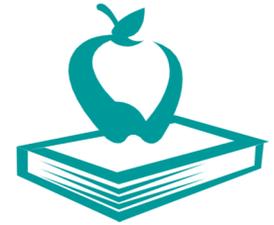


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Woodlawn Elementary

Dear Woodlawn Families,

Here we are at the end of the year! And what a wonderful year this has been, due to the support we have had from families, our staff, the community, and our business partners. As this year comes to a close, we are completing our end-of-the-year testing, gathering evidence of the huge growth in learning our students have made as well as making plans for what we need to focus on for next year. It's an exciting time!

This Wednesday we will have a retirement reception from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the library for three staff members. We have appreciated the dedication and leadership of **Melody Gatti**, **Gary Hall**, and **Ronda Katt** and wish them the absolute best in their future endeavors! I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for these staff members, for what they have done for Woodlawn students, and hope they know how very much they will be missed!!

Other staff changes include: Mrs. Gossett will be moving into the first grade open position and we have hired **Sarah Brame** as our new kindergarten teacher. **Michelle Barnes** has accepted a job outside the school and we will tearfully be looking for her Parent Involvement Facilitator replacement. Woodlawn will truly miss Michelle and our retiring teachers and wish them well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Angela Schmidt** for her leadership of our PTO with the assistance of Vice President **Lindsey Holladay**, Secretary **Amanda Bryson** and Treasurer **Janet Matthews**. Our PTO has continued to provide support for students, staff and parents and has made such a positive impact on our school. Last week they treated our staff royally during Teacher Appreciation Week. Angela and the other officers have made it a focus to reach out to more families to provide shared leadership of activities throughout the year. By continuing their procedures of documenting the planning and preparation of these activities and organizing the equipment that goes with each, they have made it easier and more manageable for others to assume that leadership. As was shared in the last newsletter, we have our PTO to thank for the greatly improved OWLS area and Monarch Mania Station. Students and families are invited to help keep this area maintained throughout the summer. We'd like to welcome and thank next year's officers who will be: President, **Lindsey Holladay**; President-Elect, **Trisha Slough**; Secretary, **Amanda Bryson**, and Treasurer, **Janet Matthews**. I would encourage all families to become active participants of our PTO.

I would also like to recognize and thank **Jenny McKee**, our outgoing chair of Site Council, for her great organization and planning this year. She has very graciously agreed to serve as our chair again next year. We appreciate the guidance and input of our Site Council.

As our last days wind down, I'd like to share details with you of some of the upcoming events:

Big day this **Friday, May 15!** We encourage our students to ride their bikes to school as we will have our second annual **Bicycle Safety Fair**, sponsored by Tradewind Energy and Sunflower Outdoor. There will be an obstacle course, a bicycle repair station, and a light station! How wonderful!

Thanks to Mr. Morris and Mr. Hall, we will have our **Field Day** Friday afternoon! Hopefully some of you will be here as volunteers to help!

On **Monday, May 18**, our **fourth grades** will be traveling to the **Kansas City Zoo** and our **kindergarten, first and second grades** will be going to performances at the **Lied Center**.

Our third grades will be taking a field trip on **Tuesday, May 19**, to visit our LEAP partners, **First State Bank** and **ICL**. We appreciate all our business partners do for our schools. This is a fabulous way for our third graders to learn about their businesses.

This year, our **Moving On Celebration** for fifth graders will take on **Wednesday, May 20** from **12:30-1:30 p.m.** in the gym.

On our last day **Thursday, May 21**, we will have a low-key **Awards Assembly** as part of our morning announcements. We will be awarding our last 212 degree club members and presenting attendance awards.

Please note: That last day of school is a **half-day, Thursday, May 21**. Students will be **dismissed at 11:15**. **Lunch will NOT be served and there will be no After School Program that day.** We need to have all students picked up at **11:15**. Students will be bringing their progress reports home with them on that day.

Please remember that due to construction, we will not have summer enrollment and we will not have a sneak peek night. Please plan to bring your students to school on the first day, **August 19th**! We will be sending out a summer letter with additional information.

Thanks to all parents who supportively worked with your child doing homework, who volunteered to help in classrooms or at PTO events throughout this year. You are your child's first teacher, their greatest advocate, and the most influential people in their lives. Your partnership is essential to our success with students at school.

With warmest regards for a wonderful summer,

Counselor's Corner



Surviving Summer Boredom with your Kids

(Adapted) By Dyan Eybergen

Keepkidshealthy.com



Sometimes, especially with younger children, cries of boredom are really calls for companionship and attention—their friends may be away on vacation and without the structure of school they may find it difficult to keep occupied during long summer days. Prolonged intervals where the kids have nothing to do can be stressful for parents. When bored, children often become whiny, cranky and demanding.

Here are 5 easy tips to help parents combat summer boredom and help kids develop the internal resources that are important for developing creative, resource and time management skills:

1. Put a weekly calendar together so as not to overwhelm yourself with planning entertainment for an entire summer, just take it one week at a time—day trips, arts and craft activities, play-dates, reading time, nature hikes, picnics, bike rides, a trip to the movie theatre etc. This way kids will have something to look forward to during down time. A calendar also helps with getting kids prepared for what comes next.
2. Ask: "If you could do anything, what would you like to do?" Try and encourage your children to generate their own ideas for activities—they are more apt to have fun when they thought it up on their own! Reinforcing that children use their imaginations will also help them develop a sense of resourcefulness and get them in the habit of making their own choices about how they will spend their time.
3. Keep an "art box" handy full of supplies: scissors, fabric, felt, glue, paints and brushes, stickers, paper, markers, canvas, needle and thread, beads, yarn, picture magazines etc. Rummaging through a box of art supplies can ignite the imagination and occupy children for long periods of time. They could even begin an entrepreneurial enterprise and sell their wares at the end of the summer.
4. Inspire them to play with water. Water is very calming and soothing for children and they can play for many hours while also keeping cool. Get them to wash the car, hose off the deck, or run through a sprinkler. Take them to the community pool, make musical instruments by filling different shaped glasses with varying amounts of water; fill a kiddie pool and bathe the dog, even wash the dishes and blow bubbles with the detergent!
5. For children too young to get a summer job and too old to be entertained by a craft box or a water "slip N slide", invite them to volunteer at the local hospital or animal shelter or start their own business by cutting the neighbor's lawn or washing windows. These types of endeavors help fight summer boredom and also instill qualities like compassion, kindness and a sense of work ethic in children.

From the Nurse

URGENT MEDICATION PICK UP!

For safety reasons the school may NOT send medications home with students without written parental consent. Please make arrangements for an adult to pick up your child's personal medications in the clinic. IMPORTANT: Medications left at school after May 21, 2015 MUST be destroyed.

Thank you for your assistance,

Woodlawn Yearbooks

We still have yearbooks left, so if you haven't bought your copy yet, it's not too late. The books should be arriving soon and they will be sent home with your students. They are \$17.00.

Food that's IN when school is OUT!

JUST SHOW UP!

NO REGISTRATION!

NO FEE!

FREE MEALS are available to ALL youth between the ages of 1-18. An adult must accompany anyone under the age of 4 years old. Adults can purchase lunch for \$3.45 and breakfast for \$2.15. **Meals are served Monday - Friday.**

Locations:

Breakfast & Lunch Sites

Pinckney Elementary School, 810 W. 6th Street, Phone 785-832-5800

June 1 - July 24, Excluding July 3, 7:30am - 8:30am, 11:30am - 12:30pm

Prairie Park Elementary School, 2711 Kensington Road, Phone 785-832-5740

June 1 - July 24, Excluding July 3, 7:30am - 8:30am, 11:30am - 12:30pm

South Middle School, 2734 Louisiana Street, Phone 785-832-5450

June 1 - July 24, Excluding July 3, 7:30am - 8:30am, 11:30am-12:30pm

Lunch Only Sites

Broken Arrow Park, 29th and Louisiana Street

July 27 - August 7, 11:30am - 12:30pm

East Lawrence Recreation Center, 1245 E 15th Street, Phone 785-832-7950

June 1 - August 7, Excluding July 3, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Lawrence Public Library, Library Plaza 707 Vermont Street, Phone 785-843-3833

June 1 - August 7, Excluding July 3, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

South Park Gazebo, (east side of Massachusetts), 1141 Massachusetts, Phone 785-832-7930

June 1 - August 7, Excluding July 3, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

For more information contact: K-State Research and Extension - Douglas County at 785-843-7058



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From the PTO

GET INVOLVED, BUILD COMMUNITY, HELP STUDENTS SUCCEED

This is it!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The last few days until some of our students move on to Middle School and others move up for growth and opportunity.

I want to give a **HUGE** thanks to everyone who lent a hand at any and all of our events this year making them all a success. We could not have done it without your help.

An especially **HUGE THANK YOU** to Trisha Slough who has spearheaded the improvements in our OWLS area. It looks amazing and with her leadership it will even get better and stay that way. If you are available over the summer months to help with maintaining it and getting ready for our Monarch Station, let her know.

Thank you for everything, it has been an amazing year. Lindsey will be leading you all next year so look for more fun and exciting activities for our students.

Have a great summer!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Angela Schmidt

Lindsey Holladay

Amanda Bryson

Janet Matthews

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**Lawrence Public Schools
School Health Services**

Note to Parents – Summer, 2015

Summer is a great time to give your children a health “tune-up” to make certain they are ready to go back to school healthy and ready to learn! The following are some suggestions from your school nurses that will help guide the “tuning” process.

- **Physical examinations** are required for all children up to age 9 years old and under and entering a Kansas public school for the first time. Also, any student playing competitive sports in middle school or senior high school is required to have a sports physical from their doctor each year dated after May 1st. Schedule a checkup early this summer to avoid the rush in August!
- **Immunizations** are available at the Health Department, 200 Maine, 843-0721 or from your child’s doctor. You will be notified if immunizations required by the state of Kansas are not on your child’s record so that they can be obtained before school starts. A student entering Lawrence Public schools must have at least one of each of the following immunizations or is in the process of receiving immunizations against diphtheria, pertussis (up to age 7), tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B and varicella (chickenpox). If your child has had the chickenpox disease we need documentation by a licensed physician. Additionally, a booster **Tdap** is required for all seventh through twelfth graders if no previous history of Tdap vaccination.
- **Medical care** may be obtained at Health Care Access, 330 Maine Street, if your child qualifies for free or reduced lunch and does not have health insurance. Please contact Health Care Access, 841-5760 to initiate the enrollment process so that your child can receive low cost medical care if needed!
- **KanCare** is a great program for children in the state of Kansas that have no other health insurance and live in a family that does not qualify for state employee insurance. KanCare provides free or low cost coverage for regular checkups, immunizations, office visits, dental care, medicines, vision and hearing care, and mental health/substance abuse services. Call 1-800-792-4884, SRS (832-3700), or Health Care Access (841-5760) or for more information you may also go to www.usd497.org go to parents, then health services for an application.
- **Dental:** All children are encouraged to see a dentist on a regular basis for preventive care. Some members of the Douglas County Dental Society provide **dental inspections** to children free of charge each summer. When you make an appointment, please make sure that your dentist participates in this program. Low cost dental care may also be obtained at the Douglas County Dental Clinic, 2210 Yale Road, 312-7770.
- **Head lice** are a nuisance that cause missed school days for kids and workdays for parents. Please take some time before school starts to check your child’s head for these pesky creatures and/or their eggs (nits) and treat with an antiparasitic shampoo if needed so they are not carried to school. If you suspect that your child has head lice, the Health Department will inspect your child for head lice and provide a treatment product.
- **Medications** can be administered to your child at school if the proper forms are completed and the medication is supplied in the original or prescription container. Please contact the school nurse if your child will need over-the-counter, prescription, or self-administered medications during the school day. Stimulant medication may not be self-administered at school. All medication forms are listed at www.usd497.org. Go to parents, then health services.
- **Asthma** is the leading cause of school absence due to illness. Effective asthma management leads to reduced absences, reduced disruption in the classroom, full student participation in physical activities, supportive learning environment and appropriate emergency care. If your child has asthma, please send medications to school and contact your school nurse when school begins to discuss your child’s current treatment plan and medication needs.
- **Prescription glasses** are needed on the first day of school and every day that school is in session. Being able to see the teacher and the assignments is highly beneficial to a student’s academic success.
- **Backpack** usage can injure your child's back if it is not properly made and adjusted, or if its contents weigh more than 10 - 15% of your child's body weight. Buy a backpack with **two** wide, padded shoulder straps and that is no wider than the child's torso.
- **Helmets** are required by city ordinance to be worn when riding a bicycle, a skateboard, rollerblades, or scooters. Lawrence/Douglas County Fire and Medical personnel distribute free helmets to promote safe practices in the community – just take your child to any fire station for a fitting!

