Welcome to Wood End’s Curriculum Night 2019-2020
EVENING AGENDA

Introduce our Team
Meet our PTO
Wood End Happenings
Classroom Visits
Meet our Teaching Team!

○ Kindergarten
  ○ Sarah Bielicki
  ○ Jane Roberts

○ Grade 1
  ○ Stacey Foresman
  ○ Alison Ockerbloom
  ○ Elena Raffa

○ Grade 2
  ○ Danielle Gianatassio
  ○ Maureen Habeeb

○ Grade 3
  ○ Mia Gaska
  ○ Jessica Hester, Assistant Principal

○ Grade 4
  ○ Keri DiNapoli
  ○ Lindsey Tainsh

○ Grade 5
  ○ Kathy Burton
  ○ Ellen Commito
  ○ Stephanie Malone
Special Educators
- Maggie Cullen
- Aynsley Harrington
- Victoria Lydon-Ruelos
- Gabriella Masse
- Lynda Michel
- Jackie Pelusi

Specialists
- Lori Abelson, Literacy
- Chris Bauer, PE
- Emma Conry, Psychologist
- Christina Erb, Art
- Lisa Norcross, Library
- Kaitlyn Rubin, Speech & Language Pathologist
- Melissa Steiger, Music
- Lisa Suglia, Nurse

Technology Integration
- Kathy Santilli
Wood End PTO

Visit our website: www.reading.k12.ma.us/woodend/parents/pto

What does the PTO do?

– COMMUNITY BUILDING
– ENRICHMENT
– STAFF APPRECIATION
– FUNDRAISING

Successful 2018/2019 school year.

– CLASSROOM LIBRARIES
– ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS
– PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS
– NEW TECHNOLOGY
Wood End PTO

In the school lobby tonight you will find…

• General PTO information including dates for some upcoming events
• Sign up sheets for volunteering in a variety of different ways
• Dues forms will be sent home in backpacks this week!
Understanding Disabilities

CONTACT:
– Allison Sillers, Program Director, Understanding Disabilities, Inc.

www.understandingdisabilities.org
Office News

- Mrs. Finigan – Administrative Assistant
- Mrs. Mulvey – Office Assistant
- Update your CORI
  - They are valid for three years in all RPS.
- “Play dates” or changes to pick up must be done *before* school starts – do not call the school during the day
- If child is out sick, you must call the absentee line and send a note upon return to school (school policy)
- Please check “lost & found” for missing items – it fills up quickly!
- Encourage “personal responsibility” by not delivering forgotten items to school
Attendance

- Students are **tardy at 8:25** – please refer to Parent Handbook for policy (located on our website)
  - School starts at 8:15!
  - Plan accordingly for drop-off traffic
  - Very limited parking
- We want your child to come on time, but not early. There is no adult supervision before 8:10 a.m.
- Students are expected to attend 180 days – please plan those “family vacations” wisely😊
Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Help us keep our children safe!

➢ K-3 students on upper playground in morning (inside café during inclement weather)
➢ Grade 4-5 students in gymnasium in morning
➢ Please do not pass cars in the placard line!

Safety Reminders:
➢ Obey traffic rules - Do not park in traffic circles on Fox Run, Roma, or Sunset Rock
➢ Please use the crosswalk in the driveway!
School Safety is Our Priority!

• All staff and visitors must sign in at office and wear visitor badge.
• Do not walk your child to classroom in morning...our staff will do this.
• Do not hold door open for anyone you don’t know – remember safety first
• PARENT HANDBOOK available on our website with all our policies
Curriculum

Teachers will tell you more about...

– *Math in Focus*
– Reader’s & Writer’s Workshop (Lucy Calkins)
– KnowAtom Science (Grades 3-5)
– Social Studies
– Open Circle
– *Fundations K-2*
What's New in the Wood End Library?

Follow me @missnlibrary

**New Books**
Thanks to our successful PTO run book fair and support from our school, we have added lots of great titles for all levels and areas of the library. Check out the new book displays!

**Inclusive Collection**
Wood End received a grant from REF to grow our inclusive collection supporting topics such as gender, LGBTQ, family units and diverse cultures.

**Beginning Chapter Books**
Things shifted! We were able to expand the beginning chapter book area for more shelf space and lots of new series!

**Databases/RPL**
Between the Gale databases offered from the state and our partnership with the RPL, we have access to Britannica, Kids Infobits, Pebble Go, Pebble Go Next and more! All linked from the Wood End homepage.

Barcode: 219950000710067
Password: book

**Computer Carts**
The Blue Cart was updated with new laptops over the summer. Carts are located in every hall, except for K, and can be signed out for classroom use. Remember you can sign the lab out too, if there are no classes scheduled.

**Flexible Seating**
Added more stools for flexible seating, so students can spread out, be comfortable and focus.

**Typing Agent**
Grades 3-5 will continue with Typing Agent again this year. K-2 will build skills using ABCYA and Word.

**Computational Thinking**
Preschool-5 will participate in Hour of Code as well as take on other programming units throughout the year. Ask me about the robots!

**Makerspace**
Shelves are stocked and students will have access during library. Want to bring Makerspace to your class? Sign out the Mobile Makerspace Cart!
Looking for Library Volunteers!

- Parent Volunteers
- Lisa Norcross will send out information on how to sign up
- Google Form link includes times available
- Library volunteers are essential to our program...we could not do this without you!
Art with Mrs. Erb

The art curriculum follows the Massachusetts Arts Curriculum Frameworks and the National Core Arts Standards. Lessons teach technical skill and the elements and principles of art and design.

To see what is going on in the art room, follow Mrs. Erb on Instagram @mrserb31

TO SCAN NAME TAG:

1. Go to your Instagram profile
2. Click on the settings tab at the top right of your screen
3. Click on “name tag”
4. Scan name tag to follow
There will be 3 formal reporting terms:

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(Report cards are in the process of being revised)
Teachers are practicing self-care skills too...

- To focus on the social-emotional competence of students, we need to focus on the social-emotional competence of adults first.
- We are all working together to set healthy boundaries.
- Recent studies show a link between teacher well-being and student achievement. 
  
  *(Schonert-Reichl, 2016)*

- Happy teachers make happy students
- Take time to practice: yoga, mindfulness, aromatherapy, meditation
- Attend to their own lives; make time for family
- Get plenty of sleep
- No emails on the weekend!
Parents are able to:
1. Register for an account and view information for free;
2. View account balances or recent purchases in the school cafeteria;
3. Add money to student's account;
4. Setup low balance alerts

**NOTE:** Parents can still pay by check made out to “Reading Food Services” and send in with child’s name.
Download the “School Lunch” app or visit https://readingps.nutrislice.com/menu/m to access our lunch menu.
Communication

- Principal’s Weekly Newsletter (posted every Sunday)
- Review *Parent Handbook*
- Calendar of Events
- Links and resources for parents
Plus Portals

- Important forms
- Technology user agreement
- Link to parent handbook
- Emergency contact information must be reviewed and updated for every student
- Classroom information
With brave wings she flies.
Access us on your smartphone!

Go to the app store and get the **free** Parent Plus Rediker app!

Link your children, other schools

Easy to access the Plus Portal through our main website:

http://www.reading.k12.ma.us/woodend
Our Core Values

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Engaged
- Be Honest
- Be Safe
Last Minute Reminders...

- School pictures next Thursday - wear your best smile!
- Café menus are on website—no paper copies
- All families need to use Plus Portals and read weekly *Wildcat Newsletter* to stay informed
- CORI must be on file to volunteer in school, attend field trips
- Enjoy classroom visits! Just a friendly reminder this is not a time to conference about individual child
Presentations

– Kindergarten in classrooms
– Grade 1 in Library
– Grade 2 in Room 209
– Grade 3 in Room 206
– Grade 4 in Library
– Grade 5 in Café
Thank you for your support!