

Woodland Newsletter

May 2021

Message from Principal

Dear Woodland Families,

Spring has sprung and we have embraced our third new schedule of the year with flexibility and enthusiasm! Students have been great about wearing their masks and are happy to be in school all day. They are learning to speak loudly and clearly through their masks so that they can safely work with a partner while socially distanced. Teachers have worked to deliver instruction with extra drama and animation to hold the attention of students sitting far away at their desks. Cold wind, a bit of drizzle- no problem! We have all embraced the great outdoors, maximizing every opportunity to learn, eat, and play outside.

We appreciate your patience and your support. We understand that everyone has a bit of Covid fatigue, and that rules about travel, dining out, and even children's sports have been changing to become less restrictive. We feel the same way- we are tired of Covid, but in order to keep everyone safe and healthy and in school, we need to adhere to the safety protocols that we have established.

We are unable to plan events or celebrations that would involve mixing cohorts, breaking social distancing rules, or bringing additional adults and children into the building. Please don't worry, Woodland is a special place with a strong sense of community. We will still have fun this Spring and we will still celebrate your child's growth and development. These special moments may be smaller and less public but they will still be authentic and joyful.

We will share more about our plans for the Spring as they take shape. In the meantime, we ask that you continue to focus on the many positives and try not to compare this year to what has happened in the past. At our faculty meetings, teachers have shared that they have discovered many unexpected silver linings. Students and teachers have shared Bright Spots in class, we have shared Triangle Tuesday Moments (acts of kindness). Students are laughing, chatting and smiling (we can see it in their eyes) as they arrive each day. We have a lot to be thankful for this Spring.

Sincerely,
Jennifer G. Faber

Dates to Remember

Mask
Your
Calendar

- **Every Wednesday** is a 12:15 dismissal. Please make note!
- NO Kindergarten on **Wednesday, May 12th** due to parent/teacher conferences.
- School Council Meeting on **Monday, May 17th at 2:30pm** via zoom. All are welcome.
- NO Kindergarten on **Wednesday, May 19th** due to parent/teacher conferences.
- NO school on **Monday, May 31st** due to Memorial Day observance.