

Woodland School Weekly Updates

January 26th-30th

Quote of the Week

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." Winston Churchill

Woodland Family Updates

Dear Families,

As a reminder, our driveway can become quite narrow during periods of heavy snowfall like we are currently experiencing. Our plow service is continuing to push snow away from the road to help maintain access; however, we ask that everyone use extra caution when pulling into and out of campus.

Today, a parent reported that another vehicle clipped their side mirror while entering campus. Fortunately, no damage occurred. Please remember that our campus is subject to all traffic laws—speeding, accidents, and hazardous driving will not be tolerated. In this case, the vehicle involved could not be identified, and our outdoor cameras did not capture the incident. Please be aware that if similar incidents are reported in the future, they may be referred to the Grand Traverse Sheriff's Department.

We will continue working closely with our plow service to keep the driveway as wide and accessible as possible throughout the winter months. Thank you for your care and cooperation in keeping our campus safe.

Incoming Kindergarten Siblings – Fall 2026

Do you have a child who will be entering kindergarten and joining Woodland School in Fall 2026? Families with a child currently enrolled at Woodland School must complete a kindergarten enrollment application for the 2026–2027 school year. Applications must be submitted through the Woodland School website by **March 11, 2026**, and families should indicate that they already have a student enrolled at Woodland.

This process applies only to families with a child currently attending Woodland School. For questions, please contact us at woodland@woodlandschooltc.org or **231-947-7474**.

Not Returning to Woodland School

If your family plans to leave Woodland School after this school year and you have already made this decision, please notify **Amy Miller** (amiller@woodlandschooltc.org) or our director, **Rich Watson** (rwatson@woodlandschooltc.org).

While we are always sad to see families transition, we understand that changes in work, housing, or other circumstances sometimes make this necessary. If you would like to discuss concerns or schedule an exit interview with Mr. Watson, please reach out by email or call **231-947-7474 ext.**

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Woodland School Open House – Prospective Families

Do you know a family interested in Woodland School, or someone who applied in the past and was not admitted? Invite them to attend one of our upcoming Open Houses:

- **Wednesday, February 18, 2026 | 5:30–7:00 pm**
(*Snow make-up date: Tuesday, February 24*)
- **Saturday, February 28, 2026 | 10:00 am–12:00 pm**

Pizza Friday Update

We are currently in the next 10-week pizza period, which began on **Friday, January 23**. Sign-ups are open for Pizza Fridays, with options for either a 10-week or 15-week session. Payment may be made by cash or check.

Pizza sign-up link:

<https://forms.gle/oedLnNU3XLdkDZJ19>

Save the Date: Winterfest 2026

Saturday, February 7 | 1:00–4:00 pm at Woodland School

Join us for Woodland School's Annual Winterfest! Families can enjoy sledding, ice skating, a cakewalk, games, free chili and hot dogs, hot chocolate, and time around the outdoor fire with friends, family, and staff. Winterfest is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season together on Woodland's beautiful campus.

Many students also participate in the annual cardboard boxcar sled race—build a sled and join the fun! We can't wait to see the creativity on the snow and ice.

Winterfest is fully sponsored by Family Council, and volunteers are always appreciated.

Chili Donations by Village

Each village is invited to contribute ingredients for our meat and vegetarian chili. Hot dogs are generously donated by **Max Bauer's**.

- **Primary Village:** Canned tomato products (diced, paste, sauce, crushed)
- **Middle Village:** Canned beans (any variety) or canned green chiles
- **Upper Village:** Onions, garlic, carrots, vegetable stock, or vegetable broth

We are looking forward to an amazing Winterfest 2026!

🏆 LEAP Sports Program

Families interested in learning more about **TCAPS LEAP Sports** opportunities can find additional information here:

<https://www.tcaps.net/page/leap-sports>

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a wonderful winter season at Woodland School.

Grocer's Daughter Valentine's Day Helping Hand's Fundraiser

Grocer's Daughter and Woodland School are at it again for Valentine's Day. All proceeds will benefit Woodland's School Helping Hands account. This account goes to helping our families with anything that they need. Flyer attached. Please have your order submitted by February 5th, and your chocolates will be delivered by February 13th directly to Woodland School's classrooms. (Order forms will go home 1-27-26) Use the QR code **Woodland2026**. Grocer's Daughter can even ship to loved ones out of town.



HELPING HANDS VALENTINE FUNDRAISER

Orders due: Feb 5th

Name:

Scan GDC QR code to view item images, ingredients, etc.

Student:

Teacher:

Phone:

Help! Text Cherie @ 231-632-3711



♥ ONLY ORDERS FROM THIS FORM DELIVERED FEB 13TH TO WOODLAND FOR PICK-UP

Item	*Price	#	Total
Heart Lollie milk/dark/assorted/vegan milk (circle)	\$4.00 each		
Smoked butter caramels Milk or dark (circle)	\$16.00		
Valentine Hearts Milk /dark/assorted/vegan (circle flavors)	\$14.00		
12 PC Honey Truffles	\$32.00		
16 Pc Valentine Chocolate Box	\$50.00		
PB Pucks (peanut butter cups) 2 per package	\$6.00		
Sea Salt Honey Caramels milk/dark (circle one)	\$14.00		
Chocolate Covered Cherries 6oz. Bag	\$14.00		
Chocolate covered Toffee 5 oz. Bag	\$14.00		
Dairy-free Truffles 4Pc/6pc (choose)	\$12/\$14		
Other: *add any item from GDC website.	*retail minus 5%		

*Need shipping to family or friend? Scan QR code above. Enter "**woodlandschool2026**" for 5% retail discount and percentage of profits go straight to Woodland's Helping Hands.

Woodland School All Community Input Survey... Your Input is valued

Woodland School Strategic Planning Community Survey - Due January 31st

<https://forms.gle/EMjrbJE3JtrJ3hAb9>

WOODLAND SCHOOL

Curious about Woodland School? Join us at an Open House event where you can speak with staff and take a tour of the school. Come at your convenience.

Open House - Wednesday, February 18, 2026 from 8:30pm-7pm
(Open until 9:00pm - Tuesday, Feb. 24)

Open House - Saturday, February 28, 2026 from 10am-12pm

Woodland School has:

- A Kindergarten (full day, every day) through 8th grade program.
- Multi-age classrooms emphasizing individualized learning.
- Strong core academics.
- Engaging curriculum.
- Unique elective courses.
- A complete Arts program—Art, Choir, Band, Elementary Music & Theater Production.
- 250 acres of wooded land, numerous trails and several small lakes.
- A staff that truly understands the learning process and strives to empower each child.
- A program designed to inspire creativity, foster responsibility and instill confidence.

Students are admitted to Woodland School through a lottery system. Enrollment applications are available on our website under [Parental Family Enrollment](#).

Applications must be submitted by midnight Wednesday, March 11, 2026. The lottery will be held on Friday, March 13, 2026.

Woodland is a Kindergarten through 8th grade, tuition-free, public, charter school that fosters a deep love of learning through creative curriculum and a unique environment.

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Upcoming Important Dates

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Friday, January 30

Primary Village First Semester Report Cards
Sent home digitally

Friday, February 6

Field trip for Primary to Dennos

Saturday, February 7 | 1:00 AM–4:00 PM

Winterfest at Woodland School

Monday, February 9

Upper Village Field Trip to Camp LOC

Wednesday, February 11

Count Day

10:50 AM – TC Central Music Ensemble Performance at Woodland School

Conferences begin (February 11–12)

Primary Village Updates

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

[Mrs. Melissa](#)

[Mrs. Milne Google Classroom:](#)

Middle Village Updates

[Middle Village Weekly Updates](#)

Middle Village and Upper Village Conference Sign Up

Student-Led Conferences are coming up on February 11 & 12. Click the links below for Sign Up genius links. Your student is expected to attend the conference with you.

[Goodrick Conference Sign Up Link:](#)

[Crigier Conference Sign up:](#)

[Hadd Conference Sign up:](#)

[Upper Village Conference Sign Up Link](#)

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 Highlight of the Week

Mrs. Dowling spent 38 years teaching elementary school before joining Woodland School in 2010 as our librarian and reading specialist. She is married and has 2 adult children and several grandchildren. She loves reading, helping our students excel and growing in reading. When she is not at work, she enjoys spending time, having fun in Traverse City, and spending time with her husband and family. We are so lucky to have Mrs. Dowling and so our students. Thanks Mrs. Dowling for all that you do everyday on behalf of all of our students. We are so grateful for your expertise and your love and passion for reading that you share with our students.



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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Rich Watson

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