



## Principal's Message:

Hello Woodlands families,

October has been a busy month at Woodlands School. We've had lots of safety practice with fire, lockdown, bus and school evacuation drills. Volleyball season is in full swing for both our school teams. Book Fair was a big hit as were our Halloween activities. It was great to see our grade seven and eight class take a leadership role to create and host our Halloween maze. Terrific job team! All of that on top of the regular cool stuff that goes on in our classes made the month fly by!

As many of you know, Mr. Lee is off on medical leave and I am acting principal for the next few weeks. Although the circumstances are not ideal, I have enjoyed reconnecting with the Woodlands community as I taught here a "few" years ago. It was great to catch up with so many former students at progress conversations on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. We all wish Mr. Lee a speedy recovery!

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out.

John Loochuk

# Parent Advisory Council

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

## Election Results

As per the PAC Constitution and By-law an Election was held on October 18th, 2022 in the school library.

Thank you to everyone who came out!

Our new Committee Members are:

Chairperson: Andrea Estensen [andreaestensen@gmail.com](mailto:andreaestensen@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Colleen Rosing [colleenrae4@gmail.com](mailto:colleenrae4@gmail.com)

Secretary: Billie Jean Oliver [billieoliver74@yahoo.ca](mailto:billieoliver74@yahoo.ca)

The new board would like to thank Lynnette and Tara-Lee for their dedication and commitment over the last number of years.

Our next meeting is: Tuesday, Nov. 8th @ 6:30.

**NOTE:** you do not have to hold an executive position to have a voice on PAC. If you attend a meeting you get to vote on decisions. So please join us and make your voice count!

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!**

## Volunteers Needed

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.

We are also needing folks who are able to join the playground committee. This would be an arm's length committee dedicated specifically to the development and construction of new playground equipment.

For more information on how to volunteer, please contact one of the PAC members or you can contact Billie Jean at the school.



## Fundraising

Following our elections, the new board members, along with parents/guardians in attendance, have decided to proceed with the Gift Card fundraiser. Additional fundraisers will be discussed at our next board meeting. If you have a fundraising idea that you think will be successful for our group, please join us on November 8th!



Gift Cards orders will be accepted until November 18th. This will ensure delivery before Christmas. Please submit one form per customer. If you require additional forms contact Billie Jean at the school.

**Woodlands Parent Advisory Council  
October 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Lynnette Lindell; Billie Jean Oliver, Tara-Lee Koss (via zoom), Brette Park, Jen Mazur, Andrea Estensen, Grace Purdy, Colleen Rosing, Vanessa Park

**Regrets:** Tim Lee

**Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm

**Minutes:** September 2022 Minutes were read. Brette Park moved to have the Minutes accepted as read; Grace Purdy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Minutes were Adopted.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Regular PAC Chequeing:	\$ 5,686.45
Playground Chequeing:	\$ 10,314.89
Playground Savings:	\$19,696.57

**Fundraising:**

- Gift Cards was approved to hold prior to the Christmas break. Billie Jean will make copies and have forms distributed by the end of the week. Deadline to submit orders is November 18<sup>th</sup>. This gives time to have cards arrived and disbursed by the beginning of December.
- All other fundraising issues were held until after the election and will take place at the next meeting.

**Principal's Report:**

- As Mr. Lee is away on a medical leave; Mrs. Oliver (Admin Assistant) provided a quick and brief update;
- Mr. Lee is doing well and recovering; Mr. Loochuck will be filling in for Mr. Lee while he is away;
- We are working on a swimming lessons grant; just getting quotes submission of the grant is Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Sam Page has taken over coaching the boys' Volleyball; Ms. Prefontaine is taking over the Gr. 7/8 Science;
- Questions were asked about a Christmas Concert; not sure if this will happen;

**Elections:** All positions were open. Each position is a two-year term.

Chairperson: Andrea Estensen nominated herself; Jen Mazur 2<sup>nd</sup> the self-nomination; all approved;

Treasurer: Colleen Rosing nominated herself; all agreed

Secretary: it was unanimous nomination to have Billie Jean Oliver remain on as Secretary. The nomination was accepted;

A huge thank you to our out-going Executive Committee members, Lynnette Lindell and Tara-Lee Koss for all your hard work, dedication and time. We look forward to still working with you on PAC.

**Old Business:** All items tabled until after the Elections

- Discussions on playground and a separate committee. Trying to get established
- PAC Constitution – tabled until after the Elections;

**New Business:**

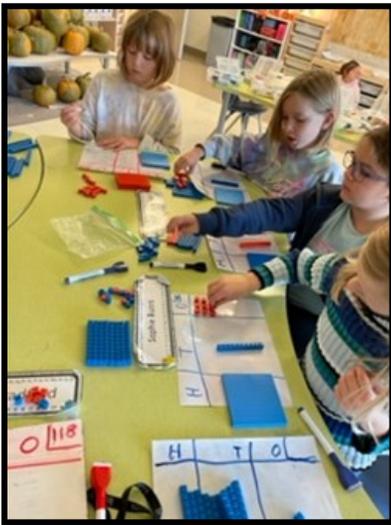
- There was no new business discussed due to Elections.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is schedule for Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm in school library.

**Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm

# News from Grade 1/2HR

**ELA:** During ELA students have been working on several different skills. Students are learning to read, specially working on decoding skills. Other students are developing their fluency and comprehension during guided reading time. We have been busy bees the last two months writing almost daily about different topics. Students are working on listening for sounds in their sentence, applying their spelling rules, and adding in details.



**Math:** Math has seen our Grade 1/2's focus largely on number sense for the month of September and beginning of October. We have also been learning and practicing place value using base ten blocks. Grade 1s are learning beginning addition and Grade 2s have been practicing

**Science:** We started off the year learning about Solids, liquids, and gasses. This unit was incredibly fun with tons of different experiments. We explored how solids can change state using Jello and ice. We finished off the unit learning about buoyancy. We used recyclable materials to construct our very own boats!



**Social Studies:** The grade 1/2s have just started their unit Our Local Community. We are learning a lot about what makes a community and what we have in our very own community. In the next week we will go on a walk to see the different buildings and jobs we find right in Woodlands.



## *Pumpkin Fun*

Last week we spent the entire day having pumpkin fun. Everyone had their own pumpkin, we completed pumpkin investigations, estimation with pumpkins, and finally carved our pumpkins.



# Bird's Hill Hike

This year Woodlands School has a focus on overall wellness. Each month the entire school will take part in an activity which promotes physical wellness which ultimately has a positive effect on overall health.

This month our Grades 1—8 and most of the staff attended Bird's Hill Park for a nature hike and a picnic.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and look forward to next month's event!



## Do you enjoy skating?!

What: Public Skating  
Where: Warren Arena  
When: Sundays, 12:45—1:45  
Cost: FREE

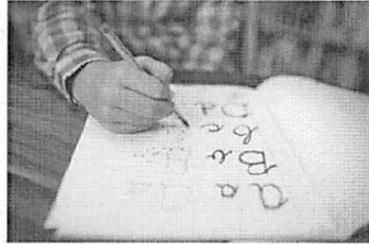
Please note there will be no public skating, however on the following Sundays: November 6th, December 4th and December 11th.

Go to [warrenarena.com](http://warrenarena.com) and check out the Ice Schedule as last minute changes may occur!



Come out and  
have some fun!

# HOW DO I HELP MY CHILD WITH... HANDWRITING



## PRACTICE MAKES PERMANENT, NOT PERFECT.

When it comes to handwriting, it is important to make sure that students are forming their letters correctly. If you see your child forming a letter incorrectly, immediately stop and model proper letter formation.

## WHAT IF I'M NOT SURE THE "PROPER" WAY?

It can be difficult to help your child with their letter formation if no one ever taught you the proper formation. Please scan the QR code below to see a video of how each letter is created.



## WHAT ACTIVITIES CAN I DO?

1. Ask your child to write the ABCs (lowercase) for you. In general, we want them to accurately write the alphabet in 30 seconds by the end of second grade.
2. Correct errors when you see them. A gentle, "Great job, but let me show you the fastest way to make that letter!" is appropriate.
3. When practicing handwriting, make sure that your child does not include uppercase letters in the middle of words. If you see that, it may be an indication that they aren't certain how to properly form the lowercase letter.
4. Think about teaching letters together that are formed similarly. c, a, g, o, d, and q all start the same way!

## CONSIDERATIONS

1. Use paper that has a midline (a dotted line) to help guide their letter formation. For beginning writers, paper that has pictures to represent each line may also help.
2. Make sure your child has proper pencil grip. There are a variety of affordable options you can purchase (search for pencil grips) to assist. Remember, though, we don't want them to use a pencil grip forever.



# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Day 6 <i>K</i>	2 Day 1 <i>K</i>	3 Day 2 <i>K</i>	4 Day 3 <i>K</i>	5
6	7 Day 4 <i>K</i>	8 Day 5 <i>K</i>	9 Day 6 <i>K</i>	10 Day 1 <i>K</i> Remembrance Day Service @ 10:00 am	11 Remembrance Day ~ No School ~ 	12
13	14 Inservice ~ No Classes ~	15 Day 2 <i>K</i>	16 Day 3 <i>K</i>	17 Day 4 <i>K</i>	18 Day 5 <i>K</i> Picture Retakes	19
20	21 Day 6 <i>K</i>	22 Day 1 <i>K</i>	23 Day 2 <i>K</i>	24 Day 3 <i>K</i>	25 Day 4 <i>K</i>	26
27	28 Day 5 <i>K</i>	29 Day 6 <i>K</i>	30 Day 1 <i>K</i>			