



This month @ Woodrow Wilson Elementary

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Upcoming events at Woodrow Wilson Elementary:

- Nov 7-11: Smencil Orders
 - Nov 8: No School – Election Day – Staff PSD
 - Nov 10: Picture Retake
 - Nov 11: ½ Day – Dismissal @ 11:58
 - Nov 11: Veterans Day
 - Nov 14: Parent Teacher Club Meeting 3:30 – Room 114
 - Nov 15-18: ½ Days – Dismissal @ 11:58 (Conferences)
 - Nov 15-28: Office Chocolate Santa Fundraiser
 - Nov 23-25: No School – Thanksgiving Break
- Complete calendar: [Click Here](#)

American Cancer Society – Relay for Life – Power in Purple: Please assist me, Mr. Fairman, in raising money for Cancer Research and making a donation to the American Cancer Society. Simply follow this link and quickly make a donation:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY17LS?px=44616895&pg=personal&fr_id=83875

We will also be have Woodrow Cares days every Monday for the month of November. Each Monday will have a different theme. Students will pay \$1 to participate and all proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society. If Mr. Fairman raises \$1000 by Nov. 30th, students will duct tape him to a wall and the classroom that raises the most money will get a chance to super soak him.

- Nov 7: Wear Something Purple
- Nov 14: Wear a Hat
- Nov 21: Wear Pajamas
- Nov 28: Wear Something Purple

Positive Behavior Intervention Support: The increased implementation of PBIS in our classrooms is certainly having a positive impact on our students, climate and culture. During the month of October, we recorded 66 behavior referrals and zero suspensions. During the month of October 2015, we recorded 96 behavior referrals. Congratulations to students and staff!!!!

Trading Cards: Trading cards such as Pokémon and the like are not allowed at Woodrow Wilson. Please make sure that all trading cards remain at home. Cards that are found at school will be taken and returned to a parent at the end of the trimester. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Breakfast in the Classroom: Just a reminder that only breakfast provided by our school will be allowed in the classroom. Please do not bring breakfast from home as it will not be allowed.

No School: There will be no school on Tuesday November 8th due to Teacher PSD and no school beginning Wednesday November 23rd– Friday November 25th for Thanksgiving Break. This applies to all students.

Speech News: From the Desk of Mrs. Fealko:

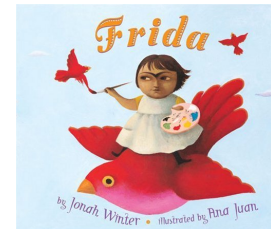
Don't Drop Picture Books Too Soon

Illustrations can be just as important as text when it comes to providing concrete meaning, underlying meaning, inferential information, showing humor and helping your child connect the dots. Even children with strong decoding skills who may be able to tackle chapter books should keep picture book in their reading repertoire because the information gathered through pictures will aid comprehension. Children who struggle with decoding are usually working so hard on decoding that comprehension is often lost. Pairing pictures with text in any reading situations is going to strengthen comprehension and aid understanding of the deeper meaning.



Pictures in books can also aid a child's understanding of the "Big Picture." When reading picture books they can not only read the story but grasp or reinforce any underlying meaning or inferential meaning through pictures. Even when a young child is decoding picture books with ease it is important to take the time to talk and point out details in the pictures. Reading is Fundamental has a wonderful article titled "Getting the Most out of Picture Books" <http://www.rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/getting-the-most-out-of-picture-books.htm> It's worth the read.

When reading picture books with your child make sure to point out details such as relationship to text, what is going on in the picture, ask wh questions (what is happening, what do you think is going to happen, where is the picture set, when is the action taking place, who is in the picture) and point out any unique or inferential details that will help your child draw a conclusion or predict what is going to happen.



Reading picture books can help to develop a good attention span and listening skills. Rereading picture books helps to strengthen memory skills. Still one of the best parts about reading picture books to your child is the wonderful cuddle time that can take place. It's just another reason to treasure reading picture books.

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