



# The Woodland Wire

December , 2014

## Calendar of Events

- **Monday, Dec. 1– Friday, Dec. 5**  
**Scholastic Book Fair**
- **Thurs. Dec. 4**  
**Edwardsville Fire Department to join students for lunch**
- **Wed., Dec. 10**  
**Dare Graduation for 5th grade 7:00 p.m. at EHS**
- **Thurs., Dec. 11**  
**Edwardsville Police Officers join students for lunch**
- **Friday, Dec. 12**  
**AR Luncheon**
- **Monday, Dec. 15**  
**School Board Meeting at Woodland 7:00 p.m.**
- **Wed. Dec. 17**  
**Band/Orchestra Holiday Concerts 10:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**
- **Friday, Dec. 19**  
**End of Second Quarter**
- **Friday, Dec. 19**  
**Holiday parties in classrooms at 2:30 p.m.**
- **Monday, Dec. 22– Friday, Jan. 2**  
**No School– Winter Break**

## December News and Events



### Principal's Corner

Happy Holidays Woodland families! December is here, and the end of the second quarter is just a few short weeks away. 'Tis the season for lots of excitement both at home and at school. Please encourage your child to stay focused during these last few school days of 2014 as there is so much learning to be accomplished!

Thank you to all of our parents and families who took time out of their busy holiday schedules to attend Parent/Teacher Conferences here at Woodland. The opportunity to sit down and evaluate progress with your child's teacher is invaluable. Our students are successful in and out of the classroom because of the positive partnership we develop with families. If you have any comments or suggestions at any time, please feel free to contact me at school at 692-8790.

We are very proud of all of the fun events happening here at Woodland, and a great way for you to keep up with the excitement is through our Woodland Facebook page. Don't forget to LIKE our page and SHARE with all of your friends. Invite them to LIKE us as well! Even if you are not a Facebook user, you can still access our page online at <https://www.facebook.com/ECUSD7woodland>.

Woodland's Relay for Life team needs your help! In order to make our largest event of the year a success, we are in need of donations. If you are able, please send the following items with your child as soon as possible.

**Third Grade – Juice boxes (one box)**

**Fourth Grade – Yoohoo boxes (one box)**

**Fifth Grade – Water bottles (one case)**

Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, December 6, 2014. Thank you in advance for your support!

Respectfully,

Tara Fox

### Procedural Reminders

Upcoming classroom holiday parties are a busy time for students, parents, and teachers alike. We are so thankful for all of the time and effort our parents put in to make this a special time for Woodland children. Please keep in mind the following:

1. There is absolutely no parking in front of the building in the bus lanes. We open our playground to accommodate parking, but cannot have parking in the front of the building unless it is in a designated spot.

2. Children who do not attend Woodland, which includes both younger and older children, should not be in the building during the holiday parties. Lincoln Middle School students are always welcome to visit, but must come to the classrooms after the 3:30 dismissal bell. Older siblings are more than welcome to wait in the lobby until the end of the day. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Should you choose to take your child with you following holiday parties, they must be signed out in the office if you leave prior to the 3:30 dismissal bell.

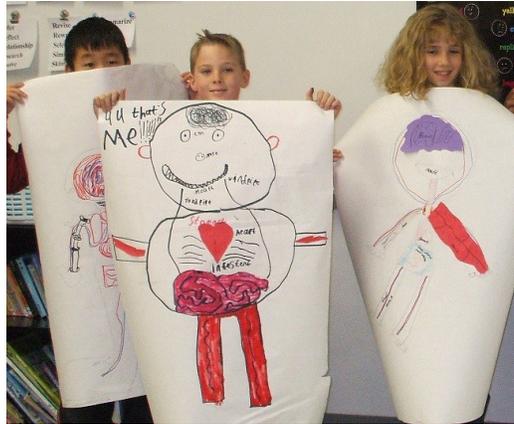
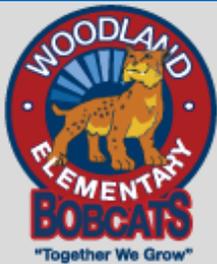
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# Snapshots of Success



During their study of heat energy, Mrs. Odom's class discovered that all objects that have weight and take up space are matter with their own heat energy. Students then took a closer look at how to measure that heat energy by creating thermometers. They were able to then draw the conclusion that when their student-built thermometers were heated, the particles of matter moved faster and the temperature went up. When the thermometer was placed in ice, the temperature went down, so the particles that make up matter must have slowed down.

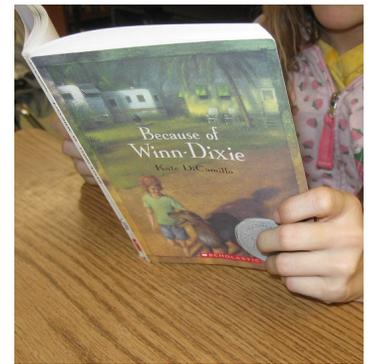
Teams of young scientists built their own thermometers with the given supplies. Success!



Mrs. Steward's class finished up a unit in health on body systems. Students made giant bodies and added many of the organs they learned about in class. It was a fun and exciting chapter! Next, we will be learning about nutrition!



Students in Mrs. Kobler's reading class read Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo. They studied setting, character, plot, conflict, resolution, vocabulary, and much more. The culminating activity was a re-creation of the party described in the book. Students decorated the room with streamers, luminaries, and dog pictures. Egg salad sandwiches, pickles, dump punch, and Littmus Lozenges were served.



The first cooking endeavor in room 235 was a success! After talking about ingredients, recipes, tools, and utensils, along with safety and cleanliness habits, the students made Golden Graham S'mores Bars! Delicious!



Fifth grade students work intensely in Spanish class on their online portfolios. These online portfolios or websites reflect what each fifth grade student has learned so far in Spanish class this year. Please take a second and check out our websites at [http://smcglown.wix.com/elementary\\_spanish](http://smcglown.wix.com/elementary_spanish)

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