



West Ottawa Public Schools Woodside

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Dear families of Woodside,

Title I Parent "Right to Know" Notification

Title I, Part A, is a federal supplemental program designed to help children reach high academic standards. In receiving these funds, West Ottawa Public Schools has a requirement to inform you, as parents of children in a district of Title I schools, of information available to you regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). Information will be provided to you upon request and in a timely manner of the following:

- Whether your child's teacher has met Michigan qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction
- Whether your child's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which Michigan qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- The Baccalaureate Degree major of your child's teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline or the certification of degree
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications

You may request additional information on the level of achievement of your child in each of Michigan's assessments. Michigan uses the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) to determine levels of achievement in grades 3-8 and the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) in grade 11. You will also receive timely notice if your child is assigned to or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified. A highly qualified teacher is defined as a teacher who meets Michigan's qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level and/or subject area in which the teacher is providing instruction.

Mrs. Neumann, Principal

Lisa Neumann, Principal
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West Ottawa Website
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Hot Line
786-1100
Woodside's Info
Number is 5523#

Student Sign In
Parents/Guardians/
Visitors Please remember
to sign in the school
office before going
anywhere in the building.
This is a safety issue for
the children and adults
here at Woodside.

ABSENCES
If your child is going to be
absent from school, please
call the school office with
this information at 786-
1900 before 9:15 a.m.

Attention Parents of Title I Students – Coffee and Cookies!!!

West Ottawa Public Schools Administration Office, February 22, 2012, 5:00-6:00 PM

Federal funds are distributed to school districts to assist students who are academically at risk to provide additional academic services for students to master grade level standards.

On February 22, 2012, Suzanne Richards, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, will be holding open office hours at the West Ottawa Administration Office, 1138 136th St, for parents of Title I eligible students. This will be a great opportunity to ask questions about Title Funds, Title eligibility, support services provided to students, curriculum, instruction, or assessments. Please plan to stop in between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM to have your questions answered.

Great Start Readiness Preschool Program

If you are interested in this free preschool program (to qualifying families) please call Pine Creek Elementary School 786-1600 for enrollment information.

PTO MEETING

PTO Meeting will be held at Woodside's Library.
February 9, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be sent home on Monday,
February 6.

Schools of Choice Applications



Applications for internal schools of choice for grades K-12 will be available Wednesday February 1, 2012 at all elementary and secondary schools and at the West Ottawa Administration Office. Applications are due to the Superintendent's office by March 1 and must be submitted on a yearly basis.

Applications for external schools of choice for students wishing to attend West Ottawa Schools for the 2012-2013 school year from out of our district are also available at all of our schools and the Administration Office.

Student Count Day

Student Count Day will be on Wednesday, February 8, 2012. Please be sure your child attends school if at all possible on this day. This is an official "Michigan Pupil Accounting Day" and very important to West Ottawa Public Schools for state funding. If it's necessary for your child to be absent, please be sure to call the school office at 786-1900 to excuse the absence.

Thank you.

West Ottawa Wonders and Spanish Immersion Preschool Enrollment Begins February 6 for the 2012-2013 school year.

West Ottawa is excited to offer two tuition-based preschool programs: West Ottawa Wonders (W.O.W) Preschool and Spanish Immersion Preschool. Both programs are designed for 3 and 4 years old, and are offered to all families.

Preschool programs are currently located in Lakeshore Elementary School. Families are able to take advantage of 2 or 3 day programs. Class size is limited. Child care options for preschool age children are also available.

A Preschool Open House will be Held Monday, February 6 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. At Lakeshore Elementary School. Children are welcomed to attend.

If you would like to speak to someone regarding West Ottawa Wonders Preschool, Spanish Immersion Preschool, or District child care options, please contact Katy Van Dam 786-1433.

Woodside Dates to Remember

- ◆ **February 6-7**—Hearing And Vision Testing
- ◆ **February 6**— Preschool Open House will be held at Lakeshore Elementary 6:00-7:00 pm
- ◆ **February 7**—5th grade Field Trip - Outdoor Discovery Center
- ◆ **February 8**—**STUDENT COUNT DAY!!**
- ◆ **February 9**—PTO Mtg. at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **February 10**—Pink Out Game at the High School
- ◆ **February 20**—Dental Van
- ◆ **February 22**—Title 1 informational meeting at the Administration building
- ◆ **February 24**—PTO Treat Day
- ◆ **February 29**—Late Start Day... School starts at 10:20 am

HEARING & VISION RETESTING

Hearing and vision testing will be conducted at Woodside School on Monday, February 6 and Tuesday, February 7. Vision testing will be for 1st, 3rd and 5th grade students on Tuesday and Hearing testing will be for Kindergarteners, 2nd and 4th grade students on Monday.



If you feel your child should be tested for both hearing and vision, please call the school office.

Late Start Days

Please mark your calendars!

Dear Woodside Families,

West Ottawa is providing wonderful opportunities for the teachers to receive outstanding professional development in both writing and math. Their participation in these trainings will help all of our students to be more successful. West Ottawa Public Schools will have the last late start day on February 29 for teacher professional development. These days will be treated like a 2 hour delay. School will begin for Woodside at 10:20 a.m. If your child rides the bus, the bus will come two hours later than it normally does. If your child attends AM kindergarten, there will be no class on this day. There will be regular PM kindergarten. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Woodside office at 786-1900.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lisa Neumann



Kindergarten Registration



Children who will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2012 may register for fall 2012 kindergarten!

Please bring the following items when registering your child:

- Certified copy of birth certificate
- Immunization record
- Proof of residency
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Please come to the Woodside School office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during school days to register. Parents, please call the Woodside office at 786-1900 if you have any questions.