

This Week for Lunch:

Monday
Asian Chicken

Tuesday
Shredded BBQ Turkey Sandwich

Wednesday
Cheeseburger

Thursday
Chicken Nuggets

Friday
Meatball Sub

Bluemound Campus Charter Renewal

Wednesday, October 31 was a great day—thank you to all the parents, staff, students, and board members who came to talk with the review team. Our feedback from the UWM Board of Regents Review Team was overwhelmingly positive. All of our stakeholders did a tremendous job sharing their experiences at Woodlands School-Bluemound campus—they *loved* seeing the classrooms in action!

We do not have any action items to address, but a few recommendations to consider for the future will be included in our written summary. (ie; technology professional development to go with our new devices, continue to ensure the rigor in our curriculum, continue to provide diversity in our curriculum, etc...all things we are already working on.)

Woodlands School has secured a 5-year renewal recommendation!! Woohoo!!! Ms. Rogers and our Board Chair, Sue Bay, will go to Madison in February to receive the final Charter Renewal approval.

Thank you, thank you for all that you do for the Woodlands community. It is my privilege to work beside so many caring people who truly love what we do--it showed.

Sincerely,
Ms. Rogers

History of Woodlands Part IX

As stated in last week's Woodwinds, on February 7, 2013, UWM's Office of Charter Schools approved a five-year charter to start Woodlands East School for the upcoming fall. The new school was created to replicate the original Woodlands School multi-aged, character-based instructional philosophy. Suddenly, there was a mad dash to locate a building to house a school that can be open in August 2013. Time was of the essence! Many buildings around Milwaukee were options, but some entities that owned the vacant buildings were not willing to relinquish them for a new charter school.

**Charter schools are public schools that enter into a contract with an approved institution, such as a school district, to meet academic performance goals in exchange for more freedom from state rules and regulations. Through a federal grant in 2012, eleven schools were given funds to plan their structure and curriculum. Woodlands School East received \$200,00 that year from this grant. Charter schools are different from choice schools, which are private, mostly religious institutions that accept qualifying students on a publicly funded voucher.*

Former Board Trustee, Brenda Hartwig was on the committee to locate a building for the new school. She happened to stumble across a building that previously housed Indian Community School, which was vacant for a number of years. In May 2013 (less than 4 months before the doors opened) Forest County Potawatomi and Potawatomi Business Development Corporation welcomed the Woodlands East School to their Wgema Campus (formally known as the Concordia Trust Property) located in the historic Concordia neighborhood. The campus sat dormant with no direction and now there was a purpose and a mission to expand the Woodlands philosophy of "excellence for every child!"

When the building could be occupied for preparation to start school in August 2013 (*remember, this is in May 2013*) it was in no shape to open. A number of huge projects needed to be completed, items ordered, people hired, and construction required to have 144 students ready to be in a classroom by the end of August.

Woodlands School, Inc. first open enrollment period has begun!

Please tell your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, hairdresser, spin instructor, or even dry cleaner (you get the idea!) that NOW is the time to contact us for a tour! Pass on our registrar's information:

Bluemound: Kelly 414-475-1600 kelly.mckenna@woodlands-school.org, and State Street: Kim 414-937-2000 kim.mckenna@woodlands-school.org or direct them to our website www.woodlands-school.org.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Fall conferences are Monday, November 19 and Tuesday, November 20

Invites to your child's conference will be sent out via email this week Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 4pm.

Please watch your email closely for the link as sign ups are first come first serve.

Next week, you will receive the link to sign up for the other teachers in your child's unit.

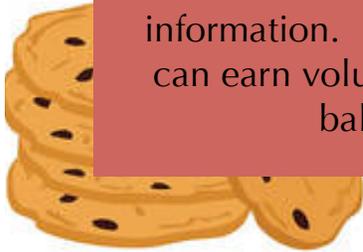
7th grade families: All 7th grade conferences will take place with both Ms. Caldwell and Ms. Davis.

Specialist teachers are available for conferences on a drop in basis.



The Bake Sale is Coming!

Please watch backpack mail
THIS WEEK for sign up
information. Remember, you
can earn volunteer hours for
baking!



Siblings Wanted! Siblings Have Priority!

Enrollment has begun for the 2019-2020 school year!
A registration form must be completed to
hold your child's space.

Please stop in the main office or contact Ms. McKenna
414-937-2000 or kim.mckenna@woodlands-school.org

Food Drive

The K4/K5 unit is sponsoring a food drive that will be taking place **November 5 - November 16** to benefit the Friedens Food Pantry.

Bring your donation to school in the bags that were provided through the school.

On the bag, there will be a more complete list of items needed, but here is a start:

- Canned Vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, carrots, etc..)
- Stuffing Mix, Instant Potatoes, Gravy or Gravy Mix
- Canned fruit (Cranberries, mixed fruit, etc...)
- Canned pumpkin
- Evaporated Milk, Similac, Isomil
- Peanut Butter, Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Stew, Soup



Thank you for all you do, and for modeling the Woodlands Way along with your child!

CORE VALUE

"Instead of thinking outside the box, get rid of the box."
Deepak Chopra

CREATIVITY: TAKES THE FIRST STEP

1. When faced with what seems like a challenge, just try without the expectation of it being great
2. Try without the help of an adult; trust yourself
3. Have fun with the process

Mark Your Calendars:

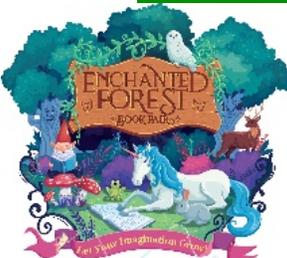
- Nov. 5-16: Food Drive
- Nov. 5: Pius HS French Visitors 1/2
- Nov. 7: PTO Mtg, 6pm
- Nov. 9: 1/2 Public Museum
- Nov. 12: 3/4 ACE Visitor
- Nov. 12-Nov. 20: Book Fair
- Nov. 14: Book Fair Family Event, 6-8pm
- Nov. 15: UEC Dinnocenzo
- Nov. 16: Club Choice Orders Due
- Nov. 19: Conferences, 4-8pm **NO SCHOOL**
- Nov. 20: Conferences, 12-8pm **NO SCHOOL**
- Nov. 21-23: **NO SCHOOL**
- Nov. 27: 1/2 ACE Visitor
Board Mtg, 6pm

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The book fair is on its way!

Our Enchanted Forest Book Fair will be held November 14-20, and we need your help! There are a variety of roles and times to fill. See which one is a fit for you at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0545A5AB29A7FE3-enchanted>



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