrific audience - focused and solemn - as they listened spellbound to the story Christie told. Her message was a powerful one, as she described this important moment in our country's history. She spoke of turning the horrific tragedy of the terrorist attacks into an opportunity to provide service and to help others. The courage of Christie and her family, and others like her, is inspirational. Our 6th graders were appreciative and moved.

You can feel very proud of our students and our community as they came together for this special meaningful presentation.

I hope to see many of you at the 15th Annual Jeff Coombs Memorial Road Race Walk and Family Day, this Sunday, September 18th at 9:00 a.m., here at Woodsdale!
Never Forget. 9.11.01.

Sincerely,

David Summergrad, Principal

Cell Phone Safety Reminder: For everyone's safety, we remind you to please *do not use your cell phone when driving, especially when here picking up your children.* The state law requires anyone who wants to use a phone while driving to use hands-free technology to both dial a number and to talk. The bill prohibits a driver from holding a phone while talking, inputting an address into a GPS, or composing or reading an electronic message.

Joanna's Place, Rt. 228, Hingham,

is offering a *bereavement support* program for both children and parents. The program meets for 16 weeks, every other week, and will be starting at the end of October. It generally meets from 6-8PM, is free, and dinner is provided. They are also offering another group for children who have a *sibling with significant special needs*. It also meets from 6:00 p.m. 8 p.m. for 8 weeks, is free, and dinner is provided. Joanna's Place has been offering bereavement support programs for over 20 years. If you're interested send an email to info@joannasplace.org or orgail@lifecyclefocus.com or call [617-921-4008](tel:617-921-4008).

Thank you.

Holly Matisis, School Psychologist

CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs. Duquette Rm. 10

This week room 10 has been working on fractions and decimals in math. Also in ELA we learned new spelling and vocab words. In social studies we learned about the 7 continents and the oceans. In science we are learning about shadows! We are reading "One Hen" in our wonders book. We are writing point of views from the story "A Fresh Idea". Sincerely, Riley Kolodziej and Mallory Brink

Mrs. Samsel Rm. 18

We have been working hard on learning the routines of fifth grade. We will continue to remember our homework as this is a great review for understanding the daily lessons. We have a class dog name OREO and are earning spots for him for great behavior. We do Brain Gym every day twice a day to help our body and brain work together. Next week Mrs. Samsel will be at a conference (Mon. & Tues.) so she wanted to remind the parents there will be NO MONDAY FOLDER this coming Monday. Please remember to sign up for Remind texts and look on Schoology for homework and projects. The first book report log slip is due this coming Thursday-9/22! Be sure to sign it parents! Last week we had Blue Day on Friday and the girls all did a pony tail day. This Friday we did Favorite Sports Day. I wonder what we'll do next Friday?

Dr. Gilpatrick Rm. 5

So far this year has been great! We have already learned so much. On Monday September 12, 2016 we started to get used to the schedule and what Dr. G expects. In math we learned 1.1 which is exponents. On Wednesday we read the story Eleven by Sandra Cisneros it was about a girl named Rachel turning eleven and trying to explain to her teacher that the sweater wasn't hers. We also learned in math 1.2 properties of operations. On Thursday we had an assembly with Mrs. Coombs and her experience with September 11th. We also learned how to use the 'CLOSE" reading strategy. On Friday, we reviewed the distributive property in math and answered questions on the short story "Eleven". Can't wait for next week! By: Diego Fleites