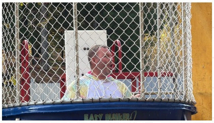
Woodland School Weekly Updates

October 20- October 25

Mr. Watson getting dunked

Students cheered on, as Geno, 1 of 3 students getting to dunk Mr. Watson for raising at least $2,000. Mrs. Demura was also a bit surprised by the brisk temperature of the water as she was in the splash zone.



Trying to catch my breathe

The water was much colder than I expected. Getting dunked 4 times was definitely a fun challenge. The unicorn costume for our students raising more than $45,000 just adds to the touch.

The Golden Boot

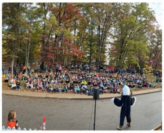
.The primary village wins the golden boot, as they raised more than $20,000 as a village. Great job primary village to retain the title.

Hike-a-thon funds raised

Our students reached our fundraising goal by raising over $45,000. The total monies raised totaled $47,205. Funds will go to upgrading our sports equipment, adding a baseball diamond/field to the playground area, upgrading the basketball court, adding additional playground equipment, moving and replacing the covered area on the back patio, and giving funds to each village for field

Woodland Students and Families heading out to hike.

Students and families are heading out to our hike-a-thon trail, as they enjoy a beautiful morning hiking on our campus.



Woodland Community Hike-a-thon 2025

The entire school body and community gather together to watch Mr. Watson get dunked after the all community hike-a-thon.

trips and other school
activities.

Quote of the Week

- "The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you." —B.B. King

Woodland School Strategic Planning Focus Group Information

Thank you to all who participated in the recent Strategic Planning Focus Groups. North West Ed is now reviewing the valuable input gathered from students, staff, and families to identify common themes and priorities. These themes will be presented to the Board of Directors at the November 12th meeting at 6:00 p.m. Following that, a survey will be distributed in December to all families to gather additional feedback and ensure broad community input. Once the survey data is compiled, the Board and I will form a Strategic Planning Committee made up of board members, staff, and parents. This committee will participate in a retreat day or weekend to analyze the themes and survey data in depth. The insights and recommendations that emerge from this retreat will guide the Board, myself, and staff as we develop and implement clear strategic goals that will shape the future direction of our school.

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October is National School Safety Month

New Michigan Gun Safety & School Legislation

This year, Michigan passed new firearm safety laws designed to help keep students, staff, and school communities safe. One key change is the state’s **secure storage law**, which took effect on February 13, 2024. This law requires firearms to be stored safely—locked and unloaded—when minors are likely to be present. In addition, new legislation requires schools to share information with families about responsible gun storage practices and supports schools in implementing stronger safety and emergency procedures.

As a school community, we are committed to creating a safe and secure learning environment. We encourage all families to review the new state guidelines on secure firearm storage and talk with their children about safety. More information on Michigan’s safe storage laws can be found at Firearmstorage.

Please see attached letter that is posted on our school website as well.

PDF **Woodland_School_Firearm_Safety_Flyer (1).pdf** Download 127.5 KB

Parent Teacher Conference Sign Ups

Parents, please click on your classroom teacher's link. Primary parents should only schedule a visit with their child's homeroom teacher. If you have students in multiple villages, please ensure that you communicate with each teacher to schedule a time to meet as needed or reflect your needs when scheduling your conferences.

Primary Village Sign Up Genius Links:
Mrs. Kelsey Umstead Conference Sign up genius link:

Mrs. Mary Gorney Conference Sign up genius link:
Mrs. Melissa Hoeppner Conference Sign up genius link:
Mrs. Jessie Milne Conference Sign up genius link:

Middle Village Sign Up Genius Links:
Mrs. Sarah Hadd Conference Sign up genius link:
Ms. Carrie Crigier Conference Sign up genius link:
Mrs. Lesley Goodrick Conference Sign up genius link:

Upper Village Sign Up Genius Links:
Upper village student led Sign up Conference links:

PDF **Stop by to see us during conferences!.pdf**
Special area teachers schedule during parent/ teacher conferences.
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Save the Dates:

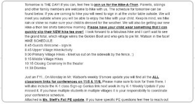
Oct. 31 – Half Day
Nov. 5–6 – Parent-Teacher Conferences (All Villages)
Nov. 7 – No School (Teacher P.D. Day)
Nov. 10 – Family Council Meeting (3:45 PM)
Nov. 14 – Family Council Movie Night (6:00 PM)
Nov. 25 – Learning/History Fair (Half Day)
Nov. 26–28 – No School (Thanksgiving Break)

Primary Village Updates

Mrs. Mary and Mrs. Kelsey

Mrs. Melissa

Mrs. Milne Google Classroom:



Tomorrow is THE DAY! If you can, feel free to **join us for the Hike-A-Thon**. Parents, siblings and other family members are welcome to hike with us. The schedule for tomorrow can be found below. If you are coming to hike you will need to sign in at the visitor table outside. We will meet you outside where you will be able to enjoy the hike with your child. Keep in mind, we hike rain or shine so make sure your child is dressed for the weather. We will also be getting our new Hike-a thon tee shirts tomorrow morning. **Please have your child wear something that I can quickly slip their NEW hike tee over!** I look forward to a fabulous hike and I can't wait to see the grand total, which village wins the Golden Boot and who gets to pie Mr. Watson in the face!
HIKE SCHEDULE:
8:45 Guests Welcome - sign in
8:45 Upper Village Hike/Activity
9:00 Primary Village Hikes - Meet us out on the sidewalk by the fence. :)
9:15 Middle Village Hikes
10:15 Closing Ceremony in the theater
11:30 Dismiss

Just an FYI...On Monday in Mr. Watson's weekly S'more update you will find all the **ALL classroom links for conferences on 11/5 & 11/6.** Please make sure to look for them there. I will also include the K-1 class Sign-up Genius link next week in my K-1 Weekly Update if you missed it. If you have multiple students in multiple villages it is your responsibility to coordinate your conference schedule.
Attached is **Ms. Steff's Fall PE update**. If you have specific PE questions feel free to reach out

K-1 Weekly Email

10/16/25 Tomorrow is THE DAY! If you can, feel free to join us for the Hike-A-Thon. Parents, siblings and other family members are welcome to hike with us. The schedule for tomorrow can be found below. If you are coming to hike you will need to sign in at the visitor table outside. We will meet ...

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NEWSLETTER

K-2 News 10/16/25

Upcoming Events

- **No show and share on 10/17 due to Hike-a-thon**
- Hike-a-thon - 10/17 (Half Day)
- Half Day 10/31
- Parent Teacher Conferences 11/5 & 11/6
- No School 11/7

We have enjoyed another beautiful fall week in the K-2. Students went on leaf hunt to collect 3 of their favorite autumn leaves. We made special boxes for them to take them home, we hope they were excited to share their treasures with you.
Thank you to all of the families

K-2 News 10/16

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Middle Village Updates

[Middle Village Weekly Updates](#)

Middle Village News

10/19/25

General Middle Village Announcements

- Hike a Thon: GREAT JOB WOODLAND FAMILIES. What an amazing event. Thank you to all the volunteers and family council for putting on a wonderful fundraiser. Thank you also to everyone that put in the time and effort to raise funds. It sure was fun to see Mr. Watson get dunked three times!
- PE News: Click here
- Parent Teacher Conferences: Check in with your homeroom teacher for a link

Weekly MV letter

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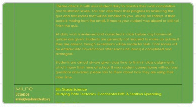
Upper Village Updates

See the links below for the Upper Village Updates.



Please check in with your student daily to monitor their work completion and frustration levels. You can also track their progress by reviewing the quiz and test scores that will be emailed to you, usually on Fridays. If their score is missing from the email, it means your student was absent or did not finish the quiz.

All daily work is reviewed and corrected in class before any homework quizzes are given. Students are generally not required to make up quizzes if they are absent, though exceptions will be made for tests. Final scores will be entered into PowerSchool after each unit (book) is completed and averaged.

Students are almost always given class time to finish in class assignments which many finish here at school. If your student comes home without any questions answered, please talk to them about how they are using their class time.

Milne
Science
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8th Grade Science
Studying Plate Tectonics, Continental Drift, & Seafloor Spreading

What's Happening in the 6-8 Village

What's Happening in the 6-8 Village? In the 6-8 Village, students have seven classes a day, both core and elective. The below info, organized by teacher, will be updated weekly or as needed. Please keep scrolling for village news as well. As always, if you have any questions, please reach out t...

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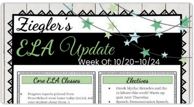

Ziegler's
ELA Update
Week Of: 10/20–10/24

Core ELA Classes

- Progress reports printed from PowerSchool went home today (10/20). Ask your student about them. :)

Electives

- Greek Myths: Heracles and the 12 labors this week! Warm up quiz next Thursday.
- Speech: Demonstration Speech.

ELA Update

Ziegler's ELA Update Week Of: 10/20–10/24 Core ELA Classes Electives 8th Grade Trip Village News & Dates Progress reports printed from PowerSchool went home today (10/20). Ask your student about them. :) Thank you for supporting Independent Reading at home! Project #2 due in December. Info on the...

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Hike-a-thon Big Thank you!!!!!

The Hike-a-Thon 2025 was a huge success!
Our students surpassed their fundraising goal of **$45,000**. Students from the **Primary Village** led the way, raising more than **$23,000**, while the **Middle Village** brought in over **$12,000** and the **Upper Village** raised more than **$11,000**.
Congratulations to the **Primary Village** for taking home the **Golden Boot**! 🥾✨
Parents, thank you again for everything you do to support our students, staff, and school community. As I shared last week, a huge **THANK YOU** to **Family Council** and the **Hike-a-Thon Committee** for putting on this incredible event. This was a year-long effort, and the results speak for themselves. The Hike-a-Thon continues to grow each year and has truly become a highlight for many of our students and community members.

Family Council Hike-a-thon Survey

Parents, please take a minute a answer this quick 1-2 minute about the Hike-a-thon for Family Council. They worked extremely hard to make this event successful and want to continue to ensure that this is a successful event for our students, staff, and Woodland community.

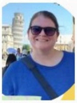
[**Hike-a-thon survey**](#)

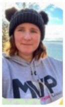
PDF **Hike-a-thon Thank you Parent letter .docx.pdf** Download 97.1 KB

Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Wheeler Updates:

Staff Members of the Week! Meet our Special Services Department





Happy Birthday Kristine Giem 10/22-

Ms. Giem has two adult children, Rylan and Addisyn. She been teaching special education at Woodland since 2008. One of her favorite things about teaching is developing relationships with her students. She wants to ensure that all students feel like they always have a champion in their corner. When is not at work, she will most often find her reading or watching/learning about true crime. She also enjoys musicals. We are so lucky to have Kristine on our team! Thanks, Kristine, for all that you do for our students.

Mrs. Julie Terhune

Mrs. Terhune is married and has 3 kids (Autumn, Finnley, and Riley). We live on a farm in Williamsburg and have horses, goats, chickens and a puppy! She teaches primary music, band, and special education. She has been teaching at Woodland since 2007. When she is not a school or at Central HS with the marching band, she enjoys traveling the world and seeing all that it has to show us. We are so lucky to have Julie on our team. Thanks, Julie, for all that you do for our students.

Ms. Jeni Patterson

Ms. Jeni Patterson, is entering her fourth year at Woodland School and continues to be a great resource for our students and the special resources department. She is a mother to 19-year-old daughter named Sequoia Sage, who is studying music business at UIC in Chicago. Ms. Jeni has a few pets (Paisley, Pu'eo, and Moon) Ms. Jeni loves art, dance, fashion, and music. When is she isn't supporting students at school you can find her creating art in any of those forms in her spare time. We are so lucky to have Ms. Jeni on our team! Thanks Ms. Jeni for all that you do for 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 .

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

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