

Woodland Newsletter

October 2020

Message from Principal

Dear Woodland Families,

For so many of us, we were waiting anxiously to hear the sounds of children in the hallways, classrooms and playground and that time has come for us to embrace them in their home away from home. For many of us, including the students, returning to school brings joy and for some, it may bring fear or worry. This year will be filled with ups and downs but when we look back every year is filled with ups and downs yet we have gotten through them together and successfully!

As you are aware, we are in full swing of all things related to school. Students are comfortable with their classroom and safety routines. They are remarkably flexible and resilient. Teachers are building classroom communities for at home learning and in school. In a global pandemic, that is quite the challenge and the teachers have accepted that challenge with open arms. Families are getting accustomed to the home learning and school routines too! Living in a pandemic has certainly tested our patience but we must continue to be as flexible and resilient as our children!

The following are a few important items to note:

1. At the Tuesday, September 29th School Committee meeting, it was announced that the district is working to get all students in the building for 5 half days a week. Once we have a confirmed start date, we will let you know.
2. Back to School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th via zoom. A schedule with detailed information will be sent soon.
3. We will continue to welcome any donations of antibacterial wipes, sandwich and gallon size ziplock bags and paper towels.

In conclusion, the state of our world has made me become more reflective or maybe it is my older age. For some, the pandemic has made us feel isolated. I choose to feel that it has made us closer due to a common experience. So, recently, I was watching Jane the Virgin on Netflix and a particular scene struck a chord with me. Yes, I have stopped reading CDC guidelines to indulge in this luxury of watching TV. On that show, one of the main characters, the Abuela (or Grandmother) of the family, explained that while studying for her citizenship exam, she learned about "E pluribus unum," "out of many, one." It is said that this phrase was originated by the famous Roman writer Cicero about family and friends. When each person loves the other, as much as oneself, it makes one out of many. As I think about all of us at Woodland, our students, our teachers, our families, I understand what that truly means. I leave you with that simple phrase-E pluribus unum.

Sincerely,
Jennifer G. Faber

Thank you!

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Thanks for all the donations of wipes, paper towels and ziploc bags. Perfect example of taking care of our community!

Dates to Remember

Mark Your Calendar

- NO SCHOOL on **Monday, October 12th** due to Columbus Day observance.
- Week of **Monday, October 12th**, the schedule will be Tuesday (Cohort B), Wednesday (Cohort A), Thursday (Cohort A) and Friday, (Cohort B).
- School Council meeting on **Monday, October 19th at 2:30pm**. All are welcome!
- Back to School Night on **Tuesday, October 20th** via zoom. Detailed schedule to follow soon.
- Picture Day on **Thursday, October 22nd and Friday, October 23rd**. Details sent home via classroom teacher and PTO email.