

# Woodland School Weekly Updates

5/4 - 5/8

## Quote of the Week

"Be silly, Be honest, Be kind." Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## Woodland Family Updates

**May 4th, 2026**

Happy Monday, everyone. We are very much looking forward to some nicer weather soon. Primary electives have been in full swing, our Spring concerts are scheduled in the coming weeks, and our Spring semester will quickly come to an end with our last student day scheduled for June 10th. We have truly enjoyed the 25-26 school year and honestly can't believe that June will be here before you know it. Please reach out to classroom teachers if you have any questions or need anything at all. Below are some of our updates. Please ensure to check each teacher and village link as well. Hope everyone has a great week!



**1. Earth Day Campus Clean-Up** – We had a small gathering for campus clean-up this past Friday. Thank you to those families who did join our small but mighty group to help clean up. A few families left before our photo, but we appreciated all those who came out to help move the leaves and get ready for our 30th anniversary celebration.

**2. Teacher Appreciation Week**- This week is Teacher Appreciation Week! Thank you, teachers, for everything that you do every day! We are so grateful for the amazing staff at Woodland School. Family Council and I will celebrate our amazing staff next week during Charter School Week. However, I wanted to ensure that I shouted out our amazing staff today as well!

**3. Sparks Day Camp- YMCA- [Sparks Day Camp - YMCA Hayo-Went-Ha Camps](#)** (a summer camp opportunity)

Unplugged - On Torch Lake - Explore - connect

At Sparks Day Camp, kids are invited to experience the magic of a classic summer camp. Nestled along the beautiful shores of Torch Lake, campers dive into nature and adventure through thoughtfully designed weekly themes and a wide variety of exciting activities. From rock climbing

and ziplining to arts & crafts, gaga ball, and so much more – every day is filled with fun, friendships, and unforgettable memories. Curated for ages 5 through 10.

#### 4. Woodland School job opportunities: [WOODLAND SCHOOL Career Opportunities](#)

Woodland School is currently seeking a full-time middle school math teacher. If you or someone you know is certified, we encourage you to apply. Benefits include a 401(k) match, health and vision coverage, and paid time off.

#### 5. 30th Woodland School Anniversary Celebration-May 16, 11:00 AM–2:00 PM

Woodland School is excited to share that we will have 3 different food trucks, including tacos, BBQ, and a spin on old-fashioned and silly sodas. Join us for a walk down memory lane, participate in games including football and capture the flag, enjoy arts and crafts, or just come out and enjoy all the festivities on campus. Desserts and so much more for the entire family to enjoy. (See the flyer attached)

**6. YPC- Ukrainian Pen Pals-** Our 6-8 students connected with their pen pals and were able to discuss options of ways to help them by sending gifts from Michigan to support their families. Our students are also excited about continuing to connect with them outside of school. It was wonderful seeing this cross-cultural connection.

**7. 30th Year T-shirt orders-** Families, if you would like to order a shirt for yourself. We have already ordered shirts for all of the students. <https://woodland30.itemorder.com/> **Orders must be placed by Thursday 5/7 at noon**

#### Charter School Week Updates: May 11 through May 15- Student Dress Down Schedule

M: Monochromatic Monday

T: School Spirit Day/School Picture

W: Wacky Hair Day

TH: Tacky Thursday

F: Favorite Sports Team Day

#### ➔ Travel Abroad with Woodland School Travel Club

Woodland's Travel Club is planning its next adventure! Past trips have included London, Paris, and Italy—and now we're looking ahead to **Greece** for a 7–9-day experience.

The tour will be organized by a local travel agent in partnership with the **Globus Family of Brands**. Interested? Please complete the survey linked below. Once preferred dates are determined, we'll host an informational meeting with full details.

*Please note: This trip will be organized by a different tour company than in previous years (see attached flyer).*

#### ✖ Not Returning to Woodland?

If your family has decided not to return next school year, please notify:

Amy Miller – [amiller@woodlandschooltc.org](mailto:amiller@woodlandschooltc.org)

Rich Watson – [rwatson@woodlandschooltc.org](mailto:rwatson@woodlandschooltc.org)

While we're always sad to see families move on, we understand that life brings changes. If you'd like to discuss your decision or schedule an exit conversation with Mr. Watson, please call 231-

### 8th Graders headed to TCAPS HS test out Day:

TCAPS provides high school students the opportunity to test out of required courses they have not taken in high school. To earn credit for the required course, a student must achieve a minimum score of C+ (78%) or higher on the assessment. Per state guidelines, test-out credits will be recorded as "CR" (credit) on the student's transcript and will not be factored into their grade point average.

The test-out opportunities will be offered to high school students:

- Wednesday, May 6, 2026: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (West Senior High School)
- Saturday, May 9, 2026: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Central High School)

High school students must declare their intent to test out by completing [the online HS Test Out Application](#) on or before the deadline on Friday, April 17, 2026. For more information, visit [www.tcaps.net/testout](http://www.tcaps.net/testout).

Thank you for your continued support as we finish the school year strong!

Best regards,

Rich Watson, Ed.S

Director of Woodland School



**Woodland School's  
30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration**



**Join Us!**  
**Saturday, May 16,  
2026**  
**11:00am-2:00pm**

**Food Available for  
Purchase 11am-2pm:**

- Billy Bob's
- Boneyard BBQ
- Sabores Y Colores
- Street Fizz Dirty Soda

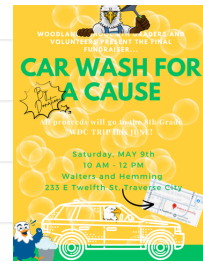
**Dessert provided**

**Activities**

- Flag Football 11:45am-12:15pm
- Capture the Flag 12:15-12:45pm
- Commemorative Tree Planting: 1:00pm
- I Spy around the pond loop
- Crafts
- Fishing (bring your own gear)
- Leave a memory
- Hiking
- Disc golf
- Classrooms/School open



**7224 Supply Rd  
Traverse City, MI 49696**



8th Grade Fundraiser

Young Peace Builder  
Ukraine partnership

8th Grade Car Wash  
Fundraiser

## Woodland School is turning 30!

Woodland School (formerly Traverse Bay Community School) is turning 30! We want YOU to help us celebrate!

Join us May 16, 2026 from 11am-2pm for the celebration!

To help us gauge the amount of food, dessert, and other activities we need to prepare for, please RSVP below.

Current students, former students, and all friends and family are invited!

Thanks for your support!

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

\* Indicates required question



Name (optional)



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### Upcoming Important Dates

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Kindergarten visit day, May 8th 2:30-3:30

FC Coffee Meet and Greet with Mr. Watson May 15 @ 8:30 am

30th Yr. Celebration 11:00-2:00 May 16th

1/2 Day May 22 11:30 am dismissal

Touch a Truck May 22nd (11:30 dismissal)

No School May 25th

Primary Concert May 28th 6:30 pm doors open @ 6:15

Choir and Percussion Concert June 2 @ 6:00 pm

Band and Percussion Concert June 4 @ 6:00 pm

### Primary Village Updates

[Mrs. Mary and Mrs. Kelsey](#)

[Mrs. Melissa](#)

[Mrs. Milne Google Classroom:](#)

## Middle Village Updates

[Middle Village Weekly Updates](#)

## Upper Village Updates

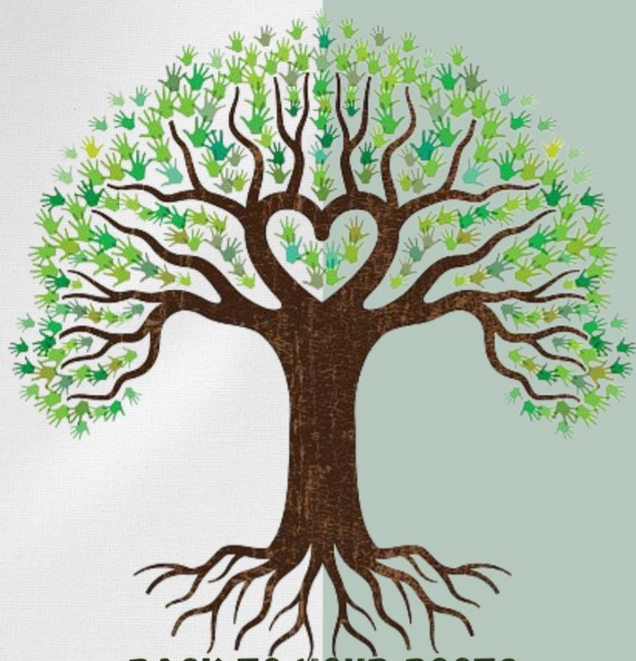
See the links below for the Upper Village Updates.

[Mrs. Ziegler ELA 6-8 updates:](#)

[Upper Village Weekly Updates:](#)

## Counselor's Corner

[Mrs. Wheeler Updates:](#)



**BACK TO YOUR ROOTS**



## SAVE THE DATE!

**JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF  
30 YEARS!**

**WHEN:**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026**

**WHERE:**

**WOODLAND SCHOOL  
(FORMERLY TBCS)**

**COME AND CELEBRATE!**

**OPEN HOUSE 11AM-2PM**

**JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND FESTIVITIES!**

## 6-8th Grade Pizza Friday Fundraiser

[Pizza Fridays order form link:](#)

### Payment Options

You may choose from the following:

- **Weekly** – Pay one week at a time (**cash only**).
- **Ten-Week Blocks** – Pay in advance for the following sessions:
  - September 19 – January 16
  - January 23 – April 24

- **Five-Week Block** – Pay in advance for:
  - May 1 – June 5
- **Full Year** – Pay for all 25 weeks at once.

⚡ Please note: **Weekly payments must be made in cash.** For multi-week or full-year payments, you may use **cash or check.**

### Interested in Volunteering?

This program is made possible by our amazing volunteers! If you'd like to help, please sign up with the [volunteer link](#).

### Instructional Staff Contacts

<https://www.woodlandschooltc.org/instructional-staff>



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