



Woodcrest Elementary School

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Dear Woodcrest Family:

“A teacher effects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.”
—Henry Adams

The above quote is very poignant given a correspondence I recently received from a former third grade student who is now finishing her 8th year as an educator. In her note, she “blames” me for influencing her to become an elementary teacher. Like Carl Buechner, I’ve long believed, “[Students] may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel.” I am deeply touched that a former student’s fond memories of third grade experience were influential in choosing a career path in education.

I am certainly not one lacking in humility; however, I thought it appropriate to share the above given the relevance to this week. During the first full week in May, we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, and to an educator, there is truly no greater gift than a simple note of thanks from a parent or student (current or former). At the risk of sounding cliché, you will not find a staff more dedicated to putting kids first with an emphasis on social, emotional, and academic growth in a strong, safe and “healthy” school culture and climate. The goal is to enable optimal student learning, and we recognize that this

simply cannot be accomplished without addressing the social and emotional pieces of the educational puzzle.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Woodcrest staff for their tireless efforts to help our children realize their full potential. I refer to the kids as “our children,” because we subscribe to the notion of **in loco parentis**, which is the Latin term for “in the place of a parent.”



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This is how the Woodcrest staff views our responsibilities during the school day, and we cannot thank you enough for entrusting us with

the care of your child/ren. The demands and pressures of today’s modern educator are at an all-time high given the national, political landscape and a increasingly complex curriculum—just to name a couple of factors. Yet, our teachers are unwavering in their determination and dedication. Next time you need to drop your child’s teacher a note or email, a postscript of thanks for all they do would go a long, long way to reminding them that their efforts do not go unnoticed.

Yours in education,
Jc.
Jonathan Cohen

Coming events:



May


- 1-4 4th Gr. PARCC Testing
- 5 Volley for Support
↳ 5:30 PM @ HS East
- 5-8 PTA BOGO Book Fair
- 8 4th Gr. PARCC Testing
- 9-12 3rd Gr. PARCC Testing
- 11 Spring Plant Sale Pick-up
- 12 PTA Sweetheart Dance
- 12 Family Book Fair Night
- 15 3rd Gr. PARCC Testing
- 17 K-2 Talent Show
↳ 9:30-11:00
- 18 3-5 Talent Show
↳ 1:30-3:00
- 19 Field Day (RD 6/02/17)
- 25 Kindergarten Orientation
- 25 5th Gr. E-Lounge Event
- 29 Schools Closed
↳ Memorial Day

June

- 2 PTA Farewell Picnic – 6PM
- 5 Family Night – No Homework
- 5 Music Concert/Art Show – 7PM
- 7/8 Father's Day Shop
- 9 Author Visit Assemblies
- 10 Dining with Dad
- 14 5th Gr. Closing Ceremony
- 15 5th Grade PTA Pool Party
- 16 Last Day of School
- 16 Report Cards Issued

IMPORTANT NOTE...

This is a combined May/June newsletter, so it is the last issue of *the Shark Sentinel* for the 2016-2017 school year.



Learners Today... Leaders Tomorrow





***Are you busy in the morning trying to get ready and out the door?
No time for breakfast? Did You Know...***

Your child can eat breakfast at school **EVERY** day? If you are qualified for a free or reduced lunch you are also eligible for a free or reduced breakfast...

Breakfast prices:

Free \$.00

Reduced \$.30

Paid \$1.65 (elementary schools) \$1.90 (middle schools) and \$2.00 (high schools)

Examples of available options:

- Breakfast main entrée of the day
- Breakfast Sandwiches (Middle & HS only)
- Whole Grain Cereals
- Bagel w/ cream cheese

Students who eat breakfast have been shown in studies to have less absenteeism, better behavior, and better overall test scores than those that don't.

School breakfast is a convenient and healthy option for your child(ren), providing a minimum of 25% of the recommended amounts of protein, iron, calcium, and vitamins A and C each day when averaged over the week. School breakfast meals also include fiber while limiting fat, saturated, fat, and added sugars.



You may apply for the National School Lunch Program for free and reduced priced Lunch at any time during the school year. Applications are available from your school or can be downloaded from our website at www.chclc.org. Completed applications can be submitted to Cherry Hill Administration building, 45 Ranoldo Terrace, or to the main office in your child's' school.

As always, thank you for choosing Aramark!

Richard Reale

Anne King

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Breakfast Start Times

High School – 7am

Middle School – 7:30am

Elementary School – 8:30am

