



Window on Woodcrest

February 8, 2012

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Mrs. Kahoun's Corner

Happy Valentine's Day this coming Tuesday! What a fun time for our children to recognize the friends they have made at school! Valentine's Day is a good time for us to reflect on the social relationships our children are making, and consider how we can best support them in developing and maintaining friendships. Having friends makes school more fun, and encourages kids to share, cooperate, and solve problems. Here are some ideas from "Home & School Connection" to consider as you help your child make and keep friends:

- ♥ **Role-play:** At home, set up situations that your child will encounter on the playground. For example, if he finds it hard to approach other children, try this: Toss a ball with your spouse or another child. Have your child ask, "Can I play catch with you guys?" Encourage her to look one person in the eye, rather than addressing the group.
- ♥ **Share Activities:** Help your child find friends with similar interests. If she wants to take gymnastics, look for someone she knows who is signing up. Take them to the first class together and then share a snack afterward.
- ♥ **Try Groups:** Children can sometimes struggle at playing with more than one person at a time. Give your child practice by letting her invite several friends over. Suggest a group activity, such as four square or a board game, where everyone participates. Your child will see how much fun it can be to play with several friends.

Please be sure to connect with your child's teacher or with Mrs. Bartlett if you do happen to notice your child struggling with friendship issues. We have many ways to support our children, so let us know how we can help!

Compassion Week, February 13-17

Wear Pink or Red on Friday, February 17

During the week of Feb. 13-17 Woodcrest students will be learning about the characteristic of compassion. In their classrooms teachers will be developing the concept of compassion with their students. Staff members will be catching kids demonstrating compassion throughout the week, and recognizing these students with "Compassion-grams". On Tuesday our PTA will treat the students to a cookie and juice to celebrate Valentine Day. At our all school meeting on Friday we will further learn about and celebrate compassion. All students and staff are encouraged to wear pink or red on Friday as we wrap up the week's attention to show compassion.

Coming Up

February

- 9 PTA Meeting—6:30 p.m.
- 17 Wear pink or red to school
- 20 & 21 NO SCHOOL
- 23 Family Reading Night and Art Fair—6:00 p.m.
- 28 Kindergarten Registration and Round-up

Greetings from the Art Room



This year I see K+, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students on a 5 day cycle for 45 minutes one time per week. Also, I teach at Park Terrace, Westwood Intermediate, and the Spanish Immersion School the times that I am not at Woodcrest. Therefore, the best way to reach me is by e-mail at spfahl@district16.org.

K+ has been busy making fish that we traced our shoes to make! How silly! Soon we will paint them.

First grades mixed primary paint colors (red, blue, yellow) to make secondary colors (green, purple, orange). They will use their colored paper to create a spring picture.

Second grades just finished sculpting their clay animals. As we wait several weeks for them to dry we will be starting a new project soon!

Third grades finished their collage animals and they will be ready for display in time for the art fair (see below)! Now we are working on a grid painting where each student uses paint to create 23 new colors!

Special Reminder:

Thursday February 23, 2012

Art Fair

Family Reading Night

Woodcrest Elementary: 6-8 p.m.

Come to hear some stories, enjoy an ice cream treat, and see the hallways decorated with the wonderful works of art that display the hard work and creative abilities of Woodcrest students!

Hope to see you there!

-Ms. Pfahl

Book Fair Rewards

The Scholastic Book Fair was a busy place during conferences! They had total sales of \$2894.52. We now have a credit of \$1520.00 to purchase new learning materials for our students. With our last book fair credit we were able to purchase a new Smart Board for one of our classrooms and subscriptions to Scholastic Magazine for two of our grade levels. It's a win/win proposition with books for our students to read at home and added materials for Woodcrest! Thank you to everyone who purchased books and to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped make this event possible: Carla Anderson, Kim Campbell, Tina Ericson, Mike and Nina Guswiler, Marie Kopp, Dana Kreyer, DeAndra Pierson, Kristi Rickenbach, Stephanie Sandvick, Jodi Schwagerl, and Claudelle Thomas.

Thank You!

Thank you to our parents who donated all of the delicious food for meals and snack breaks for our teachers during their busy conference times: Carla Anderson, Nina Guswiler, Marie Kopp, Stephanie Sandvick, Joanne Satter, and Jodi Schwagerl.

Pennies for Patients

Our annual Pennies for Patients drive will take place next week, February 13 through February 17 to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. On Monday we will collect pennies, on Tuesday nickels, Wednesday dimes, and on Thursday quarters. We will end the week long drive by collecting any extra loose change and/or bills on Friday. Checks will also be accepted and can be made payable to LLS or Pennies for Patients. Each child will receive a collection box that they can use to collect their money if they choose.



We are setting a school wide goal to raise more than \$2000, a goal that we have been able to meet the last three years. As an incentive, classrooms that collect \$60 or more will receive an extra 20 minutes of recess time and classes that collect \$110 or more will receive an extra 30 minutes of recess time to enjoy later in the year when the weather warms up. The top two classes will also receive a Domino's Pizza Party. As a bonus we have a special surprise in store for everyone if we reach our school wide goal of \$2000.

Do you have neighbors, family, or friends who may be interested in learning more about the **SPRING LAKE PARK SCHOOLS?**

Spread the word about

INFORMATION AND ENROLLMENT NIGHT

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012
Stop by anytime between 6:00 and 7:30 pm

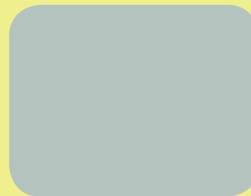
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First Class. World Class. The Spring Lake Park Way.

We will be a World-Class Learning Community of Choice aligned around improving student learning.

We will ensure personalized instruction in which all students are valued, inspired, and have a sense of belonging.

We will develop the academic, life, and career skills necessary for all students to be college-ready and succeed in the 21st Century.



Considering enrolling? Just want to learn more?

This is your opportunity to informally visit with school principals, the superintendent, and representatives from our programs.

Globally-competitive schools

- Northpoint Elementary (K-3), Blaine
- Park Terrace Elementary (K-3), Spring Lake Park
- Woodcrest Elementary (K-3), Fridley
- Westwood Intermediate School (4-5)
- Westwood Middle School (6-8)
- Spring Lake Park High School (9-12)
- Learning Alternatives Community School

Innovative initiatives and programming

- Personalized Learning
- Technology-Rich Learning & Teaching
- Half-Day, Full-Day, and Spanish Immersion Kindergarten
- Spanish Immersion Program (K-3 for next year)
- Spanish Preschool
- Lighthouse Program for the Highly Gifted
- Gifted and Talented Services
- Online Opportunities
- Opportunities in Emergency Care
- Early Childhood & Child Care Opportunities
- Athletics & Activities

Ready to enroll?

We'll help you do so this evening.