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Woodlake Elementary School
PTA Newsletter

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7-DAY FORECAST						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
80%	40% P.M.	40%	30% P.M.	30%	50%	30% A.M.
86	90	89	91	91	87	81
75	75	77	77	77	76	70
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October 2009						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct. 5th — 8th
Boo at the Zoo
Candy Drive

Wed. Oct 7
Flu Buster Clinic
4:30—7:00 PM

Thurs. Oct 8
1st grade Vision &
Hearing Tests
(Volunteers Needed)

End of 1st Quarter

Fri. Oct 9
Teacher Work Day
NO SCHOOL

[www.calendar.yahoo.com/
woodlakeptad](http://www.calendar.yahoo.com/woodlakeptad)

A Note from Dr. Krieger

Dear Parents,

We were hoping that October would bring along cooler temperatures. Although students are learning that plants need lots of water to grow, they would really wish for better weather so we can play outside at recess.

I am so pleased to announce that Mrs. Hernandez gave birth to her precious son, who is not yet named, Sunday, Oct. 4, after 10 p.m. She reports that he is just "precious" with light, fuzzy hair and blue eyes. Both she and her sweet baby boy are doing well.

It is very important that our office have contact information for parents and others who can come by to check on our students when they become ill or need assistance. Please make sure that you contact our office to give updated phone numbers so that we can reach someone when we need to let you know of unusual situations. If you have not completely filled out your child's pink emergency card, please come by the office and provide names of individuals who can come to check on your child in case of an emergency.

I hope that you have already joined our award-winning PTA unit. If you haven't, just call our office, and we'll let you know how to complete that process. We will be looking for businesses who can become "corporate" members. Corporate memberships support our local, state and national advocacy efforts. Each corporate member receives 5 memberships for the \$25 fee. We are hoping to be recognized at our state convention in the spring as the local unit having the most corporate members.

As always, thanks for your undying support.
Sincerely, Dr. Krieger



A Note from our PTA President

The flu is visiting the Chou house. While I was at the pediatrician's office on Saturday morning with my son, we ran into 2 other Woodlake classmates and their families. What's most frustrating is that we just missed the Flu Buster Clinic at Woodlake (this Wednesday, Oct 7th from 4:30 - 7:30 PM.) Please sign up online at www.pta.org/flushotclinics, and click on "Schedule a Vaccination."

Because of the flu, my poor son missed 2 gymnastics practices (his favorite thing in the whole world) and a birthday party he was really looking forward to. But it made me realize that I will never take for granted the access we have to health care in this country. I can't imagine the desperation of being a mother and not being able to have your child examined by a doctor. I'm going to hug my kids a little longer and tighter tonight!

Also, if you haven't done so already, please send in a bag of (non chocolate) candy to donate to Boo at the Zoo. We need your donation by Thursday, October 8th.

Kristin Chou, President, WES PTA, kristinchou@gmail.com



Flu Buster Clinic

October 7th, 4:30—7:30 PM

The PTA is sponsoring the “Flu Buster Clinic” on October 7 from 4:30 – 7:30 PM in the gym at WES. You can register by going to www.pta.org/flushotclinics and clicking on “Schedule a Vaccination.”



The cost is as follows:

\$25.00 – Pre-register injectable

\$27.00 – Walk-in injectable

\$30.00 – Pre-register nasal spray

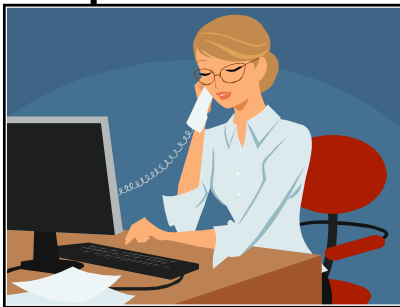
**Children and Families with Medicare part B are free*

Please note:

- ◆ If you register online, you will be guaranteed a Flu Shot.
- ◆ If this is your first time getting Nasal Flu Spray, you will need a second treatment.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

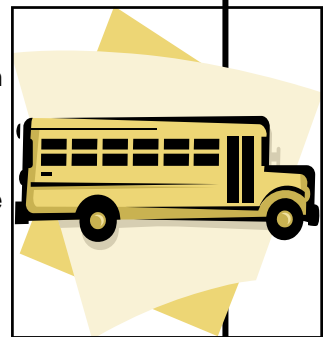
Our office has plenty of opportunities for parent and grandparent volunteers who enjoy our office “atmosphere.”



Office volunteers help us answer phones, schedule conferences with teachers, sort mail, and care for sick and injured children. Morning and afternoon slots are available. On the job training is provided. Please consider helping us once a week, or once every other week. Perhaps you could join your child for lunch on the day you volunteer. Please call the office at 626-8842 or email Kathleen Sides at kathleensides@gmail.com. We'll be happy to find just the right time slot for you.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

When you need to notify your child of a transportation change, the school office is always happy to help. We ask that you please call your transportation information in to the office by 3:00 p.m. We begin notifying classes of transportation changes at 3:00 p.m. When we receive last minute calls, it becomes difficult to reach your child's teacher with the information, because some of the classes are on the move in the late afternoon. We want to be sure that your child receives this important information. We realize that you may not know of a change until the last minute. We'll do our best to reach your child, and to make sure your child is safely returned to you at the end of the day. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



There will be speakers or presentations during the school year to promote the curriculum, to encourage student health and safety, and to foster a productive learning environment. Such occasions are noted by teachers in weekly news notes, in school newsletters, and/or the school web site. Parents who wish for their children not to participate in any of these activities should notify the classroom teacher or school principal.



Parenting Center Offers . . .

"COMMON SENSE PARENTING"

(For Parents Of The 5 To 16 Year Old)

Tues: Oct 6, 13, 20, 27, Nov 10 & 17

5:30 – 7:30PM

Pine View Middle School

Paula Jarrell, MA

Parenting is the toughest job in the world, but it can be the most rewarding. Get the edge by learning parenting strategies and concepts that work. Whether you are a good parent and want to be a great one or wonder how you will survive the next several years, you can learn ways in which your home becomes your safe haven, not a battleground. Learn good communication skills, positive discipline skills & ways to promote responsibility in your child/teen.

FREE . . .REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

CALL: (985) 898-4435

Visit us @ www.stph.org or e-mail ksupan@stph.org

PARENTING CENTER

ST. TAMMANY PARISH HOSPITAL



WES SPRUCE UP FEST!!!!

October 17th 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

We're looking for families who aren't afraid to get a little dirty!

Pelicans who paint, pressure wash, prune, and pull weeds are positively perfect! We'll be cleaning out flower beds, planting Louisiana native plants, and building a butterfly garden. You don't need a green thumb for this job, just a love for making our school look great. You will be amazed at how great your child will feel when they see how important their role is in our school. It gives them responsibility, confidence, and ownership when they see the work they are able to accomplish when we all work together! Please bring your rakes, shovels, gloves, pressure washers and anything you think you could use. **DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR NAME ON THEM.** If you have any questions please call Almie Cooper 807-4020.

Children participating will be pictured on the cover of the Pelican Press!!



ACCELERATED READER NEWS



Accelerated Reader Enterprise (AR) is a reading comprehension program. The students have access to over 120,000 AR or reading comprehension tests. The student will pick a book on their reading level, read it and take a multiple choice test on the computer.

With your help, prizes will be given to all students. We are in need of corporate and/or personal donations. If you could donate new or gently used books, incentive prizes or monetary donations, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are donating books, please send them with your child to school and have them place the books in the donation box in the school office.

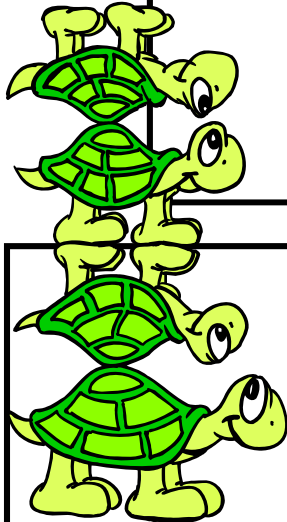
Accelerated Reader helpers read to the students, administer the AR test and help the teachers mark each book with their reading level. AR helpers are needed one hour every week or every two weeks for the following classes: Ms. Algaier, Ms. Anguzza, Ms. Ard, Ms. Astugue, Ms. Beckham, Mr. Blake, Ms. Bradshaw, Ms. Clemons, Ms. Cosby, Ms. Davis, Ms. Gerhardt, Ms. Hall, Ms. Looper, Ms. Mitchell, and Ms. Neville, Ms. Rapier, Mr. Sipos, Ms. Sterling, Ms. Stipe, Ms. Valenti and Ms. West-over.

If you would like to donate books or prizes, or volunteer as an AR helper, please call Jackie Hyer 626-8508 or email jhyers@bellsouth.net.



WES Pelican Palooza Committee seeks . . .

Turbo Turtle Race Adoption Co-Coordinator



We have one person (thanks Debra) but could use one more, preferably someone available during the school day.

This person will help coordinate the Turbo Turtle Adoption drive in February.

PR/Promotions Person

This person would:

- ◆ Handle Promotion for the event
- ◆ Design layouts for t-shirts, posters, banners and Turbo Turtle Adoption forms

No experience necessary - just a knowledge and love for working with Promotions & Graphics!!! You would be a tremendous help & are greatly needed!!!

Contact Kim Hill at kimhill@bellsouth.net if you would like to join this fun committee or if you have any questions!

Please act fast as I know this position will be gone soon ☺



CANDY DRIVE

October 5th - 8th

Pelicans, our candy drive continues this week until Thursday, October 8th!! Thank you for all the candy you have already donated!!!

All students should bring their donation to their classroom. Remember, the classes that donate the most candy will receive the "GREAT PUMPKIN AWARD"! All candy is welcome - no chocolate please (it melts.)

Our donation will bring countless smiles to all the "ghosts" and "goblins" visiting the Boo At The Zoo. Thank you for your aWESome support of a great Halloween event!

Jacqueline Devone, Community Liaison Chair



2 Hour Pledge Opportunity Alert!

1st Grade Vision & Hearing Screening Thursday, October 8th



Volunteers Needed!



Please volunteer to help out the 1st graders with their vision and hearing tests. We need approximately 4 volunteers. Screenings will begin immediately following Morning Meeting and should be completed by 11 AM. Please meet in the library.

If interested, please contact Tiffoney Lajaunie at 624-8431 or tiffoneylajaunie@bellsouth.net.