

WOODLAND SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER

NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Sept. 19:** First Pizza Friday
- Oct. 1:** Count Day
- Oct. 16:** School Photo Retakes
- Oct. 31:** Half Day
- Nov. 5 - 6:** Parent-Teacher Conferences for all villages
- Nov. 7:** NO SCHOOL (Teacher P.D. Day)
- Nov. 10:** Family Council Meeting (3:45pm)
- Nov. 14:** Family Council Movie Night (6:00pm)
- Nov. 25:** Learning/History Fair (Half Day)
- Nov. 26 - 28:** NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

Learning Fair/History Fair Date Change

The Learning Fair/History Fair has traditionally been held on the Friday closest to Halloween. We are changing it this year to the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, which is the Friday before the start week.



Hike-a-Thon Spirit Wear

ALL students and staff will receive FREE t-shirts courtesy of Family Council (those orders are already in!), but family and friends are welcome to order from the online store too! ... or, snag your student a coordinating sweatshirt to go with the t-shirt they'll receive at school! You'll receive your gear just in time for our annual Hike-a-Thon!



The online store is open through SUNDAY 9/28 so get your order in today ... and check out that sweet new HaT design courtesy of our very own Brennan Sang. Hike 2025 is going to be epic! Link [HERE](#).

FAMILY COUNCIL

The Woodland School Family Council is about **CONNECTING** with other Woodland Families, **CONTRIBUTING** to the school and our children's experience here, and **CREATING** memories for all.

Staff Appreciation

Did you know we have an opportunity for you to spread some love to our staff all through the year by committing to one treat or snack during one school week from now until June?? Click [here](#) and grab a week that works for you to bring in a snack, and maybe a little note of appreciation, to remind our hard-working crew just how important they are to us all! Thanks for being part of our Woodland family and spreading the love!

Family Directory

We had such a great response to the all school directory, we're doing it again! Our plan is to have a printed copy to each family each fall (as well as a PDF version).

Thank you to everyone who has shared their info already, don't forget to send your family pictures (portrait orientation preferred) to woodlandfamilycouncil@gmail.com if you filled out your info at the back to school picnic.

Our goal is to get everyone who wants to be in the directory to submit info by **September 19**, please add your family's info here:

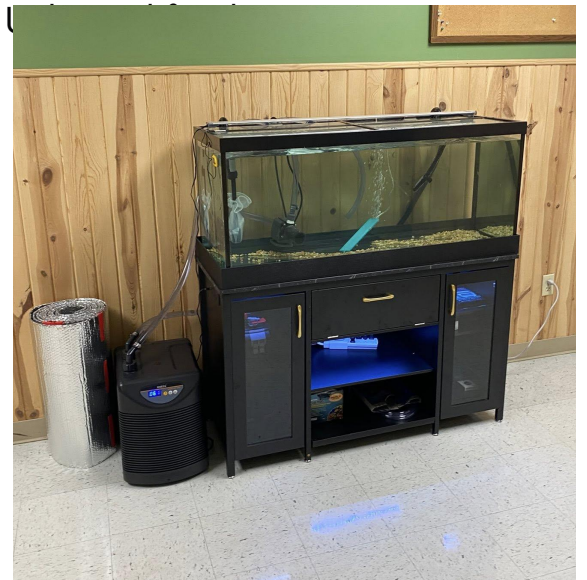
<https://forms.gle/zvrQEMPR4nuAgHobA>

2025-26 Officers

President: Julia Morse
Vice President: Nikki Grockau
Secretary: Kristin Atkinson
Treasurer: Chelsea Kline
Community Relations Chair: Casey Dodger
Events Chair: Cherie Spaulding
Fundraising Chair: Emily McManman

Hike-a-Thon 2024 Update

Check out this fish tank that Ms. Carrie set up in the Middle Village hallway! It was purchased with funds from last year's Hike-a-Thon. What do you think is going in? A hint: Ms. Carrie is partnering with Trout



PIZZA FRIDAYS

The 6-8 Village Fundraiser will begin on **Friday, September 19th**. This fundraiser helps pay for the year-end trips for the Upper Village. This is also a nice break from making lunch at the end of the week!

You may pay in one of three ways:

- **One week** at a time (cash only)
- **Ten weeks** at a time for dates:
9/19 - 1/16
1/23 - 4/24
and
Five weeks at a time for dates:
5/1 - 6/5
- **Whole year** (25 weeks).

If you order for multiple weeks at a time you may pay with cash or check; weekly orders must be paid with cash only.

Orders need to be turned in and paid for by Thursday morning at the start of school.

Interested in Volunteering?

This program is run by volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, sign up with the [volunteer link](#).



We will have **pepperoni** and **cheese** slices, plus combos which include a side (applesauce or Rice Krispie treat) and a juice box.

Prices are as follows:

- 1 slice pizza combo: **\$4**
- 2 slice pizza combo: **\$5**
- Slice of pizza (no sides): **\$2**
- Sides only (applesauce or Rice Krispie treat and juice): **\$2**

Order online with this link:

[pizza order form](#)



UPPER / PRIMARY BUDDIES



Primary and Upper Village students were paired up with buddies. They will meet throughout the year for fun events and projects!



LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year. I look forward to helping your child become a skillful researcher and an enthusiastic reader.

Once a week, your child's class will visit the school library. Library time will be used for reading, checking out books, teaching your child how to find books and appreciate literature, utilize resources, work on literacy and more.

Please encourage your child to enjoy and take care of our library materials as if they were their own. It is also helpful to establish a routine at home to keep books safe. Please have your child return the book(s) back to school before their next library day or on the day of their library class. Students must return a book in order to check out another one. If your child is still enjoying the book they borrowed, there is always the option to renew it. There is a book return bin conveniently located under the desk in the library.

Thank you for your partnership in assuring that the students have a wide variety of books to enjoy for many years to come. I look forward to spending time with your child and encouraging them to love books.

Book Circulation

Primary Village students may borrow 2 books for one week.
Middle Village students may borrow 2 books for two weeks.
Upper Village students may borrow 2 books for two weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Laura Dowling

Reading Specialist & Librarian

Woodland School

(231) 947-7474 ext. 108

ldowling@woodlandschooltc.org



Library Schedule

Ms. Goodrick: Monday 2:45-3:30

Mrs. Milne: Tuesday 12:45-1:30

Ms. Melissa: Tuesday 1:40-2:25

Ms. Carrie: Tuesday 2:45-3:30

Mrs. Hadd: Wednesday 2:45-3:30

Ms. Mary: Thursday 12:45-1:30

Ms. Kelsey: Thursday 1:40-2:25



Overdue and Lost Books

Overdue notices will be handed out periodically or emailed as a friendly reminder when books have not been returned.

Occasionally, a book will get lost or damaged beyond repair. If that happens, you may choose to donate a copy of the lost book or pay the replacement cost. When sending in cash or check, please attach the overdue notice so credit can be given. Please make a check payable to Woodland School and include "library" in the memo. If the lost book is found within the next 60 days, you will be cheerfully refunded.

P.E. NEWS

Welcome back to school! It's been fun to see all of our returning Eagles and great to meet each of the new students! Physical Education classes have hit the ground running (and jumping and skipping, etc.)!

P.E. Needs

Students will need sturdy, **indoor running shoes** and a **water bottle**.

Primary Village PE

classes are on Mondays & Wednesdays.

3-5 PE classes are on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

4-5 PE classes are on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Upper Village/6-8 PE

electives meet on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Woodland School P.E. Program

The focus of the Woodland School PE program is the development of healthy lifestyles, motor skills, movement knowledge, physical fitness, confidence, and social, emotional, and personal skills which lead to a lifetime of physical activity and overall wellness. The best part of all is that PE is fun! Students will have the opportunity to learn and play a variety of sports, games, and fitness-related activities. Developing good sportsmanship and overall integrity are key elements in everything we do.

Illness or Injury

If a student is recovering from an injury or illness which limits their ability to participate in PE, please let me know by sending a note, email, text, or voicemail.

Best,

Stephanie Rancour
K-8 Physical Education Teacher
srancour@woodlandschooltc.org
(231) 947-7474 Ext. 111
(231) 313-8364



CAR-LINE CAN DRIVE

Help Send the 8th Graders
to Washington, DC!

Look for the 8th graders
holding signs in front of the
school during drop-off and
pick-up.

**EVERY FRIDAY
MORNING AND
AFTERNOON
LOOK FOR SIGNS!**



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

At Woodland, we focus on a different character trait each month, and for our first month of the 2025–26 school year, we are celebrating **Creativity**! Creativity means thinking outside the box and coming up with original ideas. It isn't just for art — we can use creativity in every part of our day! Each month, I visit every class to explore our character traits together. So far, I've led a fun activity with our Upper Village students, giving them a chance to showcase their creative sides. When we use our creativity, we can have fun with our subjects, projects, and peers. How might you use your creativity today to solve a problem, try something new, or help someone else?

On **September 24**, we are thrilled to welcome motivational speaker **B. Farris** to Woodland! With over a decade of experience inspiring youth across the country, B. Farris combines music, live performances, and spoken word to deliver powerful messages of hope, resilience, and self-belief. Growing up in a single-parent household of eight, he understands firsthand the challenges of overcoming adversity and encourages students to recognize their potential and embrace their unique stories. His assemblies remind students that their journey is a book, not just a page.

To learn more about B. Farris and his impactful work, please visit his official website: <https://iambfarris.com>.



Blessings in a Backpack

This is a program from Father Fred that provides canned food for students and families over the weekend. Students get a backpack of food on Fridays to take home. If this is something you would like to be a part of please reach out to Ms. Whitney and she would be happy to include you on the list!



Boots for Kids

With school starting, that can mean that at any moment will experience colder weather...and possibly snow! Boots for Kids is a program that will provide winter boots for kids who need them. If you would like to sign up for this, please reach out to Ms. Whitney.



Thanksgiving and Christmas Meals

If you would like help with meals during the holidays, please reach out to Ms. Whitney and we will make sure you have a full table to feed your family!



Please always feel free to reach out to me!

231-947-7474 ext. 122 or

wwheeler@woodlandschooltc.org

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

There are many resources available to residents of Northern Michigan, including those on the list below. Click on the link for your county/city for more detailed information.

Addiction Services
Child Abuse and Neglect
Youth and Teens Services
Early Childhood Education
Food Assistance
Housing Assistance
Health Care
Legal Aid
Mental Health Services
Pregnancy/Parenting
Elderly Services
Suicide Prevention
Transportation
Utilities
Veterans Services



Kalkaska
Traverse City