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Upcoming Events

- ◆ PTA General Meeting
August 17, 6:30 pm
- ◆ Welcome Tea
August 23, 9:30 am
- ◆ Watch D.O.G.S.
Dad's Club Kick off
August 24, 6:00 pm
- ◆ Fall Fundraiser
August 31

Principal's Letter

Hello, everyone! It has been so wonderful to come to Woodlake and enjoy the warm welcome given by faculty, staff, parents, students and members of the community. I am Lelia Parker, the new principal at Woodlake Elementary School. I was appointed at the School Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 3, upon the retirement of Dr. Jean Krieger. If I have not met your family yet, I am looking forward to meeting you soon. We will soon have that opportunity, because our Open House School Nights are scheduled for next week. The 2nd, 3rd, and Multi-Age students and their parents will come on Tuesday, August 16th. Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade students and parents will come on Wednesday, August

17th. Both meetings will be held from 6:30-8:30 P.M. This is a great night for parents to meet your child's teacher, visit the classroom, and join the PTA. There will not be time for individual conferences. However, you may wish to set up a time for a conference with your child's teacher.

Please come and be a part of what we are doing at Woodlake. It is only with your help that we are able to provide the best for our students and to help them achieve at their highest level.

--Lelia Parker

School News: Playground Equipment



Mother Nature struck a blow to our playground, downing a massive oak tree just prior to school starting. We'll need to be patient as we await replacement parts for several pieces of play equipment.

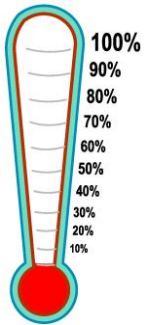
We are expecting repairs to be completed within a few weeks!



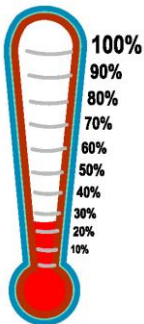
Did You Know... WES has a student run Post Office?
(see story on page 3)

PTA Goals for 2011-2012

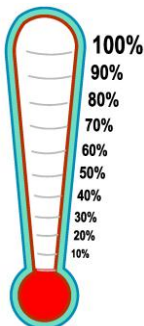
Box Tops
Goal: 15,000
Current: 0



PTA Membership
Goal: 1000
Current: 240



Food Drive
Goal: 2100
Current: 0



August/September 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
August 22	23 Welcome Tea (see page 4)	24 Watch D.O.G.S. Kickoff (see page 5)	25	26	27
					28
29 Room Parent Meetings 9:30am/6pm	30	31 Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kickoff	September 1	2	3
					4
5	6	7	8 3rd Grade Vision/Hearing Screening	9	10
					11
12	13	14 Cookie Dough Orders Due	15	16	17
					18
19	20 Yearbook Pictures	21	22	23	24 Worldwide Day of Play!
Bring Someone Special to Lunch Week...see page 6 for details					
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Visit www.woodlakepta.org for more information on scheduled events.
Click on "WES PTA Calendar."

Volunteer Opportunities



Bring Someone Special to Lunch Week:

Volunteers are needed to help with check-in and picture taking:

- Monday, Sept 19 - 10:30am to 1:30pm
- Wed, Sept 21 - 11:00am to 1:00pm
- Fri, Sept, 23 - 10:30am to 12:30pm

Yearbook Pictures: Tuesday, September 20, 2011:

Four volunteers are needed to help direct the classes, Time: TBA. For more information please contact Kimberly Wisner, volunteer@woodlake.pta.org.

When volunteering at the school, please remember to sign in at the office when you arrive.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Boudreaux, membership@woodlakepta.org.

PTA President's Letter

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between a teacher and a train? The teacher says "spit your gum out" and the train says "choo choo choo!"

On behalf of the Woodlake Elementary School PTA, "welcome aboard" the 2011-12 school year. The new school year is off to a fast and furious start...although don't they all start that way!?! We're very excited to have Ms. Parker at the helm as our new Principal and also look forward to spending time with our 700+ Pelican friends.

The beginning of every school year presents a world of new opportunities for students and parents alike. It's a chance to exercise our brains, make new friends, and spread our wings to soar to new heights. As a PTA, two of our goals this year are to create an environment where you feel welcome and to be an organization that captivates your interest. We have a variety of events and programs planned that will help you be part of "the day in the life" of your Woodlake student. We really believe there's something for everyone.

To learn about these opportunities, please join us at our Welcome Tea on Tuesday, August 23rd at 9:30 a.m. We'll share with you our vision

for the WES PTA this year and hope that, in turn, you'll share your interests and talents with us. If you can't join us at the Welcome Tea, please visit our website at www.woodlakepta.org to learn more about our activities and the many volunteer opportunities available to you.

We recognize that family and work commitments keep us all extremely busy...sometimes too busy! So even when your life feels like a runaway freight train (and we've all been there at times!), there are 700 little smiling faces hoping your train will make a stop at the Woodlake station. Even if your stay is brief, the time you do spend will make all the difference in the world to your child and to Woodlake.

Please feel free to contact us anytime at president@woodlakepta.org with your ideas, questions, or concerns.

Here's wishing you and your Pelican(s) a happy, adventurous, knowledge-filled 2011-12 school year!

Your PTA Co-Presidents,

Melissa Gourgues
Gail Owens

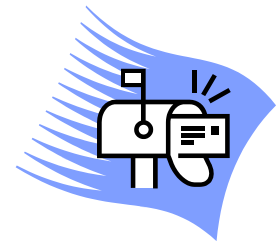


The cookies are coming! Our cookie dough fall fundraiser kicks off
August 31st!



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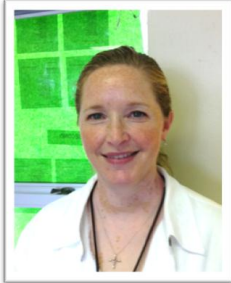
- The 3rd grade classes are responsible for all duties associated with the Post Office, including Postmaster, clerks, sorters, and mail carriers.
- Every room on campus has a unique address.
- Stationary and WES stamps may be purchased at either the on-campus post office or the school office.



- Students, faculty, administrators, even parents, may send a letter to anybody on campus.
- Mail is delivered every day, rain or shine!

Volunteers of the Month

Stephanie Dalton



Stephanie, the co-chair of the PTA Hospitality Committee, hosted the Faculty Back to School Luncheon on August 5. In addition, Stephanie and her children brought their wagon and helped deliver supply packs and 1st day of school packets.

Stephanie Folsie



The Folsie family moved to Mandeville in May and immediately jumped in to volunteer. Stephanie and her 3 boys helped stuff envelopes and deliver supply packs on supply pack distribution day. Stephanie also volunteered at the Back to School Luncheon and will serve as the Multi-Age Room Representative on the PTA Board this year.



*PTA Welcome Tea
Tuesday, August 23,
9:30am*

Please join us for coffee & morning munchies. The WES PTA would like to share our ideas and goals for the 2011-12 school year. We invite you to bring along any ideas or suggestions you may have, we'd love to hear them all!

We look forward to seeing you!

Peli-Pics

Supply Pack Delivery!



Woodlake students and alumni help deliver supply packs to classrooms on August 2nd: (from left) Caroline C., Emma S., Maggie S., Camille C., and Macy O.

First Day of School



New members of "The Davis Bunch" gather outside the classroom: (from left) Reilly H., Alara T., Bailey H., and Noah H.



Third grader Abby G. helps with the supply packs.



Vice Principal Mrs. Haley with Mrs. Pellerin's Pelicans Landon C. (left) and Anna Jayne B. (right).



Watch D.O.G.S.® Kickoff Event Pizza Party Wednesday, August 24, 2011 6:00pm

The goal of Watch D.O.G.S. is to help every school in America be positively influenced by the committed involvement of fathers and father figures in the lives of their children. The WES Dad's Club encourages all fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other adult male role models to volunteer at least one full day at their child's school during this school year. Watch D.O.G.S. volunteers perform a variety of tasks during their volunteer day including assisting with unloading and loading of buses and cars, monitoring the lunch room, participating at recess and helping in the classroom with a teacher's guidance by working with small groups of students.

Check your calendar for a volunteer day that works for you and join us for a pizza party on August 24th!



Do you have a favorite children's book or author? Help us expand the WES School Library!

- The PTA has set a goal to collect at least 15,000 Box Tops during the 2011-2012 school year.
- The money raised will be used to purchase new books for our library.



- To add to our wish list, visit www.woodlakepta.org, and click on **WES PTA Blog**. We have started a Book List discussion, where you can reply with the title and author of books that you would like to see in the WES library.
- Check future editions of the Pelican Press for a list of books the PTA has purchased.

PTA News: Open Board Positions

We're looking for aWESome volunteers to join our PTA Board. Listed to the right are the available Committee Chair positions. We also welcome all volunteers to be a part of any committee that is of interest to you. Committee Descriptions are posted on our website at www.woodlakepta.org, just click on "Volunteer."

For more information, please contact Melissa or Gail at president@woodlakepta.org.

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- 1st Grade Room Rep
- Ways and Means



Fall Membership Drive

Our fall Membership drive is in full swing! Thank you to everyone who has already become a member! Remember, all family members can join the PTA - moms, dads, teachers, staff, grandparents and students.

For only \$5, you can be a part of the largest advocacy group for our children in the United States. For more

information about the benefits of PTA membership, please visit www.woodlakepta.org and the PTA national website at www.pta.org.

If you would like to join, please complete the membership form found on our website, www.woodlakepta.org, or contact Jennifer Boudreaux, membership@woodlakepta.org.



**Bring Someone
Special to Lunch
Week is
Sept 19 - 23**

Each class has a designated day and every Pelican is invited to bring someone special to enjoy lunch with them.

Our lunch guests will be invited to join our PTA for \$5 and receive a free photo with their favorite Pelican.

Lunch for each guest may be purchased in the cafeteria for \$3.45. Look for a reservation form to come home with your Pelican the week of September 6th.



**Schedule for the
Week:**

Monday, Sept 19

11:00am:

Kindergarten:

Westover, Dickinson,
Coffey and Collins

1:00pm: All 3rd Grade
Classes

Wednesday, Sept 21

11:30 am: Ms.

Kotteman & All 1st
Grade Classes

12:30 pm: Ms. Rapier
& All 2nd Grade Classes

Friday, Sept 23

11:00 am:

Ms. Hamm &
Kindergarten:

Beckham, Mitchell, Wells
12:00pm: All T-1 &
Multi-Age Classes

“Homework, Homework, Give me a Break!

Mr. Blake, 2nd Grade

Yes, it is that time again—time for weekly or nightly homework assignments that can turn the sweetest child into the wiggliest, orneriest person in the house. Have no fear! Here are some tips to help make your homework experience more pleasant and peaceful:

Everything in its place: If you want to make sure that Billy Bob’s timeline assignment doesn’t get thrown out with the daily junk mail, set aside a place for your child to keep those important school papers. You can use a desk, a bulletin board, a file cabinet, or a basket on the shelf. Whatever you use, be sure to help your child go through the depths of the book bag every night and sort out what is needed and what is not.

Give me a break: It’s important to remember that your child is just coming home from a busy day at school. Sending that child straight to the counter to start on homework could be a sure sign of impending disaster. A short break and a small snack can go a long way in helping your child prepare for the homework experience.



Quiet on the set: I’m sure we remember the days of studying in high school or college, when you had the TV, radio, and telephone going all at once. Most of us survived those “study” times unscathed, but we were (practically) adults. Young children need as few distractions as possible to focus on their work. Find a quiet place, or at least turn off the TV, during homework time to help your child focus on the task at hand.



A little help, please: When teachers assign homework, we do want the children to actually do the work; however, we don’t expect them to do it without any help at all. Homework assignments are typically used to review important concepts, vocabulary, or skills from current studies in class. Your child may need a refresher on the directions for a specific activity or even a little help decoding some of the technical vocabulary from a textbook. It is okay to give your child a little help to get them started on their assignments.



Teachers are here to help: If your child gets stuck on an assignment or struggles every night to complete assignments, schedule a conference to speak with the teacher. Homework is meant to be a review of classwork, not a punishment. Please don’t hesitate to ask your child’s teacher for some help!

While homework may not be the most fun thing in the world for children (or parents), it does serve a useful purpose: to review concepts and skills from daily lessons that are important to the students. You can liven things up by making a game out of your child’s spelling word practice or by finding some great math sites that reinforce the skills from a math worksheet. With your support, your child’s homework experience does not have to be something to dread each night.

Mr. Blake teaches 2nd Grade and volunteers as the Woodlake PTA Webmaster.

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Collect Labels: Collect the following product labels and submit them to your child’s class in baggies marked with your child’s name:



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www.goodsearch.com

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National PTA News: Worldwide Day of Play!



September 24, 2011

National PTA® and Nickelodeon are collaborating on Worldwide Day of Play, an initiative that encourages kids to go outside and play. Worldwide Day of Play is an entire day dedicated to active play. On September 24th, Nickelodeon goes completely “dark” for three hours, turning off programming. Take this opportunity to encourage your kids to get up, get out and go play!

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newsletter@woodlakepta.org.

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Save the Date!

Women of Woodlake
Habitat for Humanity
Home Build

Wednesday, October 5th



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