Woodland Newsletter

February 2020

Message from Principal

Hello Families,

January and February may be long weather months but we are keeping it exciting at Woodland. We have two exciting events taking place!.

First, our fourth annual whole school challenge has started! This year, our challenge is to create a chain reaction that will move a marble across a structure of connected parts. Can we create a whole school chain reaction by linking each classroom's structure? Our challenge objectives are to move a marble across a linked path mounted on a 20 x 30 in foam board. The marble needs to move for a minimum of 30 seconds or a maximum of 3 minutes. The structures must include at least one elevation feature, as well as, must have a way to accept a marble from one end and a way to release the marble from the opposite end. Our literary connection for the challenge is the children's book, *Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deeds* by Emily Pearson. In this book, the main character, Mary inspires kindness that spreads like a chain reaction. This message aligns beautifully with our Woodland School core values.

Each class will select one design to prototype, test, and connect at our Whole School Challenge Assembly. Each class will record one, 1 to 2 minute informational video explaining their process. At our whole school assembly, we will gather as a community of engineers to watch all the informational videos, as well as, attempt to connect all the chain reaction prototypes together. Stay tuned to see how our test goes and will if we will need to make more improvements!

Also, we are voting for our first Woodland School Mascot! Mrs. Bonsignore's second grade classroom researched and created prototypes of Woodland creatures. As a school, all were given the opportunity to add other suggestions. Then, we will have two rounds, semi- final and final, of voting. All students, faculty and staff will vote for our mascot. Stay tuned for the big announcement.

Sincerely,
Jennifer G. Faber

Thank you!

Thanks to all the donations for our Whole School Challenge. We are all set with recycled egg cartons, tissue boxes and toilet/paper towel rolls. No need to send anymore in! Please know that with all of your generous donations, the students are learning the importance of recycling, as well as, able to improve their prototypes without any material restrictions. hanks again for helping to take care of our community!

Dates to Remember

- School Council meeting on **Monday, February 3rd at 2:30pm**. All are welcome!
- Early Release on **Wednesday, February 5th at 11:30pm**.
- Kindergarten Information Night for incoming Kindergarten students on **Wednesday, February 12th at 6:00pm** at the Country School.
- NO SCHOOL due to February Break from **Monday, February 17th until Friday, February 21st**.
- Principal Coffee on **Wednesday, February 26th at 9:00am** in the library.