



# Woodland Park's Community Connections

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## On Saying Goodbye...

After four years as vice-principal at Woodland Park, I wish to express a fond farewell as I will be moving to Manchester P.S. as principal for September. Woodland Park is a school filled with caring students and staff and I wish you all of the very best as you continue to have positive partnerships with the school as parents. Bears really do care!

*Mrs. H. Kruis (Vice-Principal)*

I must also extend a farewell to our Woodland Park community. I have been appointed Superintendent of Student Achievement and Well-Being for Waterloo Region District School Board beginning in September. I am deeply honoured to be able to serve our system in this capacity, but I am very sorry to be leaving Woodland Park after only a year. Thank you to our Woodland community for the many ways you support our school. Such a wonderful staff and amazing students!

We would like to welcome Mr. Schlegel as your new principal. Mr. Schlegel is currently the principal of Manchester P. S. We would also like to welcome Mr. McLeman as your new "twinned" vice-principal, who is currently the vice-principal of Clemens Mill P. S.

Thanks for a wonderful year, Bears! Have a safe and relaxing summer. I will truly miss you!

*Mrs. A. Mercier (Principal)*

## More Staffing News

With the end of school often comes a change in staffing assignments. We bid a fond farewell to the following staff as their term assignments have ended: **Miss Webb, Miss Weber, Miss Lucas and Miss Werger**. We wish them continued success in their careers.

We also must say goodbye to **Mr. Levitt, Mr. Shortt, Mr. Gill, Mrs. Pfeiffer and Mrs. Simpson**, who have all accepted positions at other schools within our Board.

We have some hiring to do over the summer months and will announce our new staff members in September.

## Bell Times for 2015-2016 School Year



Entry: 8:45 a.m.  
Instructional Block #1: 8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.  
Nutrition/Activity Break: 10:45 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. (New "go home break")  
Instructional Block #2: 11:25 a.m. to 1:25 p.m.  
Nutrition/Activity Break: 1:25 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.  
Instructional Block #3: 2:05 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.  
Dismissal: 3:05 p.m.

## Back to School Supplies

A list of suggested school supplies is contained on the last page of this newsletter and will also be posted on our school website ([wpk.wrdsb.ca](http://wpk.wrdsb.ca)) and on School-Day by the end of June. We appreciate your assistance in providing these items where possible.



## Dates to Note for 2015-2016

Tuesday, September 8  
Tuesday, September 15  
Thursday, September 24  
Wednesday, September 30  
Monday, October 12  
Monday, October 19  
Wednesday, October 21  
Friday, November 13  
Monday, December 21 to Friday, January 1  
Friday, January 22  
Friday, January 29  
Monday, February 15  
Wednesday, February 24  
Monday, March 14 to Friday, March 18  
Friday, March 25  
Monday, March 28  
Friday, April 22  
Monday, April 25  
Monday, May 23  
Friday, June 3  
Wednesday, June 29  
Thursday, June 30

First Day of School  
School Council Meeting  
Meet the Staff Barbecue  
Terry Fox Walk and Blue/Green Day  
Thanksgiving Day – School Closed  
Picture Day  
Immunization Day for all Gr 7s and Gr8 girls  
P.A. Day – No School for Students  
Winter Break – School Closed  
Immunization Day – Gr 8 girls only  
P. A. Day – No School for Students  
Family Day – School Closed  
Grade 8 and SK Graduation Picture Day  
March Break – School Closed  
Good Friday – School Closed  
Easter Monday – School Closed  
P.A. Day – No School for Students  
Immunization Day for all Gr 7s and Gr8 girls  
Victoria Day – School Closed  
P. A. Day – No School for Students  
Last Day of Classes  
P. A. Day – No School for Students



### Meet the Staff Barbecue – September 24<sup>th</sup>

Please mark this date on your calendar for the Meet the Staff Barbecue. Watch for more information in September.

## Class Lists

Many students and parents are curious to know before the doors open on September 8<sup>th</sup> about the class placement for the school year. The class lists will be posted on the front doors of the school at **5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**. Student names will appear by class, first name and last initial only, to protect the confidentiality of our students.



When the bell rings on **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**, students are asked to wait on the tarmac at the rear of the school for their assigned teacher. Students will be escorted to their rooms by their teachers. Parents are kindly reminded to say their “good-byes” and allow their children to line up with their classmates and teachers. All Junior and Senior Kindergarten children will be notified of their classes and start date at the beginning of July through a personal letter.



- To our many parents who have volunteered their time in our classrooms, on field trips, and our lunch program.
- To our student helpers who have been wonderful leaders this year – Morning Announcers, Lunch Helpers, Primary Class Helpers, Sign Changers, Office Helpers
- To our School Council Members for their continued support of our school initiatives and for their commitment to making Woodland Park a terrific school for children of all ages.

Together with some very special parents and teachers, I had the opportunity to sit as the chairperson for this year's School Council. This year we welcomed a number of new faces, both parents and staff, and we changed our focus as a council to community building. Our Woodland Park families were invited together for an evening at the Cambridge Winterhawks game in January, and again at the Family Math Carnival in March. Going forward, we hope to build on our sense of community and create more opportunities to bring our Woodland Park Families together. Our first School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15, at 6:30 pm in our library. All parents are welcome. If you have never been to a council meeting consider joining us in September. This is an excellent opportunity to become involved in your child's school life and to support the educational program.

Stay safe this summer,  
Amanda Croft, School Council Chair

### **WRDSB has gone online and paperless!**

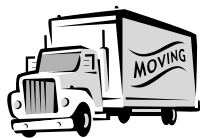
In an effort to reduce costs and save paper, some of the information that has previously been sent home with students at the beginning of the school year will only be available on our school website ([wpk.wrdsb.ca](http://wpk.wrdsb.ca)). This package contains information regarding school year startup such as the school year calendar, safe schools protocol and other important information that may be helpful for a successful year in school. Beginning in late August parents can access this information by clicking on the "School Year Information 2015-2016" link on our website.



A limited number of paper copies will be available. If you must have a hard copy of this package, please call the school office.

Also beginning in September, we will no longer be preparing quarterly newsletters. Instead we will continue sending out Weekly Updates via School-Day. We have had a very positive response from parents since going online with School-Day and are hopeful that we can get the remainder of families registered for September. School-Day is our online communication and cashless payment system. It can be accessed from any web browser (computer or cell phone) and gives parents real-time, secure access to up-to-date information as well as the ability to:

- Complete on-line payments for trips or other activities
- Register your child for extra-curricular events
- Approve permission forms instantly on-line
- Sign up for parent/teacher interviews
- Update your mobile device with calendar events specific to your child
- Minimize the risks associated with sending money to school with your child ("backpack delivery") and reduce the environmental impact of photocopying permission forms and announcements



### **Moving over the summer?**

If you are moving out of our area or you know someone moving into our area, please let us know when our office reopens on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Thinking about your summer and/or fall child care needs? Spaces are available at Woodland Park Child Care Centre. We offer a variety of programs for children from 18 months to 12 years of age. Contact Lou Duggan by phone at 519-651-1090, email [woodlandcc@rogers.com](mailto:woodlandcc@rogers.com) or drop by for further information.



# BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY KIT

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As one school year ends, we also begin to think about the beginning of the next. Often parents ask us for suggestions when purchasing back-to-school supplies for students. The staff members of Woodland Park have outlined purchase suggestions for you. Parents, please remember that the purchase of these materials is optional and basic supplies will continue to be provided by the school, however, any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Commercially produced, personalized Woodland Park planners have been ordered for students in grades 1-8 and all students are expected to use these planners. The cost is \$7.00 per planner.

*\*Students in grades 7 and 8 have the privilege of using lockers for their belongings. Locks are available to purchase from the school for \$5.00*

### Recommended shopping list for all students grade 1 to 8:

Ruler, quality pencils, pencil sharpener, pencil crayons, large glue stick (Uhu or Elmers), pencil case or box, highlighters, erasers, 1 boxes of Kleenex, 1 pkg markers, indoor shoes

Additional items required for junior students (grades 4-6)	Additional items required for intermediate students (grades 7 & 8)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- gym clothes (in gym bag)</li> <li>- calculator</li> <li>- Indoor running shoes for gym (no skateboard shoes)</li> <li>- 1 pkg thin markers (not permanent)</li> <li>- 1 pkg regular markers (not permanent)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 three-ring binders (2"), each a different colour (<i>No large zippered binders</i>)</li> <li>- 3 pkg. small post-it notes</li> <li>- 2 pkg. dividers</li> <li>- 1 pkg. 3-hole punched lined paper</li> <li>- 1 pkg. 3-hole punched .5 cm. graph paper</li> <li>- several black or blue and red pens and pencils</li> <li>- 1 USB memory stick</li> <li>- calculator with square root, % and +/-)</li> <li>- geometry set (including a compass)</li> <li>- Phys-ed t-shirt and shorts (approx. \$30 - sold in Sept)</li> <li>- Combination lock (or \$5.00 to purchase one)</li> </ul>

#### HOME KIT - Suggested items to help support homework activities.

- pencils, pens, eraser, glue stick, pencil crayons, geometry set, 3-hole punched lined paper, crayons, atlas, dictionary, thesaurus, French/English dictionary

#### DRESS CODE

One aspect of a positive learning environment is the appropriate attire of all students from kindergarten to grade 8. We request your cooperation by discussing the following expectations with your child and by encouraging them to adopt a positive, responsible approach to their school attire:

No inappropriate writing or graphics on clothing

Skirts and shorts must be mid-thigh in length (or as measured with a 10 cm inseam)

No low-cut or cropped (showing cleavage or midriff area) tops - tops and bottoms must meet

No undergarments are to be showing

Straps on tops must cover undergarment straps.

No hats, bandanas, or gang wear.



Please visit Woodland Park's website for up-to-date information. Check it out at <http://wpk.wrdsb.ca> and follow us on Twitter @WoodlandParkPS