



Woodside Middle School

Big City Opportunities, Small Town Commitment for Students

October 2016 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Woodside Middle School

OCTOBER 17

- Safe School Week
- 5th & 6th Grade Pennies to Paycheck Presentation in Woodside Gym, 7:45 AM
- 7th & 8th Grade Pennies to Paycheck Presentation in Woodside Gym, 8:40 AM

OCTOBER 21

End of 1st Quarter

OCTOBER 27

5th Grade JA Biztown Field Trip

OCTOBER 28

Woodside Middle School Choir Night at Iowa Wild, Wells Fargo, 7 PM

OCTOBER 29

- 5th & 6th Grade Movie Night in Woodside Gym, 6 PM - 8 PM
- 8th Grade Pancake Breakfast (Washington, D.C. Fundraiser) at Delaware Township Fire Station, 7 AM - 11 AM

OCTOBER 31

Gooding Financial Literacy Rock Concert in Woodside Gym, 9 AM

NOVEMBER 1

6th Grade Field Trip to Drake and Science Center

NOVEMBER 3

Woodside PTO Meeting in Library, 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 4

Woodside PTO Fundraiser Delivery, 2:30 PM

NOVEMBER 8 & 9

8th Grade Trip to ISU in Ames, 9 AM

NOVEMBER 14

School Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

School Hours

WOODSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

7:45 AM - 2:45 PM

Wed.: 8:45 AM - 2:45 PM

NOTE: Each Wednesday school begins one hour later for teacher in-service.

MISSION: Serving the Unique Learning Needs of Each & Every Student

Principal's Message

The start of the 2016-17 school year has been a huge success. We have 86 new 5th graders and over 35 students new to the district in grade 6-8 that have successfully made the transition. It is hard to imagine the students are quickly approaching the end of the first quarter. As mentioned in my Back to School communication, teachers will be spending time looking at ways to increase college and career awareness at Woodside this year. Subtle college and career awareness things have surfaced around the building already due to staff implementation of great ideas.



Principal Joshua Heyer

One of those ideas came from Kathy Erickson, Woodside school counselor. Kathy wanted each student to have the ability to experience multiple colleges before leaving Woodside. The idea surfaced when staff reviewed an article from the College Board Advocacy Center. The Center suggests there are eight components that can be implemented in K-12 schools to better prepare students for post-secondary options. Component 4 from the College Board states students need early and ongoing exposure to colleges and universities so they can make informed decisions about their future.

As a result of Kathy's idea and recommendation by the College Board, each grade at Woodside will take a field trip to a college campus this year. Our goal is for these college visits to become a tradition at Woodside. By the time a student leaves our middle school, they will have experienced a minimum of four different post secondary options. The following college visits are set for this year:

Grade	Date	College
5 th Grade	Spring 2017-TBD	DMACC
6 th Grade	November 1, 2016	Drake University
7 th Grade	April 28, 2017	Iowa Central CC
8 th Grade	November 8 & 9, 2016	Iowa State

Exposure to these different campuses will be a positive experience for our students. Developing long-term goals and aspirations for their future is something that will bring purpose to obtaining a great education.

The Saydel Community School District is committed to preparing each student and helping them make their dream a reality.

If you are interested in chaperoning one of these college visits, please contact Kathy Erickson (ericksonkathy@saydel.net) or Joshua Heyer (heyerjoshua@saydel.net). We look forward to working with you this year.

Woodside Pink Out!

Woodside students and staff wore pink in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Tuesday.



Shopping at The Book Fair

Woodside Middle School library hosted a Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conferences. The fair promotes reading by giving students an opportunity to buy a variety of informational and fiction books from popular authors. All proceeds from the fair are used to purchase books and other items for the library. Pictured from left are Maia Albrecht (sixth grader), Jayden Cordova (sixth grader), and Jason Cordova.

Saydel's 3rd Annual Monster Dash 5K/1Mile Walk/Run Saturday, October 22, 2016, at 9:30 AM

The 3rd Annual Saydel Monster Dash 5K/1 Mile walk/run will take place October 22 at 9:30 AM starting at Saydel High School. Runners are encouraged to wear their favorite Halloween costumes with proceeds going to Cornell PTO, Woodside PTO, and Saydel Eagle Endowment. Packet pickup will occur the day of the race from 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM.

Registration Fees

- \$12 for mile walk/run
- \$12 for 5K (student rate any school)
- \$20 for 5K (non-student rate)

Online signup at

https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=125203

(Links are available at www.saydel.k12.ia.us. Use Quick Link to Monster Dash)

Race event information and photos will be posted to

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1059966104095270/>

Race will be chipped with results shared through www.onlineraceresults.com.

Enter if you dare!



WOODSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR NIGHT WITH THE IOWA WILD



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babcockcolleen@saydel.net
Due Date: **Friday, Oct. 14th, 2016**

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Woodside Students Enjoy FLEX & EXPLORE

A new feature of the Woodside schedule is targeted intervention time called FLEX. This time is utilized to provide additional academic support in reading, writing, behavior or extended learning for advanced students. For students who don't require assistance in those areas, they participate in EXPLORE class. This time can be used to explore new areas or dig deeper into their current classwork.



Students in Mrs. Zeutenhorst and Mrs. Erickson's 7th grade EXPLORE classes chose to use this time to focus on reading and service. Students selected a children's book and spent several weeks practicing to read the text fluently and with great expression.

Finally, they went to Cornell and read the books to kindergarten students. The 7th graders loved spending time with the elementary students and the Cornell students loved spending time with the "big kids." There were lots of hugs and students on both sides said how much fun they had. This was a huge success and encourages us to look for more ways to partner between buildings!



Saydel Earns Food Service Silver Awards

The HealthierUS School Challenge is a USDA nationwide award program to recognize schools that promote and create healthier school environments through promoting good nutrition and physical activity. There are four levels awarded: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Gold Award of Distinction. There are 43 schools districts in Iowa that are part of the HUSSC. Saydel High School and Woodside Middle School were awarded the Silver Level Award.



Saydel Food Service Director **Jessy Sadler**, pictured middle, is shown here presenting the awards to Superintendent **Mr. Douglas Wheeler**, left, and Woodside Middle School Principal **Joshua Heyer**, right.

National School Lunch Week 2016

Every year, more than 500 billion school lunches are served nationwide via the National School Lunch Program.



National School Lunch Week will be celebrated October 10th -14th.

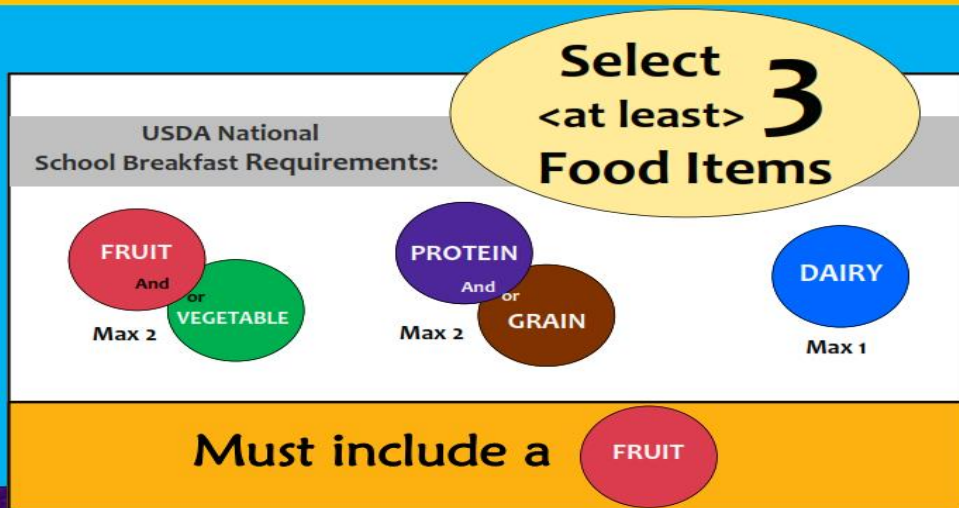
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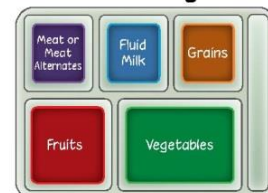
Visit www.saydel.k12.ia.us for menus and more information

Email: sadlerjessy@saydel.net

Phone: 515.264.0866

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Build a Healthy Lunch





Woodside Students Perform at Singfest at Central College

Five Woodside Middle School students took part in the 2016 Central College Singfest Honor Choir on October 4. Students rehearsed and performed with over 100 other 8th and 9th graders, as well as one selection with the Central College A Capella Choir. Students were also treated to a student recital. The choir performed Celebrate Music by Joseph Martin; City Called Heaven by Josephine Poelintz; Lux Aeterna by Christi Jones; Dies Irae by Ryan Main; and Freedom Come by Ben Allaway. Students attending were front row, from left: Elena Gomez, Jerrie Gering, and James Carolus. Back row, from left: Courtney Goolsby and Samantha Calkins. The Choir was directed by Mark Babcock, Associate Professor of Music, and Sarah Vanwaardhuizen, Instructor of Music; accompanist was Kris DeWild.

Fifth Graders Are Thinking Like Scientists!

Fifth graders are learning about fair and repeatable tests in science. They have discussed how scientists solve problems and spent time digging into one way that scientists solve problems through the application of the scientific method.

Students did a “blind” taste test to determine how many students could tell the difference between a name and generic brand of soda. They also investigated what color of M&M appears most often.

In this investigation, students collected data, averaged their data, and then reported out their findings to the class.

They represented their data on a bar graph as well. Next, students will apply their understanding of a fair test by controlling variables in a lab designed to see what makes popcorn pop. They will then create their own repeatable test related to popcorn. Students continue to work hard and apply their scientific thinking each day!



Kyle Adams, Stephanie Martinez, and Trace Slater-Perez work on data collection.

Woodside Band Update

By Jerry Young, Band Instructor

The Woodside band program is off to a tremendous start. The 64 students in our 7/8 grade group are hard at work preparing for their first performance, a combined pregame show with the high school marching band. Please come out and give them your support.

Our beginner groups are also going strong. The 6th grade band is made up of 40 kids and, for the first time in several years, Woodside has a 5th grade band program as well. Each group is making great strides toward mastery of their instruments.

Woodside’s program has grown quite a bit over the last couple of years. We are now comprised of over 130 kids and each one of them would love to have big crowds at their concerts. Please come out and show them how much you appreciate their efforts.

HELP 8TH GRADE STUDENTS GO TO WASHINGTON D.C.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST



ALSO:

Silent Auction
And
Bake Sale

**Saturday, October 29, 2016
7am to 11am**

FREE WILL DONATION

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Saydel Booster Memberships

Thanks to the following businesses and individuals who support the Saydel Athletic Boosters through membership.

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Scott Myers
Kelly & Tana Sprague

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Dia Fenton
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7th Graders Have Been Busy

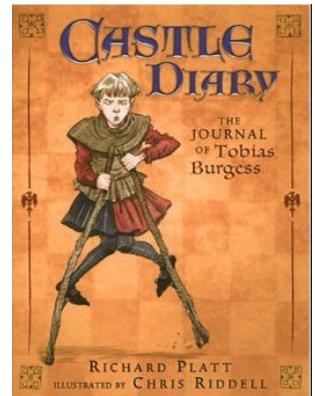
By 7th Grade Team

In math, students are working on ratios and proportions. Students have been working hard to find the constant of proportionality in real-world situations that often involve fractions. Next, students will be creating their own scale drawings.

In global studies, students have started the year looking at different types of maps and even creating their own! Currently, they are studying Latin America with a focus on the Mayan culture and people living near the Amazon River.

In science, students are focusing on animals and their habitats. Students have been playing the part of a real scientist by taking careful observations of animals. Eventually, students will be using their knowledge to create an animal enclosure.

In literacy, students are learning all about Medieval times by reading the book "Castle Diary: The Journal of Tobias Burgess" by Richard Platt. Students will be reading other stories about the Middle Ages to support their answers to their essential question: How does society both support and limit the development of identity?



Woodside SOAR Club News

The Woodside SOAR Club had its first meeting of the year on September 29. SOAR Club is an after-school group that supports our PBIS (positive behavior) system at Woodside with students who demonstrate behaviors that are SAFE, OPEN-MINDED, ACCOUNTABLE and RESPECTFUL.

SOAR students aim to make Woodside an ever greater place to be by looking for opportunities to make sure ALL students feel included and valued, helping out when needed, and spreading kindness and positivity.

SOAR Club students will plan school-wide projects such as Red Ribbon week, service projects that support our community and school, and help out with our PBIS Rewards. SOAR Club is ALWAYS looking for new members, so encourage your SOAR student to get involved by seeing Mrs. Erickson!

2016-17 Woodside Student Council Representatives

5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Sara Beth Calkins Liberty Chally Madison Corbin McKayla Wood	Maci Lowe *Kyras Strickler Deric Van Houten Kathryn Van Houten	Blayne Agan Gwyneth Beltrame Jada Gruhn Alexandrea Herron *Jake Jennings Lauren Vance *Samantha Way	Samantha Calkins James Carolus Asa Graham Laci Houghton *Emily Lowe *Chris Malone *Evan Mundy *StuCo Officers

Upcoming Student Council Dates:

Saturday, October 29: 5th/6th Grade Movie Night

Saturday, December 3: 7th/8th Grade Dance

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

Woodside Staff Focus

Highlighting staff members new to Woodside Middle School



Name: Brooke Knudten

Position at Woodside: 5th-8th Grade Math Interventionist

Family: "I have a husband, three daughters and a Puggle! My husband and I have been married for four years, and he is the reason I moved to this part of Iowa. My daughters are 8, 11 and 13. They are all three involved in dance, so we spend a lot of time at dance studios!"

Previous work/College Experience: "I went to the University of Northern Iowa for my undergrad and graduate degrees. I have a BA in Elementary Education with an emphasis on reading and a minor in math. My graduate degree was for Math for the Middle Grades, so I feel like I have been given the position I always wanted! I worked for nine years in Cedar Falls in a 5th grade classroom. The past two years I taught 8th grade math in Des Moines. I'm very excited to be able to put all of my experience with 5th and 8th graders to use in my current position."

One thing you have enjoyed about working at Woodside: "The staff at Woodside is wonderful! I was welcomed into the building and everyone has been so friendly and open to new ideas!"

One thing you did not realize about Saydel before starting this position: "I didn't know where it was! I have driven past Woodside multiple times, but I never realized that there was a separate school district between Ankeny and Des Moines. I wish more people knew where it was because it's in a great location."

One thing you want others in the community to know about Woodside: "The teachers at Woodside are genuine and truly want their students to succeed. In the time that I've been here, teachers are open to ideas that will help students be successful in the classroom, as well as continuously asking questions to help better themselves as teachers."

Super Power Summit Gets Students Active

Woodside students recently participated in the Super Power Summit. The Summit was held in partnership with Iowa Partners: Action for Healthy Kids, Iowa Department of Public Health, Iowa Department of Education, Midwest Dairy Council, School Nutrition Association of Iowa, American Diabetes Association, and the American Cancer Society. It empowered students to live an active lifestyle and to choose healthy food options, all while being advocates for school wellness. Emily Lowe and Luke Vitiritto represented Woodside at the Summit.



HOMECOMING MEMORIES

2016



NEWS FROM WOODSIDE PTO

By Julie Jennings, Woodside PTO President

PTO is off to a great start this school year. Here are a few highlights:

All incoming 5th graders received a Welcome to Woodside shirt on Back to School Night. We ran out of a few sizes so second delivery of shirts is scheduled for this week.

Dinner was furnished for staff during Parent Teacher Conferences last week. Thank you to everyone who donated, setup and cleaned up. All reports from teachers say they truly appreciated and enjoyed it.

Football Coach Mund attended our first meeting and shared the need for new uniform pants. PTO agreed to provide the funds for the purchase and the team looks very sharp.

Principal Heyer asked if we would help stock the PBIS store. We donated \$500 that was used to purchase various gift cards students will be able to buy with their rewards.

Our annual fundraiser is wrapping up – don't forget to return your order forms – due date is October 14.

Delivery of items will be November 4 from 2:30-5:30 PM. Small orders will be sent home with students on the bus. For larger orders, please plan to pick them up that day in

the Woodside cafeteria.

Box Tops for Education collection started off with a Mum Giveaway courtesy of Goode Greenhouse. Congratulations to Tawnya Jacobs who was the lucky winner.

Our next drawing is coming up October 14 for iTunes gift cards.

Everyone who turns in 25 Box Tops will be eligible for this drawing and others throughout the school year with our main prize, a free Discovery Flight courtesy of Exec1 Aviation, to be given away in May! Each Box Top is worth \$.10 to our school – KEEP CLIPPING!

Our next meeting is October 13 at 6:30 PM in the Woodside Library. Come and hear not only what PTO is doing but hear what is happening in classrooms and around the school district.

All parents, staff, grandparents, students are welcome to attend!



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School Board meetings are held at the Saydel District Office on the second Monday of each month at 6PM

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