

Woodland School Weekly Updates

Week of Sept. 29th- Oct 3rd 2025

Quote of the Week

"Whatever you do, do it well"- Walt Disney

Weekly Updates

Dear Woodland Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Just a simply reminder for those of you that ride the BATA bus.

Please make sure that your child has a bus pass to present to the bus driver each day. If they lost theirs, please replace it on at the Hall St. Transfer station. If you need to add funds, please ensure you do that as well. Bus passes must be scanned during each use.

Powerschool Access Issues

Some families are experiencing difficulties viewing their child's classes or grades in PowerSchool. This appears to be a Woodland-specific issue, and a work ticket has been submitted to Northwest Education for support.

In the meantime, you may be able to resolve the issue by trying the following steps:

1. Log out of the Powerschool app or website and log back in.
2. Delete the app and reinstall it.
3. Reset your password.
4. Try a combination of the above steps.

In many cases, these steps resolve the problem. If they do not, additional support beyond my level may be needed.

Our Woodland access code for Powerschool is: **28901**

Thank you for your patience as we work to resolve this issue.

Family Council Directory Reminder:

If you would like to be added to the Family Council Directory. The deadline to update is October 17th. Add your information to the link in this email. [FCDirectory](#).

Picture Retake Day:



-Sharing Gratitude-Fostering Nature Connection-Mentoring Passions-Promoting Reflection-

Human Nature School
Free After School Program

Does your child enjoy nature?
Do they like being outdoors?

We are an outdoor education program that helps children create a positive connection with nature.

Through games, activities, and journaling students will enjoy their time outdoors.

Human Nature School is visiting Woodland School on Fridays for 7 weeks.
October 3-November 21
2:05-3:35
No Class October 31

Why join HNS:

- Time to play in nature!
- Build friendships at school
- Gain comfort outdoors
- Nature Journaling
- Community Circles
- Sit Spots for Mindfulness
- Awareness of local plants and animals
- Have fun!

Registration is open- Cost is FREE!

Support Funding provided by donors and donations!

Program for Grades 2-5 Enrollment limited to 25 children.

Email Info@humannatureschool.org for more information

Visit our website to enroll humannatureschool.org or scan the QR code



If you would like to have your child's photo retaken, that will happen on **Thursday, October 16**. Students choosing to have their photo retaken must bring their photo packet to school that day. The photographers will collect the packet, retake the photo, and send a new photo packet a few weeks afterwards. Please contact Ms. Betsie if you have any questions.

Leap Sports:

As the year goes on, don't forget to explore [LEAP sports](#)—they offer a variety of programs for different age groups. You can also connect with community opportunities such as hockey, soccer, flag football, YMCA activities, and more. I'll do my best to keep you updated on the many opportunities available for our students.

[Boys Middle School Basketball Sign ups](#)

(We are in need of a basketball coach for this team) A school paid stipend is available, you also will have the option to have your child's registration waived through TCAPS or paid as a coach through TCAPS for coaching the middle school team. Woodland School gym would be available for practices. Season starts October 27th- Dec. 17th. Deadline to sign up is October 10!
Gold tier team- is a 6th grade only, White tier- 7th/8th tier team, and Black and green- are advanced- 7th and 8th graders from TCAPS. If we don't have enough players/ coaches, our students could be placed in a mixed group with East Middle School students instead of having our own team.

Woodland School elementary and Middle School Basketball programs:

We have a non-LEAP opportunity to play a 3rd/4th and 5th/6th basketball league for boys and girls. (Northport, GTA, St. Mary's, Pathfinder, and the Home School Bulldogs.) If your child is interested or you are interested in coaching, please let me know. Email Mr. Watson directly for more information.

🌲 Human Nature School & Woodland School Friday After-School Partnership

Do you have a **2nd–5th grader** looking for something to do after school on Fridays? Human Nature School is partnering with Woodland to help students continue exploring the outdoors on our beautiful campus. This is a free after-school program, first come first serve.

📅 Fridays, **October 3 – November 21**

🕒 2:00–3:30 PM

📄 Interested?

Scan the QR code and sign your child up or visit Human Nature School and fill out the form for more information. ⚠ Space is limited!

🤖 Robotics: Join a Woodland VEX Team!

VEX Robotics is a hands-on program where students design, build, and code real robots to complete exciting challenges and compete with other teams. Our students have traveled across the state—and even the country—for competitions! Interested in joining robotics. Then this meeting is for you. Come and see what robotics is all about!

📅 **October 2**

🕒 3:45–4:30 PM

📍 Woodland Theater

👥 Students *and* parents must attend this student-led demo if interested in joining this year.

🔊 Parents- We Need Your Voice – Strategic Planning

Woodland School is beginning the process of updating our **Strategic Plan**, and we want to hear from you! Parents play a vital role in shaping the future of our school. Your input will guide our priorities for student learning, community engagement, and long-term growth.

 **October 14**

 5:00–6:30 PM

 Woodland Library

Your voice matters—we look forward to working together on the future of Woodland! (See letter attached)

 **Pop Can Drive**

Support the **8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip** by dropping off your returnable cans and bottles. Collection is available **every Friday—or anytime—outside the dumpster**. Thank you for supporting our students!

Best,

Mr. Watson, Ed.S

Woodland School Director

Dear Woodland School Community,

Child growth and development, safe and secure learning environments, supportive families and communities, high academic achievement, and service to others are the foundational core competencies that Woodland School embraces in the education of every child. In doing so, we strive to improve and grow in our service to our parents and community. One concrete way we model this is through the process we use to develop our district's long-range plan for improvement.

Our Board of Directors is committed to a process by which we will solicit the input of all stakeholders and use that data to drive our goals for improvement. The development of a multi-year strategic plan will be created with input from focus groups and survey data from parents, students, staff, and community members. The process for gathering that data and input is beginning now, with focus groups convening in October. Community surveys will be forthcoming in the coming months as well.

We would like to thank our stakeholders for their contributions and continued support in our commitment to enhancing Woodland School. It is an honor and a privilege to serve the students and families of our great community.

Respectfully,

Strategic Planning Opening Letter Community

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Save the Dates:

- Oct. 1** – Count Day
- Oct. 2** – Robotics Demo
- Oct. 14** – Strategic Planning Focus Groups
- Oct. 16** – School Photo Retakes
- Oct. 17** – Hike-a-Thon (Half Day)
- Oct. 31** – Half Day
- Nov. 5–6** – Parent-Teacher Conferences (All Villages)
- Nov. 7** – No School (Teacher P.D. Day)
- Nov. 10** – Family Council Meeting (3:45 PM)
- Nov. 14** – Family Council Movie Night (6:00 PM)
- Nov. 25** – Learning/History Fair (Half Day)
- Nov. 26–28** – No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Primary Village Updates

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

[Mrs. Melissa](#)

[Mrs. Milne Google Classroom:](#)

Middle Village Updates

[Middle Village Weekly Updates](#)

Upper Village Updates

[Mrs. Ziegler 6th-8th grade ELA](#)

[Upper Village Weekly Updates:](#)

Counselor's Corner

[Mrs. Wheeler September Updates:](#)

Meet our Staff Member of the Week!



Mrs. Melissa has been teaching Kindergarten and 1st grade at Woodland School for 28 wonderful years. She loves both her work and the Woodland community. She lives in Traverse City with her husband, Chad, who is a nurse at Munson Hospital, and their son, Eli, a Woodland graduate who now attends Central High School. Mrs. Melissa also has a dog named Taco, who she enjoys taking on walks.

Outside of school, she loves long-distance walking, hiking, kickboxing, and swimming. When she's not in Traverse City at school or home, you can often find her relaxing at the lake in the Upper Peninsula.

Thank you, Mrs. Melissa, for your incredible dedication to our K-1 students and for all you bring to Woodland School!

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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