



Woodside Middle School

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November 2018 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Woodside Middle School

DECEMBER 1, 2018

Woodside PTO Vendor Fair, 9 AM

DECEMBER 3, 2018

Quarter 2 Midterm

DECEMBER 7, 2018

5th & 6th Grade Fun Night

DECEMBER 10, 2018

Regular School Board Meeting, 6 PM
at Saydel District Office

DECEMBER 14, 2018

7th & 8th Grade Dance in Woodside
Cafeteria, 6 PM

DECEMBER 20, 2018

Student Council Meals for the
Heartland, 8 AM

DECEMBER 20, 2018 -

JANUARY 2, 2019

Winter Break; No School

JANUARY 3, 2019

School Resumes

JANUARY 11, 2019

5th Grade Living History Farms
Experience, 8:30 AM

JANUARY 21-25, 2019

Winter MAP Testing

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

Happy Thanksgiving week to Woodside Families. I hope this message finds you well as you are hopefully preparing to spend time with friends and family this holiday season. According to *Forbes Magazine*, Thanksgiving is the second most traveled holiday of the year. Be safe in your travels, but while you are traveling from one turkey gathering to the next, I hope you would engage in a conversation worthy of discussing in the car with your student. The question for discussion is: Should cell phones be allowed in school?



Principal Joshua Heyer

The inclusion of cell phones in school can be argued on both sides. A lot of research argues cell phones teach students important 21st century skills such as collaboration on group projects and allows students the ability to do "just in time" research for school related topics. The Saydel School Board agrees these are important skills for our students to have so they have invested a significant amount of money in our districts 1:1 Chromebook program. Each Woodside student has access to a computer anytime during the day to learn how to be a 21st century student and develop the skills previously mentioned in an appropriate manner.

A recent article I read suggested students are distracted 20% of the time while in class for schools that allow cell phones in class. This is partly due to the students not using the device for school related purposes while the teachers are delivering instruction. When access to social media sites such as Snapchat, Facebook, and Twitter are a finger scan away, students will opt to focus on their cellphone rather than the teacher. To remove the temptation of paying attention to their cell phone instead of their teachers, many schools are not allowing cell phones in school.

Removing the cellphone distraction is not the only reason Woodside has a no cell phone policy during school hours. Other reasons include increase of cyberbullying, reduction of effective face to face communication skills between students, and possible cheating. For these reasons, Woodside cellphone policy states:

Personal electronic devices should not hinder the education process. Such devices will not be used from 7:45am-2:45pm except during the students lunch period. Any electronic device brought into the building must be stored in a student locker and shut off. If a student is observed with a personal electronic device during school hours and without teacher consent, the following actions will be taken: (information on staff actions are outlined in the student handbook).

How can you help support the school policy?

- Have a discussion with your child about the positives and

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negatives of cell phones usage in school.

- Review the school policy with your child and determine how they are going to stay compliant with our policy.
- When communication between you and your child is needed during the school day, call the front office.

In closing, cellphones are a wonderful technology device assuming they are used at the right time and place. During school hours is not the proper time because of the distraction it causes in the classroom. Discussing this topic with your Woodside student and developing a simple plan of compliance is needed so teachers can focus on delivering quality instruction.

If you have any questions about cell phone usage at school, please contact the Woodside front office. Happy traveling this Thanksgiving and thank you for your support and trust in the Woodside staff.

We are this thankful this Thanksgiving season for having the opportunity to work with your child each day.

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Thanks to the following businesses and individuals who support the Saydel Music Boosters through sponsorship.

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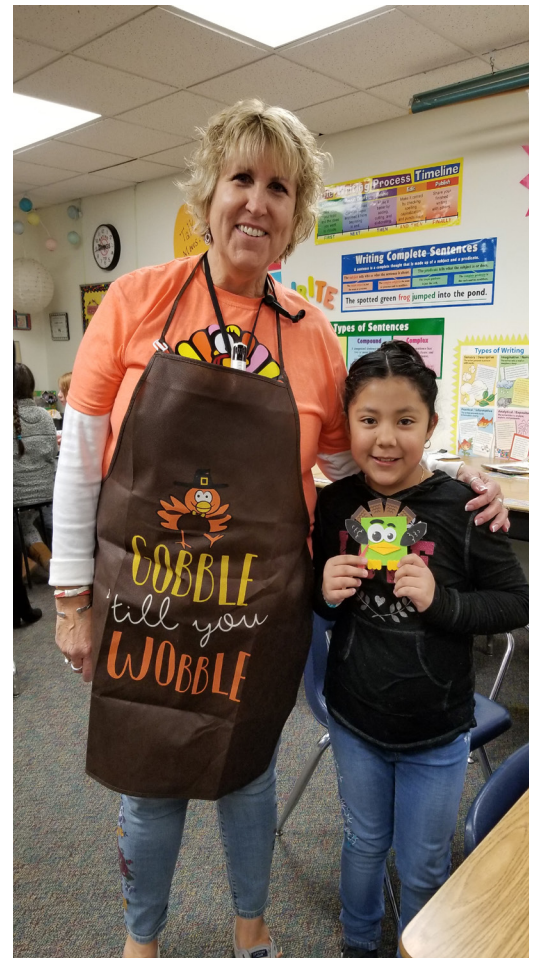
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Time for Turkey Stations!

The fifth grade students enjoyed participating in Turkey Stations this week at Woodside. A variety of fun activities were led by the fifth grade teachers and volunteer parents.



SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Emergency Closing Information

2018-19 School Year

Emergency closing information will be communicated through the following:

1. School Messenger (voice & email) by 6:00 AM the day of a closing
2. District Website
3. www.facebook.com/saydelcsd
4. www.twitter.com/saydelcsd

We notify the following television, radio, and Internet news stations for emergency announcements:

- WHO Channel 13
- KCCI Channel 8
- KDSM Fox 17
- KCWI Channel 23.1
- WOI Channel 5
- Kiss 107.5
- WHO 1040 Radio
- The Bus 100.3
- Alt 106.3
- KXNO 1460
- 13Now Smartphone App
- The Des Moines Register

Please note:

While these sites allow us to communicate delays and cancellations, we are not able to provide details through these services. The most detailed information regarding how delays and cancellations affect events, practices, meetings, etc. can be found on our website and School Messenger broadcasts.

Emergency Closing Notes

- ✓ For AM delays, Eagle's Nest delays from its original start time.
- ✓ For PM early release, Eagle's Nest will be open one hour after school dismisses.
- ✓ If there is a delay, AM preschool will be cancelled.
- ✓ Check the school website for information about practices and events for your child.
- ✓ Automatic e-mail & text alerts available from:

www.kcci.com, www.whotv.com, www.woi-tv.com

1-Hour Delay Start Times

- Cornell - 9:35 AM
- Woodside - 8:45 AM
- High School - 8:45 AM
- Eagle's Nest 7:00 AM

2-Hour Delay Start Times

- Cornell - 10:35 AM
- Woodside - 9:45 AM
- High School - 9:45 AM
- Eagle's Nest 8:00 AM

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

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Anania Real Estate Team
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Complete Plumbing Services
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Capital City Equipment Co.
Mark & Beth Shelton & Family
Walker Construction & Painting
Wicks Homes, LLC

BUSINESS SILVER EAGLE

American Rolloffs Inc.
Municipal Supply, Inc.
Pearson's Dirtwork & Trucking Inc.
Resource Services
Struthers Brothers Kawasaki-Suzuki
Swift's Trails End
TeleSupport, Inc.

GREEN EAGLE

Pizza Ranch (Ankeny)

FAMILY PLATINUM EAGLE

Doug & Sue Cline
Jessica & Jimmy Light & Family
Randy Miklus
Corey Myers
Scott Myers
Kevin & Kelly Schulte
Kelly & Mary Scott
Henry & Angela Wood

Thank You

Sixth Grade Academic

By Linda Reid, Sixth Grade Teacher

The sixth graders have been working hard to be successful with their sixth grade standards. We have several students that are staying after on Wednesdays to work on these skills and get additional help on assignments. They are demonstrating the mindset to be productive and effective students.

In science, the students are working on air quality. Sixth grader, Abbie Hecker described this unit as "interesting and fun, it's cool to learn about humans effect on the air."

In writing, the students have been working on their personal narratives. They have been finding powerful moments in their past that they can bring to life for the reader.

In math, they are diving into unit rates. Olivia Pecina, a sixth grader, describes this unit as "Challenging, we are taking ratios and changing them into fraction form to divide them."

In geography, the students have been learning about the geography, basic history and culture of North America. Axel Ramirez described the performance assessment, stating, "It was pretty fun to work well together and produce a news show about a time in history."

In ELA, the students are reading *Bud, Not Buddy*. This is a story that takes place during the Great Depression about a young boy in search of his dad. Gage Kile, sixth grader, describes the book, "It is great because there are a lot of changes that the character goes through."



Woodside Organizes Food Drive

Woodside Student Council organized a Food Drive to benefit the Food Bank of Iowa. Woodside collected and donated 990 POUNDS of food! Thank you to the Saydel community for their outstanding support! Pictured are student council members: Alyssa Neddermeyer, Deric Van Houten, Taylor Potter, Grace Peck, Kyrah Strickler.

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Great Job Woodside Marching Band Students!

Ten Woodside students contributed mightily to the award-filled season of the high school marching band. Pictured are Noah Ford, Malia Whisler, Ella Rivas, Rylie Pardekooper, Max Jones, Allie Stout, Amber Schippers, Jonah Peak, Alyssa Neddermeyer, and Kyrah Strickler. Great job, everyone!



Congratulations SCIBA District Honor Band Participants!

Three Woodside seventh graders were chosen to participate in the SCIBA district honor band. Pictured are Ozias Butler, John Wells, and Rayann Richards. Congratulations!



Woodside Fifth Graders Study Native American Culture

The fifth graders at Woodside Middle School have been studying life of the Native Americans of North America. Their culminating project was to recreate an Indian dwelling and show village life of a tribe of their choice. Pictured from left are students Dakota Fisher, Joshua Knutson, and Nathan Camacho.

WOODSIDE GIRLS BASKETBALL



12
NOV

NORTH POLK
7 HOME 8 AWAY | 4:30 PM

13
NOV

SOUTH HAMILTON
7 AWAY 8 AWAY | 4:30 PM

15
NOV

PCM
7 HOME 8 AWAY | 4:30 PM

19
NOV

GREENE COUNTY
7 AWAY 8 HOME | 4:30 PM

26
NOV

ROLAND-STORY
7 HOME 8 AWAY | 4:30 PM

27
NOV

BAXTER
8 ONLY AWAY | 4:30 PM

03
DEC

SOUTH HAMILTON
7 HOME 8 AWAY | 4:30 PM

06
DEC

NORTH POLK
7 AWAY 8 HOME | 4:30 PM

10
DEC

PCM
7 AWAY 8 HOME | 4:30 PM

13
DEC

GREENE COUNTY
7 HOME 8 AWAY | 4:30 PM

17
DEC

ROLAND-STORY
7 AWAY 8 HOME | 4:30 PM



Activities

Communication & Information



Email

Check your email for updates,
communication & information.

*Update your email on PowerSchool

Social Media

Follow on Social Media

Saydel Activities & Community Education

Twitter - @SaydelAD

Facebook - Saydel Comm Ed



Activities Calendar

www.saydel.k12.ia.us

Select "ACTIVITIES" Tab

Click "SAYDEL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR"

<https://heartofiowaconference.org/public/genie/67/school/1136/>

Community Ed Registration at Saydel.revtrak.net



Woodside Joins High Schoolers For Band Rehearsal

The Woodside seventh and eighth grade band performed with the high schoolers at the final home football game of the year. Here they are putting on the finishing touches in a combined rehearsal.

Saydel Publishes E-newsletters

If you would like to receive the school newsletters that feature what is happening at Cornell Elementary School, Woodside Middle School & Saydel High School, you can subscribe by emailing newsletter@saydel.net. Just e-mail which newsletters you would like to receive and then watch for them in your Inbox!

Employee & Family Resources Student Assistance Program (SAP) Service Summary

Employee & Family Resources is dedicated to helping students and their families manage life's challenges so they can reach their full potential.

Licensed mental health counselors and clinical workers are available to assist all students and family members experiencing the stress of life's ups and downs. Services are free and are strictly confidential.

Concerns may include:

- Stress
- Anxiety
- Emotional or mental health
- Family or relationships
- Bullying or peer conflict
- Substance abuse



EFR EMPLOYEE & FAMILY RESOURCES

Convenient In-Person Appointments

Up to three (3) visits per year, per separate issue with qualified counselors. Referrals to additional services if needed. SAP offers services in Spanish and interpreting as needed at no cost to the student or family.

24 Hour Support

For immediate support from counselors, call 800.327.4692. Day & evening appointments are available Monday-Friday.

Middle School WRESTLING



13
NOV

@ GREENE COUNTY
| 4:30 PM

20
NOV

HOME @ SAYDEL HS
| 4:30 PM

27
NOV

@ GILBERT
| 4:30 PM

04
DEC

@ WINTERSET
| 4:30 PM

06
DEC

@ NEVADA
| 4:30 PM

07
DEC

@ PCM
| 4:30 PM

11
DEC

HOME @ SAYDEL HS
| 4:30 PM

17
DEC

@ SOUTH HAMILTON
| 4:30 PM

20
DEC

@ SOUTH HAMILTON
| 4:30 PM

Saydel Parent Involvement Matrix



View Interactive Links at www.saydel.k12.ia.us
or click on links below for resources.

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME

- Keep books, magazines and [newspapers](#) in your home.
- [Read with your child and let them see you read.](#)
- Take educational trips ([museums](#), [libraries](#), etc).
- Look for things to do with your child.
- Participate in [Community Education](#).

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH SCHOOL

- Check your child's grades/attendance on [PowerSchool](#).
- Speak positively about your child's school.
- [Ask your child what he/she learned at school and require a thoughtful response.](#)
- Attend conferences and family fun nights at school.
- Talk to your child about the benefits of education.
- [Keep in contact with your child's teachers.](#)
- Ask your child about [assignments and grades](#).
- Celebrate your child's successes.
- Direct concerns and questions to [school staff](#).
- Talk to your child about [school safety](#).

FOUNDATION OF SUPPORT

- Praise and encourage your child.
- Ensure your child arrives at school well rested.
- Ensure your child has [transportation](#) and arrives to school and events on time.
- Meet and communicate with your child's friends and acquaintances.
- [Ensure your child is eating a proper diet](#) (breakfast, lunch and dinner).
- Set limits on time with friends, [technology use](#), and work/part-time job schedules.
- Ensure your child's [health care needs](#) are met.

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL

- Take part in after school activities.
- Attend parent meetings.
- Become a school volunteer.
- Get involved in the [Parent Teacher Organizations](#) and [Booster Clubs](#).
- [Understand Special Services](#)

COMMUNITY TOOLBOX

- [Childcare Resources](#)
- [Healthcare Resources](#)
- [Grief & Loss Resources](#)
- [Housing Resources](#)
- [Mental Health Resources](#)
- [General Community Resources](#)
- [Free & Reduced Lunch Application](#)



Happy Thanksgiving from Woodside!

Turkey stations was a great way to spend the final day before Thanksgiving Break. Fifth grade students are pictured here with their teacher, Mr. Alex Carr. Enjoy the holiday break!

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

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If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the district's **Equity Coordinator, Julie McKibben, Director of Student Services**, 5740 NE 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50313; mckibbenjulie@saydel.net. Office for Civil Rights, Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661; 515-264-0866.