

This Week for Lunch:

Monday
Breaded Chicken Leg

Tuesday
Philly Cheesesteak
Sandwich

Wednesday
Cheese Pizza Sticks

Thursday
Chicken Patty
Sandwich

Friday
Homemade Meatloaf

Comment allez-vous?: The Woodlands School French Story

When Woodlands School first started it was essential to the development of our children that the humanities were an integral part of the overall curriculum. It was seen as the “seed” that blossoms into higher academic levels. To this day, this seed is being planted through the French, music, and art programs. Several times weekly college professors once taught foreign languages, music, and art during the early years at Woodlands School. Upon the opening of the first Woodlands campus, parents were sent a questionnaire concerning their choice of foreign language. Parents chose French over German and Spanish. At that time Madame Yvette, the school’s very first French teacher, believed in children developing a pure accent in French. She also offered several trips to France.



Over the years a more applicable approach has been encouraged and developed by Madame Schneider and Madame Hinkley. The ultimate purpose of the French program is not to teach conjugation and repetitious dialogues like we may have learned as foreign language students, but to prepare our learners for interaction with people of different French backgrounds, teaching them skills and attitudes, as well as knowledge of the French culture. At Woodlands, the World Language education plays a leading role in the development of our students’ intercultural competence by combining French language skills with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that help them become citizens of the world discovering the diversity and integrating their learning. The goal is for our young people to have the skills and background to hit the ground running, ready to embrace French at a higher level once they reach high school. With the solid foundation that is set in place by Madame Schneider and Madame Hinkley, success is inevitable for your child once they reach high school.

Cold/Flu Season

From the Woodlands School, Inc. Parent Handbook:

If there is any question of whether or not to keep a child home because of an illness, a simple rule to follow is that children learn very little when they do not feel well. If a child has a fever, he/she needs to be fever free for 24 hours [without medication] before returning to school. Many children’s diseases are easily transmitted; no parent wants his/her child exposed, if preventable.

If your child is going to be absent, please call the school before 8:30am and/or email statestreetattendance@woodlands-school.org.

Brrrr..... it’s getting cold outside!

Please remember to send cold weather gear with your child to school. Hats, gloves/mittens, winter coats, and scarves are all important for your children to wear when they play outside.

We believe in getting children outside as much as possible for recess; however, there are circumstances that call for indoor recess. We follow the Wind Chill Chart issued by the National Weather Service when making decisions about indoor or outdoor recess.

****Students will not stay inside at their or your discretion. If your child is well enough to go to school, they are well enough to go outside.**

Winter Concert: *Winter Wonderland*

Friday, December 21

9:30am

Gymnasium

All students, K4-7th, have been excitedly preparing for this special performance!



Please park in the gated Havenwood lot.

Students may dress up in their best outfits for the Winter Wonderland Concert. The concert will last about 1 hour. Bring your voices for the sing-a-long to close the concert!

Help Needed!

Earn volunteer hours and please consider helping with chair set up and take down—it would be greatly appreciated! We need also some muscles to erect the risers and also take them down as well.

Please contact Ms. Hoffman if you're able to help!
gail.schroeder-hoffman@woodlands-school.org.

Judges & Volunteers Needed For In-House Forensics Meet

Students in the 5/6 and 7 units are working hard as they prepare for the second annual State Street In-House Forensics Meet.

Forensics is an opportunity for the 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students to develop and practice their public speaking skills. Students choose from several categories (humorous solo, group acting, newscasting, demonstration speech, etc) and then select or write a piece to practice and present to judges.



We need your help! On February 1, we are in need of several volunteers to help judge pieces and volunteer in classrooms. Judging is easy—all you do is listen and write your opinion of how the students presented their piece. We need judges from 8:30-11:30 am and also from 12:00-3:00 pm on February 1.

The first hour of each of these times is for judge's training. We also need volunteers to help in maintaining quiet in the classrooms used for presentations, as well as people to help set up our judges room (the library). It will be an exciting day!

We are looking for parents from any grade level, board members, other family members or community partners to help out. Please contact Karen Papador at karen.papador@woodlands-school.org

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Mark Your Calendars:

Dec. 12: Club Choice Pick-Up 3-6pm
Dec. 13: Huber Urban Ecology
Dec. 21: Winter Concert: Winter Wonderland
Dec. 24-Jan. 2- WINTER BREAK- NO SCHOOL



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