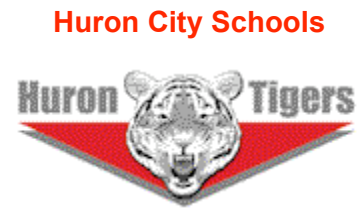


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Woodlands Intermediate School (419) 433-1234 Ext. 3

Special Interest Articles:

- Woodlands Update – A Great Start
- Holiday Care and Share
- Report Card Distribution
- Winter Concerts
- Many more informational articles

Important Dates:

- Nov. 5 Grade Cards Distributed
- Nov. 11 & 15 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 19 3rd Grade Musical
- Nov. 24-26 Thanksgiving Break No School
- Dec. 1 PTO Meeting
- Dec. 3 4th Grade Musical
- Dec. 3 Interims Mailed Home
- Dec. 13 6th Grade Band Concert 7:00
- Dec. 15 5th & 6th Grade Choir Concert 7:30
- Dec. 21 Early Dismissal at 2:40 P.M.
- Dec. 22-31 Winter Break No School
- Jan. 6 PTO Meeting
- Jan. 14 End of Second Quarter
- Jan. 17 Martin Luther King Day - No School
- Jan. 21 Grade Cards Distributed
- Jan. 27 & 31 Parent Teacher Conferences

Woodlands Intermediate Update – A Great Start to the School Year

This school year began with great news. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) again rated Woodlands Intermediate School as an Excellent School. The scores we receive are due to the efforts put in each and every day by the students and staff at Woodlands, along with the continued support by the parents of our students. Thanks to everyone for all their efforts last school year.

You may have noticed that there have been some changes occurring behind the Woodlands building near the mound along Lake Erie Parkway. A former student Dexter Fortune, dedicated his efforts in constructing an outdoor amphitheater. This project was part of Dexter's efforts in earning the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. This spring we will hold a dedication ceremony recognizing

Dexter's efforts in constructing the Hinde Amphitheatre at Woodlands Intermediate School.

The area was just seeded so soon we should see the grass growing again. The area will be a nice area for us to do outdoor presentations/activities.

We have now implemented our new security system. All of our exterior doors are now locked throughout the school day. If you are coming to school during the school day you will need to ring a buzzer in order to gain entry into the building. This system was another gift from the Huron Eagles helping us to make sure our students are safe throughout the school day.

This year again we are providing an on-line program called Study Island. The students can use this program while at school or at home to

review the different standards and information they will be tested on this spring when they complete the Ohio Achievement Assessments. If anyone would like to see what this program has to offer our children you can visit their web site at www.studyisland.com.

This year we have been talking to the students about working on making the atmosphere here at Woodlands conducive to learning. We want each and every student to feel welcome and safe so that they can learn. A few times a week we include in our morning announcements information on this issue. Our daily announcements can be found on our web site. Feel free to share these character education announcements with your child and discuss how they can help make a positive change in the atmosphere at Woodlands.

Holiday Care and Share

Once again area churches and civic organizations are providing food baskets and gifts for children attending Huron City Schools. If your family has had a difficult year financially and you are in need of assistance for the holidays, please stop by the Shawnee Office any school day between 9AM and 3PM to request a 'Care and Share Form'.

Due to the limited number

of applicants that can be accepted, once again the following criteria will apply:

- Families will have a two-year limit of assistance, followed by two additional years with no assistance from us, then an application will once again be considered.
- Families need only apply with one agency, as lists are compared.

» Please complete and return your form to Shawnee Elementary by November 5, 2010.

» All forms need to be in by this date to allow organizations time to organize their food, gift and boot/shoe drives.

» **NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

» Please call 419-433-1234 ext. 5511 to speak with the school nurse, Mrs. Wallace if you have any questions.

Report Card Distribution – Student Fees

First quarter report cards will be distributed on Friday, November 5th, during the school day. Upon receiving your student's grade card if you wish to meet with a teacher, please contact the office (433-1234 ext. 3) in order to schedule an appointment(s). Parents are also reminded that students' grade cards will be withheld if your student has obligations like, over-due library books, cafeteria charges, etc. All students will have been informed why their grade cards were withheld.

With the students report card will be a student fee statement if you owe student fees. This fee statement will have this years student fees as well as any owed from past years.

Winter Band and Choir Concerts

December always brings with it the annual winter band and choir concerts. These evenings are always very well attended and provide enjoyment for all.

On Dec. 13th, the 6th grade band will perform along with the 7th grade band from McCormick Junior High starting at 7:00 PM. On Dec. 15th, the 5th grade and 6th grade choirs will perform starting at 7:00 PM.

All performances will be held in the McCormick Junior High School auditorium. Show up early to get a good seat.

Parent Access to Student Grades

Parent Access allows parents to see their child's grades online. Throughout the school year, parents may access this web site to review their child's progress.

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Any parent needing information on Parent Access should email Mark_Doughty@huronhs.com.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 11th, from 6:00 – 9:00 PM and Monday, November 15th, from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. If a parent would like to schedule a conference with a teacher, please call the intermediate school office at 419-433-1234 ext. 3. For your convenience and to be guaranteed an appointment with a teacher, please call ahead and schedule a time.

Running Club

Congratulations to those runners in Running Club who competed in the SBC Elementary Race at Fabens Park on October 16th. We had over 30 of our athletes cross the line with GREAT times! Since early September, we have had over 50 members running on Tuesday and Thursday morning to prepare for this race. Activities to build endurance and speed in a cross-country based session were the focus of the Fall Running Club. We will have a springtime running club around March to prepare for a track meet. Students in 5th and 6th grade should listen for that announcement later in the year.

Early Dismissal

Each year we dismiss school 65 minutes early on the day before Winter Break. Tuesday, December 21st, we will be dismissing the students at 2:40 PM. There will be bus transportation for those students that ride the bus home at this time. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the school office.

Chess Club at Woodlands

The newest club at Woodlands Intermediate School is the Chess Club begun in October. Chess Club meets on Mondays after school from 3:45 to 4:45 and is open to all Woodlands students. The purpose of the club is to help students learn the game, improve their skills, and have an opportunity to play each week. Students at all levels of chess experience are welcome in the club from the very beginner to the very experienced. Instruction will be given each week on the fundamentals of the game and on offensive and defensive strategies. Mr. Casper is the club sponsor.

Traffic Congestion

Parents dropping off or picking up intermediate school students should do so from Lake Erie Parkway. The driveway in front of the building is strictly limited to bus traffic before and after the school day. Please make sure students are exiting and entering your vehicle on the passenger side of the vehicle. Students should only be dropped off or picked

up in the area outlined by the yellow painted curb. Several parents have been dropping students off outside of the drop off area near the traffic circle at the end of the parkway. This creates a safety issue. Please make sure you stop in the **yellow area** when dropping off or picking up your child. **After dropping off or picking up your student please continue to follow Lake Erie Parkway back out to Cleveland Road.**

Parents coming into the building either to drop items off or to pick up their student for an early dismissal should park in the parking spaces in front of the building. Please do not park in the driveway in front of the building. We have asked our staff to park in the main parking lot to free up spaces for our visitors.

5th Grade Science

This year our fifth grade students in science have been piloting the use of iPads in the classroom. We have been exploring how to connect this new technology to our study of science. At this point, we have been able to incorporate internet research, drawing and diagram apps, videos and music, student response systems, and more! We are exploring the use of map apps, everything from google earth to weather maps. Drawings of food chains/webs and energy pyramids have been created to demonstrate our understanding of ecosystems. Data collection in science has never been easier with the use of our iPads. Also, reinforcement activities for content with flashcards is just one more way we are incorporating the iPads into our learning.

Ecology Club

Any parent willing to help Mrs. LaCrosse with our lunchroom recycling program can contact her through email at leah_lacrosse@huronhs.com. We recycle our plastic bottles, capri sun juice pouches, and chip bags. We could use any help you can give!

4th Grade Travels the World

The students in fourth grade will soon be studying a country of their choice, based on their own ethnicity. The unit will kick off the Monday before Thanksgiving, when each class will "travel" to all the fourth grade classrooms and "visit" the country that each teacher presents. Countries visited will include Italy, Scotland, France, Venezuela, and Germany. Following teacher presentations, students will begin study of their country, using technology such as laptops and the SmartBoard. Our culminating activity will be student presentations just before Christmas break. In the past students have shared food, clothing, pictures, and various items from their chosen country. It is an exciting and interesting opportunity for both the students and teachers.

Music News

Fall is in the air and it's almost time for the third and fourth-grade programs!

The third-grade program will be held on Friday, November 19 at 2:30 p.m. and is called "Lemonade." If your child has a speaking part, he or she should have received a paper with costume suggestions. There is also a costume suggestion list on the Huron City Schools website (click on "**Teacher Websites**" and go to my web page). If your child does not have a speaking part but would still like to dress up, they may dress as any fairy tale character.

The fourth-grade program will be held two weeks later on December 3 (also at 2:30). The title of their show is "The Elves Impersonator." Students with speaking parts will receive a paper with costume suggestions. Students who do not have a speaking part should wear a red, green or white shirt and if possible, an elf hat. (Elf hats are usually available at the Dollar Store.)

Our students are working very hard on their programs and we appreciate your support!

Choir News

Believe it or not, the Christmas Season is right around the corner. The 5th and 6th grade choirs are busy preparing for the annual Christmas Choir Concert. The concert will be on Wednesday December 15 at 7:00p.m. in the McCormick Junior High auditorium. Students are to dress semi-formal for this concert. Girls should wear skirts or dresses of appropriate length and boys should wear dress pants, long-sleeved dress shirts, and ties. A reminder letter will be sent home closer to the concert. I look forward to sharing this evening of music with you.

Pint Size Heroes Program a Success

On Monday, October 25th Woodlands along with Shawnee and McCormick hosted a Pint Size Hero blood drive for the American Red Cross. What a great success as the Red Cross collected 52 pints of blood. The Red Cross informed us that this was a great turnout for blood drive. Thanks to all that participated.

One Call Now

The Huron City Schools again this year will be sending out notices to families of school closures due to bad

weather using the One Call Now system. There is a link on our web page that allows parents to add phone numbers and email addresses into the One Call Now system. To find the link look in the news section at the bottom of the page.

What's New in Third Grade

Enrichment means to enhance or improve. The third graders are receiving extra enrichment on a daily and structured time. The start of each morning begins with Cross Curricular Enrichment. We cover different subject areas and content from our curriculum. Mrs. Bollenbacher covers reading comprehension and strategies, Ms. Galloway covers technology incorporating the subject areas, keyboarding, Study Island, and Fast Math, Mrs. Roeser covers test taking strategies, and Mrs. Harkelroad covers math and Spanish. The purpose of Cross Curricular Enrichment (CCE), is to reinforce skills taught in the classroom and prepare our students for the future. The added bonus is that the children and teachers are getting the opportunity to work with everyone!

Special Visitors in Third Grade

The third grade students have been fortunate to have special guest speakers to fortify their learning experience. In Language Arts, the students read about a police dog and its partner, then were introduced to Sandusky Officer Ritterbach and his k-9 partner, Justice. Students enjoyed comparing the reading selection to the real life history and experience of a local police officer and his k-9 partner. The boys and girls also witnessed first-hand how training and communicating between the partners works. We appreciate Officer Keith Lobsinger for arranging the demonstration and even partaking in it.

Our classes also had the opportunity to have Mrs. Judy Ryan, from the Huron Historical Society, give them the background on the Huron Bicentennial Time Capsule. Students were lucky to also learn interesting facts about the history of their hometown, Huron.

This month, Fire Prevention was recognized in our building. Our very own Huron Fire Department gave our third and fourth graders a presentation on fire safety. All the students seemed to remember the do's and don'ts of this important topic. Lunch and recess with the firemen was the special bonus, too.

Reaching across generations with our grandparents was special at the end of the month of October. Grandparents' Day was another success. Students and teachers prepared activities and presentations for the arrival of the beloved grandparents.

Woodlands students reuse and recycle. Lisa Beursken, Director Coordinator, Erie County Department of Environmental Services, visited our building to discuss how we can help our environment. Their motto is -"Waste responsibly by: Conserving, Waste Reduction, Re-Use, Recycling, and Composting.

Mini-Relay for Life

On October 1st we held our second Mini-Relay for Life. Mrs. Chris Scherley our fifth and sixth grade band director brought the event to us. She organizes a team of high school students for the over night Relay for Life held in the spring at Perkins High School. The parents organization along with Mrs. Scherley helped organize and plan our mini-relay. The mini-relay gave teachers the opportunity to teach your child about making healthy choices about tobacco, physical activity, nutrition, and sun exposure. These lesson plans and activities parallel the standards, which we are already teaching, and offer new, and fun ways to reinforce these topics.

The relay had students walking a one-mile lap on Lake Erie Parkway, which the Huron police had blocked off for the event. Each class carried a banner, and students dressed to correspond with a theme chosen by the class such as "Put Cancer to Sleep."

The students sold paper moons and suns in honor of family members and friends who have survived cancer or lost their lives to it. The moons and suns adorned our entryway to the school showing every ones support in finding a cure for this terrible disease. This event raised \$1,203 for the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Mac Lehrer was the master of ceremonies for the relay and helped build the excitement for the students. Our very own Ms. Tanny VonThron was our guest speaker and shared her appreciation for everyone's support in her battle with cancer.

This activity was such a success we are already planning our second annual mini-relay. Thank you to all the people that helped make this a success.