

Woodland School Weekly Updates

December 1st- 5th

Quote of the Week

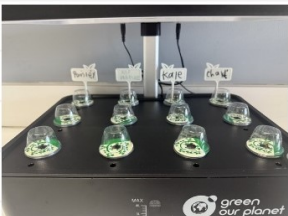
"The expert in anything was once a beginner" - Helen Hayes



Coffee and donut Mixer
(several missed the photo)



Mrs. Melissa's class fork
and spoon lunch
program.



Our green planet
hydroponics mini setups.

Woodland School Important Updates and Information

Dear Families,

Happy December 1st! The snow arrived quickly this weekend. Our little corner of Traverse City is always an interesting one—sometimes we get much heavier snowfall on our campus than the far west side of town. We will generally follow TCAPS when it comes to school closures, so please continue to keep an eye on 9&10 News as well as 7&4.

I will always make sure updates are posted before 6:00 a.m. and will send communication via email. You may also subscribe to the 7&4 text alerts for school closure notifications. Woodland School will be listed with local schools whenever we close.

If you ever feel it is unsafe to drive your child to school—and we remain open—please feel free to call them in for the day. No school day is worth the risk if road conditions or visibility are dangerous. We always want students here, but safety will always come first.



Fall Theater Performance Information:

We have three important dates coming up concerning our Performing Arts Program at Woodland: (Tomorrow)

- Fall Theater Performance: Tuesday, December 2nd at 7:00pm (Dress requirements are black pants and a black shirt) This performance will feature student-prepared scenes and monologues. Student report time is 6:30pm.
- Band and Choir Concert: Tuesday, December 9th at 6:00pm. (Dress code requirements are black and white, no logos on clothing). Student report time is 5:30pm.
- Primary Music Concert: Tuesday, December 16th at 6:30pm. (Student report time is 6:15pm. Details on dress code will be sent home via Mrs. Terhune.)

We look forward to seeing you all soon in support of our wonderful students at Woodland School!

Thank you!

Mickey Owen

Music Director

Woodland School

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<https://mowen26.wixsite.com/woodland-eagles-perf>

Woodland School Young Peacebuilders 2025 Holiday Gift Fair!

Dear Eagle Families,

The Woodland School Young Peacebuilders are excited to invite K-8 students to our Holiday Gift Fair! Club members are busy creating a variety of unique gift items. Students will have the opportunity to purchase gifts for their families and friends in the gym on Friday, December 12th during their Lunch/Recess. Gift prices usually range from \$1.00 - \$10.00. We are looking forward to seeing lots of K-8 student shoppers at this favorite annual event! Proceeds from this year's gift fair will be used to build peace by helping local and global communities in a variety of ways. Watch for updates throughout the year.

Thank you very much for supporting our Young Peacebuilders Club (YPC). We hope that you have a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Rancour &

Young Peacebuilders Club Members

Our Green Planet Hydroponic Systems Updates:

The **Our Green Planet** mini hydroponics systems and the **large-scale school hydroponics setup** will be operated by **Mrs. Carrie's class**. Students will assist with the setup, oversight, and daily operation of these systems.

Each village will now have several mini hydroponics units, and our larger school-wide system will be installed in the cafeteria after our mini break. Mrs. Carrie's **Dig In** class is currently growing salsa ingredients and salad mixes.

Our hope is that once the crops are ready, **students across the school will have opportunities to participate and enjoy the harvest**.

String Music Afterschool Lessons Updates:

Last week your child had the opportunity to experience the joy of playing a string instrument during our Instrument Petting Zoo at Woodland School! Students got to try violins, violas, cellos, and more — and many showed great excitement and natural curiosity.

We're thrilled to announce that for only \$100 per month (including instrument rental), your child can continue this journey and become part of the very first Woodland School Strings Program. This is a wonderful opportunity to help build something new and lasting in our school community — and for your child to be one of the pioneers of this exciting inaugural group.

If you'd like more information or if you are interested in signing up your child, please fill out this form below with your contact information so that we can reach out and discuss the program with you and answer any questions. As soon as we have enough students enrolled we can get started!

Musically yours,

Karine Pierson- MIMusic

Woodland School Spirit Store

The Woodland Spirit Wear Store is open for orders! The store will close at 11:59pm on Sunday, December 7. Orders will be delivered before the winter break. Click the link for purchasing.

🧢 Winter Gear Reminder:

Students go outside **every day**—please send labeled hats, gloves, snow pants, and coats. Labeling items helps us return them quickly if lost.

🍴 Lunchtime Utensils

We’ve noticed an increased need for utensils during lunch. Please help by sending a **fork or spoon** from home each day.

Thanks to **Mrs. Carrie’s grant**, we now have **biodegradable utensils**, and thanks to **Mrs. Melissa and family donations**, we also have **metal utensils available** in the lunchroom for students to borrow, which will be cleaned and sanitized daily.

To keep things sustainable and manageable, we encourage families to send **reusable utensils** whenever possible.

Thank you for supporting our eco-friendly lunch efforts!

📅 Important Dates

- Dec. 2nd Theater Performance 7:00-8:30
- Dec. 5th Friday End of 1st Trimester 1/2 Day 11:30 dismissal
- Dec. 9th Band/Choir Percussion Performance 6:00-7:30 pm
- Dec. 10th School Board Meeting Library 6:00-7:30 pm
- Dec. 12th Family Council Meeting Library
- Dec. 16th Primary Concert 6:30-7:30 pm
- Dec. 19th 1/2 Day 11:30 dismissal
- Winter Break Mon Dec. 22- Jan. 2 School resumes Mon. Jan. 5th

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:](#)

Staff Member of the Week!

Meet Mrs. Ziegler, She going into her 22nd year of teaching. This is her sixth at Woodland. She has had a wide variety of roles in education at all levels, all of which center around her love of teaching reading, writing, and sharing the beauty of language.

Teaching ELA, talking about books, and growing student writers are all some of her favorite things. Teaching and encouraging students is her happy place! If you know her, or ask her students, they will say the same.



Some of her favorite things are coffee, books, gnomes, and plants. When she is not at school, you can find her on sidelines watching soccer, reading a book, traveling, drinking coffee-, and when the temp is just right, spending long days at the beach.

Mrs. Ziegler's family has been lucky to be part of the Woodland Community as her daughter, Parker, is a Woodland graduate starting 11th grade this year, and her son, Beckett, is starting his final year here as an 8th grader. We are so grateful for everything that Mrs. Ziegler brings to our Woodland School especially what she does for our upper village students. She is an absolute rock star, and our middle school students are very fortunate to have such a wonderful ELA teacher at the middle school level who offers so many amazing classes and electives. We appreciate all of our teachers and wanted to especially shout out Mrs. Ziegler. Thanks for all that you do.

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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