

WOODSDALE FRIDAY NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 12 Field Day
June 15 Grade 6 ONLY - Sundae Send-off 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
June 19 Last "Full" Day of School for Students - Dismissal at 2:20 p.m.
Report Cards are distributed

Message From Principal

Dear Woodsdale families,

The Unveiling: the Woodsdale Stained Glass for 9/11

Today, thanks to the Woodsdale Student Council and the Woodsdale PTO, we were proud to unveil the refurbished stained glass window that was created to honor those who lost their lives in the tragic attack on September 11, 2001.

Below are my remarks to the students, staff, and guests from this morning's unveiling:

"Where were you on 9/11?"

That is a question that adults sometimes ask each other. For the students in the room, we know the answer - you had not yet been born on September 11, 2001. For us, as grown-ups, the answer is a powerful one, and it brings back all the horrific memories of that tragic day - a day brought about by hatred and evil intentions. It is a day we might want to forget, but it is so important for us to remember, and to honor the memory of those who perished on that sad day.

Our reactions that day were a complicated jumble of shock, fear, anger, sadness, and grief. As we know, Abington's own Jeff Coombs was one of the lives sadly lost that day.

Christie Coombs and her family somehow were able to turn their grief into the amazing Jeff Coombs Memorial Foundation, and through that Foundation they have been able to help many others through acts of generosity and love.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. told us many years ago, "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."

Christie possesses an amazing combination of grace and resolve and determination that has enabled her to transcend the hatred of 9/11 and create a model of love and kindness. It is that kind of action, exemplified by Christie and by the Jeff Coombs Memorial Foundation that is powerful enough to change the world.

Christie, we are so grateful to you and the Foundation for inspiring all of us to do good for one another and to make the world a better place.

At this time, I'd like to share with you the special plaque that is going to put up on the wall underneath this stained glass panel. It says:

Woodsdale School
To Honor Those Who Perished on September 11, 2001
LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL
Designed by Woodsdale students in 2002
Refurbished by the Woodsdale 5th and 6th grade Student Council

Rededicated June 9, 2017
(In memory of Jeff Coombs, Abington Resident)

Thank you again to our Student Council for your initiative and to the Woodsdale PTO for their ongoing support and encouragement. We have been fortunate to have support from the whole PTO led by Mrs. Tirrell, Ms. Park, Mrs. Giller, and Mrs. DeMininco.

This tribute and plaque are a gift to the entire community, and represent our legacy for the Woodsdale School.

I also want to note today, this is the last time the entire 5th and 6th grade Woodsdale School will be gathered together in one place.

We are very excited about the move to the new Abington Middle School, but let's take a moment to reflect on your time at Woodsdale and to be sure, in the next week, to take notice of things around you - take a good look at all the familiar sights and sounds here at Woodsdale that you'll be leaving behind. Notice the WISE Woodsdale Owl, admire the beautiful murals created by Mrs. Naujalis. And especially, take some time to look at this stained glass panel and think about what it represents - the indomitable spirit of Woodsdale and Abington, and all that is good.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Summergrad, Principal

6th GRADE SUNDAE SEND-OFF

Sixth Graders are invited to attend a "Sundae Send-off" social event on Thursday, June 15th. Proper school attire is required. This is a no-cost event and open to Woodsdale Grade 6 students *ONLY*. There will be a DJ, dancing, and sundae making. Please plan to have your child arrive at 4:00 p.m. (no earlier) and have a ride home at **6:00 p.m.** Chaperones will be chosen by faculty.

Summer Reading

Summer Reading information for Grades 5 & 6 will be sent home along with your students' report card.

OPEN HOUSE

Monday, August 28th 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Open House for incoming 5th and 6th grade students. Parents and students are invited to come and meet their teacher, classmates, and view their room.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school for the 2017-2018 school year is Tuesday, August 29th.
Class assignments will be mailed out on August 18th.

FROM THE NURSE

ALL MEDICATIONS, INHALERS AND EPI PENS MUST BE PICKED UP BY THE CLOSE OF SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, JUNE 16th. *If you have any questions, please contact Nurse Magnasco at Woodsdale School.*

School-Wide Announcement

In the 21st century, information is shared through a wide variety of media outlets. With the many options available, youth spend a significant amount of time using media and are exposed to a large amount of violence. In fact, the average person will view 200,000 acts of violence by age 18.

What does this have to do with bullying? Experts have shown that repeated exposure to violence in the media will increase anti-social and aggressive behavior. Additionally, youth may begin to view the behavior as acceptable and become less sensitive to violence and those who are victims of violence. Bullying is a form of violence that may be influenced by exposure in the media, especially if it is portrayed as regular, acceptable behavior.

Some people say that media does not influence a person's thinking or behavior. If that was the case, why do advertisers spend millions on commercials? There are many positive benefits to the 24/7 availability of media. However, understanding the information is just the first step. It is also critical to question and evaluate what is presented in order to get to the real message being shared through the media.

Abington Youth Soccer Spring Travel News

The Abington Youth Soccer Spring Travel Grade 5/6 Girls and Boys teams have earned games in the South Shore Soccer League playoffs for their divisions. They will be playing this Saturday in Raynham. We want to wish the following girls and boys good luck: Aoife Queally, Avery McCann, Caitlin Noble, Delaney McCann, Dianna Fahey, Ella Barry, Ella Forster, Ella Williamson, Ellie Lindo, Emma O'Neill, Hope Montgomery, Melody Strobel, Natalie VanLuling, Payton O'Connor, Rylee Deminico, Leo Balewicz, Andrew Dunlop, Richard Galvao, Ian Graf, Hunter Grafton, Trevor Grafton, Joseph Hajjar, Jared Jernegan, Spencer Merrick, Will Murray, Andrew Petrillo, Jamari Ribeiro, James Spinney and Evan St. Martin. Good Luck!

Classroom News

Mrs. Johnson Rm. 11

This week in room 11 we finished our escape the classroom sheets and for our specials we had gym, health, music, art and the computer lab. We also took the topic 14 test in the computer lab. We started the book Maniac Magee. We also started a activity in science where you have to set up a contraption with a partner that has to launch a plastic army man the farthest and whoever's army man touches the door the move on to the next round. We made the contraption with many materials including, tape, string, an elastic band, a spoon, a cup, Popsicle sticks, and an army man to launch.

By: Danica Shanahan and Jacob Packard

Ms. Sherlock Rm. 15

In ELA we practiced using abbreviations. For example, we used the different days of the week, measurements, months, and name titles. In math we are going over lessons our class had difficulty with. We went over multiplying fractions and subtracting mixed numbers. In science we finished up Science Court. Then we got the mini laptops and went on Science Kids.com and learned about sound and other things like living things and bones. In social studies we filled out study guides. We had about one week to study for our test which was taken on Thursday, June 8. On Tuesday we had our in school concert. Grades 5 and 6 band and chorus members preformed in front of the whole school. On Friday, June 09, 2017 we had a very special occasion put on by student council. Student council repainted the 9/11 remembrance stained glass window. We also celebrated the last time that grades 5 and 6 will be in Woodsdale together.

By: Ellie Bartholomew and Gina Matterazzo

Mrs. Samsel Rm. 18

This past week, we did a lot of things, such as working on our science volcano project with Mr. Pease. We will be exploding them next week. In ELA, we are finishing up our last few lessons, which are on analogies, contractions, and contractions with pronouns. In math we finished topic 15. We hope to finish topic 16 by the end of the year. Topic 15 was all about special polygons, or quadrilaterals. In this Monday, we will be very excited, due to the fact that it is field day. This Friday we are watching a movie in class, and so far it is a surprise... today, we have a very important ceremony for Mrs. Coombs. Student council has rededicated the

stained glass flag window in honor of her husband. We have had such an awesome week. We also shared our Super hero stories- there really are heroes here at Woodsdale!