

Woodview Parent Newsletter

September 2023

Happy to Be Here!

Greetings Woodview Families!

We are back, and September is here!

It has been a great and busy start to the school year!

I hope that the school year is off to a great start for your family and from your perspective!

We encourage you to get involved and talk to your child often, check in, ask them what they are learning and how things are going! It is all about connection! We as a staff are focusing on building relationships, positivity, and staying on the path to continued greatness! We want to be the best possible school experience your child(ren) can have and we do not take this lightly. It is our commitment to working together as a team to be our best daily!



From the Office

- Please be sure that you communicate messages to your child's teacher by 8:45 a.m. This includes a call to the office to make a change in after school plans.
- Attendance: Please remember to report illness/absences to Gwen Schaffer, gschaffer@wanee.org or Kathy Anglin, kanglin@wanee.org by 9:00 a.m. This will help ensure the safety of your child and keep the school informed.
- When emailing regarding absences or school plans, be sure to include Gwen Schaffer or Kathy Anglin in case the teacher is not at school.
- Please provide a Doctor's note if your child has been to an appointment.
- If you have a change in phone numbers or email address, please be sure to update contact information in Skyward.
- If your student will be missing 2 or more school days for vacation or other planned absence, please stop in the office to fill out a request form. Thank you!

Welcome New Students!

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We are excited to welcome new students who have joined our school. These students come from a variety of schools and states.

First Graders: Journey Banicki, Ivis Diaz-Orellana, Tucker Kuhns, Kierstyn Miller, Nyelle Null, Kelie Rankin, Elizabeth Rodak, Olivianna Stump, Harlie Thomas, McKenzie Todd, and Maycol Ulloa-Gutierrez.

Second Graders: Keandra Miller, Logan Stump, and Marvin Swihart.

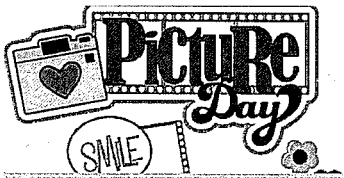
Third Graders: Rylie Cook and Parker Roberts.

Fourth Graders: Olivia Banicki, Leanna Christian-Davis and Brenden Cravens.

Fifth Graders: Rylee Todd and Aayden Tubbs.

New Staff

2023-2024 New to Woodview Staff Crew include the following individuals! Kim Branham, Principal, Erin Haseley, Literacy Coach, Kim Magnuson, ELL Teacher, Angela Martin, Assistant and Zoran Sipic, Special Education Teacher. We are so thankful they are joining us to support students and learning!



Picture Day is Coming!

On Tuesday, September 12th Lifetouch will be taking our school pictures in the gym. A flyer will be sent home prior to picture day with package prices. Or you may order on-line at mylifetouch.com. Use the Woodview Picture ID: EVTQX842K



Transportation

Bus routing:

Be courteous to others and please have your child waiting for the bus to ensure the bus routes run on schedule. Bus service includes designated stops where students wait for the bus outside. To remain on schedule, buses do not wait on students.

Students may be scheduled from one location in the morning and to one location in the afternoon.

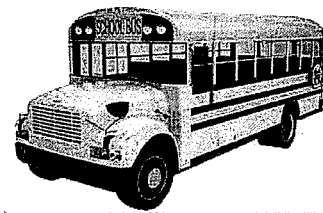
All transportation requests and changes must be made in writing through the transportation office via the online request or paper request.

Same day changes to bus transportation are not allowed.

If you need to pick up your student, please be sure to call the school office before noon. Otherwise, plan to pick up your student from their regular bus stop.

Do not plan to have friends or family members ride home with your student. Only permanent bus changes are allowed. Students should only ride their regularly scheduled bus.

Remember to provide adult supervision at bus stops to ensure student safety.



Before the cold weather becomes an issue:

Provide your child with reflective material, clothing, or backpacks.

Remember to make sure your child is dressed appropriately for dark mornings and for cold weather. If you need warm clothing contact your school office or local service organizations who provide clothing.

Bus Safety and Behavior Reminders:

Students need to allow the bus drivers to remain focused on the road. Remind your children about bus safety rules and behavior expectations.

A bus suspension from a school bus applies to all buses including extracurricular activities and learning trips.

Large items:

Large items, balloons, flowers, etc. are not allowed on the bus.

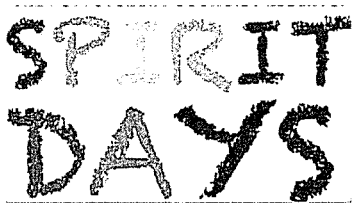
All other items must fit in a bag to be transported. All items must be in a bag when boarding and unloading school buses.

Fall Fundraiser

Students will be bringing home brochures on Tuesday, August 29th and should turn all order forms into the office by Tuesday, September 12th.

Woodview students will be selling gift items, food items and more.

Because we are selling food products it is very important that your items are picked up on time. Product pick up will be Tuesday, October 24th from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Money should be collected when the product is distributed. Please make checks payable to Woodview PTO.



Spirit Day Fridays

The PTO has organized the following Spirit Day Fridays at the beginning of each month:

September 8th – Rainbow Day

October 6th – Panther Pride Day or wear Red & Black

November 3rd – Mismatch Day or Crazy Hair Day

December 1st – Holiday or Festive Wear Day

January 12th – Pajama Day

February 2nd – Jersey or Favorite Sports Team Day

March 1st – Dr. Suess Day

April 12th – Hawaiian Day

May 3rd – Woodview T-Shirt Day

Book Fair

The Book Fair is starting September 18th and runs through Friday, September 22nd. The Book Fair will be located in the Library. Look for a Book Fair flyer coming home soon.



Tips and Ideas

- **Separation Anxiety:** It is typical and is developmentally appropriate for children to experience stress or anxiety when separated from their parents. Children need time to adjust to new situations where they are separated from their parent. This may take some children longer than

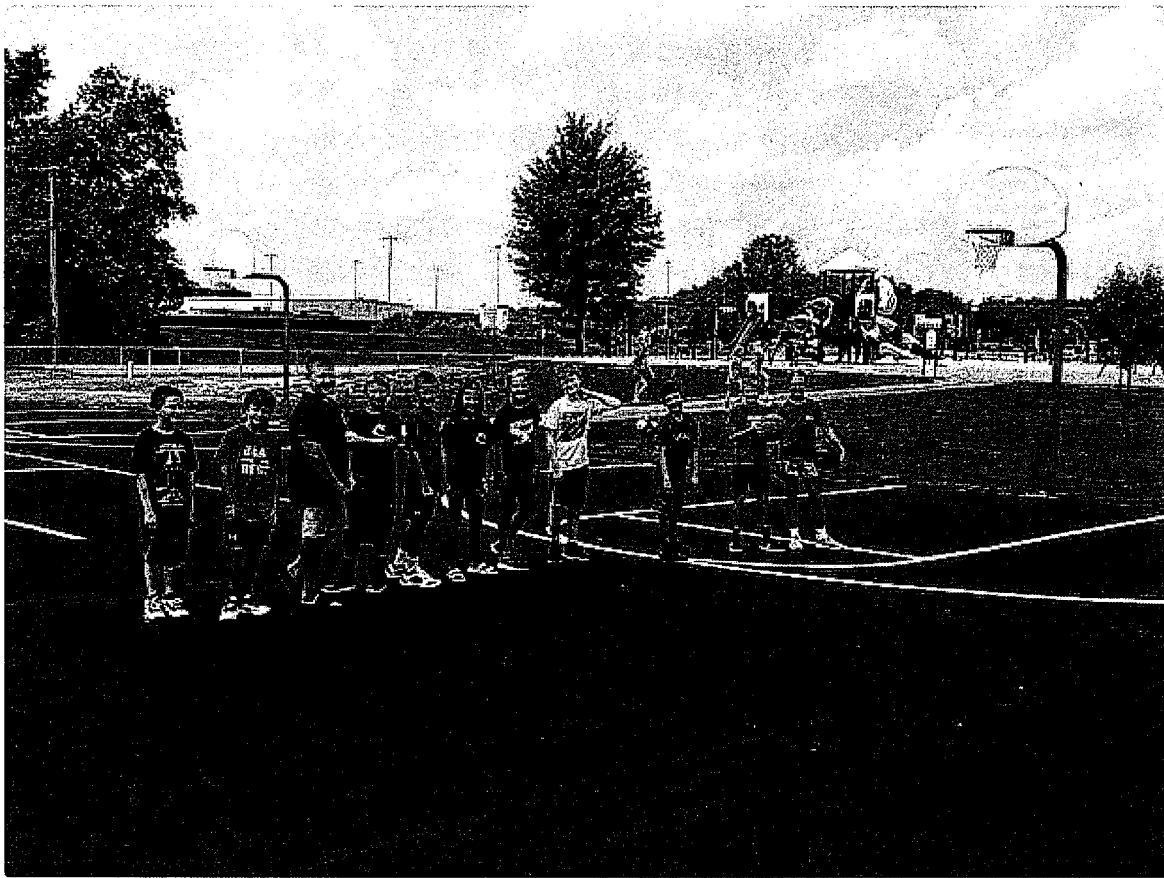
others. There are some practical approaches to making the transition as stress-free as possible for the entire family.

- **Start Back-to-School Routines:** For example, getting to bed early (student gets at least 9-12 hours of sleep (depends on age of child) & have backpack ready and clothes picked out the night before). Role Play what the morning will look like and practice everything ahead of time. Share clear expectations with them and be consistent.
- **Goodbye Ritual:** this can be a special wave through the window, a goodbye kiss, or a special handshake. The **key** once you and your child come up with your special goodbye and you have practiced it before the real goodbye, is staying consistent. Also, keep your goodbye short. Keep a smile on your face even if your child is crying and reassure that you will be back again at the end of the day. Leave without fanfare. Tell your child you are leaving and that you will return, then *go-DON'T STALL*.
- **Reduce Screen Time:** Build physical activity into each day for improved physical & mental health. We all know that a child eating well, sleeping well, and exercising well will feel better overall.
- **Comfort Object:** If your child is still struggling and you have done all-of-the-above strategies, allow your child to have a transitional object, otherwise known as a comfort object like a picture of you. *Again, practice your brief goodbye routine ahead of time so your child knows what to expect.* In addition, reading the book *The Kissing Hand* with your child has been extremely helpful for many children! 😊

FCDC Friday Food Backpack Program: *Family Christian Development Center (FCDC)* partners with *Cultivate Rescue* to provide six frozen nutritious microwaveable meals, which will include 1 protein, 1 starch and a vegetable for Wa-Nee families that are interested in this support. These insulated backpacks go home every Friday with the child. The student then puts the meals into their freezer and returns the empty backpack the following Monday to be filled again for the following Friday. If you are interested in being a part of this program, please email Brandi Trusty Btrusty@wanee.org or call the school to speak to Ms. Trusty.

Best School Year Yet! *Click on the following link to find 9 Organizational Tips and Tools for School Year Survival:* <http://school.familyeducation.com/time-management/forms-charts-and-checklists/75312.html#ixzz3EjocoWWZ>

Worth quoting: *"Be happy with what you have while working for what you want."* ~Helen Keller



Skyward

Family Access Please be sure to take the time to check over your Skyward Family Access account to make sure that all household and emergency contacts have been added. We have found many accounts that only have one parent listed and no additional emergency contacts. Visitors must be on the student's emergency contact list in order to pick up students after school. If they are not, the office must receive an email, note, or call from the student's guardian giving permission for that person to do so. If you have additional people that you would like to add to Skyward, please log back in to your Skyward Family Access, click on online registration, select each student and click on "Mark online registration as not completed and make changes." You can add family members by clicking c. Family Information and emergency contacts by clicking e. Emergency Contacts. Please be sure to mark each tab complete and then submit your online registration



Lunch Information

You can track your student's lunch purchases, check their account balance on-line and add money to their account. Simply go to the SKYWARD tab at www.wanee.org. Enter your username and password for Family Access.

Upcoming Dates

September

Sept. 4~Labor Day – No School
 Sept. 8~Spirit Day - Rainbow
 Sept. 12~Fund Raiser Ends
 Sept. 12~Picture Day
 Sept. 18 thru 22~Book Fair
 Sept. 22~Mid-term Reports home



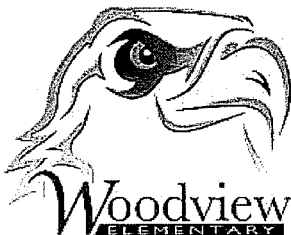
October

Oct. 4~Spirit Day – Panther Pride or Wear Red & Black
 Oct 20th and 23rd ~Fall Break - No School
 Oct. 24th~Fundraiser Product Distribution
 Oct. 31st~Picture Retakes

[Wa-Nee Transportation Web Link](#)

Useful Information can be found here!

[Click Here for Woodview Elementary School Homepage](#)



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Orange Day



Green Day



Blue Day

