THE EAGLE TIMES
The latest news and updates from Woodland West School
2143 Mars Street, Harvey, LA 70058

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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VISION
Our vision for Woodland West School is for all students to become independent readers, thinkers, problem solvers, leaders, and communicators.

MISSION
The mission of the Woodland West School Community is to inspire, engage and prepare learners for global leadership, by encouraging creativity, developing character and intellect, and promoting social and emotional health.

DAILY EXPECTATIONS
BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESPONSIBLE

NEWS
Jan. 11 Report Cards
Jan. 13 SPS SOCK HOP and ROLL celebration
Jan. 16 No School MLK Day
Feb. 8-9 Virtual PTC
Feb. 10 In-Person PTC
Feb. 15 Krewe WW Parade
Feb. 17-24 Mardi Gras Break
A Message from the School Principal:

Happy New Year!

The New Year is here and the 2nd semester of the year is on track to be a great one for all of our students! As we continue to focus on our core business of teaching and learning student success is our main goal. We know that many children begin to master concepts in the second part of the school year. The 3rd quarter grading period started on January 4. As we start a New Year and semester, it is a perfect time to encourage our students to set new goals for academic achievement! Focus on those areas of that need improvement and set realistic attainable goals. We are encouraging all students to continue to believe in themselves, try his or her best EVERY DAY and to strive for 85! Please help us to support your child by ensuring that all homework is completed, reading and practicing math facts each night.

Third Quarter Interim reports will go home Wednesday, February 8, 2023. Please review the interim report with your child, sign it, and return it to your child’s homeroom teacher. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out your child’s teacher. Virtual Spring Parent Teacher Conferences will be held in February 8-9 this year during grade-level planning. In-Person Spring Parent Teacher Conferences will be held February 10. There is not school for students on February 10. Keep in mind, Parent-Teacher Conferences can happen at any time during the year. Parent-Teacher Conferences are an essential to student achievement. Remember you can keep up with your student’s progress through the Parent Portal. If you have not yet registered for Parent Portal or need assistance please let us know. Please reach out to your child’s teacher for any support you may need. Remember if we work together every student will excel.
February is Black History Month and is dedicated to celebrating, learning, and sharing appreciation for Black heritage. We will have various activities throughout the month of February as we honor and praise the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society. We would like you to get involved by helping your child create a Black History Month Shoebox Float. Shoebox floats can include facts, stories, timelines or pictures about famous African Americans. Floats must be turned in to homeroom teachers no later than Monday, February 27, 2023. We are looking forward to highlighting students' work during Black History Month!

Our annual "Mardi Gras Parade" is set to roll Wednesday, February 15. We are asking 8th grade students and parents to actively participate this year by parading with their wagons to throw beads and trinkets to our student body. Eighth grade parents will get additional information about this year's parade. We will also be accepting any donations of Mardi Gras throws such as beads, candy, trinkets, or stuffed animals that can be made to help supply the 8th grader with throws. Students that donate to our event will be allowed to dress down for the parade. Only 8th grade parents of students participating are allowed to attend the parade. We look forward to an awesome time!

Students will be out of school on February 17-February 24, 2023 for the Mardi Gras holiday break. While on Mardi Gras break, students are encouraged to log into their Clever accounts to access their iReady reading and math lessons to make up missed days of instruction. Encourage your child to read a book to you every night. These helpful tips will them while they are on this Mardi Gras break. Please remember that one of the most important things you can do for your child is to support the love of reading. Third through 8th grade students are also encouraged to go to www.typing.com to practice learning to type to better prepare for the LEAP 2025 assessment.

ELPT and LEAP Connect testing will begin on February 13, 2023. We will be holding parent meetings for students that will be participating in those state-wide assessments.

Educationally yours,

L. Toney
Outerwear Reminders:
Outerwear must open the length of the front by snapping, buttoning, or zipping. No hooded sweatshirts may be worn on any school campus during the school day. In addition, please make sure that all of your child’s outerwear is labeled with their first and last name. We have a lost and found area with many unclaimed jackets. If your child is missing a jacket, please make sure to have them come to the lost and found.

Additionally, 6th-8th grade students must carry a clear or mesh backpack.

NEWSLETTER
As part of our efforts to embrace technology, take care of our environment, and monitor spending, we will have an electronic newsletter delivery. Woodland West School will deliver the monthly school newsletters via email. Additionally, the school newsletter will be posted to the school’s web page and PK-3rd grade students will receive a paper copy. If you would like a printed copy of the school newsletter, please notify Angela Washington at Angela.Washington@jpschools.org and a copy will be sent home each month with your child. Thank you.
**Used Uniform Donations**

If you are cleaning out closets, you may find clothes that your children have outgrown. If it’s WWS shirts, sweatshirts, or school pants/shorts, we can use them. We keep a closet at school with used uniforms for students that may need a change of clothes because they slipped in the mud, have a tear, or just need a uniform. In particular, we are running low on navy blue shorts, skirts and pants in all sizes. If you would like to donate, you can drop them off in the office or just send the items to school with your child and they can bring them to the office.

Students that donate old uniforms will get a free dress down pass.

Thanks so much!!
Hello Woodland West Parents,

To protect our school community, please keep your child home if they are sick.

Our policy is that students must be fever and symptom free for 24 hours in order to return to school. We truly appreciate your assistance in keeping out community well! As a reminder, students are not allowed to bring medicine, including asthma inhalers, to school with them. All medicine must have a doctor’s order and be checked in through the school district’s medication office. Please contact me if you need assistance checking in medication.

According to state law, all immunizations must be up to date before December 15th, 2022. Please check your student’s folder for an immunization deficiency notice. If your child is due for vaccines please contact their medical provider or the GNO Immunization Network to get them up to date. I am looking forward to a great year of wellness. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to me at sarah.desimone@jpschools.org.

Sincerely,

Sarah Desimone, RN
February is Black History Month and we are very excited to get our WW EAGLE Families involved! Our goal is to have children create shoebox floats to display around the school about famous African Americans like inventors, scientists, activists, writers, athletes, or public figures from the past or present who contributed to our world. Shoebox floats can include facts, stories, timelines or pictures.

**All shoebox floats must be turned in to the student’s homeroom teacher no later than Monday, February 27, 2023.**

We are looking forward to highlighting students’ work in celebration of Black History Month! Thank you for always supporting our school.

**Criteria:**
- Must be school appropriate
- Topic is famous African American individual or group that has contributed to history
- Please include this information on the bottom of the box:
  - Student’s name
  - Grade level
  - Teacher’s name labeled
Dear WWE Families,

Our 8th grade students will be parading our campus throwing BEADS, TRINKETS and CANDY to our student body. **We are in need of beads, trinkets, and/or candy!**

Please send a bag full of these items to school by Monday, February 13th.

If your child donates items for our parade, he/she will receive a free dress down pass for Wednesday, February 15th.

Please make sure the items are kid appropriate before your child brings them to school.
WOODLAND WEST SCHOOL
VALENTINE'S DAY CANDY GRAM

A candy Grams purchase includes a pencil, blow pop and delivery. Limit of 3 Candy Gram purchases per student. Candy Grams will be delivered on Feb. 14, 2023.

CASH ONLY - RETURN MONEY AND ORDER FORMS TO HOMEROOM TEACHER DURING PRE-ORDER SALES DATES.
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February 6 - 8: PBIS Valentine
$1.00 Candy Gram Sales

February 8 - 9: Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences
(during grade-level planning)

February 10: Student Holiday Parent/Teacher Conferences
12:00-4:00

February 13: ELPT and LEAP Connect Testing Begins

February 15: 6th Grade Mardi Gras Parade (students only, 8th grade parents invited)

February 16: PBIS Mardi Gras Dress Down

February 17 - 24: Mardi Gras Break

February 27: Black History Shoebox Floats due

February 27: M2M Tutoring Begins

March 2 - 6: Read Across America Week

March 23: Report Cards Go Home

March: ELPT Testing Night (TBA)

March: Family Literacy Night (TBA)

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