

Woodmont K-8 School Thunderbird Thoughts



Respect, Responsibility, Reliability

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Dear Woodmont Families,

Let us all try to prepare in case our students get the flu and have to stay home. The CDC has put out the following suggestions, which includes a backup plan in case you need to make special arrangements regarding your job.

Follow these steps to prepare for the flu during the 2009-2010 flu season:

- **Plan for child care at home if your child gets sick. Check with your employer to find out if you can stay at home to care for your children, work from home, or set up a flexible work schedule.** If this is not possible, find other ways to care for your children at home (such as care by relatives, neighbors, co-workers, or friends).
- Plan to monitor the health of your children and others in the household by checking for fever and other symptoms of flu.
- Identify if you have children who are at higher risk of serious disease from the flu and talk to your healthcare provider about a plan to protect them during the flu season. **Children at higher risk of serious disease from the flu include: children under 5 years of age and children with certain chronic medical conditions, such as asthma and diabetes.**
- **Update emergency contact lists.**
- Collect games, books, DVDs and other items to keep your family entertained if your child is sick and must stay home.

Sincerely,

D.K. Bogle
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 8 – 28

PTA Fall Fundraiser
Details coming soon!

October 9

NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service Day

October 20

Picture Day - Individual

October 16

NO SCHOOL-Data Day

October 28

Health Screening Day

October 29, 30

NO SCHOOL

**Student Led Conferences
And Fall Book Fair!**



ATTENTION!!

Our editor (Mrs. Kiyohara) forgot to mention.....

Dennis Pichette has joined our staff as the P.E. Teacher!

Welcome Mr. Pichette!



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ATTENDANCE

When a student is unable to attend school, parents should call the school and report the student's absence. We try to contact parents when children are absent, but it may be as long as an hour after school starts before all calls can be made. **Please, for your child's safety, call the school at 945-4500, and report absences and tardies. After hours you can leave a message on our voice mailbox.**

DRESS CODE

As a learning community we expect appropriate behavior and clothing at school. Students should dress in a clean, neat and modest fashion. We will follow the dress code as defined in the Student's Rights and Responsibility Handbook. Clothing should be appropriate to keep children healthy and safe regardless of indoor or outdoor recess. We ask that the following guidelines be followed:

- No hats, scarves, bandanas or head coverings inside the building.
- Shorts should be hemmed. Shorts/skirts should extend past fingertips when arms are at your side.
- Shirts must cover entire torso.
- Tank tops and halters are not allowed.
- Spandex needs to be covered by a long top.
- Pants should be sized to fit. No baggy or sagging pants.
- Clothing displaying drug or alcohol-related words, pictures, messages or innuendoes is not allowed.
- Clothing displaying obscene or sexual words, pictures, messages or innuendoes is not allowed.
- Clothing which symbolizes gang membership or which displays gang-related words, pictures, messages or innuendoes is not allowed.
- Shoes must be appropriate for recess and other school activities for safety issues.

Appropriate dress creates a positive learning environment.

STUDENT ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

WE ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE SUPERVISION OUTSIDE OR INSIDE THE BUILDING BEFORE SCHOOL. Teachers are busy with meetings and planning before school, and are not available to supervise. Please help your child plan their arrival time at school to be as close to **8:00 a.m.** as possible or **7:55 a.m.** if they are participating in the breakfast program. The tardy bell rings at 8:10 a.m.

VISITOR/VOLUNTEER

We ask that all visitors (parents and community) **first come to the office when visiting or volunteering at school.** Parents are encouraged to visit school often. For safety and in the interest of instructional programs, please check into the office whenever you visit. This is a safety measure and also one that allows for less interruption of the academic program.

The law requires that each person working with children voluntarily submit to a check by the Washington State Patrol through the District. The form must be completed by anyone who volunteers at the school in any of the following capacities: classroom, lunchroom, playground, office support, field trips, and athletic events, etc. Forms are valid for 2 years, and there is no cost to you. This is a safety measure for the welfare of all our students. Forms can be picked up in the school office.



SHOULD I SEND MY CHILD TO SCHOOL TODAY?

Often parents wonder when it is appropriate to send their child to school. If your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep him/her home, or make appropriate child care arrangements.

Check your child every morning before sending him or her to school or child care:

If your child has:	Then you must:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever* (100° F or 37. 7°C) alone, OR • vomiting or diarrhea, OR • sore throat or new cough with no fever 	Keep your child home from school or childcare until they have been fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. Your child might have the flu. Other symptoms can include runny nose, body aches, vomiting, and diarrhea.

***If you don't have a thermometer, feel your child's forehead with your hand. If it is much warmer than usual your child probably has a fever.**

***Communicable Diseases – Head lice, scabies, measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, strep throat and/or scarlet fever, pink eye, ringworm and impetigo.** If your child develops a communicable disease, please keep him/her at home and inform the school secretary.

Bringing a child to school with any of the above symptoms places other children and staff at risk. Keeping sick children home will, in the long run, result in having stronger, healthier, and happier children and fewer lost work days and illness for parents.