


October 2011

MUSTANG MONTHLY

 WOODLIN SCHOOL

OCTOBER SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 3rd School-in-Session
- 5th Lions Membership Night
- 6th Accountability
- 12th PSAT; 4H Membership Night
- 15th Homecoming; FFA Oyster Fry
- 17th FERLA Street Reach
- 18th Board Meeting
- 19th Language Arts Field Trip
- 25th District VB
- 26th PLAN: Preschool Advisory; Bookmobile
- 30th 4H Trick or Treat Street/FFA Haunted Surprise
- 31st JH Volleyball Tournament

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Here is some good news I would like to share: We will not have the expense of a school board election. Three positions were open and three petitions were submitted. Congratulations and thanks to Leslie Manley, Doug Vondy and Brad Weisensee for filling our school board positions.

My congratulations to the elementary teaching and support staff for their academic successes! Last year, we did not make NCLB's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Elementary Math. Woodlin has always taken these 1st year notices as an identified area to improve. Even more challenging for us was the AYP goals moved upward. I'm happy to report the elementary made their target for AYP Math! We do, however, have two goals for this year. While our AYP Reading dropped slightly, we

did get caught with the AYP Reading goals increasing. We missed Elementary AYP Reading by less than one percentage point. On the state level, our Elementary CSAP Writing Growth has not increased in two years. Therefore, we will also address improving student CSAP Writing performance...in addition to maintaining our improvements in Math.

Junior High and High School made all their AYP targets!!

On the financial side, our student enrollment appears to be down around 13%. We are projecting the appropriate drop in our revenues. In addition, early projections are that the state payments will once again drop by as much as 8% next year.

We hope to see you at our Homecoming activities



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Saturday October 15th! Rose C., Supt.

WOODLIN CARPOOL CLUB, INC.

Woodlin Carpool Club, Inc., is an entity distinctly separate from the Woodlin School District. All school districts must have special permission for busses to travel inside another school's district to pick up students, which permission is generally not granted. That being the case, following is a brief outline of the reasoning and history of the carpool club:



This began with a family living south of Brush, but still within the Brush School District. When their children were young they made the decision to send their kids to Woodlin rather than putting them in the local school district because they had been so impressed with what Woodlin School had to offer as a rural school. Being out of district, the children needed to be transported to the nearest bus stop within the Woodlin School District, at Woodrow. This was at a cost of a minimum of two hours each school day (including driving time and waiting for pick up and drop off). It was costing approximately \$160/month in fuel, plus the extra mileage burden on tires and vehicle wear and

tear each school year.

During the 2007-2008 school years, leaving the Woodrow bus stop to drive to work in Brush one morning, they realized there was a line of 6 cars making the same trip. At that point, three families sat down and decided to look into County Express providing transportation between Fort Morgan / Brush and Woodlin, as they do for Prairie School District. The cost of them providing this service was much too high to seriously consider and so after discussing what other options may be feasible and not finding any, a not-for-profit corporation was formed, an out of service school bus was purchased; and that corporation (Woodlin Carpool Club, Inc.) now offers transportation for out of district students between Brush and Woodlin School. Riders are charged a monthly fee to cover expenses for a bus driver, liability insurance and taxes, tires, fuel and maintenance. The Carpool Club also offers a minimal per-trip charge for "convenience riders" - anyone needing to come to or from the school and Brush on occasion.

Most of the work involved in keeping this service going, is the substitute driver, the majority of the labor for maintenance, to the bookkeeper, are all tasks performed by dedicated volunteers who realize the importance of making sacrifices in order for our children to be provided the high quality of education and environment offered at Woodlin School.

Due to rising costs and fluctuations in the number of students each year for whom this service is provided, the cost effectiveness can become too much for some families. Therefore, it has now become necessary to bring the needs of the Carpool Club to the attention of the Woodlin community and its supporters. We would like to continue to provide this resource for students of Woodlin School and any financial donations from the community would be greatly appreciated. We are also in need of a bus driver from Brush to the school Tuesday thru Friday mornings and afternoons (and an occasional Monday). There is also the need for a substitute driver.

Woodlin Carpool Club, Inc.

District
Accountability
Meeting
October 6th @ 6:30
Parents, Students,
community
WELCOME

Thank You to all who donated blood on September 23, 2011. Sixteen units of blood were collected with 21 individuals attempting. The drive was in support of Mrs. McCracken and Mrs. Byall.

GRANT STREET REACH - ITEMS NEEDED

Woodlin's FBLA and NHS students will be volunteering at Grant Street Reach Soup Kitchen in Denver on Monday, October 17, 2011. This organization is always in need of the following: Carrying bags, backpacks, new socks, small plastic containers (cool whip, cottage cheese, sour cream, etc.), plastic grocery bags, canned food, etc. To give you an idea of what they use them for; the containers

are usually filled with pasta and given as a "to go" meal and the backpacks tend to get filled with personal items and serve as their pillows. If you have any of the items please bring them to the office.



OCTOBER – Breast Cancer Awareness Month – To raise awareness and research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure.

SCRAPS FROM HOME

If you have any of the following materials that you would like to donate to the art department, we would greatly benefit from any contribution. Empty cereal boxes, masking tape, old jewelry, any kind of thin wire for jewelry and sculpture, any fabric, heavy or soft/thick or thin fabric, leather, with pattern

or plain color, any kind of string or thread, chop sticks, dowel rods, egg cartons, Styrofoam, pencils, white or pink eraser, crayons, Elmer's glue, fabric glue, needles for sewing, fabric markers, ruler, colored pencils, wooden clothes pins, any wooden pictures frames, old or new, buttons, nails, small or large,

and shoeboxes with lids.
Thank you, Kim Lemmon,
K-12 Art

Reminders to

save: Aluminum cans, Box Tops for Education, Brush Grocery Kart Receipts, Ink Cartridges

VETERANS DAY CONCERT - FOLLOWED BY LIONS PANCAKE SUPPER/BINGO [INFORMATION WANTED]



November 11, 2011

Woodlin School's grades K-4 would like to invite you to a recognition concert for Veteran's on November 11th

from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. We will be honoring all current military members as well as those of years past. We will be singing songs from the branches of our United States military as well as opening with the Star Spangled Banner and other American Folk Songs. Our plan is to make a remembrance/current military board for this concert. Please send a list in

with your child, on or before October 25th, of any names of family members from this area that either did or are currently serving, the branch that they served under, and years served. We hope you enjoy our tribute to those that have paved and are paving our continued privilege of having a free country. Thank you, Joe LaCombe, K-12 Music

15 REASONS TO LOVE EDUCATION

Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.

15 Reasons to Love Education

- ☺ Knowing you make a difference
- ☺ Creating a better tomorrow
- ☺ Working with Children

- ☺ Helping learning happen
- ☺ Memorable moments
- ☺ Being in great company
- ☺ Using your mind, heart and soul every day
- ☺ Rewards that money can't buy
- ☺ Seeing a student's face light up
- ☺ A sense of accomplishment

- ☺ Shaping lives, dreams and futures
- ☺ Each day can be an adventure
- ☺ Feeling proud of being a role model
- ☺ Summer Vacation
- ☺ Recognizing that your job is important even on "bad" days

Labels for Education is sponsoring a \$45,000 Total Tech Makeover. Anyone interested in submitting an entry for Woodlin School can go online at www.labelsforeducation.com. You must read the "official rules" before registering and once you complete the initial registration you can submit a daily entry just by entering your email. It is a simple process that can make a huge educational impact on our district. Deadline for entry is 12/31/11. .

FFA Homecoming Tailgate



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Rocky Mountain Oysters
Chicken Fingers
 plus so much more...**All-You-Can-Eat**
\$10 Adults
\$7 for children under 10 and over 60

October 15th 5:00-7:00



Thank You for attending Parent/Teacher Conferences - we appreciate your partnership in the education journey.

KINDERGARTEN KORNER

We are learning everyday!

In literacy we have learned the letters Aa, Ee, and Ii and the sounds they make. We are learning 5 sight words in the first quarter. We are reading different stories and doing activities about those stories.

In math we have learned about top, middle, bottom, and between, before, after. We have also learned about circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles. We have learned specific properties about those shapes. We have discovered that if you put two or more shapes together you can make a new shape. We practice identifying the numbers 1 to 20. We also practice counting to 20 by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's everyday and we

count and write the number of days we have been in school.

In writing, we have made three class books – "Kindergarten" which described the kindergartners, what they thought they might like about kindergarten, and what they hoped to learn - "Who Goes to School?" which featured all the kindergartners – and "Animal Sounds" which named an animal and the sound it makes.

We completed the fall MAPS test.

We have lots of fun in music, art, PE, and library too!

We read a story about friends and the activities they can do together, so we made our own list:

- 1 friend can play alone.
- 2 friends can swim.
- 3 friends can roller skate.
- 4 friends can jump on a trampoline.
- 5 friends can play at the park.
- 6 friends can climb trees.
- 7 friends can eat ice cream.
- 8 friends can play at my house.
- 9 friends can play on the monkey bars.
- 10 friends can have a sleep-over.
- 11 friends can play tag.
- 12 friends can camp out.

See you next month!

TAILGATE BASKETS FOR HOMECOMING

The Class of 2013 would appreciate members of the student body, staff or community who would like to make and donate tailgate baskets for homecoming week. The baskets will be part of a silent auction during the Homecoming Festivities on October 15th. The proceeds raised from the gift baskets go toward offsetting the cost of our senior trip. Please bring baskets to the school on Tuesday, October 11th so that it may be displayed all week.

Use your imagination, strut your creativity, and have some fun. Get a group together and have everyone donate a small item to put in the basket. Winners will be announced before the start of the boys football game. Thank you!!!

Possible Ingredients for a great tailgate basket

A container– it doesn't have to be fancy. Cover a box with wrapping paper. Find a basket at the dollar store or use

a cute-looking bucket!

Nonperishable goodies– candy, jerky, chips, etc.

Drinks– soft drinks, Gatorade, vitamin water, (hey, it's a family thing!)

Extras– crepe paper streamers, window chalk, face paint, pom poms

Get Creative!!!

HOMECOMING 2011

JH VB @ 2:00 FOLLOWED

BY HS

JH FB @ 2:00

FFA ROCKY MTN.

OYSTER FRY 5:00-7:00

HS FB KICKS OFF @ 6:30



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MONTHLY
WISDOM

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

Thomas Edison

4H Trick or Treat Street & Chili Supper FFA Haunted Surprise

Sunday, October 30th @ Woodlin

Chili Supper @ 5:00-6:00

Trick or Treat Street 6:00-7:00

Costume contest @ 7:00



WANTED: Door Sponsors for Trick or Treat Street, contact, Pam Priest @ 970-768-5106

Homecoming 2011



Woodlin School is celebrating Homecoming during the week of October 11-15, culminating in volleyball and football games on Saturday, October 15. During the school week there will be games and activities scheduled for the student body. Themes for each day of school, to be acknowledged by dressing in appropriate attire, have been selected by Student Council and are as follows:

Tuesday, October 11—"Hobo Day" Bring your best vagrant wardrobe and bindle stick for a day on the rails or a walk

through the transient life-style.

Wednesday, October 12—"Opposite Gender Day"

Have you ever wondered what you would look like dressed in the fashion of a member of the opposite gender? Here is the chance to cross-dress without the guilt. Have fun wearing heels or neckties that would normally be worn by your mom or dad.

Thursday, October 13—"Toga Day"

Wrap a sheet around your body and place a wreath on your head; today you are going Greek style. If not

properly done, you'll still look like a ghost for the upcoming Halloween holiday.

Friday, October 14—"Pride Day"

This day is reserved for wearing Woodlin purple and sporting the necessary school spirit accoutrements (that's French for fancy stuff that screams "Mustangs").

Have fun supporting Homecoming and win your class a prize for being the most involved and active. Individual prizes will also be awarded for best costumes on a daily basis as judged by Student Council members.