



WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 50

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Dear Woodland Middle School Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Woodland Middle School! The first day of school is rapidly approaching and the WMS staff is busily preparing for what promises to be a successful school year. The middle school years provide exciting and challenging learning opportunities for students both in and out of the classroom. Please be assured that the Woodland Middle School faculty will provide a rigorous academic program, enriching extracurricular activities, and high expectations for all. Our 1-to-1 Chromebook® initiative, *Woodland Inspires*, will continue this year. 7th and 8th grade students are asked to bring their fully-charged Chromebook® with them on the first day of school. 6th grade students will receive their Chromebooks® the first day or two of the school year. 7th & 8th grade students new to District 50 and those who turned in their Chromebook® in June may pick their Chromebook® up in the Wildcat Rescue Center the first day of school.

I also hope that you will join us on **Tuesday, August 21st** from **12:30-2:30 PM** for our *Meet & Greet*. You will have an opportunity to locate your child's classroom(s), say hi to his/her teacher, drop off school supplies, and assist your child in navigating his or her way around the school. If your child will be new to Woodland Middle School, this is a wonderful opportunity to alleviate some of the apprehension associated with the first day of school.

If, during the course of the year, there is anything that your child's teachers, assistant principal, or I can do to assist you or your child, please feel free to contact us. Our assistant principals work closely with the students and teachers on their assigned teams. As such, they are an excellent point of contact in the event that you have a question or concern that cannot be addressed by your child's teacher. Each of our assistant principals is assigned to five teams within the school:

Mrs. Tiffany Drake – Jaguar 6-1, Jaguar 7-2, Jaguar 8-1, Jaguar 8-2, Jaguar 3

Mrs. Vicki Marble – 6th Grade Lynx, Lynx 7-2, Lynx 8-1

Mr. Sean Murphy – Puma 6-1, Puma 7-1, Puma 7-2, Puma 8-1, Puma 8-2

Mr. Mike Witkowski – Jaguar 6-2, Puma 6-2, Jaguar 7-1, Lynx 7-1, Lynx 8-2

An additional point of contact for parents with questions regarding our school's special education program is our Assistant Principal / Special Education Supervisor, **Mrs. Andrea Rouse**.

On the reverse side of this letter, you will find additional information on topics and events pertaining to the beginning of the 2018 – 2019 school year. Please remember that together teachers, students, and parents make a strong school community. My staff and I look forward to working with you and your child this coming year.

Sincerely,

Scott Snyder

Mr. Scott Snyder
Principal

Together, inspiring tomorrow's creators, thinkers and leaders.

Breakfast Program

WMS students have the opportunity to purchase a “grab and go” style breakfast from one of two kiosks located in our hallways as they arrive each morning. Students may charge the \$1.25 cost to their student food service account or pay cash. Our lunch program will begin Wednesday, August 22nd. The breakfast program will begin Monday, August 27th.

First Day of School

The first day of student attendance will be **Wednesday, August 22, 2018**. Students will be in school for a full day 7:30 AM to 2:10 PM. Students should report to the homeroom provided at Proof of Residency immediately upon arrival at school. Staff members will be stationed throughout the school to assist students in finding their classrooms.

Medications

Student medication may not be dispensed at school without an updated authorization form. Your child must have a form on file at school in order for our health office staff to dispense medications or for your child to self-medicate. Copies of these forms (and many others) are available in our school office or on our website at: <https://www.dist50.net/domain/202>. Permission forms for administering prescription and over-the-counter medications must be signed by both a parent and physician. Parents may drop off medications and signed forms prior to the start of the school year on Wednesday, August 1st and Thursday, August 2nd 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM at Proof of Residency or from 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM on Tuesday, August 21st during our Meet & Greet. All medication must be in the original container.

Physicals/Immunizations

All 6th grade and students new to WMS are required to submit a current physical with up-to-date immunization records. All incoming 6th grade students are required to have TDap and the meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) by the first day of school. Physicals and immunization records must be on file in our school health office by October 15, 2018. Students without these records on file by October 15th will not be allowed to attend school until such records are received.

Walkers & Riders

If you wish to allow your child to ride his/her bike or walk to and from school, we must have a permission form or note from a parent on file in the office allowing him/her to do so. (You may complete one form or write one note covering the entire school year if you wish.) Copies of this form are available in our school office and online at: <https://www.dist50.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=108>.

Supply Packs

If you ordered a supply pack for your child last spring from the Woodland PTA, it will be delivered to your home prior to the first day of school. Any questions concerning supply pack orders should be directed to our PTA Supply Pack Chairperson at pta50supplypacks@gmail.com. A limited number of supply packs will be available for purchase during *Proof of Residency*.

Transportation

Bus route information specific to your child is enclosed. We encourage all students to ride their assigned bus to and from school as each bus driver will have a roster of their assigned students. Please keep in mind that school buses always have the right of way while on school grounds. Should you have any questions regarding your child's bus route, please call our Transportation Department at (847) 856-3644.

WMS Traffic Pattern

Our school parking lots are very busy during student arrival and dismissal. As such, it is important that visitors adhere to our traffic pattern to ensure the safety of themselves, our students, and staff. **The only parent pick-up and drop-off location for students before and after school is on the north side of the school at Entrances B1 and B2.** Please pull all the way forward to allow traffic in behind you. Dropping/picking up at these entrances will provide parents with a “straight shot” out of the parking lot and eliminate the need to circle the school. During the school day, after 7:30 AM and before 2:00 PM, students should be picked up and dropped off in front of the school via the main entrance (A4). This is the only entrance that is accessible during the school day.