

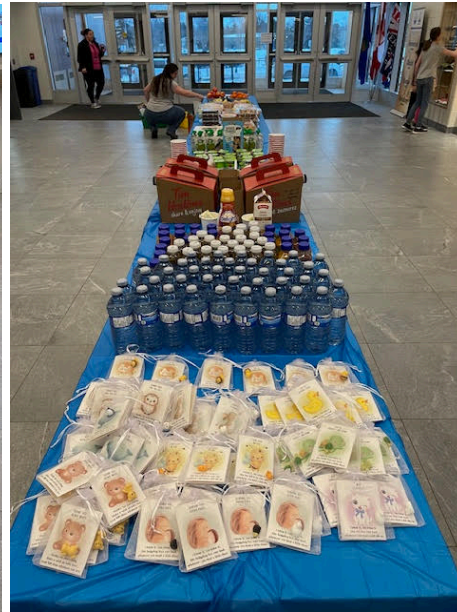
Woodhaven Middle School Newsletter

April, 2024

Leadership Message

We hope everyone had a fantastic spring break! Although it was a short month, March proved to be a very busy month. Our month included, Basketball Finals, Indoor Games Championships, a Talent Show, a Skills Competition, a Staff vs. Student Basketball Game, a 5/6 Rabbit Hill Ski Trip, a 7-9 Marmot Basin Ski Trip, Choral Celebration, Parent Teacher Interviews and the start of Hot Lunch! It has been so great celebrating all of the pieces outside of curriculum that make Woodhaven a great place to teach and learn.

Our staff also had the pleasure of enjoying a continental breakfast supplied by our dedication and wonderful School Council. We enjoyed every bite as well as the very cute token of appreciation provided. Without you, our school would not be the place it is today. **THANK YOU!**



As we head into the final stretch of the 203/2024 school year, we want to remind everyone to remember why we come to school each day, to learn and grow. We would like to encourage our students to push themselves to achieve all that they can achieve and to make each day better than the last. For some, this might be making a goal to attend school each day and for others it might be to ask more questions in class when concepts don't make sense. Whatever the goal, just know that we are all here to support students to achieve, learn and grow, even if at times it feels uncomfortable.

Crosswalk Safety

Our students' safety is our top priority. Please ensure you slow down in the school zone, and use extra precaution at crossing locations. Please also remind your children to ensure it is safe to cross before stepping onto the road. Pedestrians also need to remember to take the road conditions into account to ensure a vehicle will be able to stop for them.

Key dates this month:

- April 1 Easter Monday (No School)
- April 17 School Council Meeting
- April 25 and 26 One Acts Drama Festival (Westlock AB)
- April 30 Woodhaven Career Cafe

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or concerns.

Take care,

Nealle Dickson, Principal

Woodhaven Career Fair

We are SEEKING PARENTS!

Woodhaven Middle School is planning a **Career FAIR** on **Tuesday, April 30th**. We are inviting parents, community members and friends to come in and speak about their career choice and give students an insight to a career that they may have never heard of before, or already have an interest in. If you would be interested in being one of our presenters, please email Janie Scheidl at janie.scheidl@psd.ca with your name, career title, a brief description of what you do, and a phone number/email address at which you can be contacted. You can also leave a message with reception in the general office. Your help and support during this event would be greatly appreciated.

General Information

Parent Handbook

Please click [here](#) to view our Parent Handbook for the 2023/2024 School Year

Reporting Absences

To report an absence for your child, please email woodhaven@psd.ca or call and leave a message at the school office (780-962-2626). Please include the student's name, teacher (or grade), and reason for the absence in your message.

Drop-Off & Pick-UP

Our doors open to students at 8:15am when outside supervision begins. If students arrive prior to 8:15, there is no outside supervision. After school supervision is from 3:05 to 3:15pm.

When dropping off your child, please keep the right lane free to allow buses the right of way when

entering and exiting the parking lot and do not leave your vehicle unattended in the pickup/dropoff lane.

Visiting Woodhaven

We are happy to welcome you to our beautiful new school. When you arrive at the school, please check in at the office.

School Fees

Please login to the Parent Portal to view and pay your child's school fees. If you have questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

2023-2024 Bell Schedule

Our attendance calls go out automatically at 9:35am. If your child will be late or absent, please let their classroom teacher or the office know.

Bell Times	Breaks and Periods
8:15 - 8:23	Student Arrival
8:25	Students arriving after 8:25 require a late slip
8:30-9:10 am	Block 1
9:10-9:50 am	Block 2
9:50-10:05 am	Recess
10:05-10:45 am	Block 3
10:45-11:25 am	Block 4
11:25-12:05 pm	Block 5
12:05-12:35pm	Lunch Recess
12:35-1:05 pm	Lunch
1:05-1:45 pm	Block 6
1:45-2:25 pm	Block 7
2:25-3:05 pm	Block 8
3:05 pm	Dismissal

Performing Arts



Woodhaven Performing Arts students are hard at work preparing for this year's One Act play "Screenagers!" Woodhaven classes will have the opportunity to see the show on April 22nd and 24th during school matinees before the cast and crew take the show to the Zone II West One Act Play Festival in Westlock, AB April 25-26.

In this fast-paced, technology-saturated world, can teenagers really survive without laptops, i-pads, cell phones and other mobile devices? Has high-speeding texting replaced face-to-face communication? Do apps substitute for thoughtful conversation? From breaking up on Facebook, to in-class research, to real-time dating advice, this play delves into the world of teens to see how they navigate with (or - gasp! - without) technology. "Screenagers" is a humorous look at how technology is shaping the way we socialize, communicate, and—hang on, I've got a call coming in.

Athletics

Physical Education - The month of March saw our PE classes participate in badminton. The shuttles were flying in both the large and small gyms. Our students learned the badminton rules, different types of shots and strategies. We would like to say it was a "smashing success". April will be filled with Pickleball, team games, and depending on the weather, preparation and practice for our school track & field meets that will be happening in the month of May.

Noontime Hockey League - The month of March saw the return of the NHL (Noontime Hockey League) to Woodhaven. The NHL is our intramural floor hockey league that had a grade 5-6 and a grade 7-8-9 league. The league ran during the first half on lunch in the large gym and was an overwhelming success!

Indoor Shoes - As spring has sprung and the snow is melting, all students are reminded to have clean indoor shoes for PE. We would like to keep the gym floors (and any indoor floor) as clean as possible!

Badminton - Badminton season is here! Tryouts are now complete. We had well over 100 students tryout for our teams this year! Our senior and junior teams will play a series of different games in April and the county championship final tournament at the start of May. Our Woodhaven teams are also hosting a tournament this month as well called the Woodhaven Badminton Challenge.

A big thanks goes out to our badminton coaches Mr. Huedepohl & Ms. Butler (Seniors) and Mr. Vanden Pol & Mrs. Lindsay (Juniors) for their time and efforts.

Senior Woodhaven Badminton Challenge Tournament - April 4th & 5th

Junior Woodhaven Badminton Challenge Tournament - April 18th & 19th

Spring League Basketball - We are excited to start our Spring League basketball league for our grade 4-5-6 students. Registration for the league is all wrapped up now and the skills camp is April 10-11-12th. Games run the month of April in the large gym and wrap up with some playoffs in May. A big thanks to Mr. Chan and the grade 8-9 basketball players for getting the league all ready to go. We look forward to welcoming all the students who signed up to play!

Instagram - Follow us on our Athletics Instagram Account @WoodhavenAthletics
<http://www.instagram.com/woodhavenathletics/>

Calendar

Our School Calendar has changed from last year...and boy is it more user friendly than the previous calendar. As it is no longer a google calendar, all you have to do is go to the [calendar on our website](#) and click on one of:

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located at the top of the calendar on our website. You can then search by grade level, event or topic to find information you are looking for as needed.

School Council & Parent Association

WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US!

School Council News

Please email: woodhaven.scchair@partner.psd.ca if you are interested in joining our school council committee as our secretary or if you have any questions.

Woodhaven Parent Association News (Fundraising)

We really need parent support to help start up and keep our fundraising programs running. The time commitment really can be as much or as little as you can give. Please consider coming out and joining us!

**School Council Meeting & Parent Association Meeting:
Wednesday, April 17 @6:00pm at Woodhaven School.
Come and meet fellow parents and learn what is going on in our school and Parkland School
Division!**

Message from our Counsellor- Mrs Scheidl



AHH... Spring is here. Time to enjoy the outdoors more often and get in some great nature therapy!!!! Have some fun celebrating these national events this month and our Career Fair:

April 8 - [World Health Day](#)

April 22 - [Earth Day](#)

April 30 - Career Fair @ Woodhaven



Parent Learning Opportunities

Check out this [month's Newsletter](#) from AHS Caregiver Education Series. Sessions are virtual and timely - registration is required. Some sessions are for adults and some are for youth. See link above for more information and registration information.

Caregiver Education Sessions

Parenting Teens in the 21st century -

Part 1- **Teen Development and Challenges** Tuesday, April 9 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 2 - **Parent Responsiveness** Tuesday, April 16 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Keeping Scattered Kids on Track- Supporting Children and Youth with ADHD

Part 1: Tuesday, April 18 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 2: Tuesday, April 25 12:00 - 1:00 pm

New! Wellness Exchange Series

Part 1: **Problem Solving** Wednesday, April 3 - 6:00-7:30 pm

Part 2: **Positive Activities** Wednesday, April 17 - 6:00-7:30 pm

To register, click [HERE](#) or go to: www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

Help For Hard Times - [click here for support numbers](#)

Parkland School Division - [Stronger Together Newsletter](#) for families with many links to free events for youth and parents - check it out!