



Woodland Park Elementary Newsletter

June 2015

September Important Dates	
Tuesday Sep 8	First Day of School – 10 – 11 am
Wednesday Sep 9	First FULL Day - 8:30 – 2:35 pm
Thursday Sep 24	Meet the Teacher / Family BBQ
Friday Sep 25	Terry Fox Run
Monday Sep 28	Pro D Day – no school

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Message from the Principal

Here we are once again at the end of very busy school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for all the little...and big things you do throughout the year. I hope that each of you will have some time to relax and connect with your children in a variety of ways. We love to hear about their adventures in September!

Next school year we are introducing a school wide program called The Zones of Regulation. The intent of this program is to provide students with a greater understanding of their emotions and needs and provide them with strategies to self-regulate a bit better. I will hold a workshop for parents on this topic in late September.

On our school website, you will find a link to our latest Coffee Morning Topic – Student Expectations. It is a Power Point presentation. Please take a moment to view it. When we work together with a common goal and common expectations, we will see positive results a lot quicker. In the box below ‘How to Help Your Child Behave At School’ we have outlined a few easy suggestions for you to go over with your son/daughter. These are great discussion starters. Be sure to ask questions such as: Name 3 things you can do to respect adults/friends? Why would this make a difference/why is it important? How will be respectful make a positive impact on you? Why do you think some students/adults choose to be disrespectful? What can you do to help them change? What we are looking for is a “depth of understanding” rather than memorizing the “rules”.

In addition to the Zones of Regulation session, I will continue to host a coffee morning each month. I would love to have your input as to areas/topics of interest. Please email or call the office with your suggestions. Alternately, fill out page 5 of this newsletter and return at your earliest convenience.

How to Help Your Child Behave At School

Students need to learn how to behave at school so that a classroom can be the most productive learning environment for all students. Here are 4 simple rules you can discuss and encourage at home with your child on how to behave in the classroom.

1. Be Respectful
 - Respect the teacher / respect other students / keep your hands to yourself / keep your voice down / raise your hand to speak / listen to others / allow others to share ideas / don't hog the discussion
2. Be Caring
 - Be kind / help others / share
3. Be Accountable
 - Follow class procedures / follow the rules / do your work / pay attention
 - Stay in your seat
4. Be responsible
 - Complete your work in time / hand in your work / take care of the classroom / take care of the playground

Playground Litter

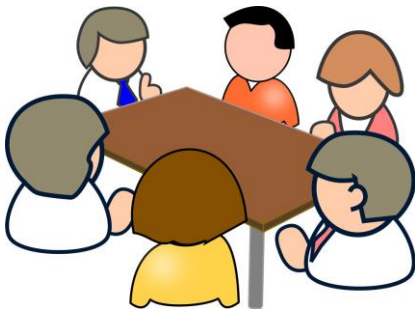
Woodland Park involves each class in helping to keep our school grounds clean. Each week, a particular Division is responsible for taking a few minutes to collect litter that has been dropped. Many of our younger students in particular have not yet caught on to the part they play in keeping our play area clean and continue to leave their sandwich bags, bottles, candy wrappers and containers on the ground. Please help us in teaching the children that they must clean up after themselves and in addition, rather than stepping over garbage, to please pick it up and put it in the garbage bins.

Thank you so much for your assistance.



Bell schedule

You will notice there is a slight bell schedule adjustment for next year. This is due to an early ending to the school year. The morning will remain the same however, dismissal will be at 2:35 PM



Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

PAC will be having their first meeting on September 30th @ 6:30 pm in the Library. All parents of Woodland Park students are Welcome to attend.

Leaving Staff

It is always a sad time to see staff leaving our Woodland Park Family. This year we must say goodbye to Ms. Klassen who is retiring.

Moving on to other schools are:

Ms. Eaton, Ms. Prasad, Ms. Will, Ms. Finley, Ms. Tice, Ms. Thomson, Mr. Cameron, Ms. Street and Ms. Johnson.

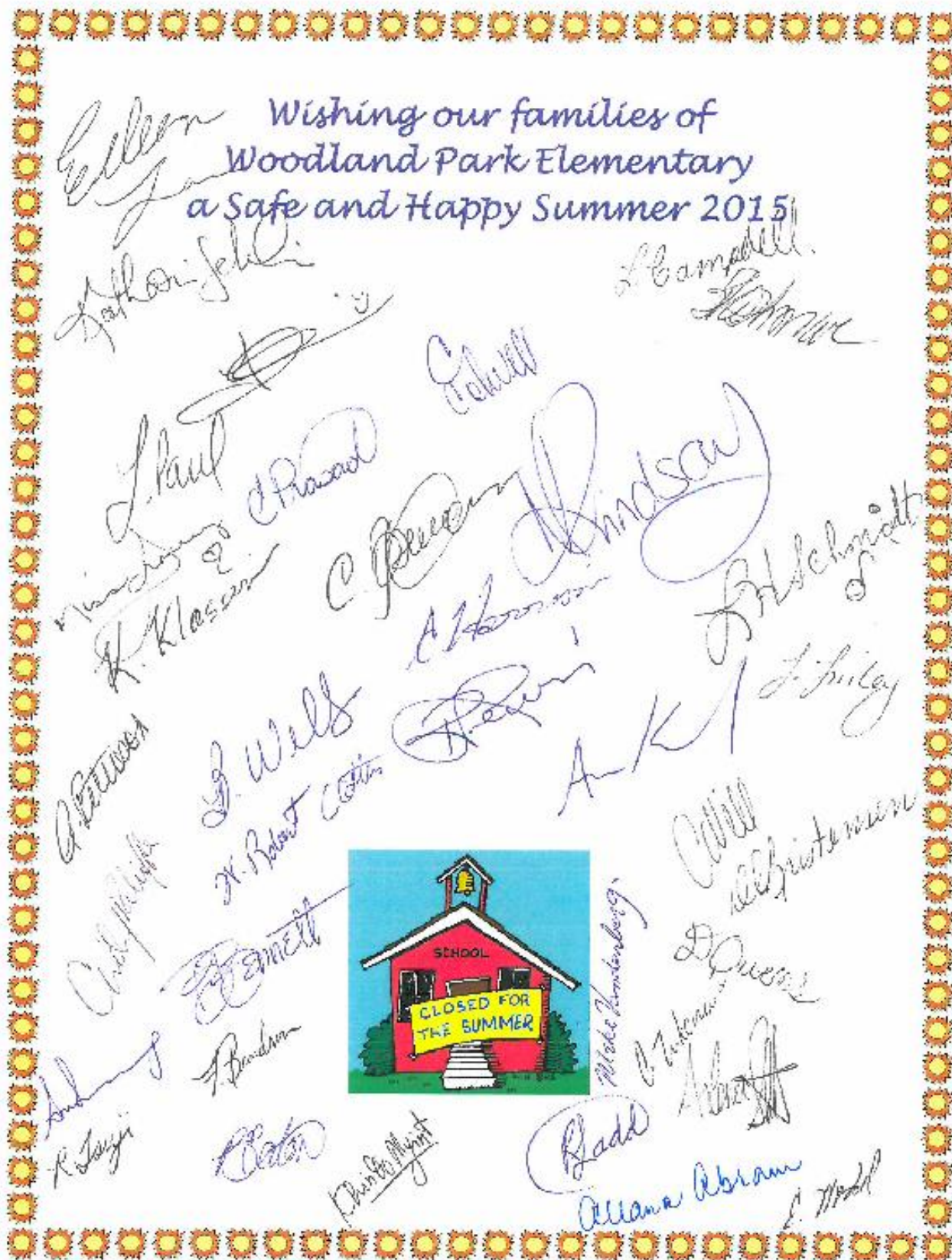
School Calendar 2015 – 2016

September 8, 2015	School Opens 10:00 - 11:00 am
September 28, 2015	Pro D Day - No School
October 12, 2015	Thanksgiving Day - No School
October 23, 2015	Pro D Day - No School
November 11, 2015	Remembrance Day - No School
November 13, 2015	Pro D Day - No School
November 19, 2015	Early Dismissal @ 1:30 (parent/teacher meetings)
December 18, 2015	Schools Close for winter break
December 21 - January 1, 2016	Winter Break
January 4, 2016	Schools reopen after winter break
February 8	BC Family Day - No School
February 19	Pro D Day - No School
March 11, 2016	Schools close for Spring Break
March 14 - March 24, 2016	Spring Break
March 25, 2016	Good Friday - No School
March 28, 2016	Easter Monday - No School
March 29, 2016	Schools reopen after spring break
May 6, 2016	Pro D Day - No School
May 23, 2016	Victoria Day - No School
May 30, 2016	Pro D Day - No School
June 23, 2016	Last Day of school for students
June 24, 2016	Administrative Day - no school



2015 – 2016 Bell Schedule

8:30 am	Warning Bell
8:35 am	School in session
10:15 – 10:30 am	Recess
11:42 – 12:10 pm	Play Time
12:10 – 12:30 pm	Lunch
2:35 pm	Dismissal



Parent Workshop Topics

Listed below are some topics of interest for our Coffee Mornings. Please circle any items you would like discussed. Also, please feel free to add any topics of your choice.

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Community Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arts in the Community• Child Care Resources• Community History & Heritage• Community Resources• Emergency Services• Family Services• How to Shop for Camping Gear• Leisure Activities/Parks & Rec• Library Resources• Library Tour• Recreation and Camps• Service Canada• Summer Activities for Families• SWIS Library Toolkits• Victim Services• Winter Activities & Events	Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aboriginal Culture• Building Bridges-Children of African Origin in Surrey Schools• Canadian Culture & Holidays• Cultural (e.g. African, Russian, Refugees, etc.)• Cultural Representation Through Art• Fall Harvest & Celebrations• French Canadian Culture• Halloween Safety• Racism in Our Communities• Winter Celebrations	Driving/Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Getting Your BC Driver's License – Overview• How to Use Public Transit• ICBC Knowledge Test• ICBC Road Test• Safe Driving Tips• Safe Driving & Maintenance in Winter• Translink Information & Trip Planning/How to Use Public Transit
Employment/Volunteering <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advance BC – Skills Connect Program• Career Options• Credential Recognition• Employment• Employment – Work Permits• Employment Programs• Employment Standards• Employment Standards for New Immigrants• I-STEP Program• Job Options• Labour Market• Looking for Employment• Resume & Cover Letter Writing• Skills Connect• Volunteer Services• Volunteering in Your Community• Work Safe BC• Working Solutions	Financial <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Banking & Investing in Canada• Budgeting• Canada Revenue Agency• Canadian Income Tax for Newcomers• Child Care Subsidy Clinic• Financial Literacy• Free Income Tax Filing• Income Tax & Family Services• Money Skills• Service Canada• Tips on How to File Income Tax• Understanding Canadian Credit System• Understanding Taxes	Health & Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BC Health & Safety Kids Dental Program• Canada's Food Guide• Dealing with Grief Issues• Dental Care for Young Children• Dental Health & Safety Orientation• Dental Hygiene• Diabetes–Are You at Risk?• Emergency Preparedness at Home• Emergency Preparedness in Schools• Emotional Health• Fire Safety• First Aid• Food & Nutrition• Health, Safety & Nutrition• How to Shop for Healthy Food• Internet Safety

Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditions/Security Deposits/Repairs • Evictions/Disputes/Moving Out • Housing in Surrey • Housing: Sanitation • My First House in Canada • Residential Tenancy Law • Survival Words in Housing • Tenants' Rights 	Immigration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becoming a Canadian Citizen • Changes in Immigration Guidelines • Citizenship Test Preparation • Immigration Information Session • Permanent Residency: Experience Class vs. Point System • Refugee Claimant Services & Support • Settlement Experience Through Visual Stories • Various Immigration Programs • When & Why to Apply for a Visitor Permit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health & Safety • Pedestrian Safety/Crossing the Street • Personal Hygiene • Personal Safety • Preparing Healthy Meals • Safety in the Community • Scent-free Policies • Smartstand – Community Access to First Aid • Violence Protection • Water Safety
Parenting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities for Parents and Children • Communicating with Children • Communication Between Parents & Children • Development Stage • Listening to Youth Concerns • My Tween & Me • Nurturing Relationships with your Children • Parenting – Daily Routine • Parenting – Discipline for School-age Children • Parenting – My Family • Parenting – Respect • Parenting in Canada • Parenting Issues • Parenting Skills • Parenting Support – Safety tips • Parenting Teen Welcome Centre Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multicultural Worker Services in Schools • Settlement Workers in Schools • Welcome Centre – Overview • Welcome Centre Programs • Welcome Centre Support for District Staff 	School/Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying to U.S. Universities & Colleges • Career Options in Canada • Career Training Programs • Communication Between School & Home • Course Selection General Information • ELL – Adult • ELL – K-12 • ELL – Why & How Long? • ELL in Secondary Schools • ELL Learning • Graduation Requirements • Helping Students at Home • Homework • IB Programs • Kwantlen Polytechnic University • Meet the Principal/Staff at Your School • Post-Secondary Applications • Post-Secondary Scholarship Applications • Reading Rockets • Reading Strategies • Reading with Children • Report Cards • School Clubs and Activities • School Orientation • School System – BC/Canadian • School System – Surrey • Secondary School Programs • Transition to Secondary • Understanding Learning Needs of Your Child 	Youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptation & Integration • Bullying/Cyber-Bullying • Facilitation & Leadership Skills • Gang Prevention • How to Expand Your Circle of Friends • Developing Self-Esteem • My Circle Multicultural Youth Circle Program • Peer Relationships • Self-Awareness • Youth Employment & Volunteering • Youth Engagement in Violence Prevention • Using Theatre to Understand Settlement Legal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Law • Legal Rights & Responsibilities • Legal Wills Women <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs Assessment for Women • Women in Canada • Women's Issues