

Wildcat

(Delivered Monthly)



Weekly

Principal's Corner

Wow, October was quite the month at Woodmore! There were challenging times, but so many amazing things are happening. Our Fall Spirit Week was a huge success, culminating in a nature walk based on the story *The Little Old Lady that Wasn't Afraid of Anything* and goodie bags provided by the PTO. Mr. Baker led the 5th grade in planting a pollinator garden with donations from the county, parents, and the Woodmore HOA. We are partnering with members of the Woodmore HOA to support us with additional donations that will improve student safety and our instructional program.

November brings with it the end of the 1st quarter. We encourage parents to check Family Portal with their children weekly to discuss grades, assignments, and set academic goals.

Finally, November is a great time to talk with our families about everything we have to be thankful for. I have many things to be thankful for, including the incredible staff and community here at Woodmore.

Important Dates

- November 1-12: OLSAT Assessment (First Grade)
- November 1-12: ESOL Quarterly Speaking/Writing Tasks
- Nov 15 - Dec 8 Math, RELA & Science Benchmarks (Grades 3-5, Science 5 only):
- November 16 - Last Day of Q1
- November 17 - 2 Hours Early Dismissal
- November 24 - 26 - No School
- November 25 - Thanksgiving Day

Changes to school boundaries are coming. Your input on the change is essential! SAVE THE DATE and plan to attend an upcoming virtual meeting to give us your feedback.

- Tuesday, November 2, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 3, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (en español)
- Tuesday, November 9, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 10, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (en español)
- Saturday, November 13, 10:30 a.m. – noon (English con interpretación al español)

RSVP at bit.ly/PGCPS_RSVP

Staff Highlight - Ms. Lynch (Pre-K Para Educator)



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My name is Darlene Lynch. Currently, I'm a para educator at Woodmore ES. I'm a proud parent of two sons and a grandmother of one granddaughter. In my spare time, I enjoy time with family and friends.

Woodmore is a great school that sees beyond the possibilities for every student. It's a school that creates a positive and safe learning environment. The students and staff inspire me to perform my best. I'm blessed to work and collaborate with a great team and look forward to the school years ahead. "Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat."

Reading Nook

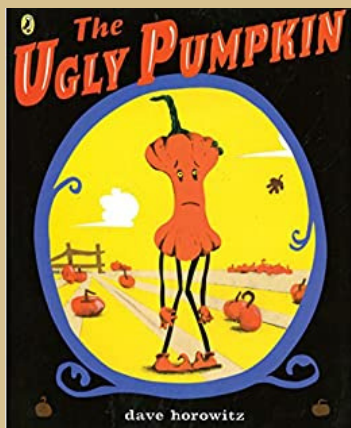
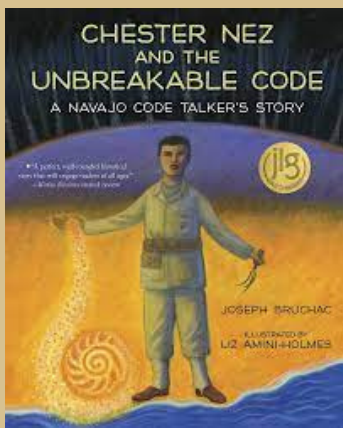
Primary read -

The Ugly Pumpkin by Dave Horowitz. A book that takes us from Halloween to Thanksgiving as we follow an ugly pumpkin that no one wants until he finds who he truly is and where he really belongs.

Intermediate -

Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talker's Story, by Joseph Bruchac. The biography of World War II code talker Chester Nez. As a child Chester is forced to go to boarding school where he is forbidden to speak Navajo or practice his native traditions. During WWII he and others use the Navajo language to write and use a code that helps to win the war in the Pacific. November is Native American Heritage Month. Along with sharing part of the history of the US government's relationship with native peoples, this book provides an opening for discussing the importance of identity and community.

Rebecca White, Library Media Specialist



Home Expectations

Every grade has different policies and expectations for homework. There are a few commonalities across all grades, however.

Reading

Nothing is more important for children than reading at home. Set up a schedule for the whole family to read independently, parent to child, and child to parent.

DreamBox

DreamBox is a PGCPs mandated math intervention program. It is an adaptive program that tailors itself to individual student needs. Teachers can also assign lessons. All students should complete a set number of lessons (check with your teacher) a week.

iReady

iReady is the PGCPs mandated reading intervention program for all K-5 students. Students should spend a minimum of 45 minutes a week on iReady (we often recommend more). In addition to supporting students, iReady also provides teacher with important diagnostic information.

**Woodmore Apparel is
for sale on the PTO website
at:**

<https://www.woodmorepto.com/shop>

**Check out the new sweatshirts
and sweatpants**

**Don't forget to complete an
online excuse form when your
child is absent. Click Here!**

Early Dismissal

All early dismissals must occur prior to 2:30pm. Please notify the teacher ahead of time and call the office when you arrive at school (or 5 minutes prior).



Changes to Transportation Home

Please notify teachers in writing of changes to transportation home by noon (preferably earlier). If you do not get a response form the teacher, please call the main office. Please try to keep your child's transportation as consistent as possible for safety.