



Principal's Message:

The start of the 2022-23 school year has brought some changes to our school. The biggest change compared to the last 2 years is we are back to a “normal” situation when it comes to how we learn and operate as a school. The pandemic forced us all to operate under restrictions which made teaching and learning tricky. We are done with cohorts, masks, physical distancing, and mandates. I for one am glad we can get back to focusing on our number 1 priority: teaching and learning.

This school year has also brought some changes when it comes to teaching staff in our school. Emily Malcowich has joined us teaching Art, and Music on even days of the school cycle. Amanda Okeke is our new Guidance Counselor and 7/8 ELA & Social Studies teacher. Nicole Yanke is teaching grade 1/2—Nicole was a teacher candidate in the building a couple years ago so she is a familiar face to many of us. Jessica Prefontaine is back with us again this year—teaching grade 5/6 core subjects. Another change in our teaching staff is that Samantha Page is now teaching Physical Education to all students in grade K to 6. In regards to support staff, Jessica Magus has rejoined us in her role as EA.

School has been a buzz of activity to start the year. Teachers are busy getting to know their students. New routines are being taught and learned. We had our first school-wide assembly in over 2 years. We participated in the Terry Fox Run as a school on Sept.23. Cross-country practices have been taking place at second breaks, and we participated in an exhibition meet on Sept.28th in Stonewall. Good luck to our runners at divisionals on Oct.5th in Teulon. On Sept.29th we spent some time learning about the importance of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. We were visited by Micheline who is a jingle dancer. She spent some time with all of our classes. She was very impressed by how cooperative and respectful our students were and she hopes to come back again soon.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable thanksgiving long weekend with family and friends. All the best.

Tim Lee



Parent Advisory Council

“to support and encourage the development of a positive school community that fosters independent, socially responsible learners”

Meetings & Minutes

The next meeting is:

Date: October
Time:
Location: School Library

Everyone is welcome to participate in our meetings—you don't need to hold an executive position!

Minutes are posted to the school's website as well as included in the monthly Newsletter.

Committee Members

Chairperson:	Lynnette Lindell
Treasurer:	Tara-Lee Koss
Secretary:	Billie Jean Oliver
Members-at-Large	

If you have any questions regarding PAC please get in touch with one of the members above.

Elections

As per the by-law, Elections will be held during our October meeting.



We have both the Chairperson and Treasurer positions that are available to be filled. Each position is a two-year term. If you are interested in being apart of the Executive Committee, please come to the meeting!

Volunteer

We are looking for energetic individuals who are willing to join our PAC group. We work together to raise funds for the continued development of our playground and assist the school with various events.

For more information on how to volunteer, please contact Lynnette at 204-982-9372 or by email at lynnette@lansard.ca

Playground

We are still looking for folks to join the playground committee group. This will be an arm's length committee who will report to PAC on major developments, working with vendors to get quotes, help with grant applications. If you are interested, please contact a PAC member. Your time is both valued and appreciated.



Fundraising

As a group, we raise money to support our school in various activities, events the development of the playground.. We do a number of fundraising initiatives through out the school year.

Look for more information to come home at the end of October or beginning of November.



**Woodlands Parent Advisory Council
September 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Lynnette Lindell; Billie Jean Oliver, Tara-Lee Koss, Tim Lee, Brette Park, Jen Mazur

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 8:32 pm

Minutes: April 2022 Minutes were read. Tara-Lee Koss moved to have the Minutes accepted as read; Brette Park 2nd the motion. Minutes were Adopted.

Treasurer's Report:

Regular PAC Chequeing:	\$ 5,686.45
Playground Chequeing:	\$ 9,986.24
Playground Savings:	\$19,655.21

Fundraising:

- 50/50 – we raised \$2,507.50 for our half. The winner donated their half back to PAC.
- Townes Apparel – discussed if School was selling clothing before deciding to do this fundraiser
- Freezie fundraiser – sold freezies on Fridays in the month of June. Need to count and tally the totals; it was all profit as all freezies were donated by parents – will definitely do it again
- New fundraising items on Agenda can be tabled until after the elections;
- Will not be selling Show & Save;
- Will continue on with the Gift Cards
- Discussions held in regards to applying for Grants; would like to see some of those done;

Principal's Report:

- Start of the school year has been smooth;
- There are 7 classrooms; with 20 – 21 students in each class except for Kindergarten with 16;
- Attendance is up;
- There are some new staff in the building; Ms. Nicole Yanke filling in until Ms. Peltz' return in January; Ms. Emily Malcovich is filling until Ms. Hallow's return in January; Mrs. Amanda Okeke is taking over for Mrs. Fisher while on maternity leave; Ms. Sam Page has K-6 P.E. and 7/8 Math; Ms. Jessica Prefontaine is the 5/6 classroom teacher;
- Mrs. Hoas is ½ time with Mrs. Ross taking the other ½ spot for the Gr. 1/2 class;
- Mr. Lee sent out a survey on Ms. Page's behalf regarding a cycling unit; please complete when you get a chance;
- Cross Country has started – lead by Ms. Page and Mr. McLean
- Terry Fox Run is on Friday. Sept 23rd;
- Had picture day on Sept 19th;
- Will start Volleyball most likely next week;
- Breakfast Club started – being organized by Mrs. Marttila and Ms. Gray
- Next Friday (30th) no school
- The School Handbook has been updated and posted to the website; please take a look at the highlighted areas for the changes;

Old Business: All items tabled until after the Elections

New Business:

- PAC Constitution – tabled until after the Elections;
- Elections will be held at the next meeting

Next Meeting: The next meeting is schedule for Tuesday, October 18th @ 6:30 pm in school library

Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm

WOODLANDS SCHOOL HOLDS ANNUAL TERRY FOX RUN



A campaign kick-off was held on September 20th, in the gym with a video presentation and discussions. Then on September 23, 2022 the students and staff took part in the annual Terry Fox Run/Walk. The students and staff ran/walked a designated route around town.

There is a school-wide goal of \$2,500.00. Currently, we have raised \$1,807.00. There is still time, however, to get your donations in. The deadline to receive donations is October 14th. To make a donation, you can send in cash, a cheque made payable to the Terry Fox Foundation or you can go on line and select Woodlands School and the student's name.

Thank you to Mr. McLean for organizing another successful event!



"Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me."

- Terry Fox

HOW DO I HELP MY CHILD WITH... LEARNING SOUNDS



WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Knowing letter sounds is crucial for reading and spelling success. Without knowing letter sounds automatically, children will struggle in all areas of reading.

WHY IS IT TAKING SO LONG?

You may find yourself feeling frustrated because it is taking so long to learn sounds: trust me, I know it can feel defeating. But did you know that it takes hundreds of exposures to a letter before the sound sticks? Some children may pick up on it quickly, but it is not out of the ordinary for it to take many, many exposures before your child remembers their sounds.

B DOES NOT SAY BUH!

When we discuss letter sounds, it can be natural to say things like b says "buh" and t says "tuh." The truth is, though, that saying "uh" with a sound is actually adding an additional sound. Try to "clip" your sounds--pay attention that when you are speaking, you're not adding the "uh" sound to the end!

WHAT ACTIVITIES CAN I DO?

Tips for learning letter sounds:

1. Teach the name and the sound at the same time--they do not have to know all of their letter names before they learn their sounds. For example, teach children that the name is t and the sound it represents is /t/.
2. Practice multiple times in the day, but in short chunks. You can keep letters on the refrigerator and point out a few letters multiple times a day. (Think 1 minute!)
3. Play games! There are so many prepackaged games out there, but you can also easily make your own. I take blank notecards and write letters on them. I put them facedown and ask my daughter to find matching pairs.
4. Teach proper letter formation from the start. Use lined paper that has a dotted midline. The smaller the lines, the harder it is to form the letters.

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2	3 Day 6	4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6 Day 3 K Grade 6 & 8 Immunizations	7 Inservice ~ No Classes ~	8	
9	10  Thanksgiving ~ No School ~	11 Day 4	12 Day 5 K	13 Day 6 K	14 Day 1 K	15	
16	17 Day 2	18 Day 3 PAC Elections @ 6:30 (School Library)	19 Day 4	20 Day 5 K	21 Inservice ~ No Classes ~	22	
23	24 Day 6	25 Day 1	26 Day 2 Book Fair	27 Day 3 K Progress Conversations (4:30 – 7:00) & Book Fair	28 Day 4	29	
30	31 Day 5 K Halloween Activities 						