

## Hawk Update - September 25, 2022

Hello Hawk Families, this is Kristie Spenner, principal of Woodland Heights with our weekly update. Hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weekend! My family and I had so much fun putting up our fall decorations, we love this time of year.

A reminder that tomorrow is a Teacher Workday, which means no school for students. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday.

The 4th Annual Penny Wars is starting this week at Woodland Heights! As part of our United Way philanthropy project this year, we are holding a fun competition between grade levels. Students and staff are encouraged to bring in change for a chance to win a class ice cream party and help our community. Pennies are positive, and silver coins (quarters, dimes, nickels) are negative. Please see the attached flyer for full details.

The annual WHES Science Fair is coming in October. Please see the [Science Fair Link](#) for all the information. The due date for projects is October 21, 2022.

Our Family Lunch Tables are now open for grades K-3. We are excited to offer this as an opportunity to join your child for lunch one day. Since our space is very limited in our cafeteria, we are kindly requesting this table be utilized for special occasions and celebrations only; for example, a birthday or a family member who is visiting from out of town. 4th and 5th grade students eat lunch in their classrooms, so Family Lunch Tables are not available at this time. Please remember to bring your ID if you are joining us for lunch. We appreciate your support and cooperation!

Car rider line is moving along quickly in the afternoons thanks to our amazing staff, students, and parents. If you are running a few minutes behind, and it's close to 2:45, please park in the parking lot to avoid getting caught in the middle school line.

We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we work hard to keep our buses running. In the event your child's bus is cancelled, we ask that you please complete the online transportation form. This helps us know you received the message and that we can ensure every child is getting home safely.

Curriculum Night is coming September 28th! Curriculum Night is a **parents only** event and will be an opportunity to hear from your child's teacher about classroom procedures and curriculum.

**We are also offering Parent Volunteer Training sessions before each teacher session.** If you are interested in chaperoning a field trip, volunteering on campus, or working in a classroom, you must attend a volunteer training session and

**Session 1: 5:30pm-6:00pm** (Parent volunteer training 5:10-5:25pm)

**Session 2: 6:05-6:35pm** (Parent volunteer training 5:45-6:00pm)

We are looking forward to seeing you!

Our School Improvement Team (SIT) is looking for a Parent representative. The WHES SIT Team meets the second Tuesday of each month and discusses school business and reviews progress being made towards the School Improvement Plan goals. Parents who are interested in supporting our school this way can submit their name and will be added to the ballot at the

October PTO meeting. If you are interested in being on the ballot please email Teresa Gilland at [teresa\\_gilland@iss.k12.nc.us](mailto:teresa_gilland@iss.k12.nc.us).

Strawbridge Studios will be on campus on Thursday, October 6 to photograph all students. Fall picture portraits are used for our student ID badges and our yearbook. You also can purchase individual sheets or packages, please see attached links for details. This is a great fundraiser for our school with 40% of the proceeds coming directly back to WHES. We appreciate your support. Picture make - ups will take place in January.

<https://strawbridge.fotomerchanthv.com/clients/woodland-heights-elementary/fall-pictures-10-6-2022-88/optIn> This link will allow parents to sign up to receive updates via email regarding their child's school portraits. These updates include promotions, additional deals and the ability to order more pictures at a later time. When entering student information, parents should be sure to enter the student's name as it is on file at the school.

### **PTO News:**

We raised over \$5800 in the Attractions Guide sale!! Thanks to your generosity in this and previous fundraisers, the PTO voted last week to pay \$21,000 toward grade level field trips this year! Transportation is typically the largest expense involved in field trips. With the intention of covering or significantly offsetting that cost, the PTO will be giving \$3500 per grade level, making field trips no-to-low cost for all students. THANK YOU for making this possible!

**There are still MANY Attractions Guide books that have not been paid for or returned.** If this applies to you, please pay ASAP or simply return the book. Payment can be made [online here](#) (enter EZ Pay code woodlandh) or you can send in \$25 cash or check made out to WHE PTO.

Even though there's no school, our first Spirit Night of the year is TOMORROW (Monday) at Chick-fil-A on River Hwy from 4-7pm! Chick-fil-A will donate a portion of all sales (dine-in, mobile order, and drive-thru) to Woodland Heights! The food credit proceeds we receive from Chick-fil-A fund several Staff Appreciation lunches we provide throughout the year as well as past events such as the 5th grade end-of-year breakfast and HawkFest classroom lunch raffle prize, so your participation is greatly valued. See you tomorrow night!

Bring blankets and chairs and join us this Friday, 9/30 at 6:30pm for our Outdoor Movie Night featuring Bad Guys and FREE POPCORN!! **Marco's Pizza** has provided special discounted pricing for Woodland Heights families! [Place your pizza order here](#) by Wednesday, 9/28 at 10pm. All orders will be distributed by PTO volunteers at the event. **Jeremiah's Italian Ice** will be selling their delicious frozen treats as well! Bring cash for Jeremiah's and to purchase raffle basket tickets! See attached flyer for details.

Thank you for your continued support. We are honored to be partners in your child's education and look forward to an amazing year! Have a great evening and as always... GO HAWKS!

Kristie Spenner, Principal, Woodland Heights Elementary

### **Upcoming Events:**

9/26/22: Teacher Work Day- No school for students

9/26/22: Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

9/28/22: Curriculum Night (5:30-6:00pm and 6:05-6:35pm)

9/30/22: Family Movie Night (6:00pm)

10/04/22: PTO Meeting

10/11/22: SIT Meeting

10/28/22: Trunk or Treat

**Attachments:**



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